

# Behind the Lines

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**Wichita invites online engagement!** Check out [www.Activate-Wichita.org](http://www.Activate-Wichita.org) to join a very special online conversation about Wichita. The Wichita Public Library Board of Directors is asking residents to weigh-in on what they would like to see in their Library of the future. The City of Wichita Public Works & Utilities Department is asking your opinions about the water conservation. Check out who is listening; share your thoughts. The project is funded by a John S. and James L. Knight Foundation grant in partnership with the City of Wichita, the Friends of the Wichita Public Library, the Wichita Community Foundation and the Wichita Public Library.

You can help us get the word out. Share [www.Activate-Wichita.org](http://www.Activate-Wichita.org) with your friends through Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and e-mail. Your opinions count! *We look forward to hearing from you!*

Can the institution of the public library remain relevant in an increasingly online world? Join Director of Libraries Cynthia Berner Harris on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, as she explains the process being used by the Wichita Public Library to anticipate and develop facilities and services for Wichita's present and future. Central Library Auditorium opens at 11:30 a.m. for those with brown bag lunches. The presentation begins at Noon. The program is cosponsored by the League of Women Voters – Wichita/Metro. *Thank you for making the Library the place to be!*

**And don't forget!** Thank you for sharing your treasured collections of books, movies, DVDs and CDs which need a new home. The Library accepts donations all year long. As needed, items are added to Library collections. Those that are not needed for the collection are donated to the Friends of the Wichita Public Library which sells materials and uses the proceeds to support Library programs, collections and services. So just in case you haven't started your "spring cleaning," it's not too late to help out. And if a friend asks "what do I do with all of my books?" you will be there to help with the perfect answer. *"Take them to the Library!"*

**Coming up in May!** The Library is working very hard getting ready for summer reading. Summer Reading and Teens Read registration starts Thursday, May 23. We have lots of things for children and teens to do this summer. The full schedule is on the web at [www.wichita.lib.ks.us](http://www.wichita.lib.ks.us) or just come in. *Help us enroll 12,000 children and teens in Summer Reading. Tell your friends and family the Library is waiting for your visit!*

**Find the Library on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest!** *Are you using social networks to keep in touch with friends and family? You can also keep track of what's going on at your library! Just look for the icons on the Library's home page at [www.wichita.lib.ks.us](http://www.wichita.lib.ks.us) to join the Library on the networks you use.*

*We are still accepting recommendations for books, movies and music. E-mail your request to me at [foundation@wichita.lib.ks.us](mailto:foundation@wichita.lib.ks.us) or send me a letter. We look forward to hearing from you. You make our Library a very special part of community. Thank you!*

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