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NEWLY REBUILT BROOKSIDE LIBRARY CUTS THE RIBBON



MIKE SIMONS, TULSA WORLD

Buddy the Bookworm fist-bumps Charlie Johnson, 7, on an oversized chess board Thursday at the new Bronson Brookside Library. The other Tulsa City-County Library branches being rebuilt include Rudisill, Owasso and south Broken Arrow.

Bronson Brookside Library is first of four in a \$54M project

TIM STANLEY
Tulsa World

The first of four Tulsa City-County Library branches to be rebuilt courtesy of an ambitious \$54 million fundraising effort is now open.

The new Bronson Brookside Library, 4607 S. Madison Place, officially welcomed the public inside on Thursday following a grand opening ceremony and ribbon-cutting.

Library system officials were joined at the event by Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell, Tulsa Mayor Monroe Nichols and other local

and state leaders.

Lead donors for the new Brookside facility were Leslie and Bob Pritchard, who donated in honor of Leslie's late father and longtime Tulsa attorney Donald Bronson Atkins, for whom the facility is named.

"This has been a joyous occasion for us, for me and my family, to be allowed to be a part of this project, to have it turn out so beautifully," Leslie Pritchard said. "And every time I walk in this library again, I'm filled with joy and happiness. There's so much natural light, there's so many bright colors, there's so many things for

every generation to do. I can't wait to be a part of this library as a book reader."

Pritchard said her father instilled in her a love for reading.

"He took us to the library every couple of weeks. He and my mom. And we became — my family — all avid readers, and we still are even today."

Tulsa City-County Library CEO Kimberly Johnson thanked all donors and others who contributed to making the project happen.

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Mayor picks director for Greenwood Trust project

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Tulsa Mayor Monroe Nichols announced Friday that he has appointed Alaina Beverly to serve as executive director of the Greenwood Trust.

Nichols announced the creation of the permanent private charitable trust in June as part of the city's Road to Repair initiative, which seeks to repair the generational harms and disparities caused by the 1921 Race Massacre and facilitate economic growth in the historic Greenwood District and north Tulsa.

"Alaina Beverly brings unmatched national leadership, policy expertise, and a life-long commitment to racial and economic equity," Nichols said in a press release. "Under her leadership, the Greenwood Trust will build the foundation, partnerships, and capacity to make transformative, lasting investments that honor Greenwood's legacy."

A native of Michigan, Beverly most recently served as executive vice president of the Black Economic Alliance Foundation, where she directed place-based investments to advance Black economic opportunity.

Her previous roles include serving in the White House Office of Urban Affairs during the Obama administration and as the national deputy director for African-American Outreach for the Obama for America Campaign.

Beverly also was assistant vice president for urban affairs at the University of Chicago and also worked as counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and Advancement Project.

She is a graduate of Stanford University and the University of Michigan Law School.

"I am deeply honored to serve as the inaugural executive director of the Greenwood Trust," Beverly said. "This work is both a calling and a responsibility — to remember, rebuild, and reimagine



Beverly

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48TH ANNUAL TTCU TULSA RUN

Weather could force race delay, cancellation

TIM STANLEY
Tulsa World

The 48th annual TTCU Tulsa Run is shaping up to be one of the wettest ones in recent memory, with the chance of storms on Saturday adding the possibility of race delays or even an outright cancellation,

officials said.

"If it's just raining, we're 100% going to be out there running in the rain together. Where I get concerned is where you get lightning," said Destiny Green, TTCU Tulsa Run executive director.

"We are continually monitoring it us-

ing the newest models. Right now the chance (for lightning) is pretty high. I'm just crossing my fingers and praying that we're able to cross the finish."

At the very least, runners should expect delays during the race, she said.

The yearly event is expected to bring

some 5,000 runners and fans to downtown Tulsa for the featured 15k and other races, including a 5k and a 2k.

The 15k is scheduled for its usual 8:30 a.m. start.

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