

BOOK REPORT

Friends of the Library Newsletter

Summer 2018



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 2,552 kids, 452 teens, and 740 adults joined in the fun.

This year's theme is "Libraries Rock" and the program began with a kickoff party Saturday, June 2.

Other exciting activities such as storytimes, summer clubs, free kids' movies, 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.

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 our community, the Manhattan Public Library has enlisted the help of local partners to give 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 Foundation and the Manhattan Library Association or donated by local businesses and organizations.

The library would like to thank the following generous sponsors: Manhattan Library Foundation, Manhattan Library Association, Able Printing, Best Buy, Chick-Fil-A, Cool Care Club, Dunkin' Donuts, Flint Hills Discovery Center, Goblin Games, Goodcents, Manhattan Broadcasting Company, Manhattan Kiwanis Club, Manhattan Parks & Rec, Manhattan Town Center, Noodles & Co., Olson's Birkenstock, Papa Murphy's Take 'N' Bake Pizza, Pediatric Associates of Manhattan, Sunset Zoo, Varsity Donuts, Vista Drive In, and Which Wich.

For more information, check the event schedule on the library's website www.MHKLibrary.org or pick up a brochure at one of the library's service desk.



Kids picking out book prizes during the summer reading program.

A Message from Library Director, Linda Knupp



This spring, we are remodeling the second floor of the library to accommodate changes in services, and for the first time in the library's history provide a designated area for teens, ages 12 to 17. While we currently offer a variety of programs for teens and have a collection of young adult materials in a corner on the first floor, there is not a designated area with the full array of resources that young people need to support their interests and studies.

A new teen area on the second floor will provide a separate and enclosed area for teens to meet friends, study, browse the collection, use computers or the library's WiFi.

Young children and their families have benefited greatly from the 2014 expansion of the Children's Room, and the teen area will ensure that young people are welcome in the library with support for educational and leisure needs.

Rock the Library at Book Fair 2018

On Thursday, May 10, librarians from Kansas participated in the yearly Book Fair. For 2018 the theme was "Rock the Library," created to match the upcoming Summer Reading program.

Marcy Allen, Technical Services and Collections Manager at Manhattan Public Library, gave a 50-minute presentation titled "Rock Solid Adult Reads." Out of the 22 titles Allen presented, she said that *Jefferson's Daughters* by Catherine Kerrison is her favorite book of the year. You can find more book titles that were featured in her presentation in the box to the right.

At the same time, there will be some changes in the Adult Services area on the second floor. Relocation of the service desk will make it easier for customers to find staff to answer questions, find materials and get help with computers. Books and collections will be shifting, so be sure and ask if you need help finding something.

Construction begins in June and we expect the Adult Services area to be completed mid-summer. Work on the teen area is scheduled to begin late summer or early fall and will be completed by the end of fall.

The remodeling project brings us full-circle to 1904 when the library was made possible by generous donors and a Carnegie grant.

The Manhattan Library Foundation has designated funds for the remodeling project. Once again, generous donors and engaged citizens have allowed the library to grow and meet the needs of the community.

Marcy Allen Recommends

The Coincidence Makers by Yoav Blum

The Best Cook in the World by Rick Bragg

The Wolf by Leo Carew

The Which Way Tree by Elizabeth Cook

The Storm King by Brendan Duffy

Finishing Wood by Editors of Fine Woodworking

The Woman in the Window by A.J. Finn

Varina by Charles Fraizer

Fix-it or Forget-it Cookbook: 700 Great Slow Cooker Recipes by Phyllis Good

Promise by Minrose Gwin

How to Stop Time by Matt Haig

Munich by Robert Harris

The Flicker of Old Dreams by Susan Henderson

A Chance at Forever by Melissa Jaegers

Jefferson's Daughters by Catherine Kerrison

The Saboteur by Paul Kix

Have Dog Will Travel by Stephen Kuusisto

Only Child by Rhiannon Navin

The Silent Companions by Laura Purcell

Barbed Wire Heart by Tess Sharpe

Mr. Dickens and His Carol by Samantha Silva

Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward

Special Edition: Manhattan Public Library Annual Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Manhattan Library Association (MLA or Friends of the Library) convened on April 11. Library Director Linda Knupp welcomed those in attendance, presenting a review of the support for library programs and projects provided by MLA. Linda noted the revenue of \$12,781.47 from the Annual Book Sale and \$20,191.66 in 2017 sales from Rosie's Corner Book Shop along with membership dues from 280 MLA members. The Association earmarks 85% of its revenue to support Library programs and activities.

Director Knupp introduced the current MLA Board, recognizing Kay Stith – President; Judy Burgess – Secretary; LuAnn Hoover – Treasurer; Roger Bannon and Keri Mills – Book Sale Co-Chairs; Carol O'Neill and Liz Rush – Rosie's Corner Chair and Vice Chair; Mickey Reay – TALK Program Chair; Mary Beth Reese – Membership Chair; Pat Brown – Publicity and Newsletter Chair; and Bob Newhouse, Bonnie Kastanek, Judy Rayl, and Matt Scharf – Members at Large.

Judy Burgess, President of FoKL, presented a program on FoKL – Friends of Kansas Libraries, highlighting the statewide organization's effort to make sure local libraries are strong, relevant and well-funded.

Each year the MLA Board identifies and recognizes individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the Manhattan Public Library. This year, two sets of couples were honored for their service to the Library and to the MLA Board. Lynne and Bob Haines have been active supporters since the 1990s, serving on the Board, contributing to the Children's Expansion campaign, the atrium sculpture, and the Pettle memorial sculpture.

Doris and Marvin Marsh have been MLA members since before records were kept. The Marsh's have contributed to the success of the Annual Book Sale, doing the "heavy lifting," sorting books in corners of the Library and transporting truckloads of books to the remote site that was used for the Sale.

Linda Knupp presented plaques and memorial books to the Haines and the Marshes expressing the Association's gratitude for their many years of service to the Library community.



Director, Linda Knupp presents Bob and Lynne Haines with books selected in recognition of their contributions to the library at the Annual MLA Meeting.



Doris and Marvin Marsh are recognized for their long support to the library.



The Haines and the Marshes stand beside Linda Knupp after being honored for their service and dedication to the library.