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## Touch-A-Truck event to transform Martin Library parking lot

From Staff Reports  
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From kitchen cabinets to school auditoriums, everyday occurrences seem larger than life through a child's eyes.

Families are invited to explore and discover dozens of big trucks, automobiles, trains, planes and a helicopter, during "Touch-A-Truck." Tulsa City-County Library's Martin Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Road, will transform the parking lot into a child's perfect playground, Aug. 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

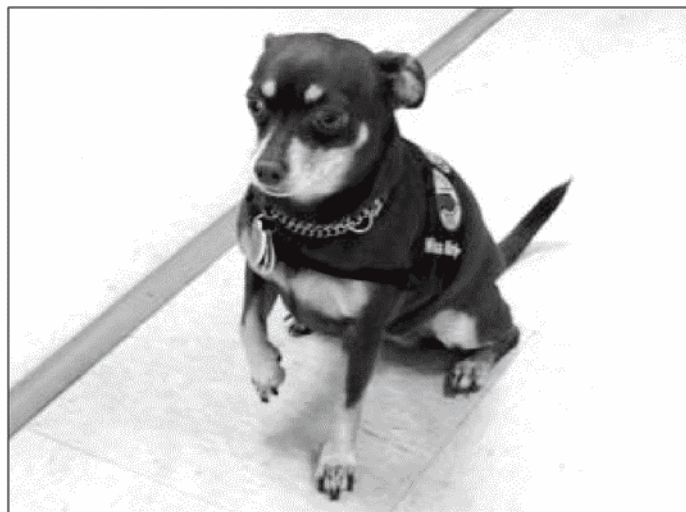
"Touch-A-Truck is an exciting and hands-on family event," said Marie Welden, Martin Regional Library's children's area supervisor. "It's a great opportunity for children of all ages to see familiar and maybe some not familiar vehicles up close. They can touch, explore and perhaps sit in the driver's seat

of vehicles they see every day."

Participating organizations include PSO/AEP, Tulsa Fire Department, Tulsa Police Department, EMSA, Green Country Ultra Sport Flyers, Ice Cream on Wheels, Tulsa Garden Railroad Club, News on 6, Tulsa's Channel 8, Police Explorers Club, Shredders Inc., Shriners and Tulsa RV Sales. John Delavadova will provide family music during the program to keep toes tapping as families view the vehicles.

"Touch-A-Truck" is sponsored by Flint Family Foundation and Tulsa City-County Library, with additional support provided by the Mary K. Chapman Foundation and George Kaiser Family Foundation.

For more information on Tulsa City-County Library programming, call the AskUs Hotline, (918) 549-7323, or visit the library's website, [www.tulsalibrary.org](http://www.tulsalibrary.org).



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The picture is of "Miss Marlie," the smallest and newest volunteer at the Skiatook Library. Miss Marlie is a Chihuahua. She is joining the Paws for Reading Program on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Library patrons continue to enjoy Fredricka, the corgi, on Saturdays at Noon. Children between the ages of 3 and 12 years may read or tell a story to the Paws Dogs. Each child receives a free book and bookmark.

## OSU-CHS receives \$270,000 in OCAST grants for biomedical research

By Sean Kennedy  
*OSU Communications*

TULSA — Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences was recently awarded \$270,000 in grant funding for biomedical research from the Oklahoma Center for Advancement of Science and Technology. Dr. Randall Davis and Dr. Rashmi

chemical that is typically used to block the effects of painkillers on the nervous system. Davis is building on previous research that showed the compound prevents inflammatory signals from reaching the brain.

Major depressive disorder is one of the most common mental disorders in the U.S. According

at OSU-CHS, and Dr. Raj Singh, Williams Companies Distinguished Chair in Energy Technology and head of the School of Materials Science and Engineering at OSU-Tulsa.

According to the National Institutes of Health, urinary tract infections are the second most common type of infection in the body. People who are dia-

## Tulsa libraries looking for literacy tutors

By Michelle Beckes  
Skiatook Library  
Manager

Have you been looking for something to occupy your time? Perhaps you would like to give back to your community. Well, the library

to read.

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While we are on the subject of volunteering, we would like to thank all of our summer Teen Team helpers. regular

car research efforts at OSU-CHS, our researchers are developing innovative treatments that will impact the health of people around the world," said OSU-CHS President Kayse Shrum. "The OCAST funding provides financial support that will enable our scientists to make discoveries and contribute to the advancement of health care."

Davis, director of the Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program and associate professor of pharmacology, is researching a treatment to reduce neuroinflammation, a common symptom of major depressive disorder and a wide range of brain disorders. The project's results could be effective in developing new drug treatments for these disorders.

The study focuses on a

new form of those experiencing major depression. Kaul, associate professor of immunology, is researching the use of diamond nanoparticles in the treatment of urinary tract infections. These infections are commonly treated with antibiotics, but the development of several drug-resistant bacteria strains has created a need for new treatments.

Using preliminary data generated at OSU-CHS and the OSU-Tulsa Helmerich Research Center, an interdisciplinary research team is developing a therapy that utilizes tiny diamond particles to attack the infection. Kaul is leading the team, which includes co-investigators Dr. Anil Kaul, director of clinical laboratories and associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology

treatment could make a significant impact on Oklahoma's health and economy.

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