

Behind the Lines

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Foundation News:

The Foundation welcomes new board member, Kevin McWhorter. Kevin, Senior Vice-President-Investments with Wells Fargo Advisors, is a 25 year veteran specializing in fixed income finance. He currently serves on the Goddard School Board and the Wichita Public Library Board of Directors. His work in the business and non-profit community is highly regarded and we are excited to have him.

A special thank you to Board Members Mary Eves and Tom Simon!

Mary and Tom were recognized at the annual meeting for 15 years of service to the Foundation Board. Their commitment to the Foundation and the Library community is greatly appreciated.

Our condolences to former Board Member, Sarah Bagby, and her family on the loss of her mother, Barbara Bagby. Barbara was a huge fan of the Library and a longtime volunteer with the Friends. She could often be found working in the Friends used bookstore or browsing the stacks looking for her favorite book. *She will be missed.*

Happenings at the Library:

The 6th annual Big Read Wichita was a huge success. Funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts "True Grit," by Charles Portis proved the Wichita community loves its history. We are especially appreciative of the Wichita Art Museum for their assistance in securing the artwork, "Smoking Cattle out of the Breaks" by Charles M. Russell from the M. C. Naftzger Collection. The finale, a day in the Old West hosted by Old Cowtown Museum, was the perfect day to a perfect ending for this year's Big Read.



If you would like to be part of the selection process for the 2014 Big Read, check out www.Activate-Wichita.org and tell us which titles you recommend. A short synopsis of each book is available at www.Activate-Wichita.org or www.neabigread.org. Activate Wichita is made possible by a grant to the Library Foundation from the Wichita Community Foundation and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

The Big Read Wichita brings together over 60 partner organizations and makes our programming special. As one of 77 organizations in the United States to receive a 2013 Big Read grant, your support really does make a difference!

Please share your thoughts. We would love to hear from you: e-mail at foundation@wichita.lib.ks.us or Leah Barnhard, 223 South Main Wichita, KS 67202.

Where do you get your information about Library programs and services?

- the radio: your favorite station _____
- Wichita Eagle, Go Section
- billboards
- the Library website
- Library Facebook page
- other social media sources _____
- television: your favorite station _____
- friends and family
- other _____

Thinking back on this past year, what was your favorite Library program?

- The Big Read
- Summer Reading
- Senior Wednesday
- Western Days
- Hispanic Heritage
- Adult Winter Reading
- Children's storytimes, puppet shows and movies
- Other: _____

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