

Behind the Lines

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In the news: Join us in welcoming Rosie Dool and Library Board President Kellie Hogan to the Foundation Board of Directors. Their commitment to the mission and vision of the Foundation is greatly appreciated as we continue our work in support of the Library. *Thank you both for making the Library a very special place!*

We are pleased to announce Tom Borrego has joined the Foundation as Director of Development. A native of Wichita, he brings many years of fundraising experience to the Foundation. Find him at Central Library, by e-mail at tborrego@wichita.lib.ks.us or 261-8545. *Thank you, Tom, for joining the Foundation and our Library family!*

Coming up in September

Senior Wednesday – History Revealed: The Wichita Carnegie Library with CEO Clark Bastian. Join us as he tells the story of the building, the woman who oversaw its every artistic detail, and the extensive restoration effort. The program starts at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9th, Central Library Auditorium. For more information call 261-8500 or www.wichita.lib.ks.us. *Hope to see you there!*

Big Read Wichita – Start the Big Read off right with book giveaways, mariachi music, reader's theater, trivia, refreshments, and more as we get ready to read this year's title, *Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea. The kick-off begins with the pre-party, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., on Saturday, September 19th at the Wichita Art Museum.

And then on Saturday, September 26, get ready for the annual migration of the Monarch butterfly and a presentation by naturalist Jim Mason. For more information about all of the Big Read Wichita events, call the Library, 261-8500 or visit www.bigreadwichita.org. Join us as we celebrate our 8th annual Big Read Wichita. *Get your free copy at the door, while supplies last!*

Save the date! Join us on Saturday, November 7th from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Wichita State University Hughes Metroplex as Big Read author, Luis Alberto Urrea talks about his work on this year's title, *Into the Beautiful North*. The event is free and open to the public. Plan to get there early and save a seat. *This is an event you won't want to miss!*

Have an interest in major issues which impact our community?

Join us for *Tuesday Topics*. Sponsored by the Library and the League of Women Voters Wichita-Metro, this is an excellent program about current events including information and both sides of controversial topics. On Tuesday, September 29th the topic will be *Common Core in Kansas* at Central Library, 3rd floor auditorium, 223 South Main from noon to 1:00 p.m. *See you there!*

Looking for books to keep? The Friends of the Wichita Public Library book sale is set for September 24-26th in the Central Library Auditorium, 223 South Main, 3rd floor meeting room. The preview sale (for members only) is Wednesday evening, September 23th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. *Not a member? Join at the door!*

The public sale starts Thursday, September 24 and runs through Saturday, September 26. Sale hours are 10:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. *Invite your family and friends to join you at this amazing sale. Looking forward to seeing you there!*

Summer Reading Club 2015: With 12,780 children and teens participating in the program, summer reading continues as the most popular Library program for in the Wichita community. Now in its 2nd year, *Baby Bookworms*, a program designed for very young children, was again very popular. As you might imagine, the Library was a very busy place.

The next time you hear “no one uses a library anymore”, please share this very important fact: ***12,780 children and teens can't be wrong!***

A special thank you goes to all of the area businesses who supported the Summer Reading with coupons and gift certificates. They make our Summer Reading Club a very special part of summer vacation. Additional Foundation funding support comes from the Celia and Leonard Levand Trust and the City of Wichita Cultural Funding Grant. *Your support makes this program happen!*

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