

 Manhattan Library Association
BOOK REPORT

Friends of the Library Newsletter

Autumn 2018



Rockin' Summer of Success!

Summer reading has been a tradition for more than 20 years at Manhattan Public Library. 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 2018 program, "Libraries Rock!", was a rockin' success with a grand total of 3,787 participants and a total of 2,635,572 minutes read in June and July! Participation is not limited to children, though! 442 teens and 850 adults (an increase of 149 adults from 2017) 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, and then they can visit the library together to collect their reading prizes and pick up new books.

For prizes, the library was able to give away two prize books to each kid, 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. In total, we raised just under \$30,000 in cash and in-kind donations. Thank you for your generosity, and we hope you had an 'amped up' summer!

Maddy Ogle
Public Relations Coordinator



Upcoming Events

Yack & Yarn: Early Birds

Mondays 2 - 3:30 PM

Yack & Yarn: Night Owls

Tuesdays 6 - 8 PM

Kansas Advocates for Better Care Movie, *The Tree*

Oct. 16 | 6 - 8:30 PM

Tech Classes and Workshops*

Instagram Basics

Oct. 9 | 2 - 4 PM

Genealogy: Heritage Quest

Oct. 23 | 2 - 4 PM

Genealogy: Ancestry.com

Nov. 13 | 2 - 4 PM

Archiving Family Photos

Nov. 27 | 2 - 4 PM

Craft Nights*

Turkey & Leaf Luminaries

Nov. 15 | 7 - 8:30 PM

No Sew Sock Snowman

Dec. 13 | 7 - 8:30 PM

*REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Humanities Kansas Book Talks

Sept. 20, *Charlotte's Web*

Oct. 25, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

Nov. 29, *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*

Construction Update

If you have been to the library this summer, you may have noticed the construction on the 2nd floor.

Reference materials have been consolidated and relocated for a better use of space and shelving, providing better access of the materials to patrons. Office spaces for the Adult and Teen Services Staff are completed. The new configuration provides privacy for the staff and an efficient work area as well. Reference staff will soon have a new array of desks at a prominent spot to allow ready access to their assistance.

A portion of the 2nd floor has been remodeled to create an area for teens. Carpeting has been installed, and furniture will begin to arrive later this month. Beautiful shelving and cabinetry are in place. In addition to space for books, teens will have an area with comfortable seating for individual and group study. Computers and gaming equipment will be available to develop technology skills, and there will be room for social activities and programs.

Service Spotlight: Hoopla

Are you familiar with the many online resources available to you as a Manhattan Public Library cardholder? Log into the Library's website - www.mhklibrary.org - and click on the Online Resources tab to see the many and varied information services available to you.

hoopla is one of the most popular resources, allowing the streaming or downloading of movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics, music and TV episodes. All are available 24/7 - always available, with no waiting.

Library personnel are counting on the mid-November completion! The teen area will be complete by mid-October and shelving for the Young Adult collection will be delivered in November.

Support for Library Construction Projects

Funding for the 2nd floor remodeling project was provided by the Manhattan Library Foundation. The Foundation is an independent, not for profit 501 (c) (3) that supports the continued growth and improvement of the Manhattan Public Library, by accepting gifts for the benefit of the library and maintaining an endowment fund. Through the Foundation, you can invest in the future of the library in our community. Gifts are judiciously managed to maintain high quality collections and to maintain a welcoming community service that offers more resources than ever before. If you would like more information about the Manhattan Library Foundation, please call Linda Knupp, Library Director at (785) 776-4741 x101.

