



FRIENDS OF THE BALDWIN CITY LIBRARY

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August 2018

Summer Program Shows Why “Libraries Rock!”

The 2018 Summer Reading Program “Libraries Rock!” was a big success! Almost 500 people of all ages registered for the reading portion of the program. Pre-readers could complete specialized activity cards focused on early literacy skills. Readers timed themselves to earn books and raffle tickets. Adults completed BINGO cards encouraging them to expand their reading horizons.

Everyone completing the first level of the program received a free book and then earned raffle tickets for coveted prizes including Polar Express tickets, restaurant gift certificates and art classes generously donated by the Lumberyard Arts Center, which partnered with the library for four weeks of art activities.

Favorite presenters at Tuesday morning activities included the Topeka Zoo, Rhythm and Music with Johnny and Adam, and Singer/Songwriter Alan Cunningham. Once again, SLIME was the most popular craft program, while an expanded “Touch A Truck” event gave readers of all ages access to even more first responder equipment like fire hoses and police cars.

For the second year in a row, everyone registered for the program was



invited to a celebratory party at the Baldwin City Pool.

The Summer Reading Program owes much of its success to the generosity of many groups in Baldwin City, including the Friends.

Thanks to Our Summer Reading Rock Stars

The following local groups and businesses provided valuable support for our 2018 Summer Reading Program. We are so grateful for their help!

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 Lumberyard Arts Center
 Martha Wright
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 Dance Café
 Baker University
 Moose’s Backwoods BBQ
 Jitters
 BCL Adult Coloring Group
 Baldwin State Bank
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 City of Baldwin City
 Baldwin City Fire Department & Volunteers
 Baldwin City Police Department
 Ad Astra Alpacos
 Prairie City Miniature Horses
 Douglas County Extension
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Volunteers Needed for Fall Mum Sale

It’s time for the Friends of the Baldwin City Library Mum Sale!

The mum sale will take place on the library lawn from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 15.

Volunteers are needed to help set up, sell and take down the sale. Anyone interested in giving an hour or two of time, please write your name on the sign-up sheet at the library. Volunteers receive one free mum.

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Fall 2018 BookTALK Addresses “Bleeding Kansas”

Join us for the 2018 BookTALK Series “Before the Civil War.” Kansas was opened as a territory in 1854, allowing settlement by non-Native Americans within its borders for the first time. Between 1854-61, people with opposing views from across the United State clashed within the territory, fighting about the fate of the state. The decision was monumental. Would Kansas allow slavery within its borders? Or would it join the United States as a free state? Two competing visions of America’s future were to be determined on the Kansas frontier.

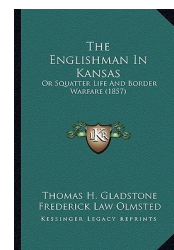
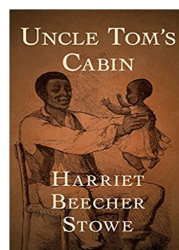
- The first book in the series is *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe; the discussion session about the book will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 18. *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was revolutionary in 1852 for its passionate indictment of slavery and for its presentation of Tom, “a man of humanity,” as the first black hero in American fiction. When the book was published, 10,000 copies sold in one week. It remains a shocking, controversial, and powerful work – exposing the attitudes of white 19th century society toward “the peculiar institution” and documenting the tragic breakup of black Kentucky families. KU professor of African and African-American studies Shawn Alexander will guide the discussion. Alexander is the director of the Langston Hughes Center at the University of Kansas.
- Sr. Rosemary Kolich will lead the 7 p.m. October 16 discussion session about *John Brown: The Legend Revisited* by Merrill D. Peterson (2004), a Kansas native and renown historian. A fervent abolitionist, Brown advocated arming fugitive slaves to fight for their freedom. Labeled a madman for his failed military attempt at Harper’s Ferry in 1859 and repudiated by prominent antislavery leaders, Brown was sen-

tenced to hang for treason. Peterson’s book gives us Brown in his own day, but he also shows how the abolitionist warrior’s image—celebrated in art, literature, and journalism—has shed some of the infamy conferred by “Bleeding Kansas” to become a symbol of American idealism and fervor to activists along the political spectrum. Sr. Kolich teaches English at Saint Mary’s University, Leavenworth.

- The third book in the series *The Englishman in Kansas: Or, Squatter Life and Border Warfare* by T. H. Gladstone takes readers back to 1857. Openly a partisan of abolition, Gladstone gives the background to the “Bleeding Kansas” controversy and the fight to elect representatives that would decide if Kansas would be a free or a slave state. Sandra Wiechert, a retired teacher and library reference assistant/community relations coordinator, will guide the 7 p.m. November 20 discussion session.

BookTALK discussion sessions take place in the periodicals section of the Baldwin City Library. Our thanks to Jitters, Java and Ice in Baldwin City for helping sponsor this event by providing coffee at BookTALK discussion sessions.

Talk About Literature in Kansas, sponsored by Humanities Kansas, is a program for every Kansan who loves to read and discuss good books.



“There will be no peace in this land until slavery is done for,”— John Brown, Kansas Territory

Friends Support Fuels Library Activities, Summer Reading Program

By Cheryl Sylvester, Library Director

I have been the director of Baldwin City Library for one year. It has gone by so fast! I can truthfully say I’ve enjoyed every minute. Why?

Great community, plus a great, supportive Board of Trustees and Friends group. The library offered free programs to all ages this past year and especially during the Summer Reading Program. Adults had the opportunity to begin family histories, explore crafting, and hear from local authors. More than 100 adults enjoyed

finding books to read from the year they were born and choose some from the PBS Great American Read list. Children kept up their literacy skills while discovering rhythm and music, doing hands-on science, plus discovering more about the animal world. All of these opportunities were free and open to the public. MidAmerica Bank, the Dance Café and Mr. GoodCents, plus many individuals, supported our **first free summer lunch program.** Their efforts were well rewarded with

530 free meals provided on Tuesdays at the library.

Most of all, we would like our city council to be aware of the efforts of our Friends group! Their various fundraising activities directly support all of our programs and provide volunteers to help these library programs and activities succeed, not just in the summer but year round.

So, thank you Friends for all of your hard work and dedication. Our library flourishes thanks to your support.

Thank You to Our 2018 Individual Members

2018 Membership forms are still being accepted. Print yours out online or pick one up at Your Baldwin City Library.

Bookend (\$10 to \$24)	Jan Elder	Louise Schlup	Floyd & Sue Schmidt
Monte & Page Alexander	Mike & Kathy Gerstner	Sarah Snedeger	Peter & Joan Sexton
Susan Baker	Linda Geyer	Aaron & Katie Woods	Wayne & Cheryl Sylvester
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Sylvia Ellis	Marilyn Harnish	Doug & Janet Anderson-Story	Kennith & Wanda Whaley
Laura Huggins	Kay Hartzell	Ted & Vera Brecheisen	Roger & Anita White
Barbara McIntire	Catheryn	Carolyn Breithaupt	Susan White
Kristi & Kaydin Miller	Delma Hitchcock	Clay & Carol Chapman	Gwendolyn Whitebread
Lisa Slavin	LeRoy & Mary Homan	Sue Coon	Ron & Linda Wright
Tom & Mylinda Wilhite	Mr. & Mrs. Harold Jehle	Bob & Marlene Courtney	Book Publisher (\$100 to \$499)
Pat Young	John & Anne Jackson	Janet Delgado	Nancy & Roger Arnold
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Anonymous	Heidi Johnston	Frank & Judy Foye	Anna & Bill Busby
Cheri Armbrister	Heather Karlin	Kim Hamlin	Sheryl Cleverley
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Jeanie Brittingham	Doris Pratt	Bootsie Lauridsen	Jeff & Robbyn VanHorn
Coleen Burgess	Dotty Puckett	Phyllis Mapes	Janet Venable
Jo & Cal Cink	Loretta Robson	Donna Masoner	Graham & Anne Walker
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JoAnne DeGraffenreid	Dana Rommelfanger	Jane Miller	Book Patron (\$500+)
Roy & Connie Deel	Wanda Samuels	Martin & Barbara Pressgrove	The Steinshouer Family
Ruth Dickinson			

We Appreciate Our 2018 Local Business Partners

Thank you for your generous support

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 Maple Leaf Quilters' Guild, 913-634-5988
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Visit the library at 7th & High Street (785) 594-3411 baldwin.mykansalibrary.org

Monday & Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Story Time 10 a.m. Wednesdays

2018 Event Dates - Mark Your Calendars!

“Defending Your Digital Security and Privacy”

7 p.m., August 30, Library

“Genealogy” with Walt Bailey

1:30 p.m. August 30, Kansas Room, Library

BookTALK—“Bleeding Kansas”

7 p.m., September 18, Library

Uncle Tom’s Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

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7 p.m., October 16, Library

John Brown: The Legend Revisited by Merrill D. Peterson

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7 p.m., November 20, Library

The Englishman in Kansas or Squatter Life and Border Warfare by T. H. Gladstone

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Friends of the Baldwin City Library

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 14th 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, September 15th 8 a.m. – noon

Baldwin City Library, 7th & High St.

~ Mums supplied by Enright Gardens ~