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# Tulsa City-County Library and Workforce Tulsa partner to better serve job seekers

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By MIKE AVERILL World Staff Writer | 0 comments

The Tulsa City-County Library is partnering with Workforce Tulsa to provide increased opportunities for job seekers.

Workforce Tulsa clients will now be automatically registered for a Tulsa City-County Library card providing them access to in-library and digital resources at all 24 library branches throughout Tulsa County.

"It struck me that instead of telling them to get a library card that we should be proactive," said Suanne Wymer, deputy director at the Central Library. "We didn't want to wait for them to get a card. We wanted to remove those barriers and get straight to them."

Workforce Tulsa offers services and resources to people who are entering the job market for the first time, who want to improve their work-related skills to apply for and gain a better job, who were formerly incarcerated and now seek job training and employment, and who are interested in learning about different and new career options.

"We are very excited to now be able to offer to all of our Workforce Tulsa clients access to Tulsa City-County Library's substantial online resources as a way to build their skills and ultimately become employed and build wealth for the Tulsa area," said Shelley Cadamy, executive director of Workforce Tulsa.

"Adding the libraries to our network of access points is a very natural progression of our partnership and provides tremendous resources for those looking for a new job."

Wymer said the library system has a similar partnership with Tulsa Public Schools, where middle- and high-school students are automatically registered for library cards, and that the library is working with other agencies to provide a similar service.

"We really just want to remove barriers and help people take advantage of our resources," she said.

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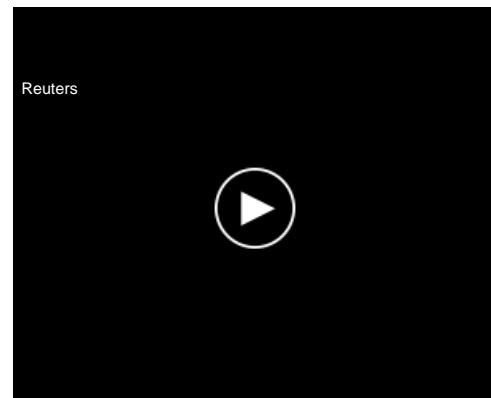
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Being a registered library card holder allows access to both onsite and online resources.

In addition to computer classes, each branch has free Internet and Wi-Fi access as well as access to online services such as JobNow, Universal Class and Learning Express.

Those online tools provide help with resumes, interviewing skills, career advice, self-paced courses on myriad skills and practice tests for licensing exams.

“We have a stake in the development of our community and in making sure the economy of our community is good,” Wymer said.

“Our No. 1 goal is helping in education and making sure we have access to resources for people who want a job and to practice their work skills.”

For more information about the Tulsa City-County Library, call 918-549-7323 or go online to [tulsalibrary.org](http://tulsalibrary.org).

For more information about Workforce Tulsa, call 918-796-1200 or go online to [workforcetulsa.com](http://workforcetulsa.com).

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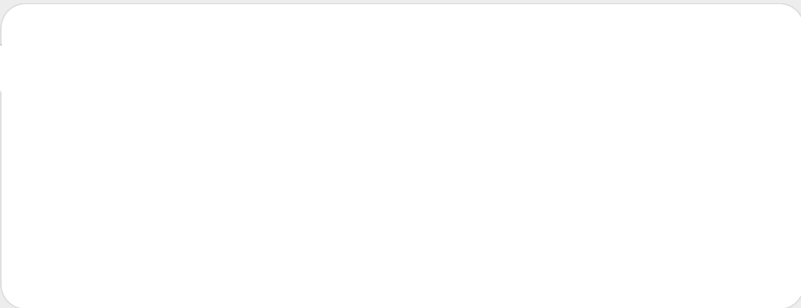
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## Tulsa school board trims field to 2

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**BY JESSICA**  
The Tulsa school board is set to vote on Tuesday to narrow the field of candidates for the new superintendent of the Tulsa Public Schools district to two finalists.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. at the Tulsa Convention Center to vote on the recommendations of the search committee. The board will also meet with community leaders to discuss the search process and the role of the superintendent.

The search committee has received 15 applications from across the country. The board will meet with the finalists on Wednesday to discuss their qualifications and experience.

The search process was led by the search firm of **THOMAS H. FORD**, former Tulsa Public Schools superintendent and current superintendent of the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

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CELEBRATING THE DREAM: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

## Walking in unity

• Parade will celebrate the day of a man remembered for his work in bringing people together.

**BY JESSICA**  
A parade celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will take place in Tulsa on Monday, Jan. 19. The parade will start at 10 a.m. and will travel down the city streets.

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**Volunteers spend day painting school murals**

**BY JESSICA**  
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## Fatal shooting by VA officer raises numerous questions

• Tulsa police investigating whether the victim's gun came from a store, where the officer was shooting.

**BY JESSICA**  
A fatal shooting by a Tulsa police officer has raised numerous questions about the incident. The officer was shooting at a suspect who was holding a gun.

The shooting occurred on Monday, Jan. 19, in the downtown area of Tulsa. The suspect was shot and killed. The officer was not injured.

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