

Behind the Lines

Since 1987

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The Foundation welcomes Latina Wharton to the Library Board.

Latina, a former criminal trial attorney, was introduced to the Library as a Wichita State University student working part-time in Circulation at Central. Today, she shares her passion for the Library with her husband and four children. *We are thrilled she has returned and continues to serve the Library community as a member of the Library Board of Directors!*

Congratulations to the Wichita Public Library's Century Book Club.

A very special 121 club members read 100 books between January 1 and December 31, 2015 in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Carnegie Library. *You really do make our Library special!*

Tour de Wichita: The 13th Annual Adult Winter Reading Program started January 4th and runs through March 18th. This year plan to read five books from 15 genres you can explore, each inspired by a well-known Wichita site. Details are on the Library's brand new website, www.wichitalibrary.org.

February is Shorts Month! The Library's Academy Award® Film Screenings of nominated shorts is celebrating its 30th anniversary with a week's worth of Academy Award nominated animation, live action and documentary short films (running 40 minutes or less, including credits) February 20 thru February 27. *This very special Library offering is made possible in part with financial support from the Foundation!*

All shorts will be shown at the Orpheum Theatre, 200 N. Broadway, starting at 10:00 a.m. on February 20th and at the Warren Theatre, 9150 W. 21st St. (21st & Tyler), starting at 10:00 a.m. on February 27th. *Check the Library's website, www.wichitalibrary.org for additional locations and showings.*

Send me your prediction for the three films that will take home the gold statuettes. Ballots will be entered in a drawing for a Library Gold Card. Winners who already have a Gold Card may “gift” their prize to a friend or family member. A review of each nominated film is available at <http://blogs.indiewire.com/shadowandact/the-oscar-nominated-short-films-2016-heading-to-theaters-nationwide-20160120>.

LIVE ACTION

Ave Maria
Day One
Everything Will Be Okay
Stutterer
Shok

ANIMATED

Bear Story
Sanjay’s Super Team
We Can’t Live Without Cosmos
Prologue
World of Tomorrow

DOCUMENTARY

Body Team 12
Chau Beyond the Lines
Last Day of Freedom
Claude Lanzmann: Spectres of the Shoah
A Girl in the River

Please send your nominations by regular mail: WPL Foundation, 223 South Main, Wichita, KS 67202 or email: foundation@wichita.lib.ks.us by February 27th.
Looking forward to hearing from you!

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

Top 10 Ways to Give - #10: Have an IRA?

If you are over the age of 70½, you can now make direct distributions from your IRA to the Wichita Public Library Foundation thanks to the bipartisan budget bill signed into law on Dec. 18, 2015. A gift from your IRA has the effect of allowing the distribution to avoid being identified as taxable income. This is particularly beneficial if you do not itemize your deductions when filing your income tax return or are at a level of income that limits the benefits of your deductions.

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