

Behind the Lines

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The Friends of the Wichita Public Library's used book sale starts March 25th with a member's only preview sale from 5 - 7 p.m. and then opens to the public on March 26th at 10:30 a.m. at Central Library, 223 South Main. Don't have a membership? Ask to join at the door.

"Tuesday Topics" program, sponsored by the Wichita Metro League of Women's Voters that was scheduled at Central for Tuesday, March 24, has been changed to Tuesday, March 31, at 12:00 noon. Mayoral candidates Jeff Longwell and Sam Williams will share their views prior to the upcoming election on April 7, 2015. *Hope to see you at this very important program!*

My Library Story

I remember so well—

My mother, little brother and I took the bus from 1716 Chautauqua, out by WSU, to attend a special program at the library. Bill Martin was coming to talk about his new book, "Silver Stallion", a sequel to "Lightning, A Cowboy's Colt". I remember that the program was upstairs and that the author read the book to us with a beautiful voice. And then, wonders, my mother bought a copy of the book--and he signed it "Good wishes to my friend, Pamela---Bill Martin". The copyright date is 1949 and this event was not long after that.

Of course I still have the book and it represents to me the glory and wonders of a library! Thank you Wichita Public Library for that long-ago magical experience. I was lucky enough to attend Fairmount Elementary and even though the library was initially in the basement next to the boiler room, it still had magic. On to the grand libraries of Mathewson Junior High and East High.

In an attempt to pay back, I have served on the board of the Lafayette Public Library Foundation (Louisiana) as a member and officer.

---Pamela Stone Stroup

National Library Week ~ April 12 - 18, 2015: *A huge thank you from the Foundation to the Friends of the Wichita Public Library and all of the volunteers who make our Library a very special place!*

Foundation dollars at work at the 29th Annual Academy Award

Shorts nominated film showings. This year's attendance was just shy of 1,000. Licenses to show the films and venue rental are supported by the Foundation.

And the winner of the Academy Awards “pick the winners”:

Congratulations to the 2015 Gold Card winner, Lynda Connell for submitting the winning ballot. *Thank you for making the Library a very special place!*

Save the Date: Join us for a day of entertainment and activities at Watermark Books on Friday, April 24, 2015 to celebrate Wichita's second annual Art Day of Giving. Contributions to the Foundation on ArtDog help underwrite Foundation and Library services throughout the year. *The impact the Library has on arts education and access makes us very special!*



The 7th Annual Young Artists' Exhibits open with receptions for the artists starting on April 9th at 6:30 p.m. at Central Library, 223 South Main and 6:00 p.m. at Rockwell Branch, 5939 E. 9th. *Hope you can join us for a wonderful display of our community's young talent.*

Starting your spring cleaning? Thank you for sharing your treasured collections of books, movies, DVDs and CDs which need a new home. So just in case you haven't started your "spring cleaning," it's not too late. 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!"*

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