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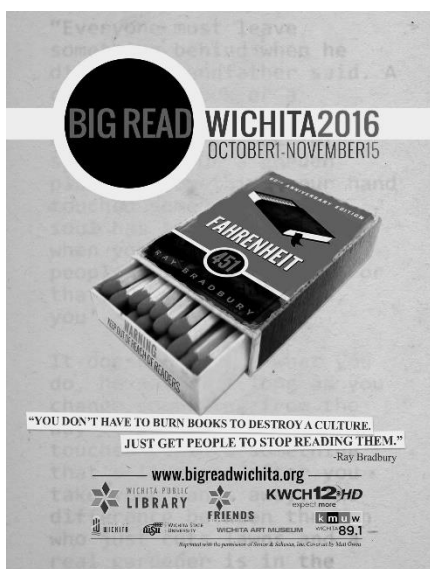
Breaking News: \$250,000 gift to the Capital Campaign

Thank you to the Sunderland Foundation for their recent gift to the Foundation's Capital Campaign in support of the Advanced Learning Library. We are so very grateful for their contribution and to everyone who has joined us on this amazing journey. With your support, the campaign has secured more than \$6.6 million toward our \$8 million goal.



Construction updates are available on the Library's website at www.wichitalibrary.org, Advanced Learning Library. *Thank you for making our Library a very special place!*

The 9th annual Big Read Wichita continues: Join us for a very special program by Sam Weller, author of *The Bradbury Chronicles: The Life of Ray Bradbury* on Saturday November 5th from 7:00 - 9 p.m. at the WSU Hughes Metropolitan Complex, 5101 E. 29th. Professor Weller, Mr. Bradbury's official biographer, will share his many conversations with Mr. Bradbury. A book signing will follow the lecture. *Hope to see you there!*



And then on Wednesday, November 9th at noon, join us at Central Library for a Senior Wednesday program, the *Changing Effect of Media: 1953 - 2016*, presented by a panel of Wichita journalists. Bring your questions and get ready for a very enlightening discussion. Find out why 1953 was such an important year and how much has changed over the past 63 years.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Big Read Wichita! You make the Wichita Big Read a very special community event!

And for the younger set: Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Kick-off

Party: Colors, Colors, Everywhere! Join us on Saturday, November 5th from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Evergreen Branch Library to celebrate this year's Kansas Reads to Preschoolers title, *Bear See Colors*, written by Karma Wilson and illustrated by Jane Chapman. Preschoolers, teddy bears, and families are invited to a Teddy Bear Picnic. Wear your favorite color and enjoy the picnic, storytime and craft activity and help us celebrate the 12th anniversary of Kansas Reads in Wichita.

Funded in part by the Leonard and Celia Levand Trust, Kansas Reads to Preschoolers is a project of the State Library of Kansas. *Your support makes us special!*

And be sure to check the Library calendar for holiday events for children, families and the adult set. *The Library has it all!*

Have an interest in major issues which impact our community? Join us for *Tuesday Topics* from noon to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, at Central Library, 3rd floor auditorium, 223 South Main. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters Wichita/Metro and the Wichita Public Library, the program will feature Friends University Political Science Professor Dr. Ruddell Arben Fox. He will analyze the results of the November 8th election and discuss how this year's candidates will influence public policy and shape the decisions that affect our lives. *Hope to see you there!*

Save the Date: December 8th and 9th for the Friends of the Wichita Public Library Holiday Book Sale. *Shop early for your favorite holiday gifts and support the Friends and the Library!*

Top 10 Ways to Give - #8: Purchase a new life insurance policy naming the Wichita Public Library Foundation as the owner and beneficiary: You receive a charitable income tax deduction for each premium payment made and provide a major gift to the Foundation. Need more information, please call Leah at 261-8523.

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