

FRIENDS OF THE BALDWIN CITY LIBRARY

Count on Your Friends—Library Going Fine Free in 2021

Ready for some great news? Your Baldwin City Library will be fine free in 2021! Thanks to Friends of the Library support, we are pressing the pause button on overdue fines for this year.

Ever since we established quarantine procedures for the safe handling of library materials, erroneous fines and overdue notices have been a big challenge. We've been forgiving fines for months, and our staff has worked hard to catch and respond to every library account problem to make things right.

Fines represent a significant source of income for the library--a dime here and a quarter there over thousands of users really adds up. We're able to go fine free in 2021 because of support from our wonderful Friends group. Become a member in 2021 to keep the good things going! The library is also working to increase its funding--decisions about fines beyond 2021 will depend on our budget and available resources.

In the meantime, thank a Friend for a fine free 2021!

Here's what Fine Free with Friends in 2021 means to you:

- No overdue fines starting now and continuing through the year--really!
- All past overdue fines can be forgiven. If you have overdue fines on your account contact the library and staff will take care of this for you.
- Please note, you are still responsible for replacement costs for any lost or damaged items past, present, and future.
- Lost, damaged, or overdue items will result in a locked library account until replacement costs are paid or the items are returned.

Your Support Makes a Difference at Your Baldwin City Library!

Friends of the Library Scholarship Applications Available in February



Alaina Flory

In May 2020, the Friends awarded two \$750 Friends of the Library scholarships to Alaina Flory and Shelby Jones.

Flory is a freshman at William Jewell College and is majoring in molecular biology. She wrote in her scholarship essay that "my early exposure and fondness of reading has helped me excel in my other areas of study".

Jones is a freshman at the University of Kansas and is majoring in computer engineering. She wrote in her scholarship essay that "Literature and reading is incredibly important in my life, and like my teachers and librarians, I want to be able to share my love for reading with others."

Applications for the 2021 Friends of the Library Scholarship will be available in February for any local Baldwin seniors and can be obtained from a Baldwin High School counselor. Home-school students are eligible to apply as well. The Friends of the Library Scholarship of \$750 will be awarded to two high school seniors. Applications are due back to the Baldwin High School counseling office by April 1. The award recipients will be announced in May.



Shelby Jones

Friends President Barb Mathews presents Ilene Kimsey her prize for attending the 2020 Friends Annual Meeting. The book, "Revolutionary Heart: The Life of Clarina Nichols and the Pioneering Crusade for Women's Rights," was written by Diana Eickhoff. Aaron Barnhart and Eickhoff presented "The Long Road to Woman's Suffrage in Kansas" during the annual meeting.

The presentation was sponsored by Humanities Kansas.



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Friends Memberships Fuel Your Baldwin City Library Year Round

By Barbara Mathews, Friends President

To say no one expected a year like 2020 is an understatement. A big cheer for the Baldwin Public Library staff that found creative ways to keep library services going and to serve the community.

The Friends and library staff appreciate your generosity to our library when we know everyone had much to deal with, framed in the big picture of uncertainty. Flexibility, grace, and good humor were needed and delivered by everyone.

In 2020, we were not able to have our usual activities, except for a Spring Virtual Hanging Basket sale and the Fall Mum sale.

As we begin 2021 a bit of hope emerges. We have several projects in the works: a used book sale, the annual meeting, and the spring plant sale. If, when and how these occur will be decided as we go along.

To show our appreciation for our members, we are planning on offering member discounts at our fundraisers. We did that at the Fall Mum Sale and thanks to our members, volunteers, and the Baldwin City community we sold out the first day!

Here are some of the ways we supported the library last year: programming/operating support, BookTALKs, equipment for teen Coding Club, funded children's award books, scholarships, Freedom Foundation history programs, Eickhoff/Barnhart Suffrage Zoom talk, *The Avant*, and the Success by Six program.

This year we have pledged to support library programs like the Fine Free in 2021, Summer Learning Program, and collection development.

Please consider renewing your membership or becoming a new member of the Friends of Baldwin Library so we can continue to offer necessary services, such as free hotspots, to the community. Here's to a better 2021 for all.

**Library card
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+ internet**

FREE movies, music, audio books and T.V. shows.

**More information available
at Your Baldwin City Library!**



Transforming Together—Watch Us Fly!

By Wendy Conover, Library Director

The past year has been full of challenges and extraordinary change. Behind the scenes at your library, we've been working, stretching, and re-thinking as our library evolves--transforming itself into a revitalized entity with new wings.

A short list of newly developed efforts this year includes curbside services; library fairy reader's advisory; browsing appointments; online and grab and go programming; historic displays, tours, and hunts; and new opportunities to participate in early literacy programs like 1000 Books Before Kindergarten and Story Strolls. Our partnerships have bloomed as well, with shared projects and grant writing with the City of Baldwin City, Lumberyard Arts Center, Watkins Museum, Baker University Archives and Old Castle Museum, Baldwin STAR/Parents as Teachers, USD 348 classrooms, United Way of Douglas County, Lawrence Public Library and more.

We've continuously evolved our safety procedures and courier services to allow safe, continued access to library materials through our collection and partner library collections. We've also seen more users of our digital resources than ever before with Hoopla and Flipster providing access to ebooks, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, and magazines anytime on patron devices, (all free with your library card!). For patrons with inadequate internet or technology access we've added hotspots and Chromebook laptops for check out, providing the awesome power of internet access free to families and at-home workers all over our community.

All this change has not been easy, and was only accomplished because we have a great library team, including our outstanding Friends of the Library group. Thank you to each and every one of you who are Friends--your membership and involvement truly make a difference.

Now the next stage of our evolution is beginning. This winter and spring aspects of the library interior will be transformed as we add a director's office and community study room to our space. The library has been awarded a grant by the Douglas County Community Foundation that the Friends have matched to enable this project. The library was also awarded a grant by Northeast Kansas Library System to fund architectural consultations making this truly a combined effort and an example of our library's ability to work collaboratively and creatively to address needs.

Throughout the renovations, your library plans to remain open--continuing to adjust, reach, and work together to meet new challenges and opportunities.

Thank you for your teamwork, your patience, and your commitment to your library as we continue to evolve. We can't wait to see where we'll fly together next.

**Your Support Means the World to Your Library and Your Community!
Join the Friends of the Baldwin City Library Today. See page 3 for membership form**



2021 Individual/Family
Membership Form

Memberships 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, fund raising, 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
- A Friends' thank you gift with \$25 or higher membership
- Invitation to annual meeting, reception, and program including voting privileges
- Members-only discounts

Member Contact Information (For Friends Use Only)

Member(s) Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Membership Levels

- Bookend** \$10 to \$24
- Bookstore**..... \$25 to \$49
- Book Collector** \$50 to \$99
- Book Publisher** ... \$100 to \$499
- Book Patron**..... \$500 or more

Amount \$ _____

Cash or **Check #** _____

Volunteer Interest(s)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Board membership (monthly meeting) | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Reading Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book discussion programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant sales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Night of 1,000 Stars | <input type="checkbox"/> Baking for library programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Programming Interest(s)

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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.
Submit at circulation desk or mail: Friends of the Library Memberships, P.O. Box 565, Baldwin City, KS 66006.

Thank You to Our 2020 Individual Members

Bookend (\$10 to \$24)
 Monte & Page Alexander
 Sylvia Ellis
 Ellen Grammer
 Barbara & Ron Johnston
 Doris Pratt
 Mark Stielow
 Letha Williamson
 Sheryl Wright

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 Marcia Baird
 Larry & Linda Box
 Phyllis Braun
 Ted & Vera Brecheisen
 Jeanie Brittingham
 Don Broyles
 Coleen Burgess
 Marty & Jan Burik
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 Joe & Sally Cool
 Donna Cumley
 Ruth Dickinson
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 Sue Gossett
 Ray Gottstein
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 Merlin & Judy Halverson
 Marilyn Harnish
 Kay Hartzell
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 John V. & Anne Jackson
 Denny & Paula Johnson
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 Loretta Robson
 Joetta Rogers
 Wanda Samuels
 Sarah Snedeger
 Gretchen Trendel
 Mary Walker
 Greg Wessling

Book Collector (\$50 to \$99)
 Janet & Doug Anderson-Story
 Cheri Armbrister
 Jeannette Blackmar
 Roger & Jan Boyd
 Carolyn Breithaupt
 Jo & Cal Cink
 The Conover Family
 Bob & Marlene Courtney
 JoAnne Degraffenreid
 Chris & Annette Delaney
 John & Kim Farrell
 Frank & Judy Foye
 Deb Handy

Dan & Peggy Harris
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 Linda & David Hixon
 Tom & Mindy Holt
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 Tom & Sue Ann Kleist
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 Phyllis Mapes
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 Michael & Deanna Miley
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 Jack & Rosemary Murphy
 Sandy & Mike Ralston
 Gerald & Maria Sanden
 Floyd & Sue Schmidt
 Joan Sexton
 Judith & Caroline Tanner
 The Thomas Family
 Joan Toot
 Gwendolyn Whitebread
 Karen Willey
 & Scott Eudaly
 Ron & Linda Wright
 Edward Ziembinski
Book Publisher (\$100 to \$499)
 Anonymous
 Anonymous
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 Erik & Cassy Bailey

Walt & Barbara Bailey
 Lynda Brittingham
 Tony Brown
 & Becky Henderson
 Carl & Susan Butell
 Sheryl Cleverley
 Gwendolyn Ann Collins
 Eloise Craig
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 John Fowler
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 Evangeline Ch. 162,OES, 594-3225
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 for their generous support!*



2021 Spring BookTALK spotlights “Growing Up American”

The spring 2021 BookTALK Series presented by the Friends focuses on the theme “Growing Up American.”

The series is sponsored by Humanities Kansas through its Talk About Literature in Kansas program, which is for every Kansan who loves to read and discuss good books. Copies of these books are available to the community at the library’s circulation desk.

BookTALKs begin at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of January, February and March via ZOOM.

Please register in advance to attend a discussion session via a link for each session on the Friends’ webpage at baldwincity-library.org/friends/ After registering, you will receive a confirmation email explaining how to join the discussion via ZOOM.

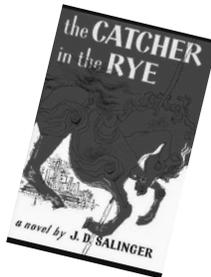
Coming-of-age literature captures the state of adolescence. It also provides a cultural examination through the eyes of someone still a bit outside of the adult world’s norms and values. These three books explore the idea of “formative,” the notion that a person is an act of construction, and all of the experiences of a person’s life are building blocks that create that final product, the self-conscious adult.

The books offered for this spring’s series are:

January 19

Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger (1951) Can J. D. Salinger’s classic still tell us anything about what it means to be American? Let’s start this series by revisiting that too-wise-for-his-age, smart aleck Holden Caulfield and his quest for the un-phony.

Sister Rosemary Kolich will serve as discussion session leader for this book.



Kolich teaches English for the University of Saint Mary.

February 16

Tender at the Bone: Growing Up at the Table by Ruth Reichl (1998)

“I was slowly discovering that if you watched people as they ate, you could find out who they were.” By turns moving and hilarious, nostalgic and hopeful,

Reichl recalls the long road from her upbringing (with parents indifferent to the appeals of the palate) to her chosen profession of restaurant reviewer, with foreign travel and dumpster diving along the way.

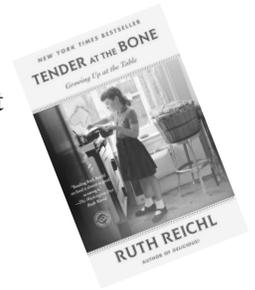
Dan Eells will lead this discussion. He is a librarian at Newton Public Library and holds an M.L.S. from Emporia State.

March 16

Sag Harbor by Colson Whitehead (2009)

Benji explains central terms of his summers out: “First you had to settle the question of out.” The “out” is out from school, out for vacation, and out to Sag Harbor, but for African-American elites who made the resort their vacation home, the ins and outs are more complex. Benji must try to come to terms with growing up, with African-Americanness, and with American popular culture.

John Edgar Tidwell, Professor Emeritus of English at the University of Kansas, will lead this discussion session.



“Tails & Tales” Theme of 2021 Summer Learning Program

It may not seem like it’s time to start thinking about summer, but big plans are developing for the 2021 Summer Learning Program at your Baldwin City Library.

This year’s theme is “Tails & Tales,” and focuses on all aspects of library services for children ages birth through the teen years. And there’s a Summer Learning Program for adults, too!

“This year we’re prepared for whatever level of service we can provide,” said Leigh Anne Bathke, librarian. “Of course, we’re hoping to have in-person entertainment, but we’re also ready to offer grab-and-go bags and virtual experiences too.”

This year’s theme gives us ample room to provide a variety of experiences and lifelong learning, she said. “Who can tell what a summer reading event might inspire in someone?” The Summer Learning Program will start in late May with program events scheduled through June and July. Keep an eye on our website and social media for more information.





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Individual Membership Campaign

January through March 2021

BookTALK Series – Growing Up American, January 19

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BookTALK Series - Growing Up American, February 16

7 p.m., Tuesday via ZOOM, *Tender at the Bone* by Ruth Reichl

BookTALK Series - Growing Up American, March 16

7 p.m., Tuesday via ZOOM, *Sag Harbor* by Colson Whitehead

We're Always Looking for New Friends

There are 4,083 cardholder patrons of your Baldwin City Library, but just 200 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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