



FRIENDS OF THE BALDWIN CITY LIBRARY

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CityWide Garage Sale is May 31-June 1

Register Your Sale, Get a Directory, Find a Treasure, Help Your Library

The CityWide Garage Sale has been a fixture and library fundraiser in Baldwin City for 32 years. This year, the sale is scheduled for Friday, May 31, and Saturday, June 1. The sale is organized by the Friends of the Baldwin City Library.

The sale has evolved into a large, annual community-wide event, attracting hundreds of bargain hunters looking for treasures. But its basic mission—to raise money for Your Baldwin City Library—remains unchanged.

“This event really does cover every neighborhood in Baldwin City,” said Barb Mathews, president

of the Friends of the Baldwin City Library. “And it’s also during Smoke on the Bricks, so I expect there to be even more people setting up sales and more people shopping.”

The Friends of the Baldwin City Library has raised thousands of dollars over the past 32 years by selling directories of garage sale locations in and around Baldwin City.

Individuals pay \$5 to advertise their sales and are allowed unlimited lines to list their items. They receive

GARAGE SALE yard sales and information about donating unsold items after the sale. Multi-family sales pay \$5 for each family participating and organizations pay \$20 to advertise their sales in the directory. All listings need to be in by Wednesday, May 22, in order to be included in the printed directory.

This year, there will be changes in the distribution time of the directories. They will be available from 4 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 30, at the library. Friends members, directory advertisers and individuals who have paid to be listed in the directory get a free copy. Others not listed or wanting extra cop-

People registering their garage sales not only get advertising in the directory, they’re also helping support their local library.

—Barb Mathews, Friends president

ies will be charged \$5 per directory.

The directory is a great way to get the early word out about your sale. It’s also a great way to plan your day of looking for that priceless copy of the Declaration of Independence glued to the back of that awful landscape painting that hung on Grandma’s wall over the sofa.

All proceeds from the directories go to fund the library programs and scholarships.

Upcycle Treasures If You’re A Friend of the Library

Leftovers from a garage sale or spring cleaning can be donated with ease. Beginning at 1 p.m. on June 1, City Union Mission trucks will be parked at Mid America Bank on Ames Street to receive donations. They will stay until their trucks are full. Benefits will go to City Union Mission and Disabled American Veterans. Don’t miss your chance to organize while helping others and reducing waste.

Annual Spring Plant Sale

Volunteers & Buyers Needed

Flowers, veggies, and herbs will be sold at the Friends Annual Plant Sale May 10 and 11. Buy for your garden, to save some bees, or treat a neighbor, mom, or graduate to a beautiful gift that keeps on giving! Money raised will benefit your library.

The sale is at your Baldwin City Library from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Friday, May 10, and 9 a.m. - noon on Saturday, May 11.

Anyone interested in giving an hour of time may write their name on the sign-up sheet at the library after May 3.

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Check out a Universe of Stories during Summer Reading

The staff of your Baldwin City Library has spent the last several months preparing for the 2019 Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories" and the scheduled performances and events reflect that title.

"It's the largest program we do and each year we try to do it bigger and better. This free program wouldn't be possible without substantial financial support from the Friends of the Baldwin City Library. It's because of their members that we can make this available to everyone of every age in town," said Leigh Anne Bathke, children's librarian. "And every year, Baldwin City businesses and residents really step up to make this a success."

Registration begins May 23 during the "Night of 1,000 Stars" at 6:30 p.m. at the library. Children are encouraged to come to the library in their pajamas for an hour of reading, snacks and a free book. This

event has been rescheduled from February.

After the Thursday event, the Summer Reading Program's weekly events will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesdays from May 28 through July 10, culminating in a free pool party for all program participants on July 13. Prereaders and readers of all ages are invited to participate in the free program.

Performers this year include Operation Wildlife, Eric the

Magician and Rhythm and Music with Johnny and Adam. There will also be craft events as well as the traditional visit to the Baldwin City Fire Station.

Free lunch will be available at noon on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the library.

Prereaders can complete a list of activities. After completing the first list, prereaders can choose a free book. Additional lists can be completed for raffle tickets. Children who are reading will be asked to keep track of their time spent with a book or graphic novel. After reading for three hours, participants can return their form for a free book. Additional time also can be recorded for raffle tickets. Adults can participate in the program by completing a bingo card of activities that can be turned into the library for a free book and raffle tickets.

Prizes this year include gift baskets, Royals tickets, a message and gift certificates for classes at the Lumberyard Arts Center. Other Baldwin City businesses contributing to this year's program include Kansas Dinner Belle, Homestead, Baker University, Jitters, Lumberyard Arts Center and Baldwin City Recreation Commission. Special thanks to the Friends, Mar Lan Construction and First United Title Agency LLC for their financial support of the 2019 Summer Reading Program.



Fall 2019 BookTALK Discussion Topic is The Great Plains Spirit

The Friends' BookTALK Discussion Series selected for Fall 2019 is "The Great Plains Spirit," sponsored by Humanities Kansas. 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 Indian to the Dust Bowl refugee. It has also produced some of our best American writers and inspired a rich and varied literary tradition.

The books to be discussed are:

- **O Pioneers!** by Willa Cather (1913) 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 wild land that she loves. 7 p.m. Sept. 17
- **The Bones of Plenty** by Lois Hudson (1962) 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. 7 p.m. Oct. 15

- **Great Plains** by Ian Frazier (1989) Taking us 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. 7 p.m. Nov. 19

Names of discussion session leaders for the Friends' Fall 2019 BookTALK discussion series will be announced in the fall. TALK is a Humanities Kansas program that explores topics important to Kansans through literature. The humanities help us understand what it means to be human—to seek connections with people and place. Talk About Literature in Kansas book discussions draw on our diverse literatures to help us see more clearly who we are as people and define ideas that will shape a future worthy of generations to come.



A Treasure Hunt Inside Your Library: The Kansas Room

By Cheryl Sylvester, Library Director

The renovation and addition completed a few years ago dedicated space and money to preserve information relevant to Baldwin City's history. Do you need to find out about the Vinland Fair or the Maple Leaf Festival? Where is the Santa Fe Trail in Baldwin? Where did the name of Palmyra come from? The Kansas Room has it!

Do you need to find an obituary for a great grandmother who lived in Baldwin in the 1930s or a great-great grandfather that lived at the turn of the century? Who built your home? Come visit the Kansas Room! The treasure hunt begins inside the door. The wood file cabinets to the left of the door has a guide to find everything housed in the room.

You aren't interested in the whole treasure hunt? An exciting feature to historians and genealogists is the ability to have our collections available to anyone with internet access. The Recollections website: www.recollectionsks.org is a great example. The platform is supported and maintained by North East Kansas Library System. Our historic homes can be found there! There are actually 158 items listed that have been uploaded to this site. Katharine Kel-

ley, Richard Wellman, then Sandra Johnson dedicated hours to organizing and collecting local history. They began digitizing the collection. Our Kansas Room History Clerk Shara Stephenson is working with volunteers to add more information, and to digitize various collections.

However, the library Kansas Room cannot be Watkins Library. It is one room. It houses wonderful information, but it is one room. The Board of Trustees and a small committee are looking at the mission of the Kansas Room and also the scope of what types of materials this room can hold. They say time marches on. Family scrapbooks are wonderful. To whom will they be important to in 30 years? The tough decisions to be made in the near future will define the preserved history in our Kansas Room for future generations.

The staff and collection of the library provides a quality of life for this community that I hope is valued and treasured by all. The Kansas Room fills a niche for the multitude of history buffs and genealogists and is truly a treasure.

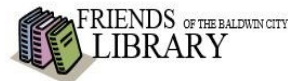
Take Your Library With You Wherever You Go

Your library card is more than access to the movies, books and services available at Your Baldwin City Library. Your library card can also help you access the digital world of entertainment and education using three of our online services: Hoopla, Flipster and Lynda.

Hoopla is digital media service that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone—and even your TV! With no waiting, titles can be streamed immediately, or downloaded to phones or tablets for offline use later. There are hundreds of thousands of titles to choose from, with more being added daily.

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Spring Plant Sale

Annuals, hanging baskets, herbs, veggies and more

Friday, May 10

8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 11

9 a.m. - noon



Baldwin City Library, corner of 7th and High Street
Cash or Check please



Support your library by adding color to a space, cooking fresh, or giving the gift of nature! Take this chance to help the bees!

Plants supplied by Enright Gardens, Voigts Farms & Vinland Valley Nursery.

32nd Annual Citywide Garage Sale May 31-June 1, 2019



List your Garage Sale in the Friends Directory!

The Friends of the Baldwin City Library work to promote the library as an asset to our community. Through fundraisers, such as the Garage Sale Directory, the Friends help sponsor the Summer Reading Program, guest speakers, book talks and other programming. With your support, we are able to help purchase books, audiotapes, movies and equipment for community use.

Your Garage Sale Registration Fee entitles you to a listing in the Directory, a sign to draw special attention to your sale, and a free copy of the Directory!

Individual: \$5.00

Multi-family: \$5.00 per family please

Organization: \$20.00

Submit your registration form and payment no later than Wednesday, May 22, by either:

- Dropping off the registration form and payment at the Library checkout desk, or
- Enclosing the form and payment in an envelope for deposit in the Library Drop Box, or
- Mailing the form and payment to: Baldwin City Public Library, P.O. Box 565, Baldwin City, KS 66006
- Go to the "Friends of the Library" tab at baldwincitylibrary.org to print out a form to take to the library.

Registration forms received after May 22 may not make it in the directory. Community members who register their garage sales late can still receive a Friends yard sign and a directory.

Community members who register a sale should come to the library from 4 to 7 p.m. on **Thursday, May 30**, to receive a directory, a Friends yard sign, and information about donating unsold items after the sale. An email reminder will be sent. **Garage Sale directories will not be available before 4 p.m. on May 30.**

Only Friends members or those who list a sale receive a **FREE** Directory at the library from 4 to 7 p.m., May 30; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 31; or from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., June 1. Others may buy a directory for \$5 during those same hours.

----- Detach and Take or Mail To Library-----

Please print clearly exactly how you want your listing to read in the directory.

Name: _____ Date of Sale: _____

Sale Address: _____

Items for Sale: _____

Phone #/Email (Friends Use Only): _____ Check or cash _____

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)	Heather Karlin	Dan & Peggy Harris	Erik & Cassy Bailey
Monte & Page Alexander	Paula Moore	Jon & Becky Hayes	Walt & Barbara Bailey
Sally Cool	Betsy Ostrander	David & Linda Hixon	Tony Brown
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Greg Wessling	Loretta Robson	Bootsie Lauridsen	The Gerard Family
Bookstore (\$25 - \$49)	JoEtta Rogers	Max & Jane Liggett	John Fowler & Carol
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Kristi Burik	Book Collector (\$50 to \$99)	McMillen	Sean & Jana Hare
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Marilyn Harnish	Frank & Judy Foye	Edward Ziembinski	Graham & Anne Walker
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www.baldwincitylibrary.org

Monday & Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Story Time 10 a.m. Wednesdays

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2019 Event Dates - Mark Your Calendars!

Spring Plant Sale, May 10 and 11

8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, May 10, & 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 11, at the Library

Night of 1,000 Stars, May 23

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

Deadline to Register Garage Sale, May 22

See details on page 4

Summer Reading Program Blast-Off, May 28

11 a.m., Tuesday, Baldwin City Library

“Universe of Stories” Summer Reading Program May 28-July 13

11 a.m., Tuesdays, Baldwin City Library

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Make New Friends, Keep the Old

And we'll treat you like silver and gold.

There are 4,059 cardholder patrons of your Baldwin City Library, but just 157 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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