



FRIENDS OF THE BALDWIN CITY LIBRARY

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August 2019

Summer Reading Program Out of this World

The 2019 Summer Reading Program “Libraries Rock!” was a big success! More than 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 Royals tickets, restaurant gift certificates, and art classes generously donated by the Lumberyard Arts Center.

Favorite presenters at Tuesday morning activities included Operation Wildlife, Rhythm and Music with Johnny and Adam, and Eric the Magician. 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 equipment like fire hoses, public works trucks and police cars.

For the third year in a row, everyone registered for the program was invited to a celebratory party at the Baldwin City Pool.



Summer Reading Sponsors Are Cosmic

We are so grateful to the following local groups, businesses and individuals that provided valuable support for our 2019 Summer Reading Program.

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- Prairie City Miniature Horses**
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- Stone Creek Sandwiches**

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. 20, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 21.

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 beginning September 14. Volunteers receive one free mum.

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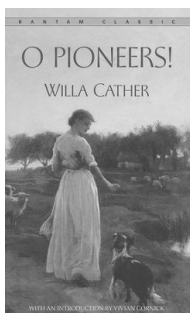
Fall 2019 BookTALK Addresses “The Great Plains Spirit”

Stretching from Texas north to the Dakotas, the vast Great Plains region has generated its share of myths and stereotypes, from the hardy pioneer farmer and the vanishing Native American to the Dust Bowl refugee. It has also produced some of our best American writers and inspired a rich and varied literary tradition.

Join us for this fall’s Friends of the Library BookTALK discussion series “*The Great Plains Spirit*,” when we explore perceptions of the Great Plains during the early 1900s to the 20st century.

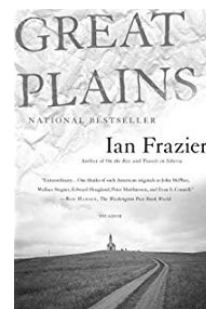
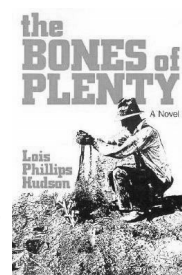
The Friends joins with Humanities Kansas to host the BookTALK series. Talk About Literature in Kansas is a program sponsored by Humanities Kansas for every Kansan who loves to read and discuss good books. All Friends’ BookTALK Discussion Sessions begin at 7 p.m. and are held in the periodicals sections of the Baldwin City Library. The library has many copies of all three books to be discussed. The books are shelved near the circulation desk at the library; ask the library staff for help in checking out a copy.

- The series begins on September 17 when the book *O Pioneers!* by Willa Cather (1913) will be discussed. Alexandra Bergson’s dying father leaves their struggling Nebraska homestead to her, not her brothers. With her iron will and intelligence, she overcomes family tragedy and tames the wild land that she loves.



Rachel Goossen, a professor of history at Washburn University, will lead the discussion session.

- The next book in the discussion series will be *Bones of Plenty* by Lois Hudson (1962), which will be talked about on October 15. Proud, independent Dakota wheat farmer George Armstrong Custer and his hard-working wife Rachel must battle both the land and their landlord during the depression years of 1933-34. Deborah Peterson, an instructor of Chinese language and East Asian civilization at the University of Kansas, will serve as discussion session leader that evening.
- The third BookTALK discussion session, on November 19, focuses on the book *Great Plains* by Ian Frazier (1989). In the book, Frazier takes readers on a journey of 25,000 miles up, down, and across the myth-inspiring Great Plains. Frazier’s adventures range from the site of Sitting Bull’s cabin to Homecoming in Nicodemus, Kansas. Sister Rosemary Kolich, English professor at the University of St. Mary, will lead the discussion .



Our thanks to Jitters, Java and Ice in Baldwin City for helping sponsor this event by providing coffee at BookTALK discussion sessions.

“People have to snatch at happiness when they can in this world. It is always easier to lose than to find.” — O Pioneers by Willa Cather

Calculating What the Library is Worth to You

By Cheryl Sylvester, Library Director

From a Galaxy Far Far Away... The end of Summer Reading either leaves most of us feeling like we live on another planet and we are experiencing re-entry; or we are ready to travel to another galaxy to recuperate.

Our Summer Reading Program was extremely successful! Hats off to all of the volunteers for this summer. Your time and their time is very much appreciated.

At this time, I want you to think of summer reading in a different light. Surveys show that everyone values the programs for children and the encouragement to keep up reading skills over

the summer months. We also provide programs and reading opportunities for adults. Plus, this year and last we provide lunch in a safe environment.

The American Library Association offers value calculators through a couple of university libraries. When I have the opportunity to share library news with a group I use this tool to explain how the library impacts the quality of life here in Baldwin, not just for kids and not just in the summer months. I will just use June as an example, since it is the past month. The numbers I put in are calculated by the cost of those books and average room rentals

and entertainment programs. Value added to the community: The 2,045 adult books, 3,115 children’s books, 50 hours of meeting room use, and 271 computer uses; 2,000 children attended programs and 30 attended adult programs adds \$79,980 in one month!

I appreciate all that the Friends do to help us bring value to Baldwin City. This is my last note to all of you because I have accepted a new position. I personally want to say thank you for all of the support you have shown me in my time here. You have made my job easier and more enjoyable.

Thank You to Our 2019 Individual Members

2019 Membership forms are still being accepted. Print yours out online or pick one up at Your Baldwin City Library.

Bookend (\$10 to \$24)
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 Sally Cool
 Sylvia Ellis
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 Gretchen Trendel
 Dawn Tripp

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 Clay & Carol Chapman
 Jo & Cal Cink
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 Baldwin City Recreation Commission, 594-3670
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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

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2019 Event Dates - Mark Your Calendars!

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7 p.m., September 17, Library

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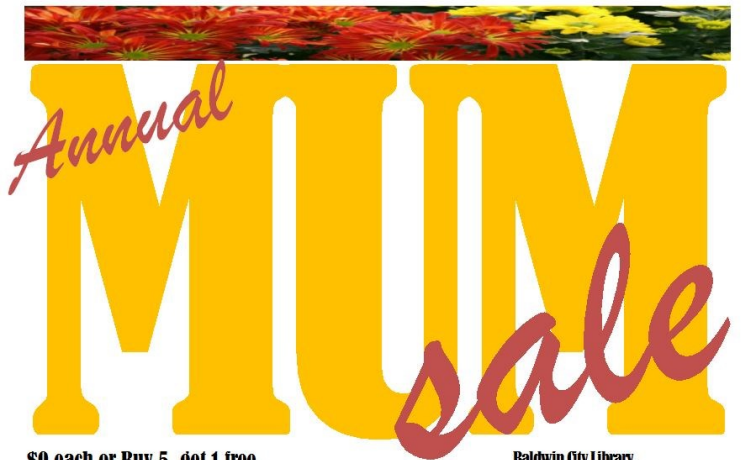
7 p.m., October 15, Library

Bones of Plenty by Lois Hudson

BookTALK—"The Great Plains Spirit"

7 p.m., November 19, Library

Great Plains by Ian Frazier



\$9 each or Buy 5, get 1 free
Save on fall mums while supporting your Baldwin City Library!

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, September 20
9 a.m. to noon Saturday, September 21

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