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Novel Talk program to discuss 'The Help' on March 27

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"The word 'happiness,' " Carl Jung once wrote, "would lose its meaning if it were not balanced by sadness."

And sometimes the only way to deal with a terrible situation is to find some element of humor in it.

That's the theme for the Tulsa City-County Library's next Novel Talk program, taking place 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St. Admission is free.

Titled "Laughing Through Tears: Humor & Heartbreak in Literature," the program will use Kathryn Stockett's best-selling novel "The Help" as the springboard for the discussion.

Stockett's novel, which was adapted into an Academy Award-winning film, focuses on African-American women working as domestic servants for white Southern families in the early 1960s, as the civil rights movement gains momentum.

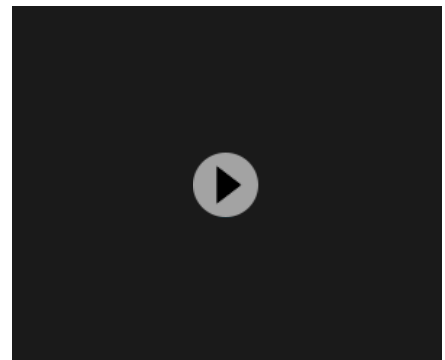
Taking part in the Novel Talk discussion will be:

- **Alicia M.H. Latimer**, coordinator of the African-American Resource Center at Tulsa City-County Library;
- **Jocelyn Payne**, executive director of the John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Center;
- **Teresa Miller**, executive director of the Oklahoma Center for Poets and Writers at Oklahoma State University-Tulsa.

This Novel Talk program is a precursor to Stockett's appearance as the guest of Tulsa Reads. She will speak about her life and work at "An Evening with Kathryn Stockett," 7 p.m. March 27 at the Tulsa PAC, 101 E. Third St. Tickets are \$10, and may be purchased by calling 918-594-8215, or online at myticketoffice.com

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