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### **Nationally known authors coming to Dallas Aug. 25-27 for Tulisoma**

*Fourth annual event offers numerous creative events and activities, including visual and theatrical performances for the whole family*

**DALLAS**, Aug. 15, 2006 – Tulisoma, a community festival promoting literacy and the arts, returns to Dallas Aug. 25-27 with a dazzling array of best-selling authors, celebrity readers and local personalities, plus a full slate of creative activities for the entire family. The event will be held at the African American Museum and the Women’s Museum at Fair Park. Tulisoma, Swahili for “we read,” was started in 2003 by Dallas City Councilman Leo V. Chaney, Jr., as a way of sharing his district’s distinct character while also promoting a love for reading among all ages.

Avid readers and aspiring writers can meet best-selling mystery author Walter Mosley, creator of private eye Easy Rawlins; Omar Tyree, New York Times best-selling author and NAACP Image Award winner; Kadir Nelson, renowned illustrator and recipient of the Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award; Alice Randall, author and screenwriter, and the only African-American woman to write a number one country song; Alexis Rhone, best-selling young-adult novelist; and best-selling writer Rebecca Walker, named by Time Magazine as one of the 50 most influential American leaders under 40.

Some of this year’s special events will include *Breakfast with Alice Randall* at the Old Mill Restaurant; *Pork Chops & Politics* with Walter Mosley at the South Dallas Café; *Coffee & Conversation* with Omar Tyree, at St. Martin’s Place; and *Gospel Brunch*, where the “pen meets praise,” at the African American Museum. Also on the schedule: writing and art workshops for children, presented by Kadir Nelson; works by regional authors, technical and creative-writing workshops; celebrity readers including NBC-TV5 Reporter Randy McIlwain, Fox4 TV News Anchor Baron James, Ronald McDonald, and radio personalities Skip Murphy and Sam Putney.

“We hope that residents and their families will take advantage of this unique opportunity to hear and talk with some of the most outstanding writers and artists in the country,” said Library Project Administrator Miriam Rodriguez. “Tulisoma offers engaging programs for people of all ages, fueling a desire to read, write, create, and make our community a better place.

“The arts will also be highlighted with showcases by Dallas Black Dance and host of other performers,” she said. “For those with an interest in the visual arts, Aroid Neal will impress you with his beautiful sculpture and pottery depicting African and Mexican heritage.”

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This year’s event is made possible by Tulisoma’s major sponsors: the City of Dallas, Friends of the Dallas Public Library, Inc., Sam’s Club, Time Warner, AMERIGROUP, and the Office of Cultural Affairs.

For more information, call the Dallas Public Library, (214) 670-7809, email: [Tulisoma@dallaslibrary.org](mailto:Tulisoma@dallaslibrary.org) or visit us on the web at: [www.tulisoma.com](http://www.tulisoma.com).

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