

BOOK REPORT



Summer Success!

Summer reading has been a tradition for more than 20 years in Manhattan. Each spring, librarians visit all of the area schools to reach kids before summer break. Our aim is to keep their reading skills sharp by offering prizes for time spent reading, hosting special clubs and programs, and by promoting reading to the community.

The 2017 program, Build a Better World, was a wonderful success with a grand total of 3,705 participants and a total of 2,809,033 minutes read in June and July!

Participation is not limited to children, though! 452 teens and 701 adults were part of the group who joined the fun this year. Reading benefits everyone, and when youngsters see the older members of their families making reading a priority, it makes a deep and lasting impression.

Everyone keeps track of their reading using the same chart, then they can visit the library together to collect their reading prizes and pick up new books.

For the first time, librarians even visited the Riley County Senior Center to register participants and distribute prizes. 38 seniors signed up at the RCSC and we hope to continue that partnership again next year.

For prizes, the library was able to give away two prize books to kids, plus coupons for treats such as ice cream and donuts, and passes to the Zoo and Discovery Center. Adults and teens entered prize drawings for gift cards and prizes, plus they received new books or coupons from Rosie's Corner Book Store.

The summer reading program would not be possible without the support of the Manhattan Library Association and the other local organizations that donate prizes. Thank you for your generosity and we hope you had fun this summer!

Vivienne Uccello
Public Relations Coordinator



Upcoming Events

Yack & Yarn

Tuesdays 6 - 8 PM
Bring your craft project and relax at the library.

Brownbag Book Club*

First Thursdays at noon
Enjoy your lunch with fellow book lovers.
November's book is *The Handmaid's Tale*

Tech Training and Workshops*

iPads & Tablets
Oct. 18 | 2 - 4 PM

Pinterest Basics
Oct. 24 | 2 - 4 PM

Your Digital Library
Nov. 14 | 2 - 4 PM

Windows 10 Basics
Nov. 15 | 2 - 4 PM

Facebook Basics
Nov. 28 | 2 - 4 PM

Craft Nights*

Mod Podge Coasters
Oct. 19 | 7 - 8:30 PM

Perler Beads
Nov. 16 | 7 - 8:30 PM

Ornaments
Dec. 14 | 7 - 8:30 PM

*REGISTRATION
REQUIRED

Welcoming New Board Members

Judy Burgess

Judy Burgess brings great experience to the MLA Board, having served the Abilene High School as a librarian, and the Abilene Public Library as director, and working with the Wichita Public Library Friends group. She is currently an associate with the Community Engagement Center at Wichita State University and works with the Institute for Civic Discourse and Democracy at K-State. Judy will continue her community involvement – a wonderful happenstance for our city and our library!

Bonnie Kastanek

Bonnie Kastanek now adds her service to the MLA Board to a long list of volunteerism, including PEO, Little Apple Pilot Club, BSP Sorority, Manhattan Area Retired Educators Association, Town & Country Garden Club, and her Church Circle and choir. As Bonnie's husband was a career Army officer, she has lived in six states and in Europe where she was a full-time teacher. Bonnie is retired from the Manhattan/Ogden USD 373 school system after 26 years with the district.

Judy Rayl

Judy Rayl and her husband, Jan, met at K-State in the 60s, and after time in Rochester MN, San Diego and Kansas City they returned to Manhattan in 2004. Judy's work experience is in medical offices; she primarily worked as an ophthalmic technician for ophthalmologists. Quoting Judy here, "Had I continued my education and not been sucked into medical field careers . . . I'd have been a librarian." We welcome that spirit to the Manhattan Public Library!

Matt Scharf

We welcome Matt Scharf to the MLA Board. Mark comes to Manhattan from the northern US, growing up in West Allis, Wisconsin with his 13 brothers and sisters. He attended Martin Luther College in Minnesota and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Matt and his wife, Rachel and their (almost seven month old) daughter, Lydia now make their home in Manhattan where Matt is one of the pastors at Hope Lutheran Church.

Creation Station

Manhattan Public Library is now providing yet another opportunity to hone your computer skills.

The library has a dedicated computer station connected to the Adobe Creative Cloud. The Creative Cloud allows access to Photoshop, Illustrator, Dreamweaver, Character Animator and many more of the best software tools for learning about and creating digital design projects.

The dedicated workstation has two monitors and headphones, allowing a

user to have Lynda.com tutorials on a second screen while following along with practice files on the main screen.

The Creation Station can be reserved for a maximum of four hours of work per session. If no one is waiting, a patron may work on a project as long as needed during regular library hours.

The addition of a Creation Station provides a "next level" of skill development using specialized software and equipment. To find out more, please call or visit the library.