

# Behind the Lines

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## Foundation News:

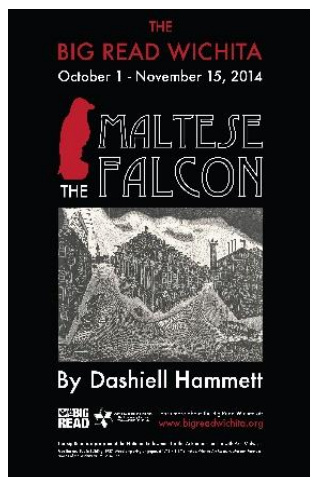
**Did you know?** What a success Summer Reading has been! With 12,920 children and teens participating in the program and funding support from the Celia and Leonard Levand Trust and the Wichita Cultural Funding Grant. A very special part of this year's Summer Reading Club was the addition of Baby Book Worms, a program designed for children ages birth to 3 years. And then there are the books ~ 240,098 children's books were borrowed by summer readers from the Library during June and July. With each child reading an average of 18 books, they kept the Library very busy. *And this doesn't count the impact on school readiness!*

A special thank you goes to all of the area businesses who supported the Summer Reading with coupons and gift certificates. They make our Summer Reading Club a very special part of summer vacation. *Private sector support makes it happen!*

The next time you hear people say no one uses a library anymore, please share this very important fact: **12,920 children and teens can't be wrong!**

## Happenings at the Library:

**The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Big Read Wichita continues.** Funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, the selection of "The Maltese Falcon" by Dashiell Hammett proves the Wichita community loves a good mystery. Over 375 attendees participated in the Big Read pre-party at the Wichita Art Museum on September 20<sup>th</sup>.



Join us on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. as Big Read Wichita's Honorary Program Chair Gaylord Dold, author of twenty works of fiction including the highly acclaimed private detective series featuring Mitch Roberts, sheds light on the history and stylings of the crime fiction genre. For more information go to [Bigreadwichita.org](http://Bigreadwichita.org).

*The Big Read Wichita brings together over 60 partner organizations and makes our programming special. As one of 75 organizations in the United States to receive a 2014 Big Read grant, your support really does make a difference!*



**Help us share our story!** The Foundation is looking for speaking opportunities to promote the Library. Do you belong to a civic club, a book club, a church group, or an organization wanting to know more about the role of the Library in our community? Just call, 261-8523, or e-mail me at [foundation@wichita.lib.ks.us](mailto:foundation@wichita.lib.ks.us) and we will send a program out to your group. Our goal – to reach out to our community and share our Library story. *Help us promote the very special work our Library does in our community!*

**Please complete the short survey below.** E-mail at [foundation@wichita.lib.ks.us](mailto:foundation@wichita.lib.ks.us) or Leah Barnhard, 223 South Main Wichita, KS 67202. *We would love to hear from you!*

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

- The Big Read
- Summer Reading
- Senior Wednesday
- Adult Winter Reading
- Children's storytimes, puppet shows and movies
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you use the Library?

- Attend programs/Book club discussions
- E-books
- Paper books
- Reference materials including genealogy and local history
- Computer access including internet services
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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