

# Randle honored for service to library

## She spent 26 years on the Tulsa City-County Library Commission

By Stetson Payne  
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Judy Randle's first meeting on the Tulsa City-County Library Commission came when its CEO was still called the director, when the downtown library was still the "old" building without its modern renovations, and long before it had an IT department.

On Thursday, Randle retired for the second time, ending 26 years of service on the commission that included two terms as its chairwoman. At her last meeting, Randle received a proclamation from Mayor G.T. Bynum declaring July 18 "Judy Randle Day" in Tulsa and a key to the city to go with other gifts from the commission and its staff.

Randle said the library



Judy Randle accepts a proclamation from Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum on Thursday for her 26 years of service on the Tulsa City-County Library Commission. STETSON PAYNE/Tulsa World

is in good hands and that she's happy to see the next generation.

"You know, it's time," Randle said. "I have wonderful memories, and I'm so proud of the library. We have the best library in the country. ... It's time for me to let some new young people step in."

Randle, who previously retired from the Tulsa World after working as a reporter and editor in multiple sections, includ-

ing the books pages, said it's been exciting to see the library evolve into its present form.

Although she said she loved the former design of the downtown library, the often cluttered building full of hard copies is a far cry from today's well-lit expanse and computer-heavy infrastructure. And then there's Randle's favorite: the Starbucks on the first floor.

While change is great to

see, Randle thinks it's even better that the library is not through changing yet.

During her time with the commission, all the libraries in the county have been remodeled, and "everything has grown," she said. "In a way, I almost hate to leave, because we're now at the point where we have to ask what the next generation of libraries in the county is going to look like.

"I really think it's OK. We have an excellent director — I mean CEO. We have a great, committed commission; we have volunteers. The library is its staff and volunteers. ...

"I have full confidence in the future, full confidence in this library that we're going to continue to be one of the top libraries in the country."

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The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation produced a plaster cast of a mountain lion track after the animal was spotted recently in Adair County.

COURTESY/Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation

## Wildlife officials confirm mountain lion sighting, 30th in state since 2002

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Oklahoma wildlife officials have confirmed a 30th report of a mountain lion spotted in the state since 2002.

According to the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, the recent report started with an Adair County man.

The man told a neighbor on July 10 about seeing the animal, and the neighbor searched until finding tracks where the mountain lion had been spotted, said Jarrod Da-

last month and sent the photos to Game Warden Brek Henry, who said it was the 29th confirmed sighting in the state.

Davis told the Tulsa World that officials believe the Adair County sighting to be a different animal than was spotted near Hudson Lake.

Mountain lions, sometimes called catamounts, pumas, cougars or panthers, were once native to all of the Lower 48 states and much of Canada.

They are occasionally spotted in Oklahoma, but there has been no confir-

## Veterans' remains from WWII battle return to U.S.

By Audrey McAvoy  
Associated Press

HONOLULU — The U.S. military has brought back the remains of more than 20 servicemen killed in one of the bloodiest battles



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County, Iron and Kit-ta Hamilton, captured photos of a mountain lion on their property

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