Tulsa libraries up for special award

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The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), a federal department, announced that County Library is among 30 finalists for the 2015 National Medal for Museum and Library Se

The National Medal is the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries for service to community. For 21 years, the award has celebrated institutions that demonstrate extraordinar innovative approaches to public service to make a difference for individuals, families and con IMLS is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 35,000 m

More than 150 institutions were nominated for the 2015 National Medal for Museum and Libr The 30 finalists were selected because of their exceptional contributions to their communities finalists include individual public libraries, special and research libraries, a zoo, science muse gardens and many others.

"The Tulsa City-County Library Commission, Tulsa Library Trust Board and Library Leader so proud of the library staff and our volunteers for all that they have achieved in the last four changing the lives of Tulsa County residents for the better through their service. For the libra recognized as a 2015 National Medal finalist is a great honor," said Gary Shaffer, Tulsa City-CEO.

Each day, IMLS is spotlighting a different National Medal finalist on the IMLS Facebook pag
be featured on April 2.

Of the 30 finalists, 10 National Medal winners will be named later this spring, and representat
winning institutions will travel to Washington, D.C., to be honored at the National Medal aw
Winning institutions also will receive a visit from StoryCorps, a national nonprofit organizati
recording, preserving and sharing the stories of Americans of all backgrounds. For more info
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