

Meet Your Tour Guide

Julia Brady Ratliff

Julie Brady Ratliff fell in love with history as a little girl. Her family lived on the trail that Washington Irving followed on his way through Tulsa and her dad and grandpa shared this history with her—often. Everyone in the family had a story to tell about the lives they had led in Oklahoma, in Ohio, and in Kentucky, and Julia took it all in.

She grew up and became a teacher, and her students heard these histories and family stories along with their long division, spelling, and science. She was named Tulsa Teacher of the Year in 1981, and was among the final eight in Oklahoma for the Teacher in Space project. She retired into her community as an advocate for global understanding and for public libraries.

Because of her work with libraries she was placed on the American Library Association's National Advocacy Honor Roll, and she was named an [Oklahoma Library Legend](#) during the state's centennial year. She served on the Oklahoma Department of Libraries' Board of Directors (1994-1998), and was president of [Friends of Libraries in Oklahoma \(FOLIO\)](#) from 2000 to 2002. She was the founder and co-chair of FOLIO's [Oklahoma Literary Landmarks](#) project, 2001-2007.

