

BY ANNA AMERICA

# cheap or free summer fun in Tulsa

HERE'S HOPING EVERYONE HAS A FUN, SAFE AND CHEAP SUMMER!

*Editor's Note: Anna America has compiled and shared her list for many years. She does encourage readers to check in advance before attending one of the events, as details may change over time.*

## READING PROGRAMS

### Tulsa Library summer reading program, "FIZZ. BOOM. READ."

Go into any library and sign up, and then get prizes and coupons for free things for reading a certain number of books over the summer (younger children can be read to). We started doing it when our kids were about age 2. There is also a program for teens. There are TONS of other library activities going on this summer – too many to list, but you can find more information about the summer reading program at this link, including a schedule: [http://kids.tulsalibrary.org/whats happening/events/10\\_summer-reading.php](http://kids.tulsalibrary.org/whats happening/events/10_summer-reading.php)

### Imagination's Destination — Free Reading Reward Program - Barnes & Noble, grades 1-6

This is a fun and easy way for kids to earn free books. They simply read any eight books — library books, books borrowed from friends or books bought at the store — track them in the downloadable journal, and bring it in to a Barnes & Noble bookstore to get a free book. For more information and to download a journal or an Activity Kit, [www.barnesandnoble.com/summer-reading](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summer-reading)

## SUMMER MOVIE PROGRAMS

### Cinemark Theater Summer Movie

### Club

Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Cinemark, 6808 S. Memorial.

\*All 10 movies can be purchased in advance for \$5, or can be purchased separately at the box office for \$1 per show. For more info: [www.cinemark.com](http://www.cinemark.com)

### 2014 Schedule

June 5	Night at the Museum
June 12	Ice Age-The Meltdown
June 19	Epic
June 26	The Croods
July 3	Turbo
July 10	Smurfs 2
July 17	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2
July 24	Walking with Dinosaurs
July 31	The Lego Movie
Aug. 7	Rio 2

### Regal Summer Movie Express

### Regal Promenade Palace Stadium 12, 41st & Yale

\$1 movies at 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Will Rogers Institute. [www.regmovies.com/Movies/Summer-Movie-Express](http://www.regmovies.com/Movies/Summer-Movie-Express)

Week	Title
1	Hotel Transylvania
1	The Smurfs 2
2	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2
2	The Pirates: Band of Misfits
3	Arthur Christmas
3	Despicable Me 2
4	Lego
4	Free Birds
5	Adventures of TinTin
5	Rise of the Guardians

6	Kung Fu Panda 2
6	Madagascar 3
7	The Croods
7	Epic
8	Turbo
8	Walking with Dinosaurs
9	Mr. Peabody & Sherman
9	Rio 2

### Broken Arrow Thursday Night Theater

Free outdoor movie series each Thursday night in June at Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. Movies begin around 9 p.m. or when it is dark enough. Bring blankets or chairs. Food may be brought or purchased.

June 5	The Wizard of Oz
June 12	All Dogs Go to Heaven
June 19	Finding Nemo
June 26	Spiderman

## FREE SUMMER MUSIC

### Starlight Concert Series

Longstanding Tulsa free concert series, now held at Guthrie Green (111 E. Brady). All concerts begin at 8 pm. For more information go to [www.starlightbands.net](http://www.starlightbands.net)

Tuesday, June 24	Concert Band
Theme: Americana Night	
Tuesday, July 1	Concert Band
Theme: Let's Dance!	
Tuesday, July 8	Jazz Orchestra
Theme: Jazz under the Stars	
Friday, July 11	Concert Band
Theme: That's Entertainment	
Tuesday, July 15	Concert Band
Theme: Night at the Movies	
Tuesday, July 22	Concert Band
Theme: At Your Request	
Friday, Aug. 1	Jazz Orchestra
Theme: Jazz under the Stars	

### Thursday Night Live Concerts in Broken Arrow

Thursday nights at the Farmers Market Plaza (418 S. Main). Bring your own lawn chair and refreshments. 7-8:30 pm, free and open to the public.

May 15	Tulsa Metro Sound (Women's Acapella)
May 22	Tim and Gary Show
May 29	Jim Ragsdale and David Thayer
June 5	Dan Martin
June 12	Acoustic Mojo
June 19	Gumbo Poets
June 26	Smith Brothers
July 10	Delaney Zumwalt

### Summer's 5th Night at Utica Square

Every Thursday through August, 7-9 p.m. Utica Square's summer concert series serves up everything from jazz to rock to country. Pack a picnic or dine at one of the center's restaurants as you unwind to your favorite local bands. This one is popular with pre-driving teens because there is always a horde of them hanging around! Bring your own lawn chair and refreshments. [www.uticasquare.com/events/summers-fifth-night](http://www.uticasquare.com/events/summers-fifth-night)

May 29	Mid-Life Crisis, Classic Rock
June 5	Zodiac, Pop/Rock
June 12	Light Opera Oklahoma, Musical Theater
June 19	Bop Cats, Rock & Roll
June 26	Admiral Twin, Pop/Rock
July 3	Mary Cogan, Country Rock
July 10	Starr Fisher Ensemble, R&B
July 17	Luxtones, Classic Rock

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- July 24 Usual Suspects, Rock & Roll  
 July 31 Red Dirt Rangers, Red Dirt Country  
 Aug. 7 Traveler, Rock

**KingsPointe Village Summer Concert Series**

At 61st & Yale, next to the Yale entrance, third Friday of every month, 7:30-9:30 p.m.  
[www.kpvtulsa.com/events/events.htm](http://www.kpvtulsa.com/events/events.htm)

- May 16 Mary Cogan & Grady Nichols  
 June 20 Alaska & Madi from The Voice's Team Blake  
 July 18 The Fabulous Mid Life Crisis Band

**First Friday Concerts at LaFortune Park.**

Concerts run 7-9 p.m. at LaFortune Garden Park (5202 S. Hudson). This is a free concert, open to the public. Dogs on leash are always welcome. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of music in an outdoor setting.

- June 6 Three Hour Tour  
 July 11 Hot Rod and the Cruisers  
 Aug. 1 Travis Kidd Country Rock  
 Sept. 5 The Dirtbox Wailers

**Juneteenth Gospel Festival, June 21**

Guthrie Green. Free. This Juneteenth Festival celebrates the sounds of African-American Gospel Music by featuring soloists, choirs and quartet groups, performing Negro spirituals, ole time gospel and contemporary gospel music. June 21, 6:30-11:30 p.m.

Aaaaand, if you can't get enough Mid-Life Crisis at the other venues, the popular cover band will be performing free outdoor concerts each month at the Shops at Seville at 101st and Yale on Thursdays: June 12 and Aug. 21.

**PARKS PROGRAMS**

City of Tulsa Parks. Unless otherwise noted, call 596-PARK (7275) for information.

**Pools**

Admission fees and hours vary. The five pools scheduled to open this summer are:

- Lacy (\$1), 2134 N. Madison Pl. Open Tues.-Sun., noon-6 p.m.  
 McClure (\$2), 7440 E. 7th St. Open

Tues.-Sun., noon-6 p.m.

Reed (\$1), 4233 S. Yukon Ave. Open Tues.-Sat., 1 p.m.-7 p.m.

Berry (Free), 5002 N. Wheeling. Open Mon.-Sat., noon-6 p.m.

Whiteside-junior pool for age 14 and younger (Free), 4009 S. Pittsburg Ave. Open Mon.-Sat., noon-6 p.m.

Beach Bash — official pool opening. Saturday, May 31, noon-3 p.m., at McClure Park Pool (7440 E. 7th St.) Kick off the Summer Pool season with music, pool games and more. Admission is free!

**Team Tennis**

June 2-July 19 at Hicks, Lacy, Reed and Whiteside parks.

Practice matches in June, and League play in July in four divisions for ages 6 through 18. Cost varies, includes t-shirt and awards. For information: [www.cityoftulsa.org/media/366186/TennisintheParksFlyer2014color.pdf](http://www.cityoftulsa.org/media/366186/TennisintheParksFlyer2014color.pdf)

**Summer Day Camps**

June 2-August 8. Registration has already begun. Ages 6-11. At various Community Centers. Rates vary. Includes traditional day camps and art and other specialty camps. For more information: [www.cityoftulsa.org/culture—recreation/tulsa-parks/community-centers/day-camps.aspx](http://www.cityoftulsa.org/culture—recreation/tulsa-parks/community-centers/day-camps.aspx)

Other Tulsa Park events include classes in Martial Arts, Soccer, T-Ball, Gymnastics, Volleyball, Aerobics, Yoga, Pilates, Swim Lessons, and Dance. For more information: [www.cityoftulsa.org](http://www.cityoftulsa.org).

**Oxley Nature Center**

The Center is located in Mohawk Park — free. One of my favorite places in Tulsa! (Note you will have to pay a \$2 parking fee for Mohawk on weekends if you aren't a Zoo Friends or Oxley Nature Center member.)

With more than nine miles of trails covering 804 acres, the Mary K. Oxley Nature Center at Mohawk Park is one of Tulsa's treasures. The gates are open daily (except city holidays) 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and the trails are open as early as 7 a.m. or as late as 9 p.m. to hikers who park outside the gates. Visitors may pick up maps and trail information at the Oxley-Yetter Interpretive Building 10 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

daily. The Interpretive Building houses interactive, hands-on exhibits explaining the local natural history. Gift shop, restrooms, drinking water and a classroom are also available. For more information, go to [www.oxleynaturecenter.org](http://www.oxleynaturecenter.org).

**Redbud Valley Nature Preserve**

More wild than Oxley, but a wonderful spot for a hike! Free. Natural diversity is protected at Redbud Valley Nature Preserve. Located on North 161st East Avenue about 3.8 miles north of I-44, Redbud Valley Nature Preserve protects 220+ acres of unique plant and animal life. The rugged one-mile trail is open to hikers only when the gates are open: Wed.-Sun., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The Barclay Visitor Center is open 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Pets are not permitted. The Preserve is closed every Monday and Tuesday, and most holidays. For more information, visit [www.oxleynaturecenter.org/redbud.htm](http://www.oxleynaturecenter.org/redbud.htm)

**Tulsa County**

Tulsa County Parks also has swimming pools, summer camps and other programming at LaFortune, 51st & Yale — [www.parks.tulsacounty.org/parks.aspx?page=lafortune](http://www.parks.tulsacounty.org/parks.aspx?page=lafortune); O'Brien, 6149 N. Lewis Ave. — [www.parks.tulsacounty.org/parks.aspx?page=obrien](http://www.parks.tulsacounty.org/parks.aspx?page=obrien) and Chandler, 6500 West 21st St. — [www.parks.tulsacounty.org/parks.aspx?page=chandler](http://www.parks.tulsacounty.org/parks.aspx?page=chandler)

**Turkey Mountain Wilderness Area**

Open dawn to dusk. The 300-acre wilderness stretches from I-44 to 71st Street on the west bank of the Arkansas River. This heavily-wooded property has miles of winding dirt trails and two large ponds. The main entrance at 67th and South Elwood offers landscaped parking — including an area for horse trailers — a restroom, climbing boulders, and flagstone walkways leading to the main trailhead. A map of the marked trails, which are shared by hikers, trail runners, mountain bikers and equestrians, is located near the trailhead. The summit of Turkey Mountain rises 300 feet above the Arkansas River and offers a panoramic view of Tulsa. Crowded with roots and rocks, blessed with views of the Arkansas River, and basically untouched by humanity in general.

**GUTHRIE GREEN FITNESS ON THE GREEN**

Free programs offered at Guthrie Green. A complete list here: [www.guthriegreen.com/fitness-green](http://www.guthriegreen.com/fitness-green), but note that some are more adult-oriented. Two family friendly options:

**Tai Chi, Mondays 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Improve balance, agility, strength and coordination with this ancient form of martial arts. It is low impact, puts little stress on muscles and joints, making it fairly safe for all ages and fitness levels.

**Family Fitness, Saturdays 8 - 9 a.m.**

A high-energy, family friendly class focused on interval training and fluid ground work exercises designed to develop a strong core in an effort to improve posture, endurance and burn the most calories. Using your body weight and our environment (benches, steps, hills, etc.) you will sculpt your arms, legs, backs, chest, abs, and everything in between while working on core and balance poses through the class. This class is specifically designed for all fitness levels.

**The Most Amazing Race June 14**

Starts at Guthrie Green at 10 a.m. This is a fundraiser for the Salvation Army, and the first year it has been done in Tulsa. As a diehard Amazing Race fan, I want to come watch! Teams of two people compete for prizes by completing challenges at popular spots in Downtown Tulsa. From the starting line, teams are given a clue leading them to another checkpoint and they must successfully complete challenges—following clues—until they reach the end of the race. The race combines challenges that are physical (running, climbing, jumping), mental (puzzle solving, strategizing), and sometimes even silly (dancing, eating contests)! [www.guthriegreen.com/event/614](http://www.guthriegreen.com/event/614)

**ART OPPORTUNITIES**

**Gilcrease Museum**

Gilcrease — <http://gilcrease.utulsa.edu/> — is one of the country's best facilities for the preservation and study of American art and history. The museum's charm, beauty and art collections draw thousands of visitors from around the world to the Osage hills for a glimpse into the past. Gilcrease houses the world's largest, most comprehensive

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collection of art and artifacts of the American West. The museum also offers an unparalleled collection of Native American art and artifacts, as well as historical manuscripts, documents and maps. FREE admission on "TU Tuesday," the first Tuesday of each month, and "Funday Sunday," the third Sunday of each month. Visitors will enjoy different art making stations in the museum, each offering different materials and themes as well as teaching artists to help guide and inspire. An art hunt is available to explore in the galleries, with a prize at the end. Families will also enjoy our interactive spaces, the Kids Site and the Kravis Discovery Center, as well as the different galleries and gardens, and special featured activities.

#### **Philbrook Museum- Free 2nd Saturday**

Every 2nd Saturday of the month is Free Family Day at Philbrook. Drop in any time from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Experiment with fun materials to make hands-on art projects, go on a scavenger hunt, take a family-friendly tour of the museum, and so much more on this day specifically for families. <http://philbrook.org/>

#### **Brady Arts District First Friday Art Crawl**

On the first Friday evening of each month, head on down to the Brady Arts District just north of downtown. Starting at around 5:30 p.m., galleries open their doors for exhibits, new shows, art demonstrations, and more. The demonstrations are especially interesting to kids – what kid doesn't see glassblowers at the Tulsa Glassblowing Studio and start imagining what she could do with a blowtorch?

#### **FARMERS MARKETS**

A variety of local Farmers Markets offer fresh local produce, crafts, plants, herbs and more. Most Markets run May through October. Great place to wander around with the kids, and one of the few where you can actually buy them a healthy snack! For a complete list of local area farmers markets go to [www.tulsakids.com](http://www.tulsakids.com)

#### **FESTIVALS AND OTHER FUN**

##### **Tulsa County Free Fair, July 31-Aug. 1**

At the Exchange Center at the Tulsa Fairgrounds. This free event is open to the public and features 4-H and community exhibits as well as learning events and competitions. On Friday night, the Tulsa County 4-H holds the Festival of Fun with entertainment for the entire family. Admission includes ice cream, live entertainment, inflatables for children and other food vendors. There is something for everyone at the Tulsa County Free Fair.

#### **Bartlesville's SunFest, May 30-June 1**

"Oklahoma's Biggest Outdoor Picnic" returns for a long weekend with its trademark combination of a relaxed, family picnic atmosphere, quality, cost-free entertainment, a diverse range of arts and crafts, creative, supervised activities for children, terrific food in abundant variety, and an eye-popping car show. This free premier arts & entertainment festival – now in its 32nd year – is held in Sooner Park located at Madison Boulevard and Tuxedo Avenue in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Parking is available in several lots near the park. For information: [www.bartlesvillesunfest.org](http://www.bartlesvillesunfest.org)

#### **Tulsa Tough, June 6-8**

A three-day cycling festival, Tulsa Tough offers events and spectating opportunities for everyone with professional-level races, recreational and tour rides, kids and youth activities, live music and vendors in one action-packed weekend. The highlight for many Tulsans is the festive crowds lining the infamous "Cry Baby Hill" stretch of the race on Riverside Drive. For more information, go to [www.tulsatough.com](http://www.tulsatough.com)

#### **Asian-American Festival, June 7**

FREE. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 5, at Martin Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Road. Celebrate and learn about the customs and traditions of Asian-Americans. Explore the colorful cultures of China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and other countries in Asia. Numerous activities and presentations are scheduled indoors throughout the festival, as well as authentic arts and crafts booths and food concession.

#### **Glenpool Black Gold Days,**

#### **June 19-22**

This annual festival celebrates the discovery of the Glenn Pool oil field in 1905. A variety of food and craft vendors, live entertainment every evening, frog and turtle races, the Lions Pancake Breakfast, the Black Gold Parade, EXCITING carnival rides, and more! The event takes place at Black Gold Park, near 141st Street along Highway 75 [www.glenpoolchamber.org/pages/BlackGold-Days/](http://www.glenpoolchamber.org/pages/BlackGold-Days/)

#### **Election Day, June 24**

OK, it's not a festival, but it's an important day in Tulsa! Lots on the ballot, including various primaries for state and federal races, and non-partisan Tulsa City Council races. Since kids will be out of school, this is a good election to take them with you and let them see democracy in action.

#### **Bixby Green Corn Festival, June 26-28**

Charley Young Park in downtown Bixby (southeast of 15th and Memorial). A kick back to the good old fashioned family oriented picnics. The annual festival (held on the 4th Thursday, Friday and Saturday of June) features great music, arts and crafts, food, bingo, carnival and great games and contests for the young and young at heart. A talent show to highlight area youth is held on Friday at the Community Center and the annual Green Corn Parade entertains the masses on Saturday morning. <http://bixbyoptimist.org/green-corn-festival>

#### **Woolaroc Kidsfest, June 28-29**

One of my favorite kid festivals. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. — Regular Woolaroc admission (adults \$10, over 65 \$8 and children 11 and under are FREE) at the great family museum/wildlife sanctuary/ranch southwest of Bartlesville. Kidsfest features events, games, crafts and entertainment presented on the Woolaroc grounds where visitors can enjoy all of the activities in the rustic outdoor environment, along with the natural beauty of the Osage Hills, the historic art and artifacts in the Woolaroc Museum and the animals on the Wildlife Preserve. Kids can participate in a variety of activities, such as pony rides, wagon rides, treasure dig, face painting, Carpenter's corner, tattoos, beaded necklaces, Indian

head bands, native sand art, rock painting, bean bag games, and lots of nature crafts. Our living history booths will include horseshoeing, saddle & boot makers, bridle, bit and spur makers, woodcarvers, silversmiths, flint knapping, rope making, black-smithing, old west re-enactors and lots more. More information and directions to Woolaroc at: [www.woolaroc.org](http://www.woolaroc.org)

#### **FreedomFest '14, July 4**

Annual July 4th celebration held at the River West Festival Park, 19th & Riverside Drive, and Veterans Park featuring fireworks, entertainment, activities, food & beverages. Fireworks are shot from the 21st Street Bridge at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Contact River Parks at (918) 596-2001 for more details

#### **Porter Peach Festival, July 17-19**

Mmmmmm! It's a bit of a drive, but c'mon, for fresh Porter peaches and ice cream, it's worth it! Downtown Porter. Rodeo, music, arts, 5k run, carnival rides, free peaches and cream!

For more information, [www.porterpeachfestivals.com/](http://www.porterpeachfestivals.com/)

#### **Blue Bell Broken Arrow Ice Cream Plant- Taste of Summer, July 19**

8201 E. Hwy 51, Broken Arrow, 9 am-3 pm. Love ice cream? You gotta go! The annual Community Open House hosted by one of Broken Arrow's favorite and best-known businesses. ALL the ice cream you can eat. Jupiter Jump for the kids, ice cream eating contest, live entertainment, plant tours and much more. \$5 admission; 6 and younger are free. Call 918.258.5100 for information. (Blue Bell also does tours year-round, which include ice cream tasting—it's a fun way to cool off for a few hours with the kids—call for more information.)

#### **Tulsa Drillers**

The national pastime and a good way to spend a few summer hours. We love the downtown stadium and love Tulsa baseball! Tickets are cheap and there are always specials and giveaways. For a list of various promotions, go here: [www.milb.com/promotions/index.jsp?sid=t260](http://www.milb.com/promotions/index.jsp?sid=t260)

You can bring your (vaccinated!) dogs to games on Wednesday nights.

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There are several "Kids Eat Free" nights, where kids can go on the field for a free clinic and with a paid admission, they get a free hot dog, juice and ice cream - May 18, June 1, June 15, July 20 and Aug. 17.

And even if you don't feel like watching the game, be sure to check the list for one of the nights that will feature fireworks after the games - all home Friday night games plus several other dates. They put on really impressive shows (better than many 4th of July shows) and you can join the hundreds of people who congregate nearby to watch.

### Bartlesville Kiddie Park

A fun and cheap park for younger kids (probably best up to age 7 or 8). Some of the rides were so mild that even very young toddlers can ride them safely. No admission charge and ride tickets are 50 cents - all rides are just one ticket, so you can have a lot of fun for only a few bucks. At least last time we went, concessions were good "fair fare" and cheap - \$1 cotton candy, 75 cents snowcones, etc. A few things adults could ride, plenty of benches to sit on and watch the kids. There also were wandering clowns, face painting, etc. Good old-fashioned summer fun!

It's open through the summer, only in the evening: Friday and Saturday evenings through May, then open Tues.-Thurs. 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.; Fri.-Sat. 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Closed Sundays, Mondays & the 4th of July. If you want to make it the quintessential summer date, go early enough to stop at the Bartlesville Sonic on the way - you pass it on your way to the Park, and it's the only Sonic I've seen with a big outdoor playground. Kiddie Park is located at 215 N. Cherokee Ave. in Johnstone Park. For information or directions, go to <http://kiddiepark.net/rides.aspx>

### Free Bowling

Kids can bowl free all summer long at Andy B's, located at 8711 S Lewis Ave. Just go to this website: [www.kidsbowlfree.com/andybs](http://www.kidsbowlfree.com/andybs) and register each child, and receive free bowling passes every week by email. Registered children can bowl 2 games free every day all summer long!

**WANT TO SEE MORE CHEAP OR FREE SUMMER FUN GO TO: WWW.TULSAKIDS.COM**

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BY JOHN FANCHER, COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR, TULSA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY

# make the most of Summer with free events

FROM THE TULSA CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY

Summer is all about fun, friends and creating memories. Did you know that you can experience all of these at your Tulsa City-County Libraries?

Children and teens can sign up for Tulsa City-County Library's Summer Reading Program and spend the summer reveling in all things literary. Visit your local library and join the thousands of readers who earn free entertainment coupons for their reading efforts by keeping the pages turning during summer.

The summer reading programs go beyond the books to offer programs filled with the arts, theater and music.

Building on the national STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) efforts, children and teens can work on the foundation of their future careers as architects or engineers. **The Great Lego Build-Off Competition** is happening at various libraries throughout the summer. Children in grades 1 through 5, have one hour to create a masterpiece based on the theme "Fizz, Boom, Read." Teens in grades 6 through 12 have 90 minutes, using the theme "Spark a Reaction." The top three winners from each location will advance to the final round and compete against winners from other libraries at the final event on July 25, which features prizes for the top three winners in each age group.

"Our Lego build-offs are



LUCKY DIAZ AND THE FAMILY JAM BAND RETURN WITH THEIR IRRESISTIBLE BEATS FOR STORYTIME IN THE PARK.

great ways for kids and teens to flex their creativity – they are only limited by their imaginations," said Christina Walsh, teen services coordinator. "While they are having fun, they are also learning about sorting, patterns and problem solving. Their 3-D structures make them think about space, which makes playing with Legos a great STEM activity."

Step outside of the library walls with **Storytime in the Park**. Each Thursday in June at 10 a.m. families can go to River Parks' QuikTrip Plaza, located at 41st and Riverside, to enjoy entertainment by local and national performers. June 12 features Lucky Diaz & The Family Jam Band who use their crafty lyrics and irresistible beat to keep the groove going. Last year was a break-out year for this married musical duo. Coca-Cola chose their song,

*Falling*, as the national summer campaign anthem incorporated in commercials. To top it off, they earned a Best Children's Album Latin GRAMMY Award for their album *Fantastico*.

Families looking for a new and fun author to read should look no further than Jack Gantos, the winner of the Tulsa Library Trust's 2014 Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers' Literature. He will accept the award Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. in Hardesty Regional Library's Connor's Cove, 8316 E. 93rd St. Gantos also will present awards to winners of the 2014 Young People's Creative Writing Contest at the presentation.

Gantos has written books for people of all ages, from picture books and middle-grade fiction to novels for young adults and adults. He has received numerous



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national awards, including the 2012 John Newbery Medal and Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction for his book *Dead End in Norvelt*. His 2002 memoir, *Hole in My Life*, won Michael L. Printz and Robert F. Sibert honors. He also is widely known for his *Rotten Ralph*, *Jack Henry* and *Joey Pigza* series. *Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key* was a National Book Award Finalist, and *Joey Pigza Loses Control* was a Newbery Honor Book.

For a daily listing of TCCL programs, visit [www.tulsalibrary.org](http://www.tulsalibrary.org) and click on the calendar link. You can select the day and see a listing of programs to find convenient times and library locations that dovetail with your schedule.

# OUT AND ABOUT...

JUNE 2014						
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27	29	30				

[www.tulsakids.com/calendar](http://www.tulsakids.com/calendar)

## day-2-day!

### Sunday, June 1

#### Bartlesville SunFest

Celebrating its 32nd year, Sunfest continues its tradition of the best mix of music, art, food, and activities available in Green Country. May 30 - June 1. Sooner Park in Bartlesville. Times vary. [www.bartlesvillesunfest.com](http://www.bartlesvillesunfest.com)

#### Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® Circus

This Circus brings the unbelievable to children of all ages in an all-new show - Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey® presents LEGENDS at the BOK Center. Saturday, May 31, 3 p.m.; 7 p.m. Sunday, June 1, 1:30 p.m.; 5:30 p.m.

#### Sunday Draws at Gilcrease

Drawing is the basis for creating all art. It is

### Sunday, June 1 (Cont.)

the starting point for expressing thoughts and ideas and making them visually concrete. Sunday Draws is for children, ages 8 and older, along with their families who want to learn to draw or to learn to draw better and have fun doing it. 1-2:30 p.m. \$8 [www.gilcrease.utulsa.edu](http://www.gilcrease.utulsa.edu)

#### \* Drillers Home Game at 2 p.m.

#### Oklahoma Renaissance Festival

Journey to an age of kings, queens, and knights in shining armor. Open every weekend May 26-June 1, plus Memorial Day, at the Castle of Muskogee.

For tickets: [www.okcastle.com](http://www.okcastle.com)

### Monday, June 2

See sidebars for on-going events.

### Tuesday, June 3

#### Miss Oklahoma Pageant: June 3-7

Location: Mabee Center, Times Vary

For tickets: [www.missoklahoma.org](http://www.missoklahoma.org)



**Tulsa Tough** is taking over the streets of Tulsa June 6-June 8. Here are some family-friendly activities you won't want to miss...

#### Saturday, June 7 – Guthrie Green

##### The Children's Hospital at Saint Francis Bear Clinic

The bear clinic will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Guthrie Green. Each child will receive a free panda stuffed animal to "triage" with the Saint Francis volunteer medical team.

##### Kids' Races (ages 9 and under)

Races begin at 3 p.m. Participation is free and races will be held for kids ages 9 and younger. Meet at the corner of Main and Brady Streets. All participants must have a bike and bike helmet.

#### Sunday, June 8 – Tulsa River Parks

##### STRIDER Adventure Zone

Strider Bike's Adventure Zone will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. near 16th Street and Riverside Drive. The Adventure Zone is a safe and friendly environment that encourage kids of all abilities from 18 months to 5 years old to test ride a STRIDER and play with other kids, while improving and developing fundamental bike-handling skills.

##### Kids' Races (ages 9 and under)

Races begin at 1 p.m. Participation is free and races will be held for kids ages 9 and younger. Meet at the corner of Houston Avenue and Riverside Drive. All participants must have a bike and bike helmet.

##### Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation Townie Ride

The free 8-mile or 5.4 mile ride the entire family can enjoy begins at 2 p.m. The start line is south of 15th Street and Galveston Avenue. Registration is recommended but not required for the event.

Find these events and more at [www.tulsatough.com](http://www.tulsatough.com)

## City Pool Opening Dates/ Summer Hours:

**Berry**-June 2 (Monday-Saturday, Noon to 6 p.m.) **Lacy**-June 1 (Tuesday-Sunday, Noon to 6 p.m.)

**McClure**-May 31 (Tuesday-Sunday, Noon to 6 p.m.) **Reed**-June 1 (Tuesday-Saturday, 1 to 7 p.m. & Sunday, Noon to 6 p.m.) **Whiteside**-June 2 (Monday-Saturday, Noon to 6 p.m.)

## Wednesday, June 4

See sidebars for on-going events/ activities.

## Thursday, June 5

### Safe Kids Car Seat Check-Up

Get your car seat(s) checked by trained professionals at the Broken Arrow Fire Department Station 6 (55th St. & Lynn Ln.), 1-3 p.m.

### Brookside Rumble & Roll

The annual Brookside Rumble and Roll event attracts hundreds of motorcycle riders and thousands of onlookers to the Brookside area of Tulsa each year. Bikers line up at the University of Tulsa Reynolds Center parking lot and parade down Cherry Street and then South on Peoria into Brookside. The Brookside Street Party starts at 7 p.m. \$10/ rider, all of which goes to the Make-A-Wish of Oklahoma. [www.rumbleandroll.com](http://www.rumbleandroll.com)

### Miss Oklahoma Teen Pageant: June 5-6

Location: Mabee Center, Times Vary

## Friday, June 6

### Friday Art Night in Broken Arrow

Every 1st and 3rd Friday Night, you will find a place of inspiration, meet like-minded people and be motivated to create! Easels, a few supplies and light snacks provided.

211 S. Main St., Broken Arrow. 5-8 p.m.

### Triple-Will Dance on the Guthrie Green

Audiences will not want to miss this unique mixture of Shakespeare works in "Triple Will." The dance, music and theatrical excellence of this piece is an event the entire family will enjoy. 7-8 p.m.

\* **Tulsa Shock Home Game at 7:00 p.m.**

\* **Tulsa Athletics Home Game at 7:30 p.m.**

## Saturday, June 7

### Dick Faurot's Take Me Fishing Day

Sponsored by Zebco, Take Me Fishing Day is a FREE family-friendly event where people of all ages can fish for free at three locations in the area: Veterans Park (Jenks), LaFortune Park and Mohawk Park (East-side pond). No fishing license is required! Bring your own rods, reels and bait. Prizes will be awarded from Zebco to the first 200 kids (14 and younger) at each location. 7 a.m.-Noon.

## Saturday, June 7 (cont.)

### Saturday Morning Birding at Oxley Nature Center

An Oxley staff member will lead a bird walk on the first Saturday of every month for all ages. Beginners are welcome. Bring binoculars if you have them, and meet at the Nature Center at 8 a.m.

[www.oxleynaturecenter.org](http://www.oxleynaturecenter.org)

### Just Plane Fun!

JUST PLANE FUN is a unique fundraiser for Camp Fire and the only one like it in the nation. Teams compete in the ultimate tug-of-war with a 100,000 pound plane. Each team pulls the plane twice, and the fastest time wins. It is a free public event which includes a silent auction, a Family Fun Festival inside the hangar and food trucks in attendance. 9am-2pm at Tulsa Technology's Riverside Campus, 801 East 91st Street. [www.tulsacampfire.org/jpf](http://www.tulsacampfire.org/jpf)

### Free Monthly Kids Workshop at The Home Depot (901 S. Elgin)

All ages can learn do-it-yourself skills and tool safety every first Saturday of the month. 9 a.m.-Noon. 918.583.3400

### Juicing 101 at Grogg's Green Barn

Join Grogg's for a "getting started" juicing class. See several juicers in action, the type of juice they produce and sample amazing pure goodness. Hands on experience to get you started & taste testing, yum! On 61st Street between Mingo and Hwy 169. 10-11 a.m. 918.994.4222

### Asian-American Festival

Celebrate and learn about the colorful cultures of Asia with entertaining, educational events for the entire family, plus arts and crafts. Martin Regional Library (2601 S. Garnett Rd.), 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Heyman Family Adventures in Art

Bring the family (children ages 6-12 with parent) to the Philbrook Museum of Art to enjoy varying avenues in art every 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. 1-3 p.m. \$5-\$12

## Sunday, June 8

### Guthrie Green Kids Day

Join in on a play date with Lucky Diaz & the Family Jam Band, Flying Heart Puppet Theatre and more. 2-5:30 p.m. Free.

[www.guthriegreen.com](http://www.guthriegreen.com)

## Monday, June 9

See sidebars for on-going events/ activities



## food trucks!

Food Truck Wednesday: Every Wednesday at the Guthrie Green 11:30-1:30 p.m.

Tuesday Eats on Boston: Every Tuesday in front of Boston Avenue Church 11:30-1:30 p.m. [www.facebook.com/tulsafoodtrucks](http://www.facebook.com/tulsafoodtrucks)

## storytimes!

### Bixby Library (20 E Breckenridge Ave., Bixby)

- My First Storytime-Mondays at 10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime-Mondays at 11 a.m.

### Broken Arrow Library (300 W. Broadway Ave., Broken Arrow)

- My First Storytime-Mondays at 10:30 and 11 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime-Wednesdays at 10:30 and 11 a.m.
- PAWS for Reading-Wednesday, June 11 at 4 p.m.

### Broken Arrow Library/ South (3600 S Chestnut Ave., Broken Arrow)

- Family Storytime-Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- My First Storytime-Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
- Toddler Time- Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Music and Movement Storytime-Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Stay and Play Storytime-Tuesday, June 3 at 11 a.m. (5 and younger) and Wednesday, June 18 at 11 a.m. (3 and younger)
- PAWS for Reading-Thursday, June 19 at 6 p.m. and Wednesday, June 25 at 3 p.m.

### Brookside Library (1207 E. 45th Pl., Tulsa)

- Preschool Storytime-Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.
- My First Storytime-Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

### Charles Page Library (551 E. 4th St., Sand Springs)

- PAWS for Reading-Monday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m.
- Preschool Storytime-Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

### Hardesty Regional Library (8316 E. 93rd St., Tulsa)

- My First Storytime-Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
- Toddler Time-Mondays at 10 a.m. and Tuesdays at 11 a.m.
- Mr. Paul's Preschool Storytime-Mondays, June 2 and 9 at 11 a.m.
- Ms. Karen's Marvelous Monday Stories-Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
- Preschool Storytime with Ms. Kristi-Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

### Helmerich Library (5131 East 91st St. S., Tulsa)

- Preschool Storytime-Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- PAWS for Reading-Tuesdays, June 3 and Wednesday, June 25 at 3 p.m.

### Herman and Kate Kaiser Library (5202 S. Hudson Ave., Tulsa)

- Pajama Storytime-Tuesdays, June 10 and 24 at 6:30 p.m.

### Kids Dig Books (Gilcrease Museum)

- For ages 3-6, who must be accompanied by an adult. Fridays, Noon-1 p.m.

### Librarium (1110 S. Denver Ave. W, Tulsa)

- Family Storytime-Tuesdays at 11 a.m.
- PAWS for Reading-Saturday, June 14 at 1 p.m.

### Linnaeus Teaching Garden (Tulsa Garden Center)

- Storytime in the Garden-Thursdays at 10 a.m.

### Martin Regional Library (2601 S. Garnett Rd., Tulsa)

- Storytime with Ms. Marie-Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
- Toddler Time-Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
- Bilingual Storytime/Cuentitos Bilingues-Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m.



## splash pads!

All Tulsa Parks Splash Pads are to be up and running by Friday, June 13th. Specific times will vary. Check [www.parks.tulsacounty.org](http://www.parks.tulsacounty.org).

### storytimes (cont.)

#### Nathan Hale Library (6038 E. 23rd St., Tulsa)

- Storytime with Miss Nha-Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

#### Owasso Library (103 W. Broadway St., Owasso)

- My First Storytime-Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.
- Preschool Storytime-Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
- Stay and Play Storytime-Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Sensory Storytime-Friday, June 6 at 4 p.m.
- Pajama Storytime and Stuffed Animal Sleepover-Friday, June 14 at 6 p.m.
- PAWS for Reading-Thursday, June 12 at 3:30 p.m.

#### Pottery Barn Book Club Storytime (Utica Square)

- Tuesdays 11-11:30 a.m.

#### Pratt Library (3219 S. 113th W. Ave., Sand Springs)

- Preschool Storytime -Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
- Dino O'Dells "Fizz, Boom, Take Me to Your Library"-Friday, May 30 at 10 a.m.

#### Reading Roadshow

- Storytime in the Park (41st & Riverside)-Thursdays at 10 a.m.



#### Cherry Street Farmers' Market

As the name would imply, the Cherry Street market is located along 15th Street, known as "The Cherry Street District." The weekend market is open every Saturday morning, thru October from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

#### The Rose District Farmers' Market

The Rose District Farmers' Market is open from 8 a.m. - noon each Saturday, thru mid- October. The market is located at 418 South Main Street, Broken Arrow, in the downtown shopping district.

#### Owasso Farmers' Market

The Owasso Farmers' Market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (rain or shine). It's located at 8300 North Owasso Expressway in the YMCA parking lot.

#### Sunday Market at the Guthrie Green

The Guthrie Green Sunday Market is open every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday Market on Brookside

The Cherry Street's Wednesday Market on Brookside is located in the Whole Foods Market Midtown east parking lot. Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### Tuesday, June 10

#### Oklahoma Chautauqua 2014

#### A Crisis of Confidence: The War That Changed The World

Oklahoma Chautauqua is historical tourism at its finest. It's your chance to time travel to another era and meet some of history's most illustrious characters. The program is free to the public and will be held **June 10-14** at TCC southeast campus. Go to [www.okchautauqua.org](http://www.okchautauqua.org) for a full schedule.

\* **Tulsa Shock Home Game at 11:30 a.m.**

### Wednesday, June 11

\* **Drillers Home Game at 7 p.m.**

### Thursday, June 12

#### Taste of Bixby

The Taste of Bixby is the networking event of the year with live music, great food and drinks. Whether you're in the mood for a gourmet dessert, slice of pizza or a glass of wine, all your cravings will be satisfied. 10441 S Regal Blvd., Bixby. 5:30-8:30 p.m.

#### Top of the Town

Top of the Town is the annual fundraiser for the Child Care Resource Center, a program of Community Service Council which takes place in Downtown Tulsa. With your ticket, you have access to great venues, views, samples from local restaurants, live music, and beverages. It's a wonderful night for meeting friends and discovering downtown at your own pace. 6-10 p.m. [www.ccrctulsa.org](http://www.ccrctulsa.org)

\* **Drillers Home Game at 7 p.m.**

### Friday, June 13

#### Book Buddies Lunch

Are you reading a great book you want to tell everyone about? Bring your lunch and your reading log and have lunch with a children's librarian. Martin Regional Library at noon. Grades 1-5.

\* **Drillers Home Game at 7 p.m.**

\* **Tulsa Shock Home Game at 7:00 p.m.**

#### One-Man Star Wars: PAC Trust

#### SummerStage

A few years ago, in a garage far, far away, comedian Charles Ross decided to put his "Star Wars" obsession to good use and now performs the original trilogy in a light-speed 60-minute one-man show; voices, sound effects, soundtrack and all. Tulsa PAC, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: [tulsapac.org](http://tulsapac.org)

#### Full Moon Hike at Camp Loughridge

This is a family-friendly program designed to help people of all ages reconnect to nature. 4900 W 71st St. 8:45-9:45 p.m. Free. No registration required.



The **2014 OK Mozart International Music Festival** will be held June 7-14 in various locations in Bartlesville. At the festival, you will have the opportunity to experience world-class musicians and one-of-a-kind entertainment. Find a full schedule at [www.okmozart.com](http://www.okmozart.com)

## EXPERIENCE TULSA

ART AND CULTURE ARE ALL AROUND TOWN

Several of Tulsa's museums and cultural groups have come together in a shared exhibition to highlight their institutions. All have a unique origin, yet all are interconnected. Located at the Tulsa PAC Gallery, June 5-July 11, M-F 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Stagecoaches will roll amid thundering horse hooves at **Pawnee Bill's Original Wild West Show** in Pawnee, OK. June 13 and 14, times vary; [pawneebillranch.com](http://pawneebillranch.com)

## Philbrook Second Saturdays

Saturday, June 14  
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Enjoy free Museum admission and family friendly, hands-on art-making projects on the second Saturday of each month. Presented by ONEOK, Inc.



## Saturday, June 14

### Bridges Foundation 5K Dirty Dog Run

Walkers and runners from across the city are lacing up to participate in the first Bridges Foundation Dirty Dog Run 5K/ Fun Run at ORU Campus. This timed race will benefit The Bridges Foundation in celebration of 50 years of service. Registration begins at 7 a.m.

[www.thebridgesfound.org](http://www.thebridgesfound.org)

### Little Green Thumbs at the Tulsa Garden Center

Join the Tulsa Garden Center for gardening fun: Wiggly worms and compost. \$10/ per class. 9:30-11:30 a.m.

[www.tulsagardencenter.com](http://www.tulsagardencenter.com)

### The Most Amazing Race

A scavenger hunt-adventure style race patterned after the CBS reality show "The Most Amazing Race." Teams of two people compete for prizes by completing challenges at popular spots in Downtown Tulsa. Guthrie Green, 10 a.m.

[www.mostamazingracetulsa.org](http://www.mostamazingracetulsa.org)

### East Village Second Saturday StreetFest

An event for all ages with live music, food trucks, artist booths, live mural painting and more. Get to know Downtown Tulsa's newest District. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

[www.eastvillagetulsa.org](http://www.eastvillagetulsa.org)

### Children's Yoga at 306 Phoenix House

Bring the family for a session of yoga and art. 307 Phoenix House, Tulsa. \$5-\$15. 306phoenixhouse.com

### Scooby-Doo Live! Musical Mysteries

A familiar storyline and friendly gang of mystery solvers come together to make Scooby-Doo Live! Musical Mysteries an exciting event for the entire family. Mabee Center, 2 and 5 p.m. For tickets:

[www.mabeecenter.com](http://www.mabeecenter.com)

\* **Drillers Home Game at 7 p.m.**

\* **Tulsa Athletics Home Game at 7:30 p.m.**

## Sunday, June 15

### Happy Father's Day!

#### Price Tower Free Sunday

Every 3rd Saturday of the month, the Price Tower Arts Center in Bartlesville invites families for free activities. 12-5 p.m.

#### Gilcrease Funday Sundays

Enjoy free family fun at the Gilcrease Museum of Art with open art stations. Ages 3-15 w/ adult. Noon-4 p.m.

\* **Drillers Home Game at 7 p.m.**

# free family music

### Utica Square's Summer's Fifth Night

Where: Utica Square

When: Every Thursday night (May 29-August 28) 7-9 p.m.

Utica Square's summer concert series serves up everything from jazz to rock to country. Pack a picnic or dine at one of our great restaurants as you unwind to your favorite local bands.

### Thursday Night Live Concerts in Broken Arrow

Where: Farmers Market Plaza (418 S. Main)

When: Every Thursday night (May-July 10) 7-8:30 p.m.

Bring your own lawn chair and refreshments.

### KingsPointe Village Summer Concert Series

Where: 61st & Yale, next to the Yale entrance

When: Every third Friday (May-July) 7:30-9:30 p.m.

### First Friday Concerts at LaFortune Park

Where: LaFortune Park Gardens

When: Every first Friday (June-September), 7-9 p.m.

Dogs on leash are always welcome. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of music in an outdoor setting.

### Starlight Bands Summer Concert Series

Where: Guthrie Green

When: Tuesday, June 24th at 8 p.m.

Since 1947, Starlight has presented quality, live music to Oklahoma audiences each summer.

### Tuesdays in the Park Concert Series

Where: Central Park, 1500 S. Main St., Broken Arrow

When: Every Tuesday in June, 7-9 p.m.

Pack a picnic or buy concessions when you arrive to enjoy an array of music brought to you by the Broken Arrow Arts & Humanities Council.

### Tulsa City-County Library Summer Music Performances

**Where and When:** These performances are scheduled at several libraries throughout the month. For specific dates/times/locations, check [tulsakids.com/calendar](http://tulsakids.com/calendar).

Fizz, Boom, Rock with the Sock Rockerz

Lucky Diaz & The Family Jam Band

Charlie Hope, Musician

Massad & McQuade: World Music Percussion

Music and Dance with Andres Salguero

POL-KABOOM! Polka with Mike Schneider

The Que Pastas

Sugar Free Allstars

Tulsa Project Theatre and Tulsa Symphony



### KidsFest at Woolaroc

The grounds of Woolaroc will once again be covered with games and crafts and the sounds of children having fun! Woolaroc is located 12 miles southwest of Bartlesville. Dates: June 28 and 29, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Children 11 and younger are free!

## Sunday, June 15 (cont.)

### Fun & Frolic Magic Show: PAC Trust SummerStage

Sit back and relax as master magician Steve Lancaster conjures up fun and exciting illusions with so many surprise endings, you will wonder, "How did he do that?" In addition, Sponji the Clown joins the show, bringing his own magic, comedy and balloons! Tulsa PAC, 2 p.m. For tickets: [www.tulsapac.com](http://www.tulsapac.com)

\* **Tulsa Shock Father's Day Game at 3:30 p.m.**

## Monday, June 16

### T21 Golf Tournament benefiting the Down Syndrome Association of Tulsa

This tournament is designed to promote the understanding and acceptance of people with Down syndrome and allow friends and families to form teams to play golf and support individuals with Down syndrome. Meadowbrook Country Club.

\* **Drillers Home Game at 7 p.m.**

## Tuesday, June 17

\* **Drillers Home Game at 7 p.m.**

## Wednesday, June 18

\* **Drillers Home Game at 11 a.m.**

## Thursday, June 19

### Safe Kids Car Seat Checkup

Get your car seat(s) checked by trained professionals at the Tulsa Fire Department Station 22 (15th St. b/t Sheridan and Memorial). 2-4 p.m.

### 36th Annual Black Gold Days Festival

Spanning across four days, the festival attracts vendors and attendees from all across Oklahoma and surrounding states. 2014 will feature a variety of food and craft vendors, live entertainment every evening, frog and turtle races, the Lions Pancake Breakfast, the Black Gold Parade, EXCITING carnival rides, and more! June 19-22, times vary. Black Gold Park, Glenpool. Info: 918.322.3505

### Tulsa SPCA's Paws & Pictures

Tulsa SPCA Movie Night promises a night of family- and pet-friendly fun followed by two drive-in feature films when the sun goes down. Admiral Twin Drive-in at 7 p.m. Adults \$10, Kids \$5. Proceeds from ticket and concession sales will benefit operations at Tulsa SPCA. Info.: [www.tulsasPCA.org](http://www.tulsasPCA.org) or find them on Facebook.



## Friday, June 20

### Book Buddies Lunch

Are you reading a great book you want to tell everyone about? Bring your lunch and your reading log and have lunch with a children's librarian. Martin Regional Library at noon. Grades 1-5.

### Tulsa Zoo's Waltz on the Wildside

One WILD night awaits you at the 24th annual WALTZ on the Wild Side at the Tulsa Zoo. With Tulsa's best food, drinks, and a truly unique environment, our guests will be dancing the night away with the lions, tigers - and Dinos - roaring in appreciation! 7 p.m.-Midnight.

For tickets: [www.waltzonthewildside.org](http://www.waltzonthewildside.org)

\* **Tulsa Athletics Home Game at 7:30 p.m.**

## Saturday, June 21

### Oklahoma Aquarium Behind-the-Scenes Tour

Construction on the Sea Turtle Experience is underway, and the two sea turtles who will call the exhibit home are getting excited to meet everyone! You can get an early introduction to these magnificent creatures by participating on a Behind-the-Scenes Tour. 10:30 a.m. [www.okaquarium.org](http://www.okaquarium.org)

### Imagination Day at AHHA

The Arts & Humanities Council of Tulsa offers Imagination Days at the Hardesty Arts Center every third Saturday. Families learn about the art of our time and experience it firsthand. 101 East Archer St. 1-5 p.m. [www.ahhatulsa.org](http://www.ahhatulsa.org)

### Heyman Family Adventures in Art

Bring the family (children ages 6-12 with parent) to the Philbrook Museum of Art to enjoy varying avenues in art every 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. 1-3 p.m. \$5-\$12

## Sunday, June 22

See sidebars for on-going events/ activities.

## Monday, June 23

See sidebars for on-going events/ activities.

## Tuesday, June 24

### Wild Goose Chase Puppet Theatre

Join us for imagination, play and wonder with amazing handcrafted puppetry. The puppets are created with objects found on the streets. For ages 4-12. Herman and Kate Kaiser Library, 10:30 a.m.

## Wednesday, June 25

\* **Drillers Home Game at 7 p.m.**

## Thursday, June 26

\* **Drillers Home Game at 7 p.m.**

### You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown:

#### PAC Trust SummerStage

It's a day in the life of Charlie Brown with his gang of friends and playful dog Snoopy. Tulsa PAC, June 26-28 at 7:30 p.m. and June 29 at 2 p.m.

For tickets: [www.tulsapac.com](http://www.tulsapac.com)

### Bixby Green Corn Festival

Come to this festival for an old-fashioned, family fun festival held in downtown Bixby. Festivities begin Thursday night with an opening ceremony, live music and a carnival that will continue through the weekend. June 26-28, times vary. Charley Young Park, Bixby.

Info.: [www.bixbyoptimist.com/green-corn-festival](http://www.bixbyoptimist.com/green-corn-festival)

## Friday, June 27

\* **Drillers Home Game at 7 p.m.**

\* **Tulsa Athletics Home Game at 7:30 p.m.**

## Saturday, June 28

### Chickasaw Cultural Center's Annual Children's Festival

The Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, OK will have fun and games for all ages; including stomp dance demonstrations, storytelling, cultural demonstrations and more. 867 Cooper Memorial Dr. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. [www.chickasawculturalcenter.com](http://www.chickasawculturalcenter.com)

\* **Tulsa Shock Home Game at 5 p.m.**

\* **Drillers Home Game at 7 p.m.**

## Sunday, June 29

\* **Drillers Home Game at 2 p.m.**

\* **Tulsa Shock Home Game at 3:30 p.m.**

## Monday, June 30

\* **Drillers Home Game at 7 p.m.**

### On-Going Events

#### Zoorasic Park at the Tulsa Zoo

Now through October, guests can step back in time to explore this temporary exhibit, which features 15 animatronic dinosaurs, including 11 different species. [www.tulsazoo.org/roar](http://www.tulsazoo.org/roar)

#### Vacation Bible Schools

Check our online calendar for vacation bible school locations, dates and times.

#### Berry Farms

Go to [www.tulsakids.com/berries](http://www.tulsakids.com/berries) for a listing of berry farm locations and opening dates.

\* **Drillers:** [www.tulsadrillers.com](http://www.tulsadrillers.com)

\* **Tulsa Athletics:** [www.tulsaathletics.com](http://www.tulsaathletics.com)

\* **Tulsa Shock:** [www.tulsashock.net](http://www.tulsashock.net)

# fizz, boom, read

As part of the Tulsa City-County Library Summer Reading Program, your children can enjoy free and educational performances throughout the summer. The programs listed below are scheduled at several of our local libraries. Check our online calendar for specific dates/times, or pick up the [Tulsa-City County Library's 2014 Children's Summer Reading Program Event Guide](#) (also available for download on our online calendar page). This free annual program is ongoing May 27-Aug 2.

American Indian Dances and Storytelling with Mike and Lisa Pahsetopah

Balloons, Juggling and Fun with Dustin Reudelhuber

Boots and Spurs Miniature Animal Party

Charlie Hope, Musician

Dinosaur O'Dell's "Fizz, Boom, Take Me to your Library"

Draw with Rich

Fizz, Boom, Read with Wacky Science

Fizz, Boom, Rock with the Sock Rockerz

Lucky Diaz & the Family Jam Band

Martin, Espinoza, Bilingual Storyteller and Puppet Maker

Music and Dance with Andres Salguero

Ooh Ahh! Mad Science Show

POL-KABOOM! Polka with Mike Schneider

The Que Pastas

RECESS + (Body=Brain=Balance)

Science Show with Chris Middlebrook

Sugar Free Allstars

Tommy Terrific's Magic of Science

Tulsa Children's Museum Presents Science of the Very Small

Tulsa Project Theatre and Tulsa Symphony

Vaudeville Magic Show with Chris Capstone

Wild Goose Chase Puppet Theater

# spark a reaction

The following events are offered as part of the [Tulsa City-County Tween/Teen Library Summer Reading Program](#), and are scheduled at several of our local libraries:

Coldthorne the Mentalist

Mardi Gras Mosaics

Tulsa Children's Museum Presents Reclaim This! Wild Bots

Tulsa Children's Museum Presents Squishy Circuits

Check our online calendar for specific dates/times, or pick up the [Tulsa-City County Library's 2014 Teen/Tween Summer Reading Program Event Guide](#) (also available for download on our online calendar page). This free annual program is ongoing May 27-Aug 2.

### The Great Lego Build-Off Competiton: For Grades 6-12

Bring your Legos and assemble an original creation based on the theme "Spark a Reaction." Participants will have 90 minutes to build from start to finish. Top three winners will advance to the next round competing against tweens/teens from other Tulsa City-County Library branches at an event on July 25.

Martin Regional: Tues., June 10, 3 p.m.; South Broken Arrow Library: Wed., June 11, 1 p.m.; Herman and Kate Kaiser Library: Wed., June 18, 3 p.m.; Schusterman-Benson Library: Thurs., June 19, 3:30 p.m.; Zarrow Regional Library: Sat., June 21, 1:30 p.m.; Owasso Library: Wed., June 25, 3 p.m.

## enjoy the show

### Movies in the Park

The Guthrie Green (111 E. Brady St., Tulsa)  
Every Thursday night (May 29 through October 31) at 8:30 p.m. FREE  
Movie goers are welcome to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and other amenities.  
Lucky's on the Green will be open to the public for food and refreshments throughout the film.

### Cinemark Summer Movie Clubhouse

Cinemark Tulsa (6808 S. Memorial Dr.)  
Thursdays (June 5-Aug. 7) at 10 a.m.  
Enjoy all 10 of these kid-friendly shows for only \$5 when purchased in advance at the box office.

### Thursday Night Theater in Broken Arrow

Central Park, 1500 S. Main St., Broken Arrow  
Thursdays in June at approximately 9 p.m.  
The outdoor series is free and open to the public. Bring lawn chairs and a blanket and spend the evening under the stars.

### Sunday Matinee Films

Gilcrease Museum  
Sunday, June 8 at 1:30 p.m.  
Life on the Land Series: Harvesting the High Plains. Program designed to complement the exhibition On Common Ground. No registration is required. Seating is first-come, first-seated.

### Wicked

Tulsa Performing arts Center: Chapman Music Hall  
June 18-July 6  
Long before Dorothy dropped in, two girls met in the land of Oz. Recommended for ages 8 and up. For tickets go to [www.tulsapac.com](http://www.tulsapac.com).

### Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse

Spotlight Theatre (1381 Riverside Dr.)  
Friday, June 20 and June 27 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday June 21/22 and June 28/29 at 2 p.m.  
Lilly loves everything about school, especially her cool teacher, Mr. Slinger. But when Lilly brings her purple plastic purse and its treasures to school and can't wait until sharing time, Mr. Slinger confiscates her prized possessions. For tickets go to [www.spotlighttheater.org](http://www.spotlighttheater.org).

### Tulsa Performing Arts Center Trust: Summer Stage

**Blue Whale Comedy Festival:** The festival will take place June 13-15 at the Tulsa PAC, The Comedy Parlor and the Guthrie Green. [bluewhalecomedyfestival.com](http://bluewhalecomedyfestival.com)

**One Man Star Wars:** Friday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. Tulsa PAC.

**Fun & Frolic Family Magic Show:** Sunday, June 15 at 2 p.m. Tulsa PAC

**Vintage Wildflowers in Concert:** Thursday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. Tulsa PAC

**Book of Days:** Thursday, June 19, Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 22 at 2 p.m. Tulsa PAC

**Boom:** Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m.

**Janet Rutland Sings the Sixties:** Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m.

**You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown:** Thursday, June 26, Friday, June 27 and Saturday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 29 at 2:00 p.m.

**Real Women Have Curves:** Friday, June 27 and Saturday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m. Living Arts Tulsa, 307 E. M.E. Brady St.

For more information and tickets about the Tulsa PAC Summer Stage, go to [www.tulsapac.com](http://www.tulsapac.com) or call 918.596.7111.

## get moving

### Bikes, Balls & You

Whiteside Recreation Center (4009 S. Pittsburg Ave., Tulsa)  
Open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-11 a.m.  
Cost: .50/ per child  
This open gym time for preschoolers is a great way to socialize with other kids. Bring a riding toy, or play on one of the many toys provided by Whiteside.

### Fitness on the Green: Bootcamp

The Guthrie Green (111 E. Brady St., Tulsa)  
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. FREE  
This indoor boot camp style class is a high intensity mix of cardio endurance, plyometrics and agility exercises, athletic drills, kickboxing, calisthenics and strength-training.

### Fitness on the Green: Family Fitness

The Guthrie Green (111 E. Brady St., Tulsa)  
Saturdays at 8 a.m. FREE  
A high energy, family friendly class; it will get your heart pumping and body in shape.

### Fitness on the Green: Partner Power

The Guthrie Green (111 E. Brady St., Tulsa)  
Wednesdays at 6 a.m. FREE  
Challenge yourself with this athletic-bases cardio/strength training circuit workout set up in stations.

### Fitness on the Green: Tai Chi

The Guthrie Green (111 E. Brady St., Tulsa)  
Mondays at 5:30 p.m. FREE  
Improve balance, agility, strength and coordination with this ancient form of martial arts.

### Lululemon Community Yoga

The Guthrie Green (111 E. Brady St., Tulsa)  
Wednesdays at 6 p.m. FREE  
Join lululemon athletica at 6pm every Wednesday for a complimentary all-levels yoga class.

### Oklahoma Flyers Wednesday Night Ride

Meet at RiverParks: West Parking Lot by the River Parks Amphitheater  
Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. FREE  
Every Wednesday night, join the Oklahoma Flyers for an evening ride! All levels of riders are welcome. Parents are invited and encouraged, although not required to ride with their child. Don't forget your bike, water bottle and helmet. Find them on Facebook.

### Zumba at Whiteside

Whiteside Recreation Center (4009 S. Pittsburg Ave., Tulsa)  
Cost: \$5  
Wednesdays at 6 p.m.  
Dance your way to fitness with the salsa, samba and meringue. All sizes, shapes and fitness levels. For teens and adults.

We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of our calendar information. However, you should always confirm dates, times, location, and other information. For an extensive list of ongoing support groups, classes and events visit our website at [www.tulsakids.com/calendar](http://www.tulsakids.com/calendar).

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## OUT AND ABOUT

### CULTURAL SPOT/ MUSEUM

#### Winner:

#### Philbrook Museum of Art

Last year's winner takes the number one spot again. And it's no wonder. Philbrook's many family-oriented programs such as free admission on Second Saturdays, the Heyman Family Adventures in Art and the My Museum art boxes give kids hands-on art experiences at every visit. In addition, Philbrook offers special summer programming, and year 'round classes and events for children through adults. Philbrook has international notoriety; yet, the museum's community outreach keeps Tulsa families coming back again and again.

**Runner-Up: Gilcrease**

### CHILDREN'S THEATRE/ PERFORMANCES FOR CHILDREN

#### Winner: PAC Trust

High-quality children's theater doesn't go unnoticed by TulsaKids readers. The Tulsa Performing Arts Center Trust was number one in this category last year as well. The Trust's annual IMAGINATION SERIES gives children and young people an opportunity to experience live theater performed by professional acting companies, and special programming such as the Fantasy Art Boxcar Workshop in May and the Busker Workshop coming this month give families more reasons to love the PAC Trust.

**Runner-Up: Connor's Cove, Hardesty Branch, Tulsa City-County Library**

### LOCAL PARK

#### Winner: LaFortune Park

If you want the perfect place for a picnic, LaFortune has you covered. With several shelters located next to play areas, families can gather and play all day. LaFortune also has exceptional tennis courts and a golf course. The library and community center building has programming for both kids and adults throughout the year. Catch the free Friday concerts during the summer months on the LaFortune lawn.

**Runner-Up: River Parks**

### STATE PARK

#### Winner:

#### Robbers Cave State Park

Robbers Cave State Park near Wilburton is not only beautiful, but carries the romance of being a former hideout for outlaws Jesse James and Belle Starr. The 8,000-acre park is located in the Sans Bois Mountains of southeast Oklahoma. Families can enjoy camping, cabin-camping, horse-back riding, hiking, fishing or just taking in the sites of this scenic woodland area. Be sure to visit the famous outlaw cave while you're there!

**Runner-Up: Greenleaf State Park and Beavers Bend State Park**

### OUT-OF-STATE FAMILY VACATION DESTINATION

#### Winner: Disneyland/World

Disney does it for families, and TulsaKids families are no exception. The ultimate vacation for many is a trip to Disneyland in California or Disney World in Florida. Disney does it up right for kids, making a trip to one of these parks a memorable, magical childhood rite-of-passage.

**Runner-Up: Branson, Missouri**

### TULSA SPORTS TEAM

#### Winner: Drillers

Now playing at the relatively new ONEOK Field in downtown Tulsa, the Drillers games give Tulsa families even more to love. Parents can spread blankets in the grassy



### IN-STATE FAMILY VACATION DESTINATION

#### Winner: Grand Lake o' the Cherokees

When Tulsa families say they're "going to the lake," they usually mean Grand Lake. Many families have homes or cabins on Grand Lake, and many more have memories of time spent with friends and family on this beautiful body of water located in the foothills of the Ozark Mountain Range. Boating, fishing, skiing, golfing, scuba diving and relaxing all draw visitors from throughout the region.

**Runner-Up: Oklahoma City**

general admission area and watch the game, while kids play on the playground or fountain. Hornsby's Hangout gives kids their own area to play on inflatables, and, of course, it wouldn't be a Friday night without fireworks after the game. Besides great baseball, scads of giveaways, specials and theme nights keep families coming to the games.

**Runner-Up: University of Tulsa Golden Hurricanes**

## TREATS AND EATS

### PIZZA (LOCAL)

#### Winner: Top That! Pizza

Top That! Pizza edges out Hideaway this year as TulsaKids' readers Family Favorite in this hotly contested category. With three locations, Top That! Pizza is convenient and delicious. With crust choices such as gluten-free and multi-grain, and numerous toppings that will satisfy the meat-eater or the vegetarian and everything in between, Top That! Pizza is a winner.

**Runner-Up: Hideaway**

### ICE CREAM

#### Winner: Braum's Ice Cream and Dairy Store

Braum's Ice Cream is the top pick of parents this year. Our readers like the variety of ice cream flavors available – over 110 flavors! — and the many ways that Braum's serves it, whether it's on a waffle cone, a cup, in a sundae, shake or banana split. Braum's has been dishing out ice cream for 80 years, and it's all done right here in Oklahoma.

**Runner-Up: Freckle's**

### FROZEN YOGURT

#### Winner: Cherry Berry

Located at 41st & Yale, Cherry Berry lets customers serve themselves from 12 rotating fro-yo flavors and over 50 toppings. Families know it's good, but they may not know that what makes it so delicious is that it is real dairy frozen yogurt with live active cultures. No powdered stuff here. The fun, bright red and green décor make this a kid-favorite. So, grab a cup and fill it up!

**Runner-Up: Orange Leaf**

### OVERALL FAMILY DINING

#### Winner: The Hideaway Pizza

A runner-up in the pizza category, Hideaway took first place for Family Dining. Of course kids like pizza, but Hideaway also has other kid-friendly offerings on their menu, plus coloring sheets and games. Specialty/gourmet pizza, sandwiches, salads, pastas and a wine and beer menu make Hideaway adult-friendly as well. And, with six locations in the Tulsa metro area, there's a Hideaway near you.

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**Runner-Up: The Brook**



**GET THE PARTY STARTED**

**ENTERTAINER**

**Winner: BAM Entertainment**

Kids love BAM Entertainment's birthday parties. Have Clonky the Clown entertain your group, or let kids join the circus by learning to juggle, walk on stilts and make balloon animals. Or enjoy a Big Screen Movie Night in your own backyard. BAM can bring the party to your house, or the venue of your choice. Variety and fun make BAM entertainment the top choice for Tulsa families.

**Runner-Up: Bradini**

**PARTY FAVORS & PARAPHERNALIA**

**Winner:**

**Ehrle's Party & Carnival Supply**

A new location, but the same great party supplies! Ehrle's is now located at 5150 S. Sheirdan. TulsaKids' readers love the range of party options at Ehrle's. Just walking into the store can give you ideas for a party theme. From paper supplies, to party favors, to decorations to costumes, you can find everything you need at Ehrle's for birthday parties, anniversaries, weddings and more. And you can rent inflatables, games, fog machines, tables and chairs – everything you need to make your gathering a success.

**Runner-Up: Party City**

**PARTY SPOT (OTHER THAN HOME)**

**Winner: SSB Kids!**

For the best place to party away from home, our readers picked SSB Kids! in Broken Arrow. Parties include a climbing wall, and plenty of places to jump, slide, roll and bounce. Summer parties can

be swimming parties in the outdoor, heated pool and playground area. You can include food with your gym party and bring your own for the pool party.

**Runner-Up: Bounce U**

**PLACE TO GET CUPCAKES**

**Winner: Merritt's Bakery**

Merritt's has been providing sweet treats to Tulsans for 35 years and now has three locations to get your cupcakes. Whether you choose chocolate, lemon, red velvet, strawberry or other delectable flavors, you can find the perfect one to please your party guests at Merritt's.

**Runner-Up: Not Your Grandma's Cupcakes**



**PLACE TO GET A CAKE**

**Winner: Merritt's Bakery**

Not only does Merritt's make delicious cupcakes, the bakery is known for their exceptional, made-to-order cakes. Tulsa families know that the staff can create a custom cake, whether the birthday child likes flowers, cowboys, robots, princesses or anything in between. A Merritt's cake will always be the centerpiece of the party.

**Runner-Up: Reasor's**

**PLACE TO BUY GIFTS**

**Winner: Kiddlestix**

Parents who are looking for the coolest toys in town know that Kiddlestix is the place to go. This is not your run-of-the-mill, big-box store, but a real toy store with items that will spark a child's imagination. Craft kits, erector sets, dress-up clothing, puppets and train sets, it's kid-heaven. (And wrapping is free).

**Runner-Up: Kay's Gifts**

**SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP**



**CHILDREN'S WEAR (LOCAL)**

**Winner: Lolly Garden**

Lolly Garden is a nifty little children's clothing store located at Utica Square. TulsaKids' readers like the unique, high-quality clothing, which is both cute and stylish, ranging from classic to contemporary clothing. Sizes range from infant to boys and girls up to size 14. Lolly Garden also carries great gifts and accessories that you can't find anywhere else.

**Runner-Up: Kathleen's Kids**

**CHILDREN'S SHOES (LOCAL)**

**Winner: Trippet's**

Trippet's has been providing shoes to Tulsa moms and kids for over 75 years. Located at 27th & Harvard, Trippet's also has gifts, accessories and a complete dancewear department. For generations, Tulsa moms have trusted Trippet's knowledgeable staff to fit their children with high-quality shoes.

**Runner-Up: Kicks for Kids**

**MOM'S BOUTIQUE**

**Winner: Kay's Gifts**

A favorite of TulsaKids' moms, Kay's Gifts has all the merchandise that moms want in the brands they love. Brighton, Vera Bradley, Yellowbox footwear, beautiful lotions and soaps and so much more. Moms can stop by for a new outfit, and get all the accessories without leaving the store.

**Runner-Up: Rope**

**CONSIGNMENT SHOPS**

**Winner: Bearlee New**

Moms love to save money, and consignment shopping is a great way to do it. TulsaKids' readers chose Bearlee New Clothing in Broken Arrow as the top location to find maternity, children's clothing and shoes, purses and accessories. Name brands for less cash – what could be better?

**Runner-Up: Children's Orchard**

**CONSIGNMENT SALES**

**Winner: Just Between Friends**

Bargain shoppers look forward to Just Between Friends consignment sales. This is not your neighbor's garage sale. The JBF sales are immense, spanning several days. Families can stock up on children's clothing, shoes, toys and accessories for an entire season; plus, expectant moms love the maternity wear and new baby furniture and gear they find at JBF sales.

**Runner-Up: Rhea Lana**

**GARDEN SHOP/ NURSERY (LOCAL)**

**Winner: Sanders Nursery**

TulsaKids families love to landscape, and they picked Sanders Nursery in Broken Arrow as the top spot to find plants, garden tools, planting advice and related items. As one of Oklahoma's largest nurseries, you can find everything you need from trees and shrubs to herbs, vegetables or flowers. Our readers know that expert advice and native plants will keep their lawns and gardens beautiful in every season.

**Runner-Up: Southwood**

**GROCERY STORE/ MARKET**

**Winner: Reasor's Foods**

TulsaKids readers enjoy the convenience of Reasor's Food Stores. Not only are there numerous locations, Reasor's has a deli, a bakery, a butcher counter and a pharmacy in addition to many local and natural or organic products. With so many services and choices inside a single store, it's no wonder busy families chose Reasor's as their favorite grocer.

**Runner-Up: Sprouts**

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## FURNITURE

### Winner:

#### Mathis Brother's Furniture

Mathis Brother's Furniture can furnish an entire house, including the kids' rooms, with brands that moms know and trust. The store is huge, so browsing the many choices is easy. Customers also like the reasonable prices at Mathis Brother's.

**Runner-Up: Sunshine Furniture**

## BABY & ME

### BABY FURNITURE

#### Winner: Babies R Us

As the name implies, Babies R Us has everything moms and dads need for their little ones. While having a new baby may be overwhelming, shopping for one doesn't have to be. From cribs, to bedding, to toys and diapers, this store is a one-stop shop.

**Runner-Up: Pottery Barn Kids**

### PRE- & POST-PARTUM CLASSES

#### Winner:

#### St. John Medical Center

Whether parents are learning what they need to know about childbirth, or getting the information they need after the baby is born, TulsaKids readers chose St. John Medical Center as the place to take a class. St. John offers labor and delivery classes, classes for siblings and grandparents, breastfeeding classes, newborn care classes and more.

**Runner-Up: Saint Francis**

### PLACE TO HAVE A BABY

#### Winner: Saint Francis Hospital

TulsaKids moms love the care they get at Saint Francis Hospital for themselves and their new babies. They know that Saint Francis can care for premature newborns in a state-of-the-art facility, help them through a regular birth or a cesarean, all with equal professional care and compassion.

**Runner-Up:**

#### St. John Medical Center

### BEST BABY GIFTS

#### Winner: Peek a Boo Baby

Peek a Boo Baby shoppers know

that they can find unique baby gifts that will be treasured by any new mom. Stylish diaper bags, cute pacifiers and bibs, soothing lotion and adorable receiving blankets, clothing and socks are just some of the items at this specialty store located at 8283 S. Memorial.

**Runner-Up: Lolly Garden**

### BABY ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Winner: You're Invited

A special arrival needs a special announcement. You're Invited at 81st & Sheridan is the place for parents to find one-of-a-kind birth announcements that reflect their personality. The staff will help you create the look you want to let friends and family know about the new addition to your family.

**Runner-Up: The Inviting Place**

### NEWBORN/ MATERNITY PHOTOGRAPHER

#### Winner:

#### Jill Solomon Photography

Jill Solomon has been taking photographs of moms, babies and children for many years. And her experience shows in the thoughtful, caring images that she creates. TulsaKids moms know where to go when they want to capture this special time in their lives.

**Runner-Up:**

#### Julie Dawkins Photography

## PLACE TO LEARN & GROW

### MOTHER'S DAY OUT

#### Winner: Asbury Weekday

#### Preschool Program

Asbury is the Family Favorite for the second year in a row in this category. Moms and dads know their young children will be cared for in a loving, enriching environment at Asbury United Methodist Church.

**Runner-Up: Victory Christian**

### PRESCHOOL/ EARLY LEARNING CENTER

#### Winner:

#### Kids in Motion Academy

Located in Broken Arrow, Kids in Motion Academy was chosen as the top pick for early learning by TulsaKids moms. A member of the Association of Christian



Schools International (ACSI), Kids in Motion Academy has a full-day preschool, Fast Track Kindergarten and first grade. Parents love the variety of academic, arts and physical activities available for their children.

**Runner-Up: Monte Cassino**

### PRIVATE SCHOOL ELEMENTARY

#### Winner: Monte Cassino

Parents say that Monte Cassino is more than a school – it's a family and a community. The school provides a Catholic education with rigorous academics, paired with social and moral lessons that will last a lifetime.

**Runner-Up: University School**

### PRIVATE SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### Winner: University School

Parents chose the University School as their Family Favorite for the all-important middle school years. Because it is located on the University of Tulsa campus, University School students and teachers can capitalize on that resource. The school serves academically talented students from preschool through eighth grade.

**Runner-Up: Monte Cassino**

### PRIVATE SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL

#### Winner: Holland Hall

Holland Hall was chosen by TulsaKids parents as their top pick for high schools for the second year in a row. Holland Hall's Upper School prepares young people for college by challenging them academically, while encouraging critical thinking and cultivating the skills they will need to be successful in life. Parents also

like the small class sizes, many extracurricular activities, and the state-of-the-art facilities.

**Runner-Up: Bishop Kelley**

### SUMMER CAMP (IN-STATE)

#### Winner: SSB Kids!

Moms and dads love the variety of experiences that their kids get at SSB Kids! summer camps. Activities are both indoor and outdoor. They include tumbling, crafts, singing, sports and swimming, including Red Cross swim lessons. Each week offers a new theme.

**Runner-Up: Camp Loughridge**

### SUMMER CAMP (OUT-OF-STATE)

#### Winner: Kanakuk Kamps

Tons of Tulsa parents send their kids to Kanakuk Kamps every summer. Since 1926, Kanakuk has provided a fun, Christian summer camp experience for young people ages 7 – 18. With so much experience, the Kanakuk staff knows how to ensure a meaningful, friendship-filled summer for kids. TulsaKids parents know they can trust Kanakuk to create the safest, best camp experience ever for their children.

**Runner-Up: Camp Longhorn**

### OVERALL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

#### Winner: SSB! Kids

SSB! Kids wins in yet another category. Parents like the large gymnastics and tumbling facilities offered by SSB! Kids. Whether they're choosing a Parent/Child class to bond with their toddlers, or enrolling their teens in a tumbling class, parents love the environment and range of SSB! Kids classes.

**Runner-Up: YMCA**



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## MUSICAL THEATRE

**Winner:** Theatre Arts, Inc.

For almost 30 years, Theatre Arts, Inc. in Broken Arrow has been the place to go for excellent instruction in all aspects of the performing arts. Classes include many styles of dance, piano, musical theatre, voice and acting. For children and youth who have the stage in their future, Theatre Arts can give them the foundation they need.

**Runner-Up:** Clark Youth Theatre

## GYMNASTICS

**Winner:**

**Tulsa World of Gymnastics**

As a member of the United State Gymnastics Association, the Tulsa World of Gymnastics prepares boys and girls for competition at the local, national and world level. Parents also love the fun, active programs for all ages and abilities (including special needs), pre-school and up. TWOG has been teaching movement, fitness and gymnastics to children since 1976.

**Runner-Up:** SSB Kids

## MARTIAL ARTS

**Winner:** Apollo's Martial Arts

Both children and adults gain confidence through the hard work and discipline required in the martial arts, and Apollo's takes this seriously. Their slogan is "Confidence for Life." With three locations, including one in Owasso, area families can find an Apollo's located conveniently nearby.

**Runner-Up:** Trinity Martial Arts

## SOCCER

**Winner:** SoccerCity Tulsa

Youth and adult soccer are popular in Tulsa, and SoccerCity has the entire family covered when it comes to soccer fun. The Lil' Kickers program is specially designed for children 18 months to age 9, giving young children a fun way to achieve developmental milestones. SoccerCity also has leagues for all ages, including sports besides soccer. Birthday parties, field rentals, lock-ins and other events make this a popular spot for family activities.

**Runner-Up:** Metro Soccer Club and Broken Arrow Soccer Club



## MUSIC: VOCAL/ INSTRUMENTAL

**Winner:** Saied Music Company

Besides being a music store providing instruments for sale or lease, sheet music and instrument repair, Saied Music Company offers classes that will help everyone in the family learn to play. Whether you are a serious music student, or just want to learn to enrich your life with music, Saied's has private lessons just for you. Homeschool parents enjoy their group classes, and families who want to learn to make music together can take the Family Making Music class.

**Runner-Up:** Brook Fine Arts

## ART: DRAWING/ PAINTING

**Winner:**

**Philbrook Museum of Art**

Families flock to Philbrook to take advantage of the many art-making opportunities for all ages. Whether it's life drawing classes or Third Thursday programs for adults, or Heyman Adventures in Art or special art projects on the free Second Saturdays, Philbrook is a gathering place to learn about art and to make art.

**Runner-Up:** Purple Glaze

## CHEER

**Winner:** SSB Kids!

TulsaKids readers chose SSB Kids! in yet another category this year. It's natural that a gymnastics school would also offer cheerleading. The Tulsa Cheer Academy trains cheerleaders at all levels and incorporates leadership and character training into the mix.

**Runner-Up:** Twist & Shout

## TUTORING

**Winner:** Kumon of Tulsa

Kumon Math and Reading Center was the top pick when it comes to tutoring kids in the Tulsa area. With four area locations, families can find a Kumon center close to them.

**Runner-Up:** Sylvan and Mathnasium

## FOR GROWN-UPS

### FAMILY-FRIENDLY HEALTH CLUB

**Winner:** Lifetime Fitness

With amenities such as an on-site child center, a family locker room, spa, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, it's easy to see why parents love Lifetime Fitness. Whether it's a spin class, free weights, yoga, pilates or any of the other offerings, this is a gym that will help you meet your fitness goals in style.

**Runner-Up:** YMCA



## SALON

**Winner:** Ihloff Salon & Day Spa

Ihloff Salon was recently recognized by Salon Today as one of the 200 fastest growing salons in America. Moms and dads picked Ihloff because of the great haircuts, professional color and extensive spa services. An Aveda Lifestyle salon, Ihloff will have you looking your best in no time. And what parent couldn't use a relaxing massage?

**Runner-Up:** Stone Creek Day Spa

## ESTHETIC/ MEDICAL SPA

**Winner:** Skin Care Institute

The Skin Care Institute, Medical & Wellness Spa is the place that our readers picked for services such as laser hair removal, botox,

skin rejuvenation, anti-aging and wellness services. Established in 1999 and located in the Kelly Medical Building on South Yale, this full-service medical spa keeps Tulsa area parents looking and feeling their best.

**Runner-Up:** Stone Creek Day Spa

## GOLF COURSE

**Winner:**

**Battle Creek Golf Course**

Battle Creek Golf Club in Broken Arrow is an affordable, friendly spot for enjoying a day of golf. Owned by the City of Broken Arrow, Battle Creek is a relaxing, full-service club for all ages.

**Runner-Up:** LaFortune

## CAR DEALERSHIP

**Winner:** Jim Norton Toyota

Jim Norton has a full line of Toyota and Scion vehicles, as well as a huge inventory of pre-owned vehicles to choose from. TulsaKids families like the friendly service, great value and reliable family vehicles that they have gotten from Jim Norton over the years.

**Runner-Up:** Jackie Cooper

## CHILDCARE (BABYSITTING/ DROP-IN CARE)

**Winner:** Playtime (+)

When it comes to caring for kids, parents chose Playtime (+) as their most trusted childcare. Playtime (+) is a drop-in center that is there when you need it, whether it's a school snow day or an appointment where you can't take the kids. Staff members are CPR and First Aid Certified. Transportation is even offered to and from some area schools.

**Runner-Up:** Seeking Sitters

## DATE-NIGHT RESTAURANT

**Winner:**

**Phryme Downtown Steakhouse**

An upscale steakhouse, Phryme became a top favorite for parents because of its great Brady Arts District location, and classic, delicious, perfectly prepared cuts of beef. Phryme is the ideal place for parents to treat themselves to a special night out.

**Runner-Up:** Charleston's

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## **BANK OR CREDIT UNION**

### **Winner: TTCU The Credit Union**

Online banking, extended hours, mortgages, car loans and many other member services, Tulsa Teachers Credit Union is a top pick for TulsaKids families' financial needs.

### **Runner-Up: BOK**

## **OVERALL TULSA REALTOR FIRM**

### **Winner:**

#### **McGraw Davisson Stewart Realtors**

When our readers are looking for a place to call home, they turn to McGraw Davisson Stewart. This Oklahoma-based company has been helping families buy houses for over 70 years. With seven offices and over 400 associates, McGraw can help home-buyers find what they're looking for.

### **Runner-Up:**

#### **Chinowth & Cohen Realtors**

## **PERSONAL REALTOR**

### **Winner: Barb Winder**

Experience counts with our readers. Barbara has been selling homes in the Tulsa area since 1978. She also gives back to the community by serving on numerous boards, and is listed in Who's Who of Realtors in North America. Barb is an associate with Walter & Associates, Inc.

### **Runner-Up:**

#### **Michael & Shelly Martin**

## **HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONER**

### **PEDIATRICIAN**

#### **Winner: Dr. Alka Sood**

#### **(Birth & Beyond Pediatrics)**

Dr. Sood has a personal touch with her patients. She stays connected through her Facebook Page and maintains her Mama-

Sood Blog on the Birth & Beyond website. She says, "Pediatrics is my passion. I love caring for children! But my true calling is to help kids and their parents."

#### **Runner-Up: Dr. Brian Raley** **(Avalon Park Pediatrics)**

### **FAMILY PHYSICIAN**

#### **Winner: Premier Family Care**

TulsaKids readers chose Premier Family Care as their favorite family healthcare facility. Premiere has a South Tulsa location, a Broken Arrow Location and a Broken Arrow Urgent Care location to meet patients' needs. With extended hours that are convenient for families, a focus on preventive care, an experienced staff and family-friendly settings, Premier Family Care is a winner.

### **Runner-Up:**

#### **Warren Clinic (Dr. Galles)**

### **OB/GYN**

#### **Winner:**

#### **The Women's Health Group**

When moms are pregnant, they want a doctor they can trust during this special time in their lives. The group of OBGYNs located at Hillcrest Hospital South garnered the Family Favorite award for their quality care in all issues relating to women's gynecology, including pregnancy, gyn surgery, pediatric & adolescent gynecology and reproductive endocrinology services.

### **Runner-Up:**

#### **Contemporary Women's Specialists (Dr. Yen Tran)**

### **EYE DOCTOR**

#### **Winner: Dr. Robert Zoellner and Associates**

For the second year in a row, Dr. Zoellner & Associates was selected as a Family Favorite by TulsaKids readers. The entire family can see an optometrist and then choose a stylish pair of frames (or two) from the huge selection. Or if contacts are what you need, the friendly staff can get you fitted for those as well.

### **Runner-Up: Harrel Eye Care**

### **PEDIATRIC FAMILY DENTIST**

#### **Winner: Super Smiles**

Super Smiles in Broken Arrow

was the top pick by parents for the second year. Super Smiles has a kid-friendly environment, a staff that understands children, and welcomes parents in the treatment and exam rooms. Children may look forward to going to the dentist at Super Smiles!

### **Runner-Up: On the Cusp and Lai, Morrow and Edwards**

### **ORTHODONTIST**

#### **Winner: Emerson Orthodontics**

Emerson Orthodontics in Broken Arrow works with each person to provide the best treatment options available, using the latest technology, whether it's Incognito, Invisalign, Crystal Clear Ceramic braces, Friction Free braces or any number of new treatments. Families appreciate the complimentary consultation and the friendly staff. Dr. Emerson is a dad and understands what his young patients need.

### **Runner-Up: Henry Orthodontics**

### **ORAL SURGEON**

#### **Winner: Dr. Donal Woodward**

When an oral surgeon is needed, TulsaKids readers choose Dr. Woodward, DDS. A member of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Dr. Woodward has the professional expertise to effectively care for his patients. Readers like that their questions are answered clearly and they feel confident with the friendly staff.

### **Runner-Up: Dr. Jerry Greer**

### **ALLERGIST**

#### **Winner: Allergy Clinic of Tulsa**

Tulsa may be the allergy capital of America, but the city is fortunate to have excellent doctors providing relief for patients. Readers trust the Allergy Clinic of Tulsa physicians with problems ranging from respiratory and food allergies to asthma. Testing and treatment are offered in a professional, comfortable environment.

### **Runner-Up: Warren Clinic**

### **EAR, NOSE AND THROAT DOCTOR**

#### **Winner:**

#### **Eastern Oklahoma ENT**

The largest Ear, Nose and Throat

clinic in the state, Eastern Oklahoma ENT doctors have years of experience in caring for patients with hearing, sinus, allergy or throat problems. The clinic treats both children and adults, so the entire family can be treated for everything from ear infections to sleep apnea.

### **Runner-Up: Ear, Nose & Throat Specialists of Tulsa**

### **DERMATOLOGIST**

#### **Winner: Tulsa Dermatology Clinic, Inc.**

Offering both medical and cosmetic services, the Tulsa Dermatology Clinic, Inc. is a winner with TulsaKids readers. Specialists and board-certified dermatologists, clinic physicians can diagnose and treat any skin problem your family might have.

### **Runner-Up: Smith Dermatology**

### **ORTHOPEDIST**

#### **Winner: Eastern Oklahoma Orthopedic Center**

Whether a young athlete needs specialized care, or Grandma needs a knee replacement, Tulsa families turn to Eastern Oklahoma Orthopedic Center for care. The expert physicians can treat everything from torn ligaments, sprains or fractures to pediatric conditions such as hip dislocation, spina bifida, growth injuries and more.

### **Runner-Up:**

#### **Tulsa Bone & Joint Associates**

### **HOSPITAL**

#### **Winner: Saint Francis Hospital**

Tulsa families have trusted Saint Francis with their healthcare for generations. Offering birth to end-of-life compassionate care, Saint Francis and The Children's Hospital at Saint Francis treat each patient with dignity. Ranked in the top 5 percent nationally for clinical excellence in 2011, 2012 and 2013, Saint Francis provides an unsurpassed continuum of care for residents throughout northeastern Oklahoma.

### **Runner-Up:**

#### **St. John Medical Center**

