

# BOOK REPORT

Friends of the Library Newsletter

Spring 2017



## Annual Book Sale February 24 - 26

The biggest MLA event of the year is right around the corner! Our annual book sale raises thousands of dollars to support the library and puts books in the hands of readers all over Kansas.

The sale begins with a special preview night for MLA members only. The doors will be open from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 24 for anyone who has joined the Manhattan Library Association.

To make sure that no one is left out, memberships will be sold at the door starting at just \$10.

On Saturday, February 25, the book sale opens to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with outstanding prices on used books, DVDs, audiobooks, and CDs.

On Sunday, February 26, the sale will be open from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. with special deals on the remaining items. Fill a box or bag with books for only \$5.00!

We are also excited to announce that for the first time, we will be able to accept credit cards at the book sale! Two cashiers will have Square readers and iPads which will accept all major credit cards, including Discover and American Express.

Cash and local checks will also be accepted, just as in years past. Membership dues can also be paid by credit card, but only during the time of the sale.

Members can best contribute by helping to get the word out. Promotional bookmarks and flyers are available at the library. If you would like to take promotional materials to distribute to your friends, family, and coworkers, please ask at the library's Check-Out Desk.

A team of volunteers is standing ready to help make this event a success again this year. A special thanks goes to Rosie's Corner volunteers who spend all year sorting donated materials. Without their dedicated efforts, the sale simply would not be possible.



We would also like to recognize the members of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, Rotaract, Job Corps, and Boyscout Troup 75 for their help with set up and take down.

If you would be interested in helping with next year's sale, please leave your name with one of the cashiers at the sale or check the volunteer box when you send in your membership renewal form. Hope to see you at the sale!

## Upcoming Events

### Annual Book Sale

Friday, February 24

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

*Preview for members*

Saturday, February 25

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Open to the public*

Sunday, February 26

1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

*Box sale for remaining items*

### Chess Club

Every Tuesday

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

### Library Lab

Third Thursday of each month

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Sign up to participate in a new craft project every month. All materials provided.

### Silent Book Club

Final Wednesday of each month

8:00 - 9:30 p.m.

*Meet at Arrow Coffee Company. Bring any book and meet new people.*

### Tech Class

Pinterest Basics

March 14

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

### Annual MLA Meeting

April 12

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

*Meet in the library's auditorium.*



## Talk About Literature in Kansas

Starting in February, the Manhattan Library Association will partner with the Kansas Humanities Council to bring a series of book discussions to the library. Experts will help to immerse readers in three captivating stories. This year's topic is "Contemporary Immigration."

Participants are invited to read the books in the series or simply attend the discussions. Everyone is welcome to attend these free events. Please register for each discussion on the library's website or by calling (785) 776-4741 ext.300, so that snacks may be provided.

Extra copies of each book will be available for check-out at the Reference Desk on the second floor of the Manhattan Public Library before and after the discussions.

The first selection is *Caramelo*, or, *Puro Cuento* by Sandra Cisneros, a semi-autobiographical novel describing the experience of a Mexican-American family.

Cisneros weaves themes of family and identity into a sweeping tale of American naturalization in which a young girl, Lala Reyes, navigates a web of family pride and practicality in the 1960s. The caramelo reboso – candy shawl – is Lala's sole memento of her dead mother. Like the weave of that shawl, Lala's tale recounts the complex life of a family always striving to put its best foot forward.

Starting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, Nicolas Shump will lead the discussion of *Caramelo* in the Groesbeck Room at Manhattan Public Library. Nicolas teaches history and English at the Barstow School in Kansas City, Missouri.

Sandra Cisneros' publisher has been in contact with the library and there is a slight possibility she may be available to join the February discussion via video conference. Stay tuned for updates and find a complete list of events on the library's online events calendar at [www.MHKLlibrary.org](http://www.MHKLlibrary.org).

## Annual MLA Meeting

All members of the association are invited to participate in the annual meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the library's auditorium.

We will vote on a new slate of officers for the executive board, hear the annual financial report, and celebrate the contributions of our many volunteers.

If you would be interested in joining the board please call Vivienne at (785) 320-5376.