

# BOOK REPORT

Friends of the Library Newsletter

June 2019

## 3...2...1...Blast Off!

The Manhattan Public Library's summer reading program is both free and open to all ages. After signing up online or at the library, participants must keep track of the time they spend reading or listening to books from June 1 to July 31. There are a variety of prizes awarded based on age group, and hours spent reading. These can be picked up at the library until August 7. Last year, a total of 2,458 kids, 415 teens, and 841 adults joined in on the fun.

This year's summer reading theme is "A Universe of Stories". Participants can explore space-related themes and ideas through many activities planned throughout the summer. There are different activities geared towards different age groups. The activities are open to all ages, such as Astronomy Night at Northeast Community Park on July 12.



*Young patron posing at the face wall.*



Other exciting activities like storytimes, summer clubs, free kids' movies, summer reading events 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 summer reading program is nationwide and has an important mission: to motivate kids, teens, and adults to read for fun and, for kids, prevent loss of reading skills while school is out. To do this, 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.

The library would like to thank the following generous donors and sponsors: Applebee's, Auntie Mae's, Baskin-Robbins, Chick-Fil-A, Cool Care Club, Community First National Bank, Eastside & Westside Markets, Flint Hills Discovery Center, Goblin Games, Leiszler Oil Company, Manhattan Broadcasting Company, Manhattan Kiwanis, Manhattan Library Association, Manhattan Library Foundation, Manhattan Parks and Recreation, Manhattan Town Center, Panera Bread, Papa Murphy's Take N' Bake Pizza, Pediatric Associates, Sunset Zoo, Texas Roadhouse, Varsity Donuts, Vista Drive In, and Widgets Family Fun.

For more information, check the event schedule on the calendar at <http://mhklibrary.evanced.info/signup/Calendar/>. We look forward to having you participate in these fun, educational activities.

## Highlights from the Annual Manhattan Library Association Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Manhattan Library Association (MLA or Friends of the Library) convened on April 10. 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 \$11,911.38 from the 2019 Annual Book Sale and \$23,044.98 from Rosie's Corner Book Shop sales along with membership dues from 282 MLA members. The Association earmarks 85% of its revenue to support library programs and activities.

Each year the MLA Board identifies and recognizes individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the Manhattan Public Library. This year, three individuals were honored for their service to the library and to MLA.

Linda Knupp presented plaques and memorial books to Gene Laughlin, Verlyn Richards, and Roger Brannan expressing the Association's gratitude for their many years of service to the library community.

Congratulations to our honorees!

## Upcoming Events

### Yack & Yarn Early Birds

Every Monday  
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Collaboration Space & Classroom

### Yack & Yarn Night Owls

Every Tuesday  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
*Groesbeck Meeting Room*

### Astronomy for Everyone: Size & Scale of the Universe

Sponsored by Community First National Bank  
June 14  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
*Auditorium*

### Adult Craft Night: Bullet Journaling

June 20  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
*Groesbeck Meeting Room*  
*Registration required*

### Cheese Making Process and Tasting

June 27  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
*Groesbeck Meeting Room*

### Astronomy Night

Hosted by Flint Hills Discovery Center  
July 12  
8:00 - 11:00 p.m.  
*Northeast Community Park*

## Books for Babies

This spring the Manhattan Public Library launched a new program aimed at developing literacy skills in children – beginning in infancy. The Books for Babies program

seeks to provide a board book to every baby born at Ascension Via Christi Hospital in Manhattan. The book, along with coupons for Rosie's Corner, used book store, a one-year membership to the Manhattan Library Association and an application for a library card are all packaged in gift bags to be presented to new parents upon the birth of their child.



*Contents of the bag given to families.*

Funding for this exciting initiative was earned through grants from the Friends of Kansas Libraries (FoKL) and the USD 383 K-LINK (Literacy Network of Kansas). In addition to MLA matching the FoKL grant funds, MLA volunteers help prepare the gift bags and deliver them to the hospital.

More than 400 copies of the classic *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* have been packaged for delivery to the hospital. The first delivery was made on May 9. 100 gift bags will be delivered each month. 306 copies of *Chicka Chicka ABC* are ready to be packaged in the next phase of the program.

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*Library Director, Linda Knupp reading the first series of books to be distributed.*

A generous memorial gift by Kathleen Wendland's family will ensure funding for the purchase of additional books.

The Manhattan Public Library supports childhood literacy with efforts like Books for Babies program and the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. The 1000 Books program challenges parents to read 1000 books with their children before they enter kindergarten. Participants earn prizes as they complete reading logs. Interested parents can sign up in Children's Services or online.



*Final package delivered to the hospital by volunteers.*