

# BOOK REPORT

Friends of the Library Newsletter

Summer 2017



## Summer Reading Time is Here!

People of all ages can join the Manhattan Public Library's summer reading program for free. After signing up online or at the library, participants simply keep track of the time they spend reading or listening to books from June 1 to July 31. Different prizes are awarded based on age group, and can be picked up at the library until August 7. Last year, a total of 2,423 kids, 474 teens, and 465 adults joined in the fun.

This year's theme is "Build a Better World" and the program begins with a kickoff party Saturday, June 3 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Participants can explore different cultures with hands-on activities, interesting artifacts, and cultural representatives from the Manhattan community. Teens are invited to decorate the library windows with images inspired by this year's theme. June 1 also a great time to sign up for the program and pick up the first reward.

Other exciting activities such as storytimes, summer clubs, gardening workshops, and more, will be offered throughout the summer. All library programs and activities are free and open to the public, although some programs have limited space and require registration. For more information, check the event schedule on the library's website [www.MHKLlibrary.org](http://www.MHKLlibrary.org) or pick up a calendar at one of the library's service desks.

The nationwide summer reading program has an important mission: to motivate kids, teens, and adults to read for fun and help prevent learning loss while school is out. To accomplish this mission in Manhattan, the Manhattan Public Library has enlisted the help of local partners to give rewards and prizes to readers. Prizes include free

books, gift certificates to local restaurants, and passes to local attractions.

Prizes have been purchased by the Manhattan Library Association, Manhattan Library Foundation, or donated by local businesses and organizations.

The library would like to thank the following generous sponsors: Chick-fil-A, Confucius Center, Flint Hills Discovery Center, Goblin Games, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Manhattan Arts Center, Manhattan Broadcasting Company, Manhattan Kiwanis, Manhattan Library Association, Manhattan Library Foundation, Manhattan Town Center, Noodles & Co., Olson's Birkenstock, Papa Murphy's Take 'N Bake Pizza, Pediatric Associates, Sunset Zoo, Varsity Donuts, and Vista Drive In.



*Kids picking out book prizes during the summer reading program.*

## Upcoming Events

### Summer Reading

All ages

June 1 - July 31

Earn prizes for the time you spend reading or listening to books.

### Chess Club

All ages

Every Tuesday

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Play chess with members of the K-State Chess Club.

### Family Fun Storytime

Saturdays

June 10-July 16

11:00 a.m.

### Talk20 MHK

Thursday, June 22

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Listen to eight-minute talks and connect with innovators in the Manhattan community.

### Solar Eclipse

All ages

August 21

12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

We'll have safe goggles available to help you view the total solar eclipse in comfort.

### Yak & Yarn

Starting September 5

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Every Tuesday, bring your knitting, crocheting, or other fiber project to the library to visit with other crafters.

## Annual Meeting: Honors and New Faces



Left to right: G. Kent Stewart, Linda Knupp, and Wilma Schmeller

The Manhattan Library Association Annual Meeting was held on April 12. MLA President Bob Newhouse welcomed everyone, announcing that there are currently 235 active MLA members.

During the past year, the MLA has continued its support of the Library, providing funding for programs such as Summer Reading, Kansas Reads to Preschoolers, and the Talk About Literature in Kansas book discussions.

### Book Sale Success!

The annual MLA Book Sale attracted hundreds of people to the library February 24-26.

Rosie's Corner volunteers, lead by Carol O'Neill, worked more than 1,500 hours in preparation for the sale. All materials were carefully sorted and displayed, allowing shoppers to find just what they were looking for.

Book Sale Committee co-chairs Roger Brannon and Keri Mills report that the efforts of many staff and volunteers generated money which will provide funding for programs and services in 2017.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of two lifetime honorary membership awards. Wilma Schmeller and G. Kent Stewart earned this recognition for their many years of dedication and service to the library.

The MLA Board Member roster was presented along with the slate of officers.

President: Kay Stith

Secretary: Judy Burgess

Treasurer: LuAnn Hoover

Book Sale Co-Chairs: Roger Brannon and Keri Mills

Rosie's Corner Chair: Carol O'Neill

Rosie's Corner Vice-Chair: Liz Rush

TALK Program: Mickey Reay

Membership: Mary Beth Reese

Publicity and Newsletter: Pat Brown

At Large Members: Bob Newhouse, Judy Raul and Matt Scharf

If you would be interested in joining the executive board next year, please contact the library at (785) 776-4741 ext.105.

Members of Wichita's New Leaf Book Mercantile organization traveled to the library to collect all unsold items, taking them back to their site where, according to their stated mission, the materials are used to "support jobs for the unemployed, meals for the hungry and life-altering services for the homeless."

As preparations for the 2018 book sale get underway, a call for donations of materials will be made early to ease the effort necessary in handling a last-minute rush. New volunteers to help at the sale are most welcome! Contact Vivienne at (785) 320-5376 to join.