Behind the Lines

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> **Have you heard? the Library is in the news!** Check out Rhonda Holman's editorial (<u>http://www.kansas.com/2012/05/16/2335958/library-must-</u> <u>change-too.html</u>) about how our Central Library must change to meet the needs of our community. And yes, we have tried. With your Library card, ebooks, Internet and Wi-Fi access, computers and computer training are all available. The library world continues to change, but our current Central Library building can't keep up. With your support, we hope this will change. *More to follow......*

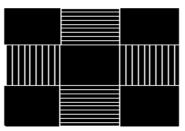
Summer Reading Reminders! Come to the Library's summer kick-off with registration starting on Thursday May 24th. See a full listing of programming and events on the web at <u>www.wichita.lib.ks.us</u> or just come in for a brochure. The Library has nine locations across the City. And check out the prizes. For teen readers, the grand prize is a \$100 gift card. Details on how to qualify are on the web or at the Library. *See you soon!*

Looking for something to do this summer? There are lots of ways to help out at the Library. Currently we have over 300 volunteers and just about as many jobs. Do you have a special skill or talent? Love to help people? Does the idea of sorting books thrill you or teaching an introduction to Microsoft office class? Just want to stuff envelopes? We need you! *Please call Leah at 261-8523 and make yourself the 301st volunteer!*

Check out the "Geek the Library" campaign. Brought to you by the Friends of the Wichita Public Library, the public awareness campaign is a national campaign designed to promote libraries. Anyone can submit their photo and personal "geek" for use in the campaign. For details, call the Wichita Public Library at 316-261-8500 or e-mail friendswpl2012@gmail.com. Submissions may be used in videos and on posters featured in local public libraries and around Wichita. *What to you geek?*

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