

Behind the Lines

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New central library facility in the news! You are invited to join us at City Hall, 455 N Main, on May 13 at 9:00 a.m. The City Council will consider a request for architectural services for the first phase of the central library facility project. Need more information? Catch Foundation Board Chair Don Barry as himself, Bucky Walters as "Status Quo" and Kim Dugger Atwater as the "Good Angel" as they share with us the community's need for a new central library facility.

To watch the video, go to www.supportwichitalibraries.org and click on "New Central Library". And yes, please share with your friends and family. *Show your support and attend this very important meeting!*

Share your story! Susan Mengelkoch asked to share a very special story about her mother who passed away in March at the age of 102. Her mother loved music from the 40's, so Susan wanted that era's music for her family's memorial gathering. With the assistance of the Rockwell Branch Library staff, she found the perfect music to celebrate her mother's life. "I count on my library in so many ways. It is such a part of my life that I naturally turned to it for a significant life event." Thank you to Susan and her family for allowing the Library to help celebrate her mother's amazing life. *May her memory be a blessing!*

Memorials at the Foundation: Thank you to the families and friends of *Eric Van Doren* and *Jerry Kinzy* for your contributions to the Foundation memorials established in their names. It is a privilege and an honor to be recognized for both the impact we had on their lives and the very special place they held within our Library family. The legacy they leave is an important reminder of the role the Library serves in our community. They will be missed.

Summer is almost here! The Library is working very hard getting ready for summer reading. Summer Reading, Baby Bookworms and Teens Read registration starts Thursday, May 23. We have lots of things for children and teens to do this summer. 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!*

And don't forget to look for the Library and Library Foundation at the Library's tent on the Library's west lawn during Wichita RiverFest. Meet up with reenactors Amelia Earhart, Clyde Cessna and Katherine Wright during Aviation Day. Check the Wichita River Festival's website at www.wichitariverfest.com, the Library's website at www.wichita.lib.ks.us or call 261-8500 for more information. A full week of activities for the whole family is planned. *Hope to see you there!*

Save the Date: Join us again on June 3rd at City Hall as LibraryAware and the Library Journal recognize the Wichita Public Library. The *Library Journal* has chosen the Wichita Public Library to receive the *2014 LibraryAware Community Award*. This very special recognition showcases our Library and brings a \$10,000 award.

To read the full article, go to www.supportwichitalibraries.org and click on "Very Special Library Recognition" or access the article at <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2014/03/awards/engaging-everyone-in-town-2014-libraryaware-community-award>.

And don't forget! Thank you for sharing your treasured collections of books, movies, DVDs and CDs which need a new home. The Library accepts 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 the perfect answer. *"Take them to the Library!"*

Where is the Library? Find the Library online on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest! Are you using social networks to keep in touch with friends and family? You can also keep track of what's going on at your library! Just look for the icons on the Library's home page at www.wichita.lib.ks.us to join the Library on the networks you use. Your Library is everywhere you are. See you soon!

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