

Behind the Lines

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The Foundation announces the Hattie Edwards Bright Memorial

Endowment. Jeanne Bright O'Malley is honoring the memory of her grandmother, Hattie Edwards Bright, with the establishment of an endowed memorial in support of Kansas history. Hattie, an early pioneer, arrived in Kansas in 1872. With the defiant legend "Kansas or Bust" on her family's covered wagon, they represent the early settlers who made Kansas and Wichita special!

Please join us Friday, February 8th from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Central Library Patio Room, 223 South Main, to celebrate the 146th anniversary of Hattie's birthday and the creation of this very special endowment!

Thank you so much for your contributions to the Foundation's Annual Fund and Campaign for Books Endowment. With thousands of books published annually in paper, audio and electronic formats, the funds needed to meet your library needs are daunting. With the promotion of Sarah Shetlar to Library Manager in charge of collection development, we are working hard to make sure the books you want are available at your Library.

It's Shorts Month! The Library's Academy Awards® Shorts program is celebrating its 27th anniversary with a week's worth of showings February 16-23. This showing of award-nominated animation, live action and documentary short subjects (films running 40 minutes or less, including credits!) always is a big attraction. All categories will be shown on Saturday, February 16, at 10 a.m. at the 21st Street Warren and again at the Orpheum Theatre on Saturday, February 23, at 10 a.m. Check the Library's website for additional locations and showings: www.wichita.lib.ks.us/Programs/Shorts.htm.

Send me your prediction for the three films that will take home the gold statuettes. If you get at least two out of three correct, you will be entered in a drawing for a Friends of the Library gold card. Winners who already have a gold card may "gift" their prize to a friend or family member. Please send by Friday, February 15, post on Facebook www.supportwichitalibraries.org or email at foundation@wichital.lib.ks.us.

1. *Documentary:* _____
2. *Animation:* _____
3. *Live Action:* _____

Read to the Finish! This year's Adult Winter Reading Program started January 9. The initiative encourages you to read from five of ten different categories. Everyone completing the program will be entered into a drawing for Visa gift cards: Gold: \$100, Silver \$75; Bronze: \$50. Find complete details at any Library location or at the Library's website and *get reading!*



And just in time for Black History Month: The History of Wichita's Black Media. Bonita Gooch, publisher of The Community Voice for the past 20 years, presents the journalistic history of Wichita's black community and how current trends in publishing are affecting neighborhood publishers. Gooch is also co-host of weekly *Community Voice Radio Show* on Wichita's KDGS Radio. Plan to attend February's Senior Wednesday for active seniors age 55 or better on 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 13 at the Central Library.

And you won't want to miss: Awareness and Rhythm: The Stories Within. This workshop with Chicago-area storyteller Oba William King, the Poetic Storyteller, will help you develop your storytelling voice. Look at basic presentation skills including phrasing, accentuation, dramatic pauses, tone, rhythm, voice, and diction. Whether used for teaching, preaching, business presentations, dramatic performance, or personal storytelling, these skills will help you to use your voice to create the desired effect. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, Jan. 17; call 688-9580. Join us at 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Maya Angelou Northeast Branch Library, 3051 E. 21st, for a very special Library program!



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