



The South Broken Arrow Library on Chestnut.



The Downtown BA Library on Broadway.

Curbside Books

Snuggle Up With a Good Read Using Library's Service

by Courtney Helm

Use the library from the warmth and comfort of your own car with Tulsa City-County Library's curbside services, available at all TCCL branches including South Broken Arrow Library (3600 S. Chestnut) and Broken Arrow Library (300 W. Broadway). Visit www.tulsalibrary.org and sign into your account to start placing holds. When your holds are ready for pickup, you'll be notified via text, phone call, or email, depending on your account's notification preference. Drive to the TCCL location designated on your account and call the phone number on the sign outside. Tell staff your library card number and the make and model of your car so they can bring you your items.

Fax and print services are also available via curbside service. To print, send an email to askus@tulsalibrary.org and attach your requested print job(s). Please include your name, library card number, TCCL pickup location, and document details such as the number of copies you need and whether you need it in color or black and white. Library staff will print off the pages and add the cost to your TCCL account. Printing costs are 10 cents per page for black and white and 25 cents per page for color. You can pay online by signing into your TCCL account at www.tulsalibrary.org and selecting the "fees" tab on the left.

To fax, visit any TCCL location and call the number posted on the sign. Let staff know you need to fax something, then provide them with your library card number, your car's make and model, and your faxing details such as the fax number, whether you need a cover page, and whether you want an email confirmation (recommended). Library staff will take your document(s) and send the fax for you and add the cost (50 cents per page) to your library account. You can pay online by following the instructions above.

Do you have a second grader? Books to Treasure is a program that celebrates second-grade readers and showcases a notable illustrator. This year, illustrator Zachariah OHora joined TCCL for a live event on our YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/tulsalibrary). The recorded video will remain available on YouTube for you and your children to enjoy!

Second grade students in Tulsa County can apply to get an exclusive illustrated library card for pickup via curbside service.

To apply, visit www.tulsalibrary.org/kids/books-to-treasure and fill out the application. Cards will be mailed to your home address. Even if your child already has a TCCL card, second graders can get this unique library card! In January, Tulsa County second grade classrooms received free copies of "Horrible Bear" by Amy Dyckman and illustrated by Zachariah OHora for their students. EPIC and homeschooled students can ask for a copy via curbside service at any TCCL branch.

We look forward to seeing you at your next curbside visit. If you have any questions about curbside services or Books to Treasure, contact the library by calling 918-549-7323 or through email at askus@tulsalibrary.org.



Emerge: Stay Connected

Women's Outreach Program Offers Much-Needed Support

by Maria Gus

The past year has helped many people appreciate the importance of connection. Despite the fact that staying connected looks a bit different these days, more conversations are happening about the need to check in on neighbors and practicing self-care.



TERRI DIETRICH

Parenthood is a challenge, and parenting through 2020 was a strange, new world for families. For some moms, throw in the additional responsibilities of single parenthood and it's easy to become overwhelmed. That's why one Broken Arrow woman heeded a call to service for her community.

"I kept meeting moms navigating their journey alone," said the founder of Emerge women's outreach program, Terri Dietrich. Dietrich spent time researching how to find support for single mothers in the area and there just wasn't much available. She then developed a plan to help this growing population find support, resources, and connection.

"I could see pretty quickly that these ladies really need some encouragement and a support system," said Dietrich. "If we can offer a hand up, some hope in God's love, it could change generations."

The outreach program has been able to offer single mothers the additional support they need when facing any financial, emotional, or spiritual challenges. The group meets at a Broken Arrow church facility for their meetings, events, counseling, and fundraising.

Dietrich added there are many challenges for these families, and one of the biggest is safe, affordable housing. "My dream is to have some transitional housing cottages or lease-to-own options, helping families work to improve and invest in the future," said Dietrich.

Dietrich said other issues include transportation and distance learning. "We have been able to help with car repairs, new tires, rental assistance, etc.," stated Dietrich. "We also invited the moms to receive weekly food boxes throughout the summer. Especially this past spring, when many were furloughed or laid off, we were able to help with groceries."

Dietrich said the Emerge program isn't able to provide for every need, but they try to offer a hand up where they can. "This year has caused moms to decide between food or prescriptions," said Dietrich. "Choosing to get the oil changed or paying the gas bill. We offer a little help where we can to let them know God loves them and they are not alone."



A worker with the Single Mom's Car Care Clinic.

Emerge also connects resources for counseling, job training, financial stewardship, cooking, and meal planning.

"The most rewarding thing about Emerge is seeing moms go from just surviving to thriving! Those that really apply themselves, even in the midst of such busy schedules and juggling work and kids, when they apply the principles, they are learning amazing growth is happening." Dietrich said Emerge participants gain the ability to forgive and move forward into the beautiful future God wants for them.

Emerge meets at Abiding Harvest Church, 4407 S. Olive Ave (129th just North of 111th) in Broken Arrow. Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 5 p.m., with free meals and childcare provided.

To find out more, call Dietrich at 918-449-1970 or email her at Terri@abidingharvest.org. Also, visit Abidingharvest.org or check them out on Facebook @abidingharvestumc.