

Behind the Lines

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The Library Foundation welcomes Lamont Anderson to the Library Board of Directors. Lamont, a native of Wichita is a graduate of Friends University, having earned a bachelor's and master's degree in Business Administration. As the owner of ALA Enterprises, he recognizes the value of a good education and the Library as a game changer for today's youth. *Thank you to Lamont for his willingness to serve our community.*

For the younger set check out “Spring into Reading”! Activities at Central Library include *Createspace* for children ages 5-12 on Monday, March 14th at 2:30 p.m. Children ages 5 – 8 should plan to attend *Skippyjon Jones Fiesta* at Westlink on Wednesday, March 16th at 2:30 p.m. And then on Friday, March 18th, join us at Alford for the program, *Egyptology*, starting at 2:30 p.m. For a full list of Spring Break programs, check the events calendar at www.wichitalibrary.org or call 261-8500. *See you there!*

Have an interest in major issues which impact our community?

Join us for *Tuesday Topics* on Tuesday, March 22nd, at Central Library, 223 South Main, from noon to 1:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Library and the League of Women Voters Wichita-Metro, this is an excellent program about current events including information and perspectives on both sides of controversial topics. The March program will be “Planned Parenthood”. *Hope to see you there!*

Work continues on the new Advanced Learning Library! On February 2nd, the Wichita City Council voted 5-2 to authorize the Advanced Learning Library project. The authorization includes approval of the final design and construction budget, as well as an authorization to solicit bids from construction companies. For more information visit the Library's website at www.wichitalibrary.org.

Save the Date: Join us for a day of entertainment and activities at Watermark Books on Friday, April 29, 2016, to celebrate Wichita's third annual Art Day of Giving. Contributions to the Foundation on ArtDOG helps underwrite Foundation and Library services throughout the year. *The impact the Library has on access to arts education makes us very special.*

Friends Annual Spring Book Sale coming in April. The Friends of the Library are getting ready for their Annual Spring Sale at the Central Library, 223 S. Main, starting April 20th. Help make this sale the best ever with your donations and then come shop for that very special purchase. More information is available at the Friends website, www.wichitalibraryfriends.org.

Have some spring cleaning to do and would like to make a donation to the Friends Used Bookstore? Share your treasured collections of books, movies, DVDs and CDs which need a new home. And if a friend asks "what do I do with all of my books?" you will be there with the perfect answer. *"Take them to the Library!"*

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. *Call me for more information at 316-261-8523.*

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