

Behind the Lines

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Celebrating the 10th anniversary of *Bhutan: A Visual Odyssey Across the Last Himalayan Kingdom* by Michael Hawley. Produced by MIT and published by Acme Bookbinding and Friendly Plant, the book is 5' by 7' and weighs 133 pounds. Recorded by Guinness World Records as the world's largest book upon publication in December of 2003, Bhutan records daily life in the Himalayas in vibrant color. The book was purchased for the Library with a grant from the DeVore Foundation in 2004 and is housed on the 3rd floor of Central Library. *Pages turned weekly!*

Congratulations to the Friends of the Wichita Public Library, 2014 Outstanding Friends Group Award, and to Cynthia Berner for the Duane Johnson Library Leadership Award, awarded by the Friends of Kansas Libraries and Savannah Ball, New Professional by the Kansas Library Association at the 2014 Kansas Library Conference. *Your support makes us special!*

Happenings at the Library:

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. Coming up on Tuesday, November 25th, the League will host "Kansas Health Care: Are Kansans Protected?" at Central Library, 223 South Main, 3rd floor auditorium, from noon to 1:00 p.m. Feel free to bring your questions and a brown bag lunch; drinks will be provided. Room opens at 11:30 a.m. *Hope to see you there!*

The 7th Big Read Wichita was a huge success. Funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Big Read *Wichita* has become a cherished community-wide reading extravaganza! If you would like to be part of the selection process for the 2015 Big Read book, we would love to hear from you. A short synopsis of each book is available at www.Activate-Wichita.org. Click on "View All Topics"; "Big Read Title List"; "Topic Details" and read a review of each of the 30 plus books. Share your favorite titles. *Don't delay as the title for Wichita's 2015 application will be selected soon. As one of 77 organizations in the United States to receive a 2014 Big Read grant, your support really does make a difference!*



Something missing in the Library collection you would like to

recommend? Go to the Library's website, www.wichita.lib.ks.us. On the front page, click on the link "Suggest an Item" and fill out the form. Your choices include paper books, e-books, audio books, large print books, DVDs and CDs. You may also send me your recommendations. I will share your list with the Library.

Your Recommendations:

Books (title, author, and format): _____

Movies (title and year) _____

Music (title, artist and format): _____

Top 10 Ways to Give to the Foundation

#10 Purchase of a new life insurance policy naming the Wichita Public Library Foundation Owner and Beneficiary: You receive a charitable income tax deduction for each premium payment made and provide a major gift with a modest annual payment. For more information, please call me at 316-261-8523.

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Just a reminder: The Library will be closed on November 27th and 28th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Regular hours resume on Saturday, November 29th!

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