

# FRIENDS OF THE BALDWIN CITY LIBRARY

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## Explosive Summer Reading Program a Hit!

By Barb Mathews, Children's Librarian

Thank you to all the presenters, donors, and participants who help make the summer reading program a success! More than 375 Baldwin City residents participated in the program. Themes included Fizz! Boom! Read! (children), Spark a Reaction (young adult), and Literary Elements (adult).



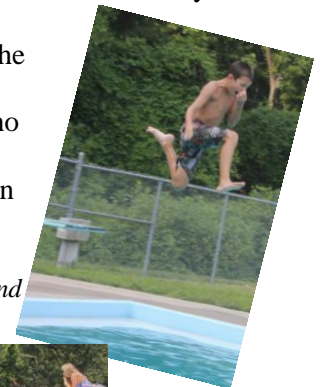
Wednesday morning programming for children had an average attendance of 80 and included Ad Astra Alpacas, Operation Wildlife, Douglas County Master Gardeners, science demonstrations, large appliance box tunnels, and crafts. The Lumberyard Art Center Programs immediately following saw over 400 attendees during the summer!

Readers who completed program goals were rewarded with goodies donated by Friends of the Library, Arrowhead Hardware, Santa Fe Market, and Pizza Hut and attended a pool party on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the Baldwin Recreation Commission for their support! Top youth

readers were also given a new book and there was a goodie basket drawing for the adults who completed the program.

If you didn't make it in this summer, please come check out the newly completed children and young adults sections. Please note that Wednesday morning 10 a.m. story hour is back now that construction is complete!

*Pictures include Librarian Barb Mathews with Crayton and Boston Walters, Nellie LaFountain and Haylee Fender, and Alexander Vassallo going off the board.*



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## Annual Mum Sale



- ✓ Save on mums while supporting the library! **\$9.00 each + Buy 5, get 1 free**
- ✓ Brighten up your yard for fall festivals, football gatherings, and holidays.
- ✓ Give as a gift to a friend or neighbor.

**Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. – noon**

Baldwin City Library, 7th & High St.

Mums supplied by Enright Gardens



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## Fall 2014 BookTALK: Readers' Choice

By Donna Masoner, BookTALK Coordinator

When Kansas readers were asked at the 2007 Book Festival in Wichita to declare their favorite book, the choices were diverse. The first two books in our series were among those favorites - *Holes* and *To Kill a Mockingbird*. And, because Baldwin City readers are very fond of the mystery genre, we've included a mystery as the third book in our series. - *Talking God*.



On **September 11<sup>th</sup>**, we'll talk about *Holes*, a humorous and inventive tale by Louis Sachar. The hero, Stanley, ends up in a juvenile detention center where secrets abound. Our discussion leader is Rachel Goossen, a professor of history at Washburn University.

At the center of *To Kill a Mockingbird* is Scout Finch, a little girl who lives with her father Atticus and brother Jem in a small town in the South. Harper Lee won a Pulitzer Prize for this American classic. Leading our discussion on **October 9<sup>th</sup>** is Shawn Alexander, assistant professor of African American history at KU.

Author Tony Hillerman placed *Talking God* on the Navajo reservation in New Mexico. A grave robber and a corpse reunite Navajo Tribal Police Lt. Joe Leaphorn and Officer Jim Chee. We'll discuss this book on **November 13<sup>th</sup>**, with discussion leader Erin Poupirt, member of the Kaw Nation and independent scholar.

Each meeting will be at the library on a Thursday night at 7pm.

Copies of the chosen books are available now at the library. Talks are co-sponsored by Friends and the Kansas Humanities Council.

Beverages will be provided by **Jitters**.



## Mum Sale September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> – Volunteers Needed

By Helen Graettinger, Volunteer Coordinator

Time for our annual mum sale! The Mum Sale will take place on the lawn of the library from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> and from 8:00 a.m. – noon on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Anyone interested in giving an hour or two of time, please contact [FriendsofBaldwinLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsofBaldwinLibrary@gmail.com) or write your name on the sign-up sheet at the library. Volunteers receive one free mum.



## Monthly Book Review Magazine Available

The Friends are pleased to provide copies of *Book Page: America's Book Review* for the community to discover new books published each month. Look for copies available to take home from the library, or single copies in waiting rooms and coffee shops around town. If book titles aren't available at our library, you may request it through NExpress which connects more than 40 Kansas libraries!

## Cathy Roberts Memorial Scholarship

By Barbara Bailey, Scholarship Selection Coordinator

This year's scholarship recipient was Allison Waymire. Allison is in her freshman year at Bethany College in Lindsborg, KS. She is majoring in the sciences. An honor roll student from 2010 to 2014 and a member of National Honor Society since 2012, Allison was an active student at Baldwin High. She was editor-in-chief of the yearbook, a member of the Student Advisory Team, Model United Nations, the Harry Potter Club as well as numerous other activities.

Allison loves to read and took a women's literature course her senior year. The course empowered her as a woman because the authors rose above stereotypes. She enjoys young adult series, novels and memoirs. She believes "Reading can take you anywhere...from your living room to around the globe and beyond what we can even think of: dragons, wizards, vampires." She also believes reading to be a critical skill for everyday success.



The Baldwin City Library is important to Allison. She has volunteered at the Library since 2011, assisting with the Summer Reading program as well as assisting with various chores and responsibilities important to the library. In 2013, she accepted a part time position. We wish her all the best in her academic endeavors!

The Cathy Roberts Memorial Scholarship is a \$500 award given annually to a high school senior in Baldwin City. Thanks to Melva and Gary Roberts for their support of this award.

# Brilliant Night of 1,000 Stars

By Cynthia Beall, Secretary

“Never leave a thumb tack where you might sit on it!” read Sheriff’s Deputy Kristen Dymacek from *Officer Buckle & Gloria* by Peggy Rathmann. The youth loved it! She went on to read a classic favorite, *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak, and answer questions about her job and uniform. On July 10<sup>th</sup>, approximately 30 attendees enjoyed an hour of storytelling from three local stars followed by ice cream sundaes in the activity room.



City Council member Kathy Gerstner delighted listeners with *Picky Mrs. Pickles* by Christine M. Schneider and *The King, the Mice and the Cheese* by Nancy Gurney and Eric Gurney.

Erik Bailey, middle school reading teacher, expertly engaged participants in the story process while reading *Toad and Frog Together* by Arnold Lobel.

Thank you to all three readers for showing our youth that EVERYONE reads!

Whether you were in attendance or had swim lessons at that time, consider checking out these excellent titles next time you are in the library! Night of 1,000 Stars typically takes place in February but was rescheduled due to construction.



**Join us!**

The Library & Friends of the Library boards are hosting an Open House. September 30<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
 Comments and dedication will be at 6 p.m.  
 Refreshments, tours, and activities will be available.

# THANK YOU BALDWIN

By Jana Hare, Treasurer

The Friends of the Library receives wonderful support from the Baldwin City community members during our annual fundraisers and, most recently, our expansion. Volunteers give their time and talents to help prepare for and staff our fundraisers. We truly appreciate all that you do to support our efforts and our library!

Who doesn’t like buying a plant with the help of a Master Gardener?! It was a good summer for yards and gardens. We hope to see you all back again next spring. This year’s plant sale had a net profit just over \$1,000!

Rain did not stop the garage sale directory distribution or the shoppers. It may have slowed them a bit but it did not stop them. Eighty-eight households registered their garage sale in the Friends Directory. We then distributed over 200 directories to Friends, sellers, and shoppers! New this year, directories were available for purchase on Friday night to aid super shoppers in making their game plan. From this event, the Friends raised approximately \$450!

In an effort to raise funds for interior costs during the expansion, we had several Friends step forward with enthusiasm and donate over \$7,000! Special thanks to Barbara & Martin Pressgrove and Jan & Roger Boyd in memory of Margaret F. Boyd, Baldwin City Business & Professional Women, Mid America Bank, Graham & Anne Walker, Robert & Claudia Hey, Becky & Danny McMillen, Sheryl Cleverley, and Barbara & Walt Bailey. There are still needs and naming opportunities; please contact Anne Walker, [awalker67@gmail.com](mailto:awalker67@gmail.com), for more information.



# WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BALDWIN'S HISTORY?

Richard Wellman, the library's history volunteer, has agreed to share some of the interesting facts he has learned about our town and local area. It is believed that there would be interest for residents to participate. The timing seems particularly appropriate with the expanded Kansas Room becoming available.

The Library is proposing to lead a series of discussions on historical topics of interest in the community. However, we would like your input in selecting the subject matter to be presented and discussed. We are a resource, but we are not experts with all the facts. More of a discussion format is planned so that everyone can bring their experiences and share their knowledge with the other participants. The library would like to gather "these stories" so they could be added to the subject or family file on the topic being discussed.

The initial kick-off of this series will be held in the **Library Activity Room** on:  
**Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m.**

## GIVE US FEEDBACK ON YOUR INTEREST

Should the discussions be held: monthly \_\_\_\_\_, quarterly \_\_\_\_\_, bi-weekly \_\_\_\_\_, weekly \_\_\_\_\_

**TOPICS UNDER CONSIDERATION** (indicate your preferences by marking as 1, 2, 3, etc.)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Unrecognized impact of Nicholson Family on Baldwin City
- \_\_\_\_\_ Joe Spurgeon, house builder. Was your house built by Spurgeon? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Town interactions among Prairie City, Palmyra, Black Jack, Media and Baldwin/Baldwin City
- \_\_\_\_\_ Black Jack Battle info. and resources
- \_\_\_\_\_ History of Baldwin school buildings
- \_\_\_\_\_ Banks of Baldwin & Vinland and the buildings they occupied
- \_\_\_\_\_ Afro-American culture in Baldwin
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Baseball world of Luther "Dummy" Taylor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other topic(s) of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

(Scan and return via Email to [RWWELLMAN@EMBARQMAIL.COM](mailto:RWWELLMAN@EMBARQMAIL.COM) or drop paper form by the library)

# President's Message

By Anne Walker

Have you visited the expanded Baldwin Library yet? We still have some final pieces to put in place, but the larger, brighter areas already in use are great improvements.

On August 18th with approximately 50 in attendance, the Baldwin City Council cut the ribbon on the expansion and new location for council meetings.

The Northeast Kansas Library System Bus Tour will be stopping at our library on September 24<sup>th</sup> after lunch.

The Library Board and Friends Board will be hosting an Open House on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Refreshments, tours and activities will be provided and comments will be made at 6:00 p.m.

We need your input! Now that the dust is settling, the Board, staff, and Friends of the Library are considering new programs and activities which will enhance Baldwin City's cultural, educational and community assets. Recent collaboration with the Lumberyard Arts Center -- made necessary due to construction -- turned out to be a wonderful success, and we hope to work together on future projects as well. We welcome you and your ideas for ongoing improvements!

Keep watching and visiting as Baldwin City Public Library continues to grow in facilities and programming.



Friends of the Library will deliver & pick up books to patrons unable to visit the library. Call (785) 594-3411 to request service.

## Thank You 2014 Business Partners

### Contributor (up to \$99)

- Antiques on the Prairie, 594-7555
- Eastern Star - Evangeline Chapter 162, 594-9829
- Leisure Hour Club, 594-6990
- Live & Learn Club, 594-6730
- Midland Railway Historical Association, 594-6982
- Moose's Backyard BBQ, 785-691-6757
- Santa Fe Trail Historical Society, Inc. 594-3169
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- Whitney's Hair Salon, 594-6626
- Worden United Methodist Church, 594-7598

### Supporter (\$100-\$499)

- A & H Air Conditioning & Heating Inc., 594-3357
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- Baldwin Medical Clinic, 594-6412
- Baldwin State Bank, 594-6421

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- Roberts Drug Store, 594-6867
- Santa Fe Market, 594-7466
- Vintage Park at Baldwin City, 594-4255

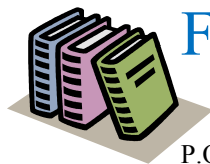
### Patron (\$500 to \$999)

- Baldwin City Business & Professional Women, 594-3832

### Benefactor (\$1000+)

- Mid America Bank, 594-2100

***Please support our business partners!***



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Monday & Wednesday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday\*, Thursday, Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Sunday Closed Story time Wednesday 10 a.m. \*3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month noon to 5 p.m.

## 2014 Event Dates - Mark Your Calendars!

### Fall BookTALK Series: Readers' Choice, September 11<sup>th</sup>

7 p.m., Thursday, Baldwin City Library, *Holes* by Louis Sachar

### Mum Sale, September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

8 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Friday, 8 a.m. – noon on Saturday, Baldwin City Library

### Baldwin History Discussion, September 24<sup>th</sup>

6:30 p.m., Activity Room, led by historian Richard Wellman

### Library Open House, September 30<sup>th</sup>

3:00 – 7:00 p.m., dedication and comments at 6:00 p.m.

### Fall BookTALK Series: Readers' Choice, October 9<sup>th</sup>

7 p.m., Thursday, Baldwin City Library, *To Kill A Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

### Fall BookTALK Series: Readers' Choice, November 13<sup>th</sup>

7 p.m., Thursday, Baldwin City Library, *Talking God* by Tony Hillerman

### Membership Renewal Campaign January 2015



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