

# EDUCATION

## 7th Grade Center names 2016 Teacher of the Year

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The Owasso Seventh Grade Center recently named special education teacher Cherie Scudamore its 2016 Teacher of the Year.

Scudamore has been in education for 25 years, 13 of those have been at Owasso Public Schools. In addition to the Seventh Grade Center, she's also taught at Hodson Elementary. A graduate of University of Central Oklahoma, she calls Oklahoma City and Yukon her hometowns. She's called Owasso home for 13 years.

The teacher appreciates the closeness she feels to her students after serving them for multiple years.

"Every student in my class is included in all activities. Everyone they meet in the halls throughout the day greets them and makes them feel good about themselves. I couldn't ask for a better place to work," Scudamore said.

The Owasson has three children with her husband, John, who is a purchasing manager for Mahle Corporation in Nowata.

Their daughter, Nicole Zlomke, 26, is preparing to leave to Thailand with her husband, Nathan, for a mission trip. Their son, John Ryan, 24, is a fireman/paramedic at Coweta Fire Department, EMSA and Creek County Fire Department. Their son, Christopher, 23, is an assistant manager at QuikTrip in Tulsa.

Their first grandchild, Judah Allen, 8 months, has brought immense joy to the new grandparents. The couple have a small place at Lake Hudson and enjoy spending time there when they can.

"I love going to the lake. We enjoy boating, swimming, water skiing and hiking," she said. "I also enjoy traveling and exploring new places, playing golf with my family and watching a good movie."



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## Library sponsors adult creative writing contest

The deadline to submit your work for the 39th Annual Adult Creative Writing Contest is Sunday, Jan. 31. The Friends of the Tulsa City-County Library sponsors this yearly contest to encourage and recognize creative writing among adults. In addition to bragging rights, winners receive cash prizes. One hundred dollars and a certificate are awarded to the best work within each category. Second-place winners will receive a cash prize of \$50 and a certificate. Certificates are awarded to those re-

ceiving honorable mentions. Categories include poetry, children's fiction, informal essay and short story. The contest is open to any person 18 years old or older who:

- resides, works or attends school in Tulsa County, or

- has a nonresident Tulsa City-County Library card, and

- is not a member of the creative writing contest committee, a judge of the contest or a first-place winner from the previous year. (Winners may not re-enter the same category the following year.)



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Only unpublished manuscripts are accepted. Unpublished and published writers are encouraged to compete.

Writers must submit a

separate entry form and a \$6 entry fee for each category entered. Entry forms are available at all Tulsa City-County Library locations and at the Library's

web site [TulsaLibrary.org/friends](http://TulsaLibrary.org/friends).

#### Programs at the Collinsville Library

- Stories from the Rocking Chair is back. Join Miss. Barbara for stories, songs and a craft on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 10:30-11 a.m. For ages 2-4 and their caregivers.

- All Thumbs Knitters: Wednesday, Jan. 20 & 27. 12:30-2:30 p.m. For adults.

- PAWS for Reading: Wednesday, Jan. 20. 3-4 p.m. For ages 5-12.

- Learn the Art of Origami: Monday, Jan. 25.

3-4 p.m. By folding paper we can make easy and fun designs. For ages 10-18.

#### New at the Library

Tempted, by P.C. Cast  
Zoey Redbird, High Priestess-in-training, finds herself juggling three guys - one of which is so into protecting her that he can sense her emotions. Meanwhile the dark force lurking in the tunnels under the Tulsa Depot is spreading, and only Zoey has the power to stop the evil immortal Kalona who is behind it. Will Zoey have the courage to chance losing her life, her heart, and her soul?