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Skiatook Library to hold Adult Summer Reading

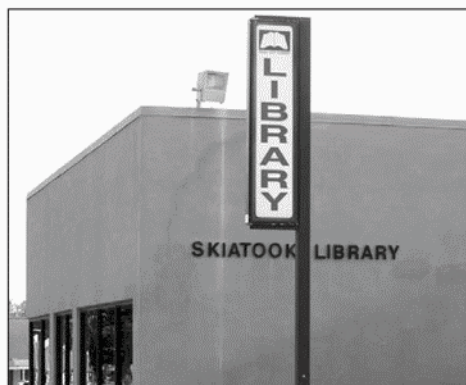
By Linda Wallace
Skiatook Library Associate

We are happy to announce our first Adult Summer Reading Program.

Read or listen to four books between May 27 and Aug. 2 and then visit www.tulsalibrary.org/adultsrp to complete a brief form. If you need help completing and printing the form, please ask a librarian for help.

Take the form to any Tulsa City-County Library branch to receive a coupon for a free bagel from Panera Bread. You will automatically be entered into drawings to win 185 great prizes to be drawn on Aug. 4. Prizes are as follows: 100 containers of metal page nibs, 50 "Famous First Lines" coffee mugs, 20 "Tulsa Art Deco" books, and 15 Kindle Paperwhite e-readers.

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Adult readers can participate this year in a summer reading program for grownups. Stop by the Skiatook Library to find out more.

awarded to all program completers beginning June 16 through Aug. 2. You must be 16 or older and a TCCL cardholder to participate; only one of the 185 prizes per person.

And don't forget our Summer Reading Programs for Children and Tweens/Teens. Children may register at any TCCL location

and teens/tweens may register in person or online.

These programs are for birth through age 18. (Yes, 16- through 18-year-olds may be in both the adult and teen programs.) Come by the library and pick up a summer reading program guide for a list of all of the amazing activities.

Registration approaching for the Selman Bat Watch

By Sean Hubbard
OSU Communications

STILLWATER — It is baseball season, but there will be plenty of other types of bats around Oklahoma this summer.

More than a million Mexican free-tailed bats will be coming out nightly and flapping around to have a buffet of insects. This annual event is known as the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's Selman Bat Watch, where visitors can watch the feeding frenzy four consecutive weekends beginning July 11.

"The Mexican free-tailed bats at the Selman Bat Cave congregate to give birth. Thus, this is a maternity cave," said Dwayne Elmore, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist. "Visitors can expect to see more than 1 million bats exit the cave at dusk."

Each night's viewing activities are limited to 75 visitors who are randomly drawn from a pool of mailed-in registration forms, which will be available online at wildlifedepartment.com beginning May 27. Hopeful viewers must print, complete and

mail their registration form to the Wildlife Department at Bat Watch Program, P.O. Box 53465 Oklahoma City, OK 73152 between May 27 and June 6.

Only mailed registration forms postmarked by June 6 will be accepted, and instructions for completing the form should be read carefully to ensure correctly completed registration. Successful registrants will receive an email confirmation and a packet in the mail. The cost is \$12 for admission (\$6 for children 8 - 12 years old).

The Wildlife Department has owned the area around the cave for more than 15 years and does its part to protect this site, which is one of only five major areas in the state used by female bats to raise their young. There is not much to see during the day, but the amazing show begins at sunset.

"There will be great living waves rising high into the night sky like a school of fish," Elmore said. "It's an impressive sight."

More information and details about the Selman Bat Watch can be found online at wildlifedepartment.com.



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