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GOOD NEWS: A letter from the WPLF



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Berner's distinguished service recognized

Cynthia Berner has been an integral part of the Library's and the Foundation's successes over the past 30 years. Her passion for the Library and Wichita has changed the lives of thousands of people in our community. Please congratulate and celebrate Cynthia for her many years as a devoted public servant. We will miss her dearly!

In recognition of Director Berner's distinguished service and the profound impact of her work on the greater Wichita community, the WPLF Board of Directors established the Cynthia Berner Endowment to honor and continue her tradition of support and service to libraries in perpetuity.

*"We would not have the Advanced Learning Library without her strategic leadership, her ability to bring different voices to the table, and her respect for differing opinions."
Kevin McWhorter, Chair, Wichita Public Library Board of Directors*

Your year-end giving – how to help your local Library

Each of us has a chance to make a difference in the lives of people in Wichita through the Wichita Public Library Foundation. A robust Library system is the very foundation upon which a community builds for the future. That is why the Wichita Public Library Foundation Board of Directors have committed to match each gift made to the Foundation dollar-for-dollar, up to \$25,000!

We do hope that you consider making a year-end gift to the Library Foundation. When the Foundations' Board matches your donation, you will double the Library's purchasing power for books, materials, and programming. The need is greater than ever, and the chance to make an impact even greater still. Thank you for your patronage of the Wichita Public Library. We will continue to adjust to emerging community needs and share the vision of a vibrant community where imagination, opportunity, and possibilities thrive.

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Virtual Library programs coming this fall and winter

The Wichita Public Library continues to adapt to keep our customers safe and engaged during COVID-19. We hope you can participate in one of the many virtual programs we will offer this fall and winter. Your financial support of the WPLF makes these future programs possible.

- ❖ **Kansas Reads to Preschoolers** will go virtual this year with “Groovy Joe: Ice Cream & Dinosaurs” by Eric Litwin.
- ❖ **Youth Services will create a Sesame Street-inspired** educational video to coincide with virtual activities available on the Library’s website.
- ❖ **Online Nonprofit Business Planning:** October 24 at 1 p.m. This Small Business Administration/SCORE program will show the steps needed to plan a successful nonprofit business. Registration is required between September 25 and October 23; call (316) 261-8500 or register online.
- ❖ **NEA Big Read:** Wichita, Saturday, January 9 through Sunday, February 21, 2021. In the “Big Read Redux,” the Library’s annual six-week one-book community read program goes virtual with live and pre-recorded programs. This year’s book is “Circe” by Madeline Miller www.bigreadwichita.org.

Visit www.wichitalibrary.org/events for more programs and information.

Did you know?

The Library is excited to announce that in early 2021, a new branch Library will open in southeast Wichita. The branch library will offer various services, including a large children’s section, a teen space, a meeting room with after-hours access for Library programming and community use, and 16 public computers, with access to high-speed wireless internet.

Located at 4195 E. Harry, the Library is 6,900 square feet and allows for expanding public computing, a larger meeting room with after-hours capabilities, and zoned spaces to accommodate customer use needs better. We are thrilled that this move will bring library services back to District III!

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The mission of the Wichita Public Library Foundation is to fund Library operational needs directly benefiting the public and not covered in the tax-supported budget. The mission directs the activities of the Foundation through private fundraising, Foundation, individual and corporate grants, and annual endowment distributions to the Library.