

# Behind the Lines

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**Groundbreaking, July 6, 2016!** Master of Ceremonies Mark Chamberlin welcomed guests to the July 6 groundbreaking of the new Advanced Learning Library. Joining the Library Board, the Friends and the Foundation for this very special celebration were Mayor Jeff Longwell, Council Members Janet Miller, Lavonta Williams and Bryan Frye and many friends and supporters. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for underwriting the event. Bottled water and hand



held fans were the order of the day. For pictures and a video of the event, please visit [wichitalibrary.org](http://wichitalibrary.org).

**Announcing the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Big Read Wichita!** Funded in part by the Friends of the Wichita Public Library, this year's title "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury will feature performances by the Wichita Symphony and Wichita Community Theater, an opening reception at the Wichita Art Museum and an art exhibit at City Arts. Look for Big Read Wichita activities to begin October 1. Additional information will be available on the Big Read Wichita website at [www.bigreadwichita.org](http://www.bigreadwichita.org). *Your support really does make a difference!*



**GraceMed Guild at the Library!** Members of the GraceMed Guild are pictured with Children's Outreach Librarian Anne Harris in support of the Check Up and Check Out program, a partnership of the Library and area pediatric clinics. Participating physicians and clinics promote the importance of early literacy to



families during wellness checkups for children ages 0 - 5. The program includes materials about the Library for families with young children and a coupon for a free children's book made available through Guild funding support. *Thank a GraceMed Guild member. They make the Library a very special place!*

**We would love to hear from you.** Please complete the short survey below. Return to me by e-mail at [foundation@wichita.lib.ks.us](mailto:foundation@wichita.lib.ks.us) or send by regular mail to Leah Barnhard, 223 South Main Wichita, KS 67202. *Thank you for helping make the Library a very special place!*

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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What are your favorite Library activities or programs?

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**Help us share our story!** The Foundation continues to look 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? Call 261-8523 or e-mail [foundation@wichita.lib.ks.us](mailto:foundation@wichita.lib.ks.us) and we will send a program out to your group. Our goal is to reach out to our community and share our Library story. *Help us promote the very special work our Library does in our community!*

**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.

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