



Rudisill library to host storytelling events July 8-9

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Spoken word, rhyme and music will be part of two events at Rudisill Regional Library this week.

The award-winning storyteller Kirk Waller will be in town for a storytelling workshop for educators and parents Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and for the annual Jeanne B. Goodwin Storytelling Festival at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The annual festival is a tribute to the late Jeanne B. Goodwin, a lifelong educator and literacy champion, who understood how storytelling and the visual experience work to build a vivid imagination.

Cher Lyons, youth librarian at the Rudisill branch, said the festival is a way to continue Goodwin's work in promoting literacy.

"It keeps kids reading through the summer," Lyons said.

Each year, the library invites a different storyteller for the event, which is geared toward school-age children, from



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kindergarten to about fifth grade.

Waller has 20 years of experience as a storyteller and uses a mixture of spoken word, rhyme, music and movement in his performances for children. As director of the Storytelling Programs at Oakland-based Stagebridge Senior Theater Co., Waller was named the winner of the 2010 J.J. Reneaux Emerging Artist Grant by the national Storytelling Network. He was recognized for his signature musical and movement-infused storytelling style.

His workshop Tuesday will be for librarians, parents, teachers and anyone else who works with children.

Lyons said the workshop will teach people to become better storytellers and will show participants how to captivate kids with words.

The workshop is free but reservations are required by calling 918-549-7645.

The storytelling festival will be held in Ancestral Hall at Rudisill, 1520 N. Hartford Ave. No reservations are required.

Treats and juice boxes will be passed out to the children after the performance.

Waller's CD and book will also be available for purchase during the events.

For more information, call 918-549-7323 or visit tulsalibrary.org.

Storytelling events

Storytelling workshop

What: Workshop for parents, librarians and educators featuring techniques to become a better storyteller. Reservations required by calling 918-549-7645.

When: 6-6:30 p.m. Tuesday

Cost: Free

Jeanne B. Goodwin Storytelling Festival

What: Kirk Waller presents a storytelling performance for kids featuring spoken word, music and movement.

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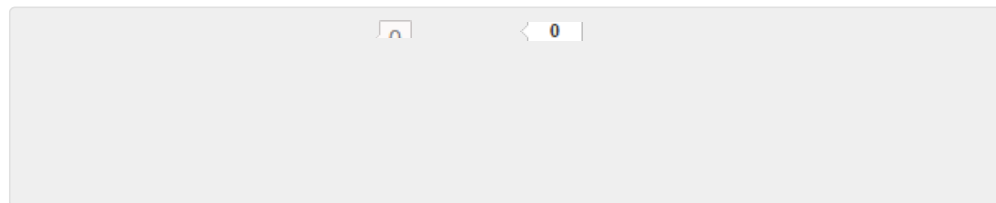
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