

# Behind the Lines

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**A special thank you to the Foundation Board** as we celebrate 27 years of service to the Library. I am especially appreciative of your continued support and commitment as the Library moves forward on the new central library building project. *What an amazing opportunity to make a difference in our community!*

**Survey responses from our *Behind the Lines* readers:** At the top of the list of favorite Library programs, *The Big Read Wichita* tied with *Senior Wednesday* programming for first place. Paper books ranked first (and by a huge margin) in response to the question “how do you use the Library?” If you would like to share your thoughts or suggestions on what we should have in the Library, please go to “Suggest an Item” on the front page of the Library website at [www.wichita.lib.ks.us](http://www.wichita.lib.ks.us) or send me your recommendations. *With your help, we make our Library a very special place!*

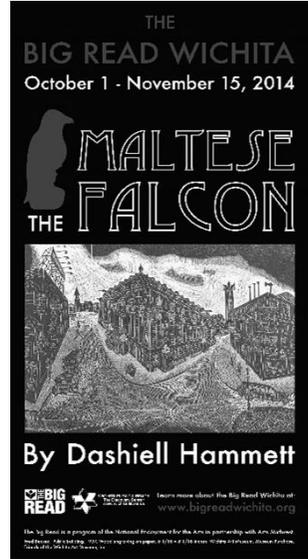
**Thank you to the family of Mary Lou Woods** for the establishment of a Foundation memorial in her memory. As the demand for Library services continues to grow, we are so appreciative to have the opportunity to honor her memory and support the work of the Library. Mary Lou was a very special member of our Library family and our community. She will be missed.

## **Happenings at the Library:**

Have an interest in major issues which impact our community? Join us for *Tuesday Topics*. Sponsored by the Library and the League of Women Voters Wichita-Metro, this is an excellent program about current events including information and both sides of controversial topics. On Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> the topic will be “Election Issues, 2014: Wichita Sales Tax Increase-Pros and Cons” at Central Library, 223 South Main from noon to 1:00 p.m.

Representatives of groups campaigning for and against the sales tax will present their respective arguments and answer questions from the audience about this important matter that Wichita voters will find on the November ballot. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch; drinks will be provided. Room opens at 11:30 a.m. *Hope to see you there!*

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual **Big Read Wichita** continues thru November 15<sup>th</sup>. Funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett proves the Wichita community loves a good mystery. We are especially appreciative of the Wichita Art Museum for their assistance in securing the Big Read artwork, “Public Building (1937)” by Fred Becker (1913-2004) for this year’s poster.



Plan to join us at the Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 E 29<sup>th</sup> on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 3:30 p.m. for this year’s Falcon Day Finale. Complete with jazz musician Roberto Bernardinelli playing music of the 1930’s and master falconer Vanessa Avara, this is a program you won’t want to miss. *Hope to see you there!*

**Congratulations to the Friends of the Wichita Public Library** on another successful fall book sale in support of the Library. If you missed out, don’t worry. Look for the next sale coming in the spring of 2015. And if you have books to donate, please bring them to your nearest branch library and tell your Librarian they are a donation to the Friends. Call me at 316-261-8523 if you have any questions or need help. Want to join the Friends or volunteer in the Used Book Store? Please call the Library at 316-261-8500. *Help the Friends make our Library a very special place!*

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