

Behind the Lines

Since 1987

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On behalf of the Foundation and the Library, thank you to the family and friends of Melissa “Missy” Whalen for the establishment of a memorial fund in her honor and in her memory. Her family has asked donations to her memorial be used to support books and books-on-tape collections.

The Library was very special to Missy. She would have been proud to know her nationally recognized Library will continue to do amazing work. Missy was a beloved member of our Library community. *She will be missed!*

In Celebration of Wichita’s Carnegie Library Centennial!

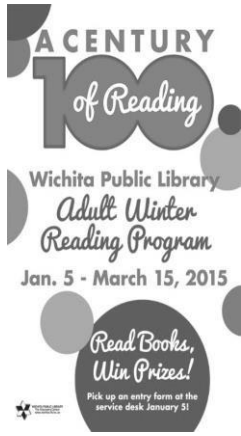
***April 9, 1915:** “The Wichita City Library was established in its present form when the first Library Board was appointed by the City Commission. The members of this first board were Mrs. Henry Ware Allen, Al H. Blasé, Dr. A.M. Brodie, C.E. Cosand, Mrs. Will K. Jones, E.M. Leach, Mrs. L.S. Trotter, H.V. Wheeler and Mayor O.H. Bentley.”

***May 14, 1915:** “The present library building costing \$75,000, which was a gift to the City from Andrew Carnegie, was first opened to the public.”

***September 1915:** “The building was formally dedicated and Julius Lucht, the first librarian, began his work. There is continuous reason to be grateful for the sound methods of organization established by Mr. Lucht.”

**Annual Report, Wichita City Library 1939: Summary of Twenty-five Years 1915 – 1939, Wichita, Kansas*

And then on January 13, 2015, the Wichita City Council approved phase 2 of the new Central Library building project. GLMV Architecture will complete the design of the building and begin work on construction documents. Thank you to everyone who helped move us forward. *Just imagine the possibilities as we begin “A Second Century” of Library excellence!*



A Century of Reading: The 12th Annual Adult Winter Reading Program started January 5th. This year plan to read five books from five different decades of the past 100 years. Everyone completing the program will be entered into a drawing for a Kindle Fire HDX and Visa gift cards.

And then for those readers who really enjoy a challenge, be the first to read or listen to 100 books between January 1 and December 31, 2015 and become a member of the Wichita Public Library's Century Book Club. Great prizes and "bragging rights" await those who complete the challenge. Find complete details at any Library location or at the Library's website, www.wichita.lib.ks.us and *get reading!*

February is Shorts Month! The Library's Academy Awards® Shorts program is celebrating its 29th anniversary with a week's worth of awardnominated animation, live action and documentary short subjects (films running 40 minutes or less, including credits!) from February 14 thru February 21. All shorts will be shown at the Orpheum Theatre, 200 N. Broadway, starting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 14th and at the Warren Theatre, 9150 W. 21st St. (21st & Tyler), starting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 21st. Check the Library's website, www.wichita.lib.ks.us, for additional locations and showings.

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 your ballot by Tuesday, February 10th. Regular mail: WPL Foundation, 223 South Main, Wichita, KS 67202: email: foundation@wichita.lib.ks.us. *Looking forward to hearing from you!*

1. *Documentary:* _____

2. *Animation:* _____ 3.

Live Action: _____

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