

Behind the Lines

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Foundation News:

Thank you to the Wiedemann Foundation and The DeVore Foundation for their recent contributions to the Foundation's Capital Campaign in support of the Advanced Learning Library. We are so very grateful for everyone who has joined us on this amazing journey.



Construction began with groundwork preparation the first part of July and will last about 20 months. Our new address will be 711 West 2nd Street (2nd and McLean – across from Exploration Place). Construction updates are available for viewing at www.wichitalibrary.org under Advanced Learning Library. *Thank you for making our Library a very special place!*

Coming up in September!

Looking for books to keep? The Friends of the Wichita Public Library book sale is set for September 22-24th in the Central Library Auditorium, 223 South Main, 3rd floor meeting room. The preview sale (for members only) is Wednesday evening, September 21st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. *Not a member? Join at the door!*

The public sale starts Thursday, September 22 and runs through Saturday, September 24. Sale hours start at 10:30 a.m. The “Bag Sales” will be Saturday from 10:30 – 3:00 p.m. Bring your own bag and fill it (or several) for \$5 each. But don't wait, those special titles may already be gone. *Invite your family and friends to join you at this amazing sale. And don't forget your teacher friends! Looking forward to seeing you there!*

Save the date!

Big Read Wichita – Start the Big Read off right with book giveaways, music, Readers Theater, trivia, refreshments, and more as we get ready to read this year's title, *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. The kick-off begins at, 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 1st at the Wichita Art Museum. *Get your free copy at the door, while supplies last!*

New for 2016 is a very special Big Read event, a concert performance by the Wichita Symphony Orchestra the weekend of October 29th and 30th. The Orchestra will perform Dmitri Shostakovich's Symphony No. 10 and Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 24, "musical masterpieces composed under authoritarian governments where the threat of artistic and political censorship existed". Tickets range in price from \$20 to \$65 and are available for purchase from the Wichita Symphony Orchestra. *This is a brand new event you won't want to miss!*

For more information about all of the Big Read Wichita events, call the Library at 261-8500 or visit www.bigreadwichita.org. Join us as we celebrate our 9th annual Big Read Wichita.

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 27, the topic will be *Policing Among the Homeless and Mentally Ill* at Central Library, 3rd floor auditorium, 223 South Main from noon to 1:00 p.m. Wichita Police Officer Nate Schwiethale leads the Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) for the City. Bring your questions and find the answers in this very informative session affecting our community. *Hope to see you there!*

Ways to Give - #8 Gift of Life Insurance: A simple way to make a significant future gift is to name the Wichita Public Library Foundation to receive all, or a portion of the proceeds of an existing life insurance policy. You will receive a tax deduction for the cash surrender value, thus reducing your tax liability in the year of your gift. Just let us know where we should put your gift to work at the Library, including support of the Advanced Learning Library. Need help? Please call the Foundation office at 316-261-8523 to learn more.

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