

Behind the Lines

Since 1987

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The Foundation and the Library thank Jane and Michael Rachel, their family and many friends for the establishment of the Edward V. Marnett Memorial Endowment. Edward was a very special customer of Westlink Branch Library. His family has chosen to establish this memorial in recognition of his fond memories of the staff and the work they did. We are honored and grateful for the opportunity to recognize Edward and his family for this very special gift.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Library Foundation and the Library with gifts to the Annual Fund and the Campaign for Books Endowment. *Thank you for making our Library a very special place!*

Read More. Live More. Adult Winter Reading Challenge is happening now. Now thru March 12th expand your understanding of people and cultures through books. For more information and to track your books online, go to www.wichitalibrary.org.

February is Shorts Month! The Library's Academy Award® Film Screenings of nominated shorts is celebrating its 31th anniversary with a week's worth of Academy Award nominated animation, live action and documentary short films (running 40 minutes or less, including credits) February 20 thru February 27. *This very special Library offering is made possible in part with financial support from the Foundation!*

All shorts will be shown at the Orpheum Theatre, 200 N. Broadway, starting at 10:00 a.m. on February 18th and at the Warren Theatre, 9150 W. 21st St. (21st & Tyler), starting at 10:00 a.m. on February 25th. *Check the Library's website, www.wichitalibrary.org for additional locations and showings.*

Send me your prediction for the three films that will take home the gold statuettes. Ballots will be entered in a drawing for a Watermark \$25 gift card or a Friends of the Wichita Public Library Gold Card (\$25 value). A review of each nominated film is available at www.indiewire.com. *Looking forward to hearing from you!*

LIVE ACTION

“Ennemis Interieurs”
“Silent Nights”

“Timecode”

“La femme et Le TGV”
“Sing”

ANIMATED Short Film

“Blind Vaysha”
“Pear Cider and Cigarettes”

“Piper”

“Borrowed Time”
“Pearl”

DOCUMENTARY Short Subject

“Extremis”
“Joe’s Violin”

“4.1 Miles”

“The White Helmets”
“Watani: My Homeland”

Please send your nominations by regular mail: WPL Foundation, 223 South Main, Wichita, KS 67202 or email: foundation@wichitalibrary.org by February 20th. And then watch for the winners on Sunday, February 26th.

Your name: _____ Phone number: _____

1. Live Action: _____

2. Animated: _____

3. Documentary: _____

Top 10 Ways to Give - #10: Have an IRA?

If you are over the age of 70½, you can now make direct distributions from your IRA to the Wichita Public Library Foundation thanks to the bipartisan budget bill signed into law on Dec. 18, 2015. A gift from your IRA has the effect of allowing the distribution to avoid being identified as taxable income. This is particularly beneficial if you do not itemize your deductions when filing your income tax return or are at a level of income that limits the benefits of your deductions.

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