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Library Corner

— Jennifer McQuade
Owasso Library Branch Manager

Owasso Library to hold Touch-A-Truck April 25

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Come explore, play, and learn with us at the Owasso Library Touch-A-Truck event from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 25.

Children (and adults, too) can explore and discover dozens of big trucks they see each day on our city streets, from bookmobiles to bobcats.

Scheduled trucks include an Owasso fire engine and police cars, a pink cement truck from GCC Mid-

Continent Concrete, a city of Owasso refuse truck and dump truck, a PSO bucket truck, and a weather tracker truck from channel 6.

Enjoy live music by John Dellavedova. Food and drinks will be available for purchase from two fabulous food trucks: Shivers Snoballs and Tulsa Kettle Corn.

The library will be giving away free books, tote bags and construction hats until supplies run out.

When you attend the Touch-A-Truck event, please take a minute to step inside the library and sign your child up for a library card be-

fore the beginning of the Summer Reading Program.

All participants in the Summer Reading Program need to have a library card this year.

As I looked at the pictures from last year's event, I began to think about why it is important for us to provide these kinds of events at the library.

A child can come to the library to check out a book and read about fire engines or dump trucks anytime. But by providing an event where they can actually touch and sit in the trucks, honk the horns,

and talk to the operators, we are giving them an entirely different — and much more memorable — learning experience.

This kind of experience can spark a child's imagination and possibly even lead to a future career. Programs such as Touch-A-Truck are one of the many ways the library can help the children of Tulsa County become successful in school and beyond.

This free, fun, family-friendly event is sponsored by the Flint Family Foundation.



PHOTO BY JOHN FANCHER

This year's Touch-A-Truck will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday April 25, at the Owasso Public Library.





Madeline Smith stands in front of an Owasso fire engine at last year's Touch-A-Truck event.

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Anderson Smith gets to drive an Owasso Police Department vehicle.

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