

Behind the Lines

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Notice anything new? Come see our new web site and logo at www.supportwichitalibraries.com. Whether you prefer to use a mobile phone, keep tabs via Facebook or visit the web site, there are plenty of ways to stay in touch. Donations for the Buy-a-Book campaign, annual fund, endowment and memorials/tributes can now be made by credit card. Or use the mail-in form to send a check.

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Foundation dollars at work! This year's Summer Reading program was a great success. Now in its 24th year of Levand Trust support, the Library saw 12,163 children and teens participate, generating empty shelves and busy librarians. As part of the awards for meeting their summer reading goals, participants earned numerous coupons for free food and activities, including discounted admission to Exploration Place's Star Wars:® Where Science Meets Imagination exhibit. Thank you to our community partners and sponsors for your support. *The Levand legacy lives on through this enduring gift to the Foundation.*

Plan to attend Library events this fall. It's almost September and the start of more great events for kids, teens and adults at the Library. The Library has plenty to do for all ages. From Senior Wednesday, a program for active seniors, to Baby's First Storytime, there is something for age and interest. Coming up in October, The Big Read - Wichita is sure to entice even the most reluctant reader to pick up and read "The Great Gatsby." Find complete details at the Library's web site, <http://www.wichita.lib.ks.us>, www.bigreadwichita.org or at any Library location.

Are you decluttering? Do you have books, CDs, DVDs and magazines that would enjoy a new home? Please consider donating them to the Friends of the Library. Items that are a good fit are added to the collection, saving dollars. Other items are sold by the Friends to raise money for other Library needs. Instructions are located at www.wichita.lib.ks.us/Organizations/Friends. You may also bring them to your nearest Library location. Simply tell library staff your donation is for the Friends and they will be happy to help. *Either way, your donations benefit the Library!*

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