

# Behind the Lines

*Since 1987*

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**The Foundation has launched a new website!** If you need to know “now” you will find us at [www.supportwichitalibraries.com](http://www.supportwichitalibraries.com). Keep track of special events, find donation forms and learn how you can help support your library. We can now accept credit card donations online or over the phone. You can even "like" the Foundation on Facebook! *It has never been easier to support the Wichita Public Library!*

**The Big Read is back – for a fifth straight year!** The Wichita Public Library Foundation successfully secured a highly competitive grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to underwrite our fifth consecutive The Big Read - Wichita. We were one of only 75 organizations in the United States to get this very prestigious award. This year's book, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald, continually places near the top of lists as *the* great American novel. Honorary Chairs Mayor Carl Brewer, Sedgwick County Commission Chairman Tim Norton, Wichita Public Schools Board of Education Past President Betty Arnold and our community partners are ready to host eight weeks of spectacular events. *Plan to join us for the best Big Read ever!*

**And don't forget to save these very special dates!** The Big Read runs Oct. 1-Nov. 21. Enjoy jazz music, dance, art, reader's theater, antique cars, and book giveaways at the Wichita Art Museum on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 2-4 p.m.

The 1974 film, starring Robert Redford, will be shown at the Orpheum Theater at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27. Commentary follows. The next day is the keynote address. Kerry Jones, WSU Department of English, shares more about the Jazz Age's self-appointed king, in her talk, "F. Scott Fitzgerald, 'The Great Gatsby,' and the American Dream" at the Central Library at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 28.

For a list of all of the Big Read events, check The Big Read - Wichita website, [www.bigreadwichita.org](http://www.bigreadwichita.org), or call 261-8500 for more information. *We are really looking forward to seeing you!*



The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

**Are you looking for something to do and support your Library at the same time?** Join us on Friday, Oct. 26, for a spectacular day at Barnes & Noble at Bradley Fair, 1920 N Rock Road. The Foundation is hosting a bookfair in conjunction with The Big Read. Activities at the store will include musical performances, readings from the book, "The Great Gatsby" and activities for the kids.

***I can't make the Bookfair – can I still help?*** Go to [bn.com/bookfairs](http://bn.com/bookfairs) from Friday, Oct. 26, to Friday, Nov. 2. The Foundation will receive credit for your online purchases. Please enter ID # 10884708 at checkout.

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