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Digital festival includes contest to name new library vehicle

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Join Tulsa City-County Library for the first "Digital Festival" showcasing free digital media collections available for library customers, June 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Librarium, 1110 S. Denver Ave.

The day features demonstrations on how easy it is for readers of all ages to access digital materials through the library. Families can sign up for a library card, enjoy children's games, face painting and cool off inside Librarium with a variety of family-friendly movies.

Tulsa City-County Library's Literacy, Outreach and Volunteer Office will be on hand to showcase the newest outreach vehicle. Funded by the Anne and Henry Zarrow Foundation, the mobile collection features approximately 1,000 items for all ages as well as WiFi that allows for digital downloads from the library's collection.

You can help name the new vehicle in a contest June 9-16. To enter the contest, complete an entry form and



There's a name the new vehicle contest going on until June 16. Complete an entry form and drop it in the designated box at any Tulsa City-County Library branch, or submit an entry online. Visit <http://TulsaLibrary.org/namethevehicle> for the official rules and guidelines for the contest, or to submit your entry online.

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Visit <http://TulsaLibrary.org/namethevehicle> for the official rules and guidelines for the contest, or to submit your entry online. Finalists will be selected based on the quality of the name and appropriateness to Tulsa City-County Library's mission. Name submissions should:

- Reflect the culture and spirit of Tulsa.
- Support the library's mission: "Libraries change lives."
- Avoid any content that may be considered rude, hateful, offensive, profane or vulgar.
- Not be the name of a person.

Up to three finalists from

entry submissions will be selected and then an online public vote will be held June 23-July 4 to decide the winning name. The voting will be open to all ages. The person whose name wins the most votes will receive a Kindle Fire. Each runner-up finalist will receive a Kindle e-reader.

A highlight of the event will be the OverDrive Digital Bookmobile, the high-tech

update of the traditional bookmobile. OverDrive is the leading digital distributor of eBooks, audiobooks, music and video for schools and libraries.

Aboard the 74-foot, 18-wheel tractor trailer, readers of all ages can learn how to borrow eBooks and audio books from Tulsa City-County Library. The OverDrive team will demonstrate how to search, sample, borrow

and return titles either on their own devices or on a number of tablets, computers and smartphones available on the Digital Bookmobile.

Customers can take advantage of digital services anytime. The growing collection of bestselling, new release and classic titles check out with a library card. The best part is there are no late fees. Once the lending period is over titles are automatically returned to the digital collection.

The event also includes three performances by the Edison Dance Company at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity for families to discover the beauty of dancing from Edison High School's dance company.

Hungry readers can fill up with a visit from the Mazz Transit Food Truck. Mazzio's will be selling slices of pizza and drinks for \$1 each.

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

Wildlife risk assessment website now available for public use

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Officials with Oklahoma For-

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determine wildfire risk and take measures to mitigate potential hazards. First introduced at the 2014 Governor's Conference on Wildfire Preparedness in April, the web portal is now live.

The Southern Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal, or SouthWRAP, allows users in Oklahoma and 11 other southern states to identify wildfire threats based on landscape characteristics, historical fire occurrence, weather conditions and terrain. It also routes users to resources that can help them implement practices to address the threats identified and reduce their risk.

"This is the best tool we have to determine wildfire risk," said State Forester George Geissler. "Our hope is that everyone living in the rural and wildland urban interface areas of Oklahoma will take time to visit the website, learn about their risk and take the necessary action to protect their families and prop-

viously hasn't been readily available. Accessible at www.forestry.ok.gov/southwrap the tools are free to use. The site offers both professional and public applications, providing both groups with the ability to generate maps and download data and reports that describe their specific areas of interest.

The Professional Viewer is designed to support the community wildfire protection planning needs of government officials, hazard-mitigation planners and wildland fire professionals. It can be useful in defining mitigation options, allocating resources and prioritizing programs that will better protect communities.

Oklahoma Forestry Services, a division of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, is committed to conserving, enhancing and protecting Oklahoma's forests for present and future generations.



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It is hoped that a new website will be checked out by everyone living in the rural and wildland urban interface areas of Oklahoma to learn about the risk of grass fires, taking necessary action to protect their families and property from wildfire. The site offers simple, basic things people can do to protect their homes.

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