

Behind the Lines

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On behalf of the Foundation and the Library, thank you to Nancy Howey, the family of Jerry Kinzy and their many friends for the establishment of the Jerry F. Kinzy Memorial Endowment. Jerry was a beloved member of our Library community. He would have been proud to know his nationally recognized Library will continue to do amazing work with support from his endowment. *He will be missed!*

Join us June 3rd at City Hall, 455 North Main at 9:00 a.m. as the Wichita Public Library receives the 2014 LibraryAware Community Award from the *Library Journal*. A special thanks goes to the Library staff, the Library Board of Directors, the Friends of the Wichita Public Library, the Foundation Board of Directors and all of our volunteers and customers. *Together, we have created a very special Library!*

May 13, 2014 was a very important day for the Library. The Wichita City Council voted to approve the Library's request for approval of contracts for schematic design and preliminary design development for a proposed new Central Library. A design team led by Wichita's GLMV Architecture outlined a new vision for a building which will meet the technology and community needs as the role of the library continues to evolve.

The library of our parents and grandparents has evolved along with all facets of our lives touched by progress and technology. During the week of June 9th GLMV will be conducting a design charrette. I will be part of these meetings. If you have thoughts or ideas about what you want in the new building, please send them to me by mail at 223 South Main, Wichita, Ks 67202 or by e-mail at foundation@wichita.lib.ks.us. *I would love to hear from you!*

I especially want to thank the members of the boards of directors of the Friends of the Wichita Public Library, the Library Foundation and the Library, Library staff and Library supporters for all of the work you have done over the past 10 years to move this project forward.

And don't forget to thank your City Council representative for making the new facility a priority for our community. *Great cities have great libraries!*

Coming up in June! The Library is working very hard getting ready for summer reading. We have a full schedule of activities for babies, children and teens to do this summer. This year, in addition to the regularly scheduled Summer Reading Club and Teens Read programs, the Library has added Baby Bookworms for children ages birth to 2 years. *We are looking forward to a very busy summer!*

The list of summer Library activities is on the web at www.wichita.lib.ks.us. You may also call, 316-261-8500 or visit any Library location for more information. *Tell your friends and family the Library is waiting for their visit!*

Did you know? In 1938, the first mass produced paperback book in the United States made it to the retail shelf by way of Woolworth's Department Stores. The thought of the day - *the paperback would someday replace the need for a library!*

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