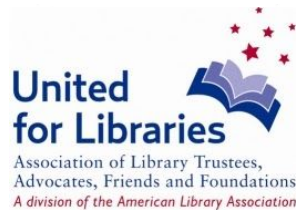
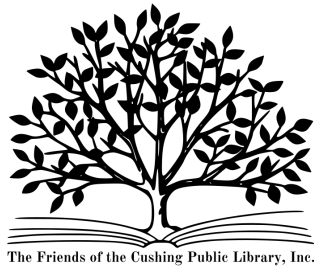


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Robert J. Conley Literary Landmark Dedication Ceremony

Cushing Upper Elementary School Gymnasium
Cushing, Oklahoma

Saturday, November 7, 2020, 10:00am



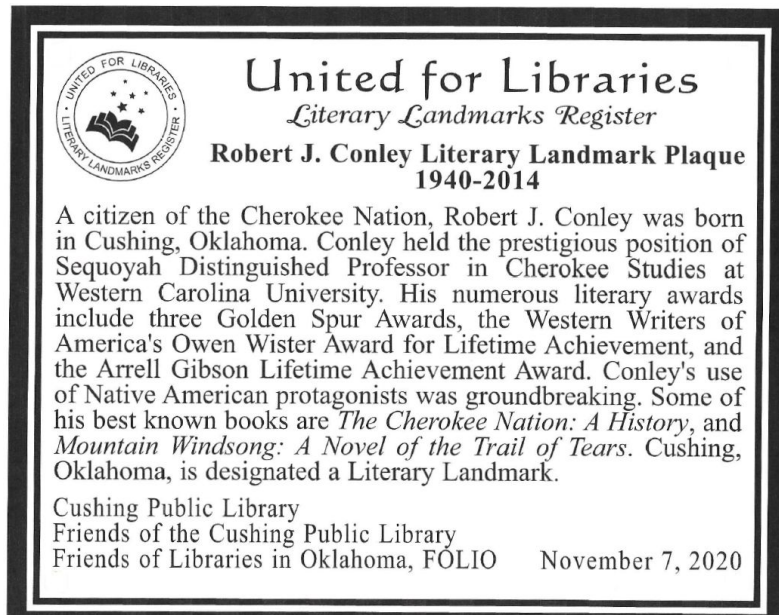
Robert J. Conley (1940-2014)

Born in Cushing, Oklahoma, Mr. Robert J. Conley was a member of the Cherokee Nation and the author of over 80 books, short stories and poems. He was the recipient of numerous awards for his works including the Western Writers of America's Owen Wister Award for Lifetime Contributions to Western Literature in 2014. Mr. Conley, a Native American scholar, was the Sequoyah Distinguished Professor of Cherokee Studies at Western Carolina University at the time of his passing.

Literary Landmarks in Oklahoma

Literary Landmark sites honor a deceased literary figure, author or his or her work.
http://www.ala.org/united/products_services/literarylandmarks

1. *Woody Guthrie* and Okemah (2001). Okemah, OK
2. *Ralph Ellison* and the Ralph Ellison Library (2002). Oklahoma City, OK
3. *Lynn Riggs* and Territorial Claremore (2003). Claremore, OK
4. *Angie Debo* (2004). Two locations: Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, and Marshall, OK
5. *John Berryman* and McAlester Public Library (2005). McAlester, OK
6. *Sequoyah* and Sequoyah's Cabin State Park (2006). Near Sallisaw, OK
7. *Will Rogers* and Will Rogers Memorial Museum (2007). Claremore, OK
8. *John Joseph Mathews* and the Osage Tribal Museum (2009). Pawhuska, OK
9. *Wilson Rawls* and the Tahlequah Public Library (2011). Tahlequah, OK
10. *Wilma Elizabeth McDaniel* and Stroud Public Library (2013). Stroud, OK
11. *Harold Keith* and the Norman Public Library (2015). Norman, OK
12. *Marquis James* and the Enid Public Library (2016). Enid, OK
13. *Bill Wallace* and the Centennial Kids Place Park (2020). Chickasha, OK
14. *Robert J. Conley* and the Cushing Public Library (2020), Cushing, OK



Order of Program

Welcome

Michael Hanes, Director, Cushing Public Library

Introductions and Opening Remarks

Dr. Karen Neurohr, Master of Ceremonies

Keynote Address

Dr. Blue Clark

Reading from '*Mountain Windsong*'

Cushing High School Drama Students

Family Remarks

Evelyn Conley, wife

Unveiling of Literary Landmark Plaque

Evelyn Conley and Family

Closing

Representative of the Cushing Library Advisory Board