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# Library to hold 'Great Decisions' discussion series

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The Great Decisions discussion series explores how remote global challenges are increasingly impacting our communities.

A kick off is planned for Jan. 26, 2:30-4:30 p.m., in Hardesty Regional Library's Frossard Auditorium, 8316 E. 93rd St.

The featured speaker is Dr. Kalpana Misra, dean of arts and sciences at the University of Tulsa. Dr. Misra will address "China's Foreign Policy" to begin the eight-week discussion series. Her areas of research focus on intellectual developments in Post-Mao China and international relations

in South Asia.

At the event you can join a discussion group focusing on any of this year's featured topics. An optional \$15 briefing booklet presents articles on these featured topics.

**Defense Technology** - From robotic planes to cyberweapons to 3D printing and human enhancement, new "game-changing" technologies are moving from science fiction to battlefield reality. What are the issues that the U.S. must navigate in adapting to them?

**Israel and the U.S.** - Modern Israel's struggles with the Palestinians have turned what was meant as a safe haven into the center of a

decades-long conflict. Will new challenges in the region strain relations between the two countries?

**Turkey's Challenges** - Turkey is a nation at a crossroads, a bridge over an ever-growing chasm between the East and West. Will clashes between secular and religious groups, and the recent protests in Taksim Square continue to divide the country?

**Islamic Awakening** - The aftermath of the Arab Spring has resulted in unforeseen changes in the political landscape in many countries. Is U.S. foreign policy adapting successfully to all of the changes in the region?

**Energy Independence**

- Energy independence, by taking the bargaining chip of oil dependence off the table, would be good for American foreign policy. But the very technological advances that make independence possible have created a dilemma for lawmakers. In a government with fixed resources, should the U.S. encourage more traditional fuel production or invest in the young technology of renewable resources?

**Food and Climate** - Even as a sixth of the world's population suffers from chronic hunger, a changing climate threatens to wreak havoc on already insecure and vulnerable populations. As food and

water become scarce and once fertile land becomes barren, the U.S. finds itself faced with new challenges in securing the globe. The U.S. is getting ready, but can it lead the way to climate reform?

**China's Foreign Policy** - China has gone to great lengths to emphasize the "peaceful" nature of its meteoric rise. Yet few dispute that China is the dominant regional power in Asia - and in recent years Beijing began to flex its muscles regionally in order to advance its strategic interests. What does the rapid rise of this new superpower mean for other countries in the region?

**U.S. Trade Policy**

America's foreign policy tools are not limited to sanctions, treaties or military campaigns - they also include the sales pitch. The logic behind this pitch, or "economic statecraft," is simple: promote the benefits of democracy and the free market. In so doing, the U.S. will gain valuable and stable partners, both in business and in diplomacy.

Great Decisions is sponsored nationally by the Foreign Policy Association and locally by the Friends of the Tulsa City-County Libraries.

For more information on Great Decisions, call 918-549-7408, or visit the Friends webpage, [www.tulsalibrary.org/friends](http://www.tulsalibrary.org/friends).

## ATTENTION SENIOR CITIZENS!

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has changed the household median income in Tulsa County and Osage, Creek, Rogers, and Wagoner Counties. This change will impact senior citizens' ability to qualify for a Propertv Valuation Limitation for Ad Valorem tax purposes. For 2014,

## Cherokee Nation hosting health enrollment fairs for veterans

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held in January and February at the Cherokee Nation's eight health centers and W.W. Hast-

ing locations:  
• Jan. 15 - Redbird Smith Health Center, 301 JT Stites Blvd., Sal-

the past year. If you qualify for this exemption you must file between January 1st and March 15th or within 30 days from the issue date of Notice of Change in Assessed Value of Real Estate. To file you will need to bring proof of income from 2013, such as Social Security, 1099 and W2 forms from all income sources.

Please contact the County Assessor's office in the county you live in to see if you qualify and apply for this benefit.

Assessor:	Ken Yazel, Tulsa County	(918) 596-5100
Assessor:	Gail Hedgcoth, Osage County	(918) 287-3448
Assessor:	Janell Enlow Gore, Creek County	(918) 224-4508
Assessor:	Scott Marsh, Rogers County	(918) 923-4795
Assessor:	Sandy Hodges, Wagoner County	(918) 485-2367

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ican veterans to sign up for health benefits.

The fairs are being

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have access to medical care," said Rhonda Cochran, senior director of ambulatory services at the tribe. "Some veterans may not have signed up for medical benefits through the VA or may wish to establish charts at one of our Cherokee Nation health centers, which may be closer to home for some services."

Eligible Native American veterans can enroll for VA benefits and get treatment from Cherokee Nation Health Services. VA officials will also be available to assist veterans with health care claims or DD 214 filings.

Cherokee Nation Health Services and VA representatives will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the follow-

Health Center, 27371 S.

4410 Rd., Vinita

• Jan. 23 – W.W. Hastings Hospital, 100 S.

Bliss Ave., Tahlequah

• Jan. 29 – Sam Hider

Health Center, 1015

Washbourne St., Jay

• Jan. 30 – Wilma P.

Mankiller Health Center,

Hwy 51 East, Stilwell

• Feb. 6 – Will Rog-

ers Health Center, 1020

Lenape Dr., Nowata

• Feb. 7 – A-Mo Health

Center, 900 N. Owen

Walters Blvd., Salina

• Feb. 13 – Bartlesville

Health Center, 501 E.

5th St., Bartlesville

Enrollees must bring

copies of their DD Form

214 and CDIB card. For

more information, con-

tact Gordon Watkins

at 918-316-9913, John

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