

Behind the Lines

Since 1987

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We are celebrating our 25th anniversary. On April 19, the Foundation recognized some very special people who made this celebration possible. Dick Rademacher, Ed Francis, Jan Randle, Diana Forshee and Jim Gustavson saw the effect of the City budget on the Library in the very early 1980s: it wasn't good. Planning for the Foundation began with the receipt of an estate gift from Augusta C. Anthony. Eric Larson stepped in to help form the Foundation, which became a reality in 1987. Carol Nazar, our very special friend, became the first director. *Thank you for your very special service to the Library. You were way ahead of your time in the creation of this most important public/private partnership!*

And a very special thank you to the nearly 300 volunteers who make our Library special. *Where would we be without you?*

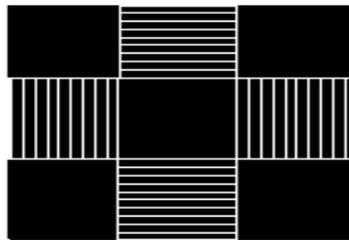
And don't forget! Thank you for sharing your treasured collections of books, movies, record albums, DVDs and CDs which needed a new home. The Friends take donations all year long. So just in case you haven't started your "spring cleaning," it's not too late to help out. And if a friend asks "what do I do with all of my books?" you will be there to help with a perfect answer. *"Take them to the Library!"*

Coming up in May! The Library is working very hard getting ready for summer reading. As you might imagine, the books are well loved and well used. Keeping up with all of the new books that need to be on library shelves and replacing the classics can be a challenge. A grant from the K. T. Wiedemann Foundation helped do just that. Almost 400 replacement children's classics and new titles were purchased and are on the shelves. Summer Reading registration starts Thursday, May 24. We have lots of things to do all summer long. The full schedule is on the web at www.wichita.lib.ks.us or just come in. *Help us enroll 12,000 children and teens in Summer Reading. Tell your friends and family the Library is waiting for your visit!*

If you haven't stopped in, you won't want to miss "Red Desert, Green Prairie, Blue Sky: Photographing the West," a national traveling exhibit featuring landscape photography of the Midwest on display at the Central Library. The exhibit continues through April 30. The exhibit and opening program were funded by the Library Foundation. *Plan your visit now!*

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