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Tulisoma: South Dallas Book Fair to be held Aug. 24-26

The event will again feature best-selling writers plus local personalities

DALLAS, TX - Tulisoma, a community festival promoting literacy and the arts, returns to Dallas Aug. 24-26 with an array of best-selling authors, including Juan Williams, one of America's leading political writers and thinkers. The event will also feature celebrity readers and local personalities, plus a full slate of creative activities for the entire family.

Tulisoma will be held at the African American Museum, 3536 Grand Ave., the Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House, 2618 Warren Ave., and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, 2922 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Tulisoma, which is Swahili for "we read," was started in 2003 by former Dallas City Councilman Leo V. Chaney, Jr. and Dr. Harry Robinson, President and CEO of the African American Museum, to promote a love for reading and the arts among all ages.

"I'm very pleased to be a part of this wonderful event," said Dallas City Council Member Carolyn R. Davis. "Tulisoma embodies the distinct character of South Dallas, and really helps to make our community a better place. I urge everyone to come out to the festival, bring the family, and enjoy this unique cultural event being held in our city."

Williams is the senior correspondent for NPR, a political analyst for Fox Television, and a regular panelist on *FoxNews Sunday*. In addition to prize-winning columns and editorial writing for *The Washington Post*, he is also the author of six books.

Some of the authors to be featured at Tulisoma include:

Tananarive Due, author of seven books ranging from supernatural thrillers to science fiction to a civil rights memoir, making the American Book Award-winning author among the nation's most versatile voices.

Sonia Hayes, author of the teen novel, "Ms. Thang". In 2006, she was nominated for the American Library Association Coretta Scott King New Talent Award and the Alex Award. "Urban Goddess", the sequel to "Ms. Thang" will be released May 2007.

Lalita Tademy, one of America's most exciting new novelists. Her first book, *Cane River*, is a provocative and painstaking reconstruction of the history of one American family. It has become an instant best-seller, and achieved a remarkable record of both critical and popular acclaim.

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Victoria Christopher Murray, author of *Temptation*, published by Warner Books in 2000. *Joy*, her second novel, was released in October 2001, and in 2004, Touchstone books, a division of Simon & Schuster, published her third novel, *Truth Be Told*.

For a complete listing of authors at Tulisoma 2007, go to <http://www.tulisoma.com/>.

“Tulisoma offers engaging programs for people of all ages, fueling a desire to read, write, create, and make our community a better place,” said Dallas Public Library Assistant Director Miriam Rodriguez.

The Dallas Public Library operates the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library and 25 branch locations. A library card is free for any Dallas resident. For information on the many free programs and services available at the Dallas Public Library, go to: <http://dallaslibrary.org/home.htm>.

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