

HOYT HONORED WITH INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD

Tulsa photographer Leslie Hoyt recently won the prestigious Grand Imaging Award from Professional Photographers of America (PPA). Leslie's image, Heartbreaker, was selected by an international panel as 3rd Place in the Children's Portrait division at the Grand Imaging Awards held last month in Nashville, Tennessee. Hoyt was also named a Platinum Medalist during Professional Photographers of America's 2014 International Photographic Competition. This International Photographic Exhibition is held in conjunction with Imaging USA, an annual convention and expo for professional photographers and several photographic associations. A panel of 45 jurors from across the United States selected the top photographs from nearly 5,000 total submitted entries. Hoyt's work was displayed at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville during the convention. She is TulsaKids' cover photographer.



DAISY TROOP DOES COOKIE TASTING WITH CHEF

Tulsa Chef and Restaurateur, Justin Thompson was the "celebrity" guest taster at Daisy Girl Scout Troop #442's first ever Girl Scout Cookie Tasting at Eisenhower Elementary. The Girl Scout Cookie program is the largest girl-led business in the world and Troop 442 is taking the entrepreneurial spirit and teaming up with Justin Thompson Restaurants to organize booth sales, which begin February 20 and continue through March. Through cookie sales, the troop learns about financial literacy and has a community service project identified.

LIBRARY HONORS JOSEPH BRUCHAC

Joseph Bruchac will receive the Tulsa Library Trust's "Festival of Words Writers Award" March 7, 10:30 a.m., at Hardesty Regional Library's Connor's Cove, 8316 E. 93rd St. His award presentation will be followed by a book signing and a day of educational American Indian family events from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

The award, presented every other year, consists of a \$5,000 honorarium and an engraved crystal.

Bruchac is a traditional storyteller and author of more than 120 books often reflecting his American Indian (Abenaki) ancestry and the Adirondack Region of northern New York. He lives in the house that he was raised in by his grandparents. It was in this house, which his grandmother filled with books, where his love of storytelling began. His Abenaki grandfather would take him into the woods and quietly teach him about the natural world in ways that were connected to their native heritage.

Bruchac's poems, articles and stories have appeared in over 500 publications, from National Geographic and American Poetry Review to Smithsonian Magazine. His honors include a Rockefeller Humanities fellowship, a National Endowment for the Arts Writing Fellowship for Poetry, the Cherokee National Prose Award among others. In 1999, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers Circle of the Americas.

He holds a B.A. in English from Cornell University, an M.A. in Literature and Creative Writing from Syracuse and a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature from the Union Institute of Ohio.

Bruchac's latest novel is "Killer of Enemies," a young adult post-apocalyptic novel following 17-year-old Apache hunter Lozen and her quest of survival and renewal. It received the 2014 Native American Librarians Association Award.

Family events during the Festival of Words events include:
Genealogy Tours, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Tour Tulsa City County Library's Genealogy Center which houses one of the largest collections of genealogy materials in Oklahoma. The Center maintains a large collection of Native American records along with other family history research materials. Genealogy Center staff will be available to answer your questions.

Native Culture Maker Spaces, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Come and enjoy a day of make and take. Participants will get to take the projects home that they make. Pottery by Crystal Hanna; Beaded Key Chains by Michel Lauder milk; Basket weaving by Sue Fish; Seminole Patchwork by Tom Barnett and Lana Brown of Semehobya Patchworks; Corn Husk Dolls by Stella Foster

Canoe Exhibit, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Learn how Dennis Underwood and his family created an early 18th-century style dugout canoe.

Children's Crafts, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Children's Area, First Floor

Birds of Honor/Birds of Prey: The Unique and Vital Roles They Play!, 11:45 a.m. & 12:30 p.m., Frossard Auditorium. Come and enjoy the birds of the Iowa Tribe's Grey Snow Eagle House (Bah Kho-Je Xia Chi). Don't miss this opportunity to see a bald eagle, red-tail hawk, and a falcon.

The Fiddle Dance, 12:45 p.m. Experience this pre-removal social dance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Audience participation is encouraged.

Dancing Eagles, 1:30 p.m. Mike and Lisa Pahsetopah will perform spectacular Native American dances and traditional storytelling. Audience participation is encouraged.

"National Champion Indian Tacos" Monie Horsechief of Horsechief Catering will have her award-winning creations available for purchase throughout the Festival of Words.

For more information on library programming, call the AskUs Hotline, 918-549-7323, or visit the library's website, www.tulsalibrary.org.

BY CHRISTINA WALSH, TEEN SERVICES COORDINATOR

Tulsa City-County Library presents teen tech month activities

During the entire month of March, Tulsa City-County Library (TCCL) is celebrating Teen Tech Month! Teen Tech Week is a national initiative sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Organization to connect teens with technology.

We like this initiative so much in Oklahoma that we celebrate all month long. TCCL librarians will show off all of our fabulous digital resources, in addition to offering fun, educational and innovative events and programs that will extend learning beyond the classroom, offering opportunities for teens to explore technology in a creative and welcoming environment.

This year we are focused on helping teens succeed in school, prepare for college, and earn the skills they need for 21st-century careers. Careers like computer programming, IT services, software development and engineering are some of the fastest growing industries in our community. These industries need workers that are skilled in thinking creatively, reasoning systematically and working collaboratively.

As part of the career theme, TCCL branches are introducing several programs to help youth learn the basics of coding and computer programming. One such program is "Computer Programming for Beginners" at the

Owasso Library, 103 W. Broadway, March 19, 4-5:15 p.m. Teens will be led through an hour of basics, and then have a chance to speak with a programming professional. Similar programs such as "Teens Can Code" at Zarrow Regional Library, 2224 W. 51st St., can be found in TCCL's monthly event guide.

We also are celebrating the theme that "Libraries are for Making" by offering a wide variety of crafting programs that feature duct tape, Shrinkydinks and more. The Helmerich Library,

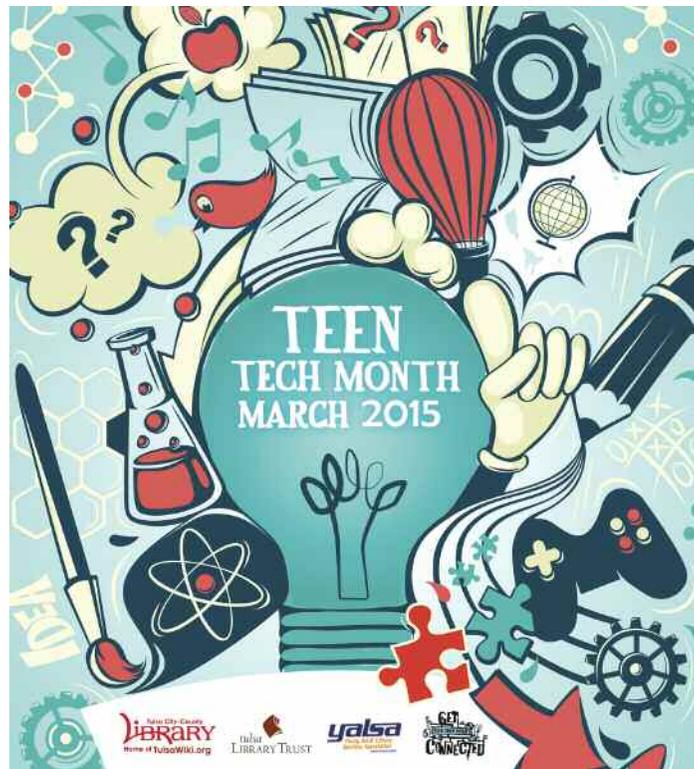
5131 E. 91st St., is hosting a Mini Maker Faire on March 24 to give teens an opportunity to show off what they like to make. The Librarianium, 1110 S. Denver Ave., is hosting an "unmaking" program on March 3, where teens will have a chance to take a look at the inner workings of household electronics by taking them apart. The Librarianium is also offering free 3-D printing for teens all month long. Just be sure to make an appointment by calling 918.549.7349.

But that's not all! Is gaming

your thing? We have planned Minecraft nights and Wii gaming at several TCCL locations as well.

Even if your teen cannot come to our libraries to attend these programs, we have many wonderful digital services available from your home or mobile device, via TCCL's website or app. These services include downloadable e-books, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers and music. The library even offers a free movie and television streaming service. One of our newest services is Comics Plus, which allows readers to stream comic books and manga. Plus, we offer a variety of resources to help teens with their homework, including an extensive list of databases on topics ranging from newspaper archives to literature to daily life through history to language learning. We also have a free online tutoring service called Brainfuse where students can get real-time help from experts. These services are all free with a Tulsa City County Library card.

We encourage teens to take advantage of all the library has to offer them. For more information about any of these programs and services, call the AskUs Hotline, 918.549.7323, check out our monthly print event guide available at all library locations, our Teens website at teens.tulsalibrary.org, or talk with your local librarian. We are here to help!





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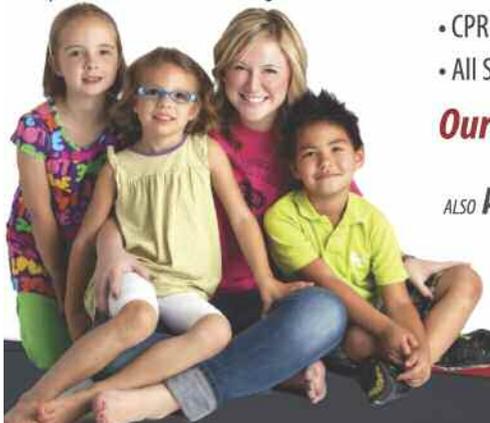
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