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Movie Showcases River Life after Civil War

Once upon a time in Kansas, a majority of business and profit revolved around the river. It was the center for shipping, it created power, it provided food. And after Quantrill's Lawrence raid and the Civil War, two African American men made their livelihood and often risked their lives while navigating not only the eddies and hidden rocks of the Kansas river, but also the ever changing rules and regulations inflicted on them by a growing government. The docudrama "When the Kings Reigned" tells the

story of these men, Abe Burns and Jake Washington, the original river kings.



The Friends of the Baldwin City Library will host a showing of the film followed by a discussion of the film's events at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 29, at the Baldwin City Library, which is also Kansas Day.

The event is free and open to the public. The movie was produced by the Kansas Riverkings Museum.

For more information about the movie, please check out "Kansas Riverkings Museum" on Facebook.

Volunteers are Spine of Your Baldwin City Library

By Barbara Pressgrove, Friends Co-President

Volunteers: Who are we? Why do we volunteer? What do we expect in return?

I've been a volunteer for most of my life. I have been involved in Sunday school, hospice work, school organizations, community activities, and Friends of the Library. I have volunteered for many reasons—exploring a new interest, meeting new people, being involved in something different, feeling needed and appreciated. I have volunteered with the Friends of the Baldwin Library since 2005 when I retired as a school librarian. I felt it was a good opportunity to still be involved in library activities in my own community. As a Friends board member, I know it has become difficult to

find that "perfect" person who is available and has a passion to join the board. I feel the strategy is to match a volunteer with what the need might be.

Not everyone may want to spend hours in a meeting or be available in the evening. We may be able to help on a Saturday when the library is open. We may not be technologically adept, but can tell the story of why libraries are essential to those who vote on the budget. We may not have the time to plan a children's or adult program, but be enthusiastically able to help raise much needed funds.

How can you Friend your Library? Where is your expertise needed? Your volunteer time is important and needed!



Cathy Roberts Scholarship Applications Available in February

The \$500 Cathy Roberts Scholarship has been awarded to a Baldwin City area high school student since 1999. This scholarship honors Cathy Roberts's love of reading, willingness to help others, and desire for taking responsibility for her education. The Friends thank Melva and Gary Roberts, Cathy's parents, for their continued support of this award.

Any local senior high school student may pick up a scholarship application from a BHS counselor for the 2018 award. Applications are due back to the BHS counseling office by April 1.

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Join Us For This Year's First Set of BookTALK: "The 1930s"

The Friends of the Baldwin City Library and the Kansas Humanities Council will present the spring 2018 BookTALK series on "The 1930s." The library has many copies of all three books to be discussed. Community members are invited to check out the books and join the discussions in January, February and March.



In the early years of the 1930s, a range of fundamental challenges confronted the nation: the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl, Prohibition, and radicalized politics undermined the security of democratic institutions. These ultimately led to the creation of the "New Deal" and other innovative programs. The Thirties were also a period of remarkable artistic growth and development across the full spectrum of arts: new movie genres in Hollywood; musical forms of the blues, jazz, swing; and an amazing range of novels from John Steinbeck to new African-American voices like Zora Neale Hurston to the invention of the hard-boiled detective. The spring 2018 BookTALK series features three selections from this array and more modern books.

The series begins on **January 16** with the book "Mules and Men" written by Zora Neale Hurston in 1935. Hurston's book is a treasury of black America's folklore this storyteller and anthropologist collected during the 1930s. She grew up hearing the songs and sermons, sayings and tall tales that formed an oral history of the South since the time of slavery. Set intimately within the social context of black life, the stories, "big old lies," songs, Voodoo customs, and superstitions recorded in this book capture the

imagination and bring back to life the humor and wisdom that are the unique heritage of African Americans.

On **February 20**, we will focus on Timothy Egan's 2006 book "The Worst Hard Times." Egan describes the first of the new storms that would come to define the Dust Bowl: "Wasn't a sandstorm.... And it wasn't a hailstorm, thou it certainly brought with it a dark, threatening sky.... It rolled, like a mobile hill of crud, and it was black." Egan provides a masterful overview of the dust storms and their consequences for agriculture and people on the Great Plains.

The third book, "All the King's Men" by Robert Penn Warren (1946), will be discussed on **March 20**. This book portrays the dramatic political rise and governorship of Willie Stark, a cynical populist in the 1930s American South. It is based on the life of Louisiana governor, Huey Long. The novel is narrated by Jack Burden, a political reporter who comes

to work as Governor Stark's right-hand man. The trajectory of Stark's career is interwoven with Jack Burden's life story and philosophical reflections: "The story of Willie Stark and the story of Jack Burden are, in one sense, one story."

BookTALK discussion sessions take place in the periodicals section of the library at 7 p.m. Our thanks to **Jitters Java and Ice** in Baldwin City for helping sponsor this event by sharing their delicious coffee at BookTALK discussion sessions.

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

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—Timothy Egan, *The Worst Hard Times*

"Libraries Rock!" Theme of 2018 Summer Reading Program

It may not seem like it's time to start thinking about summer, but big plans are already in development for the 2018 Summer Reading Program at your Baldwin City Library.

This year's theme is "Libraries Rock," and focuses on all aspects of library services for children ages birth to teen. And there's a Summer Reading Program for adults, too!

"My favorite part of the Summer Reading Program is seeing how many new people get exposed to our programming and services," said Leigh Anne Bathke, children's librarian. "We're so much more than books--encouraging lifelong learning is our number one goal. The Summer Reading Program gives me the opportunity to showcase fun and educational programs for our participants who otherwise might never get the chance to climb on a fire truck or pet a living breathing alpaca or even be in the same room with a real live magician. Who can tell what event programming during the summer might inspire in someone?"

The Summer Reading Program will start in late May with program events scheduled through June and July. Keep an eye on the Baldwin City Library Facebook page for more information.



Volunteers, backbone of the library, Needed for Future, Expanded Programs

By Cheryl Sylvester, Library Director

Happy New Year! This is the time when people make resolutions in their lives. It always seems a good idea to strive for improvement. My job as the director of your Baldwin City Library is to find ways to improve our services. This library has an awesome staff; volunteers that really help us serve; a great, supportive Board of Trustees; an extremely active, productive Friends group; and a community of library users that participate in all that we offer. That makes this library a dream job for me. But it's not about me. It's about the community.

What does a 21st century library look like? Have you seen the new furniture that the Friends bought for the library? It's bright, cheerful and not your grandmother's library. Only those that come in the doors know that. I want more people coming in to use the library! As wonderful as this library is, there is always more that can be done. Let me share some goals I have that will help this library be the best small library in Kansas! Here's how you can help!

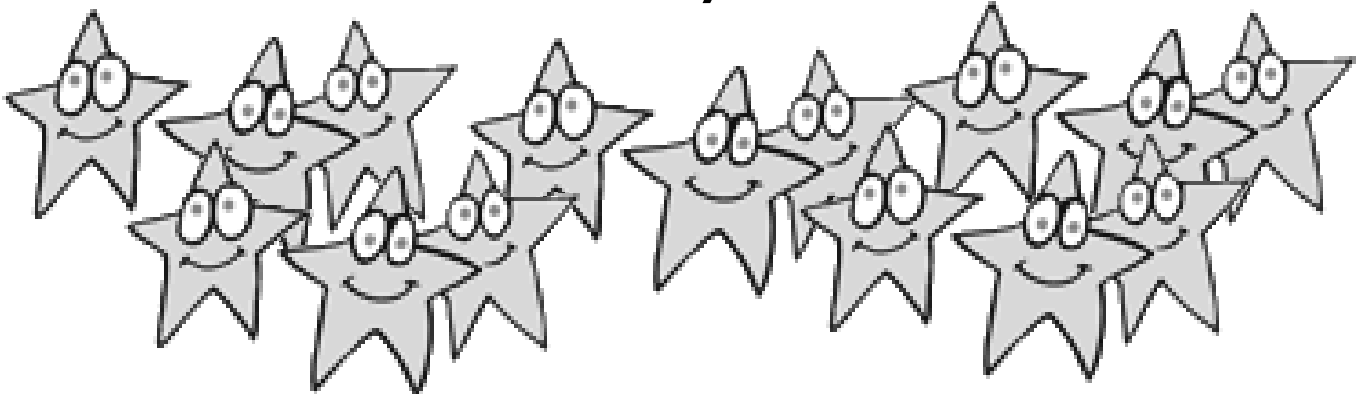
Programs: My goal this year is to have a committee that helps staff with ideas, plans, and hands. This Friends group hosts Book-TALK programs in partnership with the KS Humanities Council. These are excellent book discussions. We have a coloring group for adults that is very relaxing. What other programs would adults enjoy through the library? The summer reading program has great success. Leigh Anne has fun, preschool Storytime classes filled with games, crafts, songs, and books. Olivia hosts a Legos activity twice a month. Our new teen librarian, Megan, is planning book clubs and crafts for middle and high schoolers. What else can we do to bring students in all year long?

Summer nutrition for kids: What needs to be explained? A child that is hungry is not interested in learning or reading. Although this community is fortunate to have a lower need than other towns, one hungry child should not be ignored because of statistics. Several libraries host food programs that enhance their summer reading programs. –Win-win. However, it takes some time and willing volunteers.

Kansas room: A lot of projects are being done in our Kansas Room. Digitization is the name of the game these days. That takes someone scanning in various photos and documents. We have a presence on Recollections KS website. This platform will eventually be linked to the National Archives. How awesome is that? There is plenty more to be done. Any person that enjoys genealogy might consider volunteering.

Libraries are one of the best values around. Your Baldwin City Library relies on its staff and volunteers to step in and stretch those tax dollars with fundraisers and volunteers. I hope that you would consider joining us as a volunteer.

THE FRIENDS OF THE BALDWIN CITY LIBRARY INVITE YOU TO NIGHT OF 1,000 STARS



Kids, wear your PJs and join local "STARS" for fun stories followed by a snack and a gift!



6:30 TO 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY XX



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2018 Individual/Family Membership Form

**Members are essential to funding programs and activities.
Support the Friends by joining today!
Donations are tax deductible. Friends is a 501(c) (3) organization.**

Mission

Our mission is to focus public attention on the Baldwin City Library services, facilities, and needs; and to stimulate support for the library through membership, fundraising, and programming. Membership is open to individuals, businesses, and organizations supporting these purposes.

Annual Member Benefits

- Membership from January 1 to December 31
- Three newsletters
- Citywide Garage Sale Directory available at the library the night before the event
- A Friends' Thank You Gift with \$25 or higher membership
- Invitation to annual meeting, reception and other programs, including voting privileges

Member Contact Information (For Friends Use Only)

Member(s) Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Membership Levels

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookend _____ \$10 to \$24 | Amount \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookstore _____ \$25 to \$49 | <input type="checkbox"/> Cash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Collector _____ \$50 to \$99 | <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Publisher _____ \$100 to \$499 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Patron _____ \$500 or more | |

Volunteer Interests

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Membership (monthly meeting) | <input type="checkbox"/> Citywide garage sale |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book discussion programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Night of 1,000 Stars (read to children) | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant sales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Programming Interests

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Local History/Memory Sharing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Crafting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing/Writing Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Programming Time Preference(s): Morning Afternoon Evening Saturday

Please make check payable to Friends of the Baldwin City Library.

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 Sheryl Wright

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2018 Event Dates - Mark Your Calendars!

Individual Membership Renewal Campaign

January through March 2018

Kansas Day Celebration, January 29

7 p.m., Monday, Library *When the Kings Reign*

BookTALK – The 1930s, January 16

7 p.m., Tuesday, Library, *Mules and Men* by Zora Neale Hurston

Night of 1,000 Stars, February 15

6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Baldwin City Library

BookTALK - The 1930s, February 20

7 p.m., Tuesday, Library, *The Worst Hard Time* by Timothy Egan

Friends ANNUAL MEETING, March 13

6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Baldwin City Library

BookTALK - 1930s, March 20

7 p.m., Tuesday, Library, *All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren

We're Always Looking for New Friends

There are 4,059 card-holder patrons of your Baldwin City Library, but just 141 of them are members of Friends of the Baldwin City Library.

With your added support, we can provide more books, movies, software, programs, and services to our vibrant Baldwin City Community. Please consider joining at any level—from \$10 to \$1,000—now!



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