



Press Release

Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System
900 North Ashley Drive ♦ Tampa, FL 33602
Phone: (813) 273-3652 ♦ FAX: (813) 272-6430 (PR&P)

For more information:

Media Contact: Darlene Harris/Public Relations & Partnerships – (813) 272-6411

Event Contact: Lori Tonti/School Age Services – (813) 273-3764

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

HCPLC WELCOMES STORYTELLER DOVIE THOMASON FOR THE 28th ANNUAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

Tampa, FL – Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System will welcome storyteller Dovie Thomason as the featured attraction of the Tampa Storytelling Festival on Saturday, April 12 from 9 am-4 pm at Middleton High School, 4801 N.22nd St. Thomason will also present a free storytelling workshop on Sunday, April 13 from 1:30-3:30 pm at the John F. Germany Public Library, 900 N. Ashley Dr. in downtown Tampa.

Over three hundred children ages five through 18 and adult professional and hobbyist storytellers will perform throughout the day.

Dovie Thomason is an award-winning storyteller, recording artist and author, recognized internationally for her ability to take her listeners back to the timeless place that she first visited as a child, hearing Native American stories from her Kiowa, Apache and Lakota relatives.

In 1980, City of Tampa Recreation Department and Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Libraries began a collaboration to provide children and their families with a forum that recognizes storytelling as an art form and to provide outstanding national storytellers as models to inspire young people to continue this important oral tradition.

The 2008 Tampa-Hillsborough County Storytelling Festival is cosponsored by the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Libraries, City of Tampa Parks & Recreation Department; Creative Arts Theater of the City of Tampa Parks & Recreation Department; Friends of the Library of Tampa-Hillsborough County, Inc; Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department; Arts Council of Hillsborough County; and Target stores.

For more information about the Tampa Storytelling Festival and a complete program, visit tampastory.org. or call Lori Tonti at (813) 273-3764.

###