

Behind the Lines

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Covering the Library! On Tuesday July 9th the Wichita City Council approved the advancement of the new central library project. Mayor Brewer commented on the move from the Carnegie Library to the current facility in the mid-1960's. Can we only imagine the old Carnegie Library serving the needs of a library system with 8 branches and a community of over 500,000 people? The new central library facility represents the future. *Your support makes change happen!*

A big huge thank you to the Sister Adorers for helping us accomplish our goal of informing our readers about the Library, the Foundation and the progress of the new central library project. With the action of the City Council on the 9th, their goal has been met – to help reach our Library community and to share our successes and challenges. Over the past 4 ½ years they have collectively helped assemble almost 90,000 Behind the Lines newsletters. *We wouldn't be where we are today with their dedication!*

Check out Activate-Wichita.org. The Library is looking for suggestions for children's resources you would like to see at your public library. Let us know which resources, programs or materials would be most beneficial to young readers. Share your ideas at www.activate-wichita.org. Ideas you send will be collected and used by the Library. If you prefer, use the back of the newsletter.

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Did you know! Children's minds get ready to read long before they start school. The Wichita Public Library is participating in "6 by 6," a Library initiative to introduce parents and caregivers to the six literacy skills children need to acquire before they begin school. Our Libraries have a wealth of information on early literacy development, including fun ways to help children get ready to read. Look for suggestions for "best books and activities" to engage children's minds while building literacy skills. *Your support makes this program happen!*

Your ideas for children's resources, programs and materials

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Your suggestions and recommendations will be given to the Library.

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