

Behind the Lines

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In the News: Your Wichita Public Library, is one of three Wichita organizations recognized for participation in Knight Cities Challenge. From a pool of over 7,000 Knight cities applicants, we made it through the first round - narrowed to 126 applications. *You really do make us special!*

Check out the Foundation's website, www.supportwichitalibraries.org for our newest video on the progress on the new Central Library. Please share with your friends and family. Help us answer the questions about why a new Central Library is so important to the future of our community.

Looking for additional ways to help – schedule a Foundation program for your favorite club or civic group. We will answer your questions about why a new Central Library is needed, how it will be different from the current library and how the entire community would benefit if it is built. Call 261-8523 or send an e-mail to me at foundation@wichita.lib.ks.us to schedule a presentation. *Thank you for all you do!*

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, February 24th the topic will be “Decriminalizing Marijuana: Pro and Con” at Central Library, 3rd floor auditorium, 223 South Main from noon to 1:00 p.m. *See you there!*

It's Not Too Late to sign up for the Century Book Club Challenge. Read or listen to 100 books by December 31, 2015 and become a member of the Wichita Public Library's Century Book Club.

Do you have a Carnegie Library story to tell? As the Library celebrates Wichita's Carnegie Library Centennial, 1915 – 2015, we would love to hear from you. Your story will be published in the Behind the Lines (with your permission, of course). Send to me by e-mail at foundation@wichita.lib.ks.us or regular mail at 223 South Main, Wichita, KS, 67202. *What an amazing 100 years it has been!*

For the younger set check out “Sweet Spring Break”! Activities at Central Library include “Party with Charlie” at the Chocolate Factory, ages 5-8 on Tuesday March 17 at 10:30 a.m. Children ages 9-12 should plan to attend the “Candy Convention” on Thursday, March 19 at 2:30. Plan a trip to Alford Branch Library for “Warrior Cats” on March 16 at 2:30 p.m. For a full list of Spring Break programs, check the events calendar at www.wichita.lib.ks.us. or call 261-8500. *See you there!*

Looking for a book discussion club to join? Have an interest in mysteries? Look no further than your Library. Join us at the Rockwell Branch, 5939 East 9th, on Monday February 23rd at 1:00 p.m. for a lively discussion of "Suspect" by Robert Crais. Need a different time or location, check the Library's event calendar at www.wichita.lib.ks.us/calendar. Not finding what you are looking for? Call 261-8500 for more information.

Ways to Give - #9 Real Estate with Life Tenancy, also called a Life Remainder Interest Deed: Receive a substantial income tax deduction by gifting (deeding) your home or farm to the Wichita Public Library Foundation now. You continue to live there, maintain the property as usual, and even receive any income it generates. When your estate takes effect, the Wichita Public Library Foundation will use your gift to underwrite Library programs and materials collections.

Save the Date: The Friends of the Library are getting ready for their used book sale at the Central Library, 223 S. Main. Members only sale starts Wednesday, March 25th at 5:00 p.m. The sale opens to the public on Thursday, March 26 at 10:30 a.m. The “Bring Your Own Bag” sale, one day only, is March 28th starting at 10:30 a.m. Not a member, join at the door and support the Friends and the Library. For more information check the Friends website at www.wichitalibraryfriends.org.

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