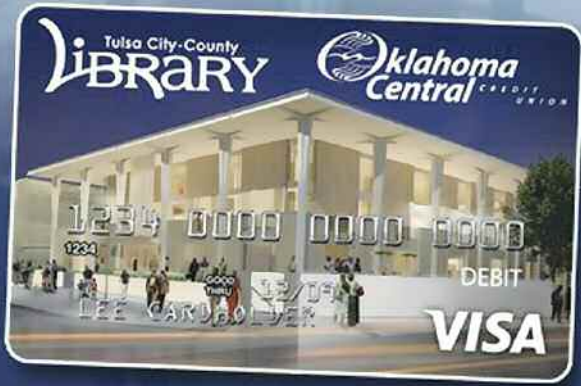


Get the My Tulsa Library Community Card and help benefit the campaign to renovate the Central Library.



SUPPORT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY RENOVATION WITH A SWIPE

Show your support for libraries and literacy while benefiting the campaign to renovate the Central Library.

Tulsa City-County Library and Oklahoma Central Credit Union are teaming up to offer “My Tulsa Library Community Card,” featuring an artist’s rendering of the renewed Central Library. Each time the card is used for purchases, a portion will go toward the Central Library Renewed capital campaign.

The Visa Debit Card is available with an Oklahoma Central Credit Union checking account and provides members access to their funds without writing a check. There are no annual fees and it can be used anywhere Visa is accepted.

Oklahoma Central Credit Union branches are located throughout the metro Tulsa area. Get your “My Tulsa Library Community Card” at any of the locations or visit me.occu.org.

The public phase of the fundraising campaign is underway with a goal of \$1 million. Families, individuals and organizations are invited to support the project which will make a direct and lasting impact in the lives of our children and the community for generations to come.

You can support the campaign by placing a name on the Donor Wall in Central Library or purchasing an electronic bookplate in the library’s catalog record for you to view and share with friends and loved ones.

Another way to help is to visit <http://www.tulsalibrary.org/gift-shop/> and browse the “Libraries Change Lives” items. Shop for selected items from Amazon and Café Press and a portion of the proceeds will go toward the campaign or you can visit any Tulsa City-County Library and purchase a “Libraries Change Lives” gel bracelet for \$1.

Once complete, the entirely renovated Central Library will meet the needs of the 21st century customer. Today’s libraries are places where children first discover the world; where people access technology of all kinds, find resources for work and education, start a business or nonprofit venture, search for health information, gather for meetings, socialize and learn at all stages of life.

Librarium, 11th and Denver, continues to serve library customers during the two-year renovation. The facility showcases the latest in new library services, technology and equipment.

For more information on supporting the Tulsa Library Trust’s “Central Library Renewed Capital Campaign,” call Janis Updike Walker, Tulsa Library Trust executive director, 918-398-6644, or email, jwalker@tulsalibrarytrust.org.

NOVELIST ANN PATCHETT TO RECEIVE HELMERICH AWARD

Three years ago, critically acclaimed novelist Ann Patchett set out to recreate the bookstore of her youth – “one that valued books and readers above muffins and adorable plastic watering cans, a store that recognized it could not possibly stock every single book that every single person might be looking for, and so stocked the books the staff had read and liked and could recommend.”

In November 2011, Patchett and her business partner Karen Hayes opened Parnassus Books in Nashville, Tenn., to rave reviews. While many independent and national bookstores have closed around the nation due to competition with online retail giants like Amazon, Parnassus Books continues to thrive.

“I can’t even make sense of it,” said Patchett. “People still want books; I’ve got the numbers to prove it. I imagine they remember the bookstores of their youth as tenderly as I remember mine. They are lined up outside most mornings when we open our doors, because, I think, they have learned through this journey we’ve all been on that the lowest price does not always represent the best value.”

Hailed as one of the most interesting and unconventional writers of her generation, Patchett’s award-winning novels include *The Patron Saint of Liars*, *Taft*, *The Magician’s Assistant*, *Bel Canto*, *Run and State of Wonder*. In her latest nonfiction title, *This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage*, Patchett shares the story of her own marriage, which she says is “the great joy and astonishment of my life, is too much like a fairy tale, the German kind, unsweetened by Disney.” Her memoir *Truth & Beauty* recounts her friendship with writer Lucy Grealy, and *What Now?* expands on her graduation address at Sarah Lawrence College.

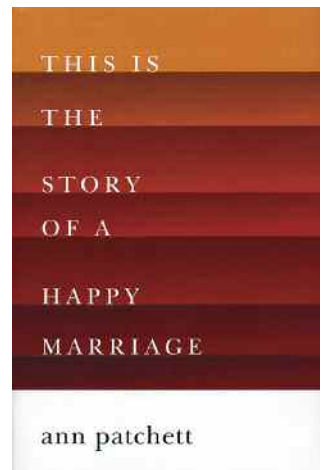
For her distinguished body of work and major contribution to the field of literature and letters, the Tulsa City-County Library and Tulsa Library Trust will honor Patchett with the 2014 Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award at a black-tie dinner on Dec. 5 at the Librarium, 1110 S. Denver Ave. Patchett will give a free public presentation on Dec. 6 at 10:30 a.m. at Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St.

To prepare for Patchett’s visit to Tulsa, the library has planned several programs, including “Books Sandwiched In: An Ann Patchett Sampler,” sponsored by the Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries and presented by Adrian Alexander, dean of the University of Tulsa’s McFarlin Library, on Nov. 24 at 12:10 p.m. at Oklahoma Methodist Manor, Fleming Center, 4134 E. 31st St. In addition, “Novel Talk: Music, the Universal Language” will explore Patchett’s *Bel Canto* on Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. at AHHA, 101 E. Archer St. Panelists include Sloan Davis, assistant professor of English at Tulsa Community College, and Linda Strummer, former opera singer.

For more information about the Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award, visit www.helmerichaward.org or call 918-549-7366 to purchase tickets to the dinner.



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award-winning children's author/illustrator shares talents with Tulsa families

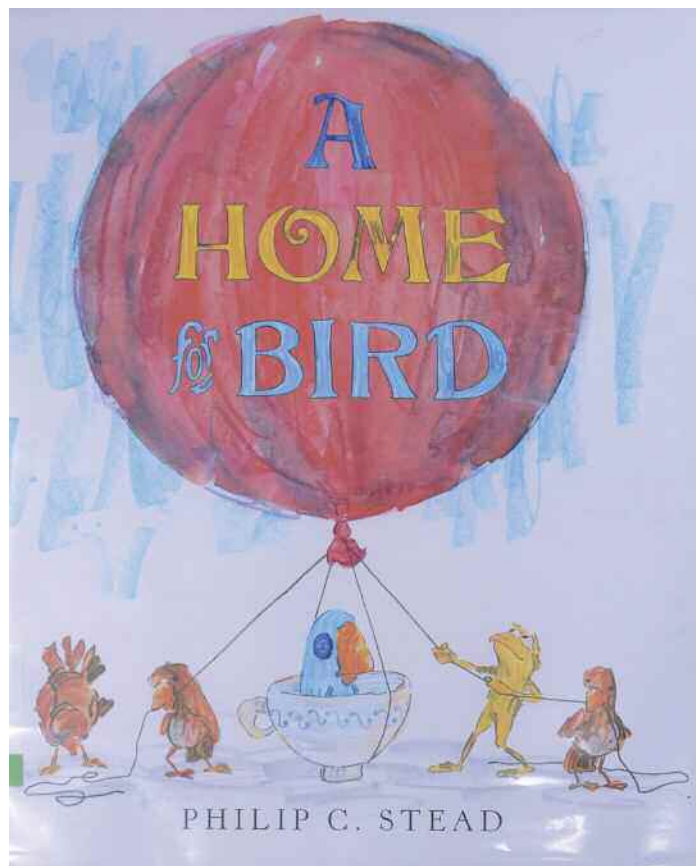
Philip C. Stead, award-winning children's book author and illustrator, is the featured illustrator for Tulsa City-County Library's 2014 "Books to Treasure," an annual event promoting the beauty of children's literature and introducing the community to popular book illustrators.

Stead will speak, answer questions and sign copies of his books during a special visit **Nov. 14, 7 p.m. at Hardesty Regional Library's Connor's Cove, 8316 E. 93rd St.** This event is free and open to the public.

Focusing on his interest in art, Stead earned a fine arts degree at the University of Michigan's School of Art and Design. After college he worked at the Brooklyn Children's Museum for two years designing publications and displays before returning to Michigan to focus on his art and writing.

He is the author and illustrator of *Sebastian and the Balloon*, *Bear Has a Story to Tell*, *Hello, My Name is Ruby*, *Jonathan and the Big Blue Boat*, *A Home for Bird* and his debut *Creamed Tuna Fish and Peas on Toast*, which was applauded by *School Library Journal* for "its wry humor and illustrations worthy of a Roald Dahl creation."

Together, with his wife Erin



E. Stead, also an illustrator, they created *A Sick Day for Amos McGee*. Working from their studio home, a 100-year-old barn in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Stead's words were brought to life with Erin's wood-block prints and pencil. Their book received the Caldecott Medal and was named a *New York Times* Best Illustrated Book of 2010 and a *Publishers Weekly*

Best Children's Book of 2010. The pair also collaborated on the book "Bear Has a Story to Tell," which was selected as an E.B. White Read-Aloud Award honor book.

A Sick Day for Amos McGee follows a zookeeper who enjoys treating the animals in the zoo like friends as he develops a special bond with each one. On the day Amos is sick and home from

work, the animals unite and travel to his house to care for him.

"Books to Treasure" is sponsored by the Tulsa Library Trust through a grant from the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation. The Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation is providing one free copy of Stead's *A Home for Bird* to each second-grader in Tulsa County. Students also have the opportunity to receive a special library card featuring artwork from the featured book.

To enhance the author's visit, Tulsa City-County Library children's librarians will visit second-grade classes at all public and private schools in Tulsa County to promote the program. Librarians have created specific lesson plans using Stead's books focusing on curriculum areas such as reading, math, writing, science and social studies.

Past Books to Treasure winners include: Peter Brown, 2013; Mo Willems, 2012; Grace Lin, 2011; Steve Jenkins, 2010; Brad Sneed, 2009; Jim Arnosky, 2008; Floyd Cooper, 2007; Lisa Campbell Ernst, 2006; Janet Stevens, 2005; Arthur Howard, 2004; and Marla Frazee, 2003.

For more information on "Books to Treasure," call the AskUs Hotline, 918-549-7323 or visit the library's webpage, www.tulsalibrary.org.

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Tess Fineran: Owasso Sixth Grader

Owasso sixth-grader Tess Fineran put her imagination to work when she wrote "Food Giant," a story about life on an imaginary planet. Her 20-page story won first place in the Tulsa City-County Library's 2014 Young Peoples' Creative Writing Contest for students ages 10-12. Tess won in the Short Story category. Along with writing, Tess enjoys math class, acting in church theater productions and playing the clarinet and the ukulele at school.

TK: How did you come up with the idea for your short story "Food Giant"?

Tess: I got the idea for "Food Giant" in fourth grade when my teacher asked me to write a story about a made-up planet. While the other students wrote two pages for their stories, I wanted to make a good impression about my writing and show my teacher how much I enjoy putting my ideas on paper, so I wrote 20 pages. Mom wasn't too thrilled when I asked her to type it up the night before it was due. She actually asked me to stop adding to the story because she'd never get it all typed up on time. Now imagine me having to read 20 pages to my class. I chose the story because it's one of my favorites and I didn't want it to go to waste.

TK: Do you spend time writing outside of school assignments?

Tess: I now spend time writing outside of school when I find the free time or something inspires me to do so, but I'm pretty busy these days with school, band and the play, and can't always find the time.

TK: What was your reaction when you found out "Food Giant" won first place in your category in the Tulsa City/County Library's Young Peoples' Creative Writing Contest?

Tess: When I found out I won first place, I was so excited, and I think my mom was more excited than me. It was the first time I've ever won an award, and I did it on my own.

TK: Who are some of your favorite authors to read?

Tess: Some of my favorite authors include Lemony Snicket and Garth Stein. My all-time favorite books are *Racing in the Rain* or *The Great Unexpected* written by Sharon Creech.

Here is link to all TCCL Creative Writing winners and their work: <http://teens.tulsalibrary.org/blog/2014-creative-writing-contest-winners>



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