

Behind the Lines

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Announcing the 25th Anniversary of the Wichita Public Library

Foundation! This year marks a major milestone in the history of the Foundation. Since its humble beginnings in 1987, Foundation contributions and grants have generated more than \$3.5 million in materials and Library programming. *Thank you for making our Library special!*

Have you checked out an e-book yet? The Library launched its own site in December, made possible in part with help from the Foundation. If you don't have an e-reader, fear not. Books can be downloaded to your computer. The instructions are on the Library's web site. Want more help? Look for how-to classes offered by Library staff or "Book a Librarian" for a personalized 30-minute technology training session using your e-book reader or computer. Call 261-8506 for details.

For those of you who may be concerned the "book" will be replaced by e-books, don't worry. Yes, it is true e-books are handy for those with low-vision and people on the go. The Library still has to purchase the license for an e-book just like they purchase paper copies. And not all publishers make books available in this format. Your contributions to the Foundation help insure books for all readers will be available, regardless of the way you enjoy them.



Read books. Win prizes. That's the slogan of Read the Rainbow: The Ninth Annual Adult Winter Reading Program. This year's reading initiative encourages you to read six different genres, each one representing a different color. Find complete details at any Library location or at the Library's website and *get reading*.

Are you ready for February? African-American History Month brings storyteller Dylan Pritchett to Wichita on February 3rd and 4th. A strong partnership with the Wichita Public Schools allows for hundreds of students to enjoy performances by him while he is here, and USD 259 teachers and librarians can also earn professional development credit for attending his workshop! For our seniors, age 55+, musician Henry Walker will be at Central on Wednesday, February 8, at 1:30 p.m. for a wonderful program of blues and jazz. Many more events are planned to celebrate.

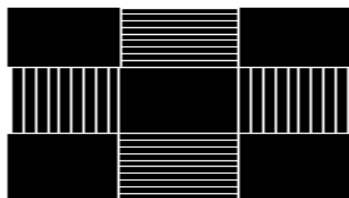


It's Shorts Month! The Academy Awards® Shorts is celebrating its 26th anniversary at the Wichita Public Library with a week's worth of showings starting February 18th. This showing of award-nominated animation, live action and documentary short subjects (films running 40 minutes or less, including credits!) always is a big attraction. All categories will be shown on Saturday, February 18 at 10:00 a.m. at the 21st Street Warren. If you can't make it to the Warren, you have another opportunity at the Orpheum Theatre on Saturday, February 25th. Check the Library website, www.wichita.lib.ks.us, for additional locations and showings.

Send me your prediction for the three films that will take home the gold statuettes. A *Friends of the Library* gold card winner will be drawn from the correct entries. Mostly correct will get you in the drawing. Winners who already have a gold card may "gift" their prize to a friend or family member. Please send by February 15th.

1. *Documentary*: _____
2. *Animation*: _____
3. *Live Action*: _____

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