Preparations are underway for the 18th Annual Baldwin City-Wide Garage Sale, to be held on Saturday, June 4.

Time to clean out your closets, garage, basements in time for the event. You can publicize your sale and help our Library at the same time. For just $5 you can list your address and treasures in the Friends of the Library Garage Sale Directory and receive a yard sign identifying you as a library supporter and your sale as an “official” City-Wide Garage Sale site.

Each year nearly 100 garage sales and business ads are listed in the directory. Last year more than 300 copies were sold to local residents and visitors. Through this event and your support, the Friends raise funds to help sponsor the summer reading program, guest speakers, BookTALKS, the Night of a 1,000 Stars reading event, plus help the library purchase new materials.

If you would like your sale to appear in the directory, please fill out the form inside and return it with your payment to the library no later than May 25. The fee is $5 per family, and $20 for organizations. The directory also includes business ads ranging from 2-1/2” x 3” for $5 to a full page for $40. Please call Susan Baker at 594-3554 or Cynthia Beall at 594-6755 for information about placing a business ad.

The Friends will need Members’ help in handing out signs and distributing directories on the weekend of the sale. A signup sheet will be located in the library lobby. Friends members may pick up a copy of the Garage Sale Directory on Friday evening, June 3 from 4-7 p.m. at the library. Those who have advertised their sales in the Directory can pick up their copies and yard signs at that same time. Directory sales to the public begin on Saturday morning at the Library.

THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL
SPRING PLANT SALE
8 A.M.-6 P.M. ON FRIDAY, MAY 6 AND 8 A.M.-NOON ON SATURDAY, MAY 7
ON THE FRONT LAWN OF THE BALDWIN CITY LIBRARY

Just in time for Mother’s Day—it’s the Friends of the Library Spring Plant Sale.

This year’s selection will offer brilliant flowering annuals to cheer your garden. The sale will feature hanging baskets filled with colorful flowering annuals, ivy and other greenery. Perennials such as lavender, sage, and thyme will be offered. The sale will also feature plants, such as butterfly bushes, to use for establishing butterfly gardens. The goal of a butterfly garden is both to feed one of our favorite insects and give them a good living environment.

Thank you to Baldwin Junction Greenhouse, C Designs Floral, Hamill’s Country Garden Nursery and Vinland Valley Nursery.
Be a Friend

How many friends does it take to make a library great? While this may sound like the start of a bad joke, the truth is that your library needs you!

The Friends of the Baldwin City Library is an organization dedicated to three principles.

- Establish closer relations between the library and the people of our community,
- Support and cooperate with the library in developing and supporting services and facilities,
- Promote educational, cultural, and recreational programs.

The Friends of the Library need your ongoing help to ensure that we can continue to provide services for our growing community. As a member, you will receive a quarterly newsletter and a free early copy of the city-wide garage sale guide, but, even more importantly, you'll know that your donation will be used to help support one of the vital assets of Baldwin City…your library.

Just in case you can’t remember the last time you renewed your friendship, we’ve added a reminder to the address label on this newsletter!

Your library needs a friend…your library needs YOU!!

Baldwin Book Review

Reviews of New Books in the Library

By Peggy Baker, Glencoe Wordsmithing

**Bead on Trouble**
Barbara Burnett Smith: *Mystery*

First evidence of human adornment was that of beads, far before written history. Smith explores this ancient craft enjoying a resurgence in this Texas-based mystery. Sadly, this will be the last book in the series; the author died in a car-pedestrian accident while trying to save a stray dog.

**The Dragon Reborn**
Robert Jordan: *Science fiction/fantasy* Audio book on 22 CDs

Third in the Wheel of Time series. Rand Al’Thor is the Dragon Reborn, which means he can touch but not control the One Power. Complex sci-fi setting compliments the strong characterization.

**Road to Ruin**
Donald Westlake: *Caper* Audio book on 6 cassettes

John Dortmunder is masterminding a friend’s revenge plan on a crooked CEO with a magnificent car collection. Will this be the caper he actually wins? There’s also a new collection of short stories featuring Westlake’s original Sad Sack.

**With No One As Witness**
Elizabeth George: *Police procedural*

Latest in the Detective Inspector Thomas Lynley/ Constable Barbara Havers series. George deftly weaves the rapport between landed gentry Lynley and up-from-the-tenements Havers through the search for a serial killer and more than a little office politics.

**The Good Girl’s Guide to Murder**
Susan McBride: *Mystery*

Website designer Andrea Kendricks refused to be a debutante despite her formidable mother’s wishes. Now she’s designing the website for a TV household diva whose sugary smile on camera hides a crocodile’s heart.

**She Wanted It All**
Kathryn Casey: *True Crime*

Everything about Texas is big – including domestic murder. Celeste Beard loved the money and life style of being married to a likeable widowed millionaire, she just knew it would be better *with* the money but *without* the husband. Chilling, even in a Kansas heat wave.

**Owls Well That Ends Well**
Donna Andrews: *Mystery/Romance*

Meg Langslow, blacksmithing artist, and fiancee Mike, drama college faculty member, have bought a new-to-them home in the Yorktown, Virginia area. No dream house, this is the huge mansion of a long-lived packrat, and all the corners are stuffed with eons of collection. A huge garage sale should do the trick, right? Well, not exactly...

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Night of a 1,000 Stars Shines at the Library

More than fifty children and their parents spent an evening on April 6 at the library listening to stories told by some of Baldwin City’s finest storytellers. Thank you to Ginny Meinen, Crystal Williams, and several young women students from Baker University for sharing their talents and love of reading with Baldwin’s younger readers. The children who attended got to wear their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal to the event. Plus after the reading program, snacks were provided for all!

Summer Reading Program Signup Scheduled This Month

Join us this summer as we explore Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds through programs, books and activities at the Baldwin City Public Library. The 2005 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, preschool age through adult, with programs, prize drawings, story hours, and so much more. We are also inviting families to join the Read Aloud portion of the program. A variety of programs will be offered for all ages.

All day registration for the Summer Library Program will be conducted on Wednesday, May 25. The reading program will run June 1-July 13.

The library welcomes children of all abilities. All programs are free of charge. For more information, call the library at 594-3411, or visit the website: www.baldwincitylibrary.org.

Library Amnesty Week

Is there a library book that has lingered too long on your bed stand or hall table? The Baldwin City Library is offering Amnesty Week May 23-28, 2005. Patrons can return any overdue books or magazines and their fines are excused.

City Wide Garage Sale Directory Listing Sign Up

Name __________________________________________
Telephone _______________________________________
Address _________________________________________
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Items For Sale __________________________________________
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Please return this completed form and payment to the library circulation desk no later than May 25, 2005.
JOIN US!
Please fill out this form and return it with payment to: Friends of the Baldwin City Library, General Delivery, Baldwin City, KS 66006

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City

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Email

Membership (circle one)
New Renewing

Membership Level (circle one)
BookMark BookEnd ($5--$9) ($15--$24)
BookShelf BookStore ($10--$14) ($25 and up)

If you would like to volunteer for Friends of the Library activities, please check the areas with which you would like to help:

☐ Serve on the Board
☐ Spring Plant Sale
☐ Fall Mum Sale
☐ Night of 1,000 Stars
☐ Citywide Garage Sale
☐ Book Clubs/Discussion Groups
☐ Newsletter

BROWSING BOOKSHELVES ACROSS KANSAS
THE INTERNET WAY

One of the fastest-growing services offered at the Baldwin City Library is the InterLibrary Loan Service. Can’t find the book, audiotape, or compact disc you are searching for on the Baldwin City Library bookshelves? The staff at the library can check with other libraries in northeast Kansas and across the state to see if they might have that title available. Interlibrary loan forms are available at the circulation desk. You can also submit a request online directly from the Baldwin City Library website at: www.baldwincitylibrary.org.

To assist in filling your request, please provide the library staff with the title and author of your item and, if possible, other information about the book, such as the date of publication, or the ISBN. You can find this by searching the Kansas Library Catalog database on the Kansas Blue Skyways website: http://skyways.lib.ks.us/library/databases.html. Then click on the “Kansas Library Catalog” database link under the Kansas Libraries list.

ACQUISITION REQUESTS
If there is a book that you would like the Library to acquire, please stop by the circulation desk to give the staff the title and author of the book in which you are interested. While not all requests can be honored, the staff does try to fill as many as possible.

NEW BOOKTALK SERIES WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

Planning is underway for the next BookTALK series to begin in September. The second Thursday night of each month -- September 8, October 13, and November 10 -- are the dates to put on your calendar for the events. Details regarding specific books and speakers will be announced later this spring.

The Book TALK series is sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council, which supplies loaner copies of each of the three books in the series. Participants will be able to pick up a loaner book several weeks in advance of the programs. Dates of availability will be posted. All discussions are at 7 p.m. in the Community room at the Library.

Jo Ann Krekel, chair for the Book TALK series since 2000, plans to take on other projects now. We will miss her warmth and leadership in the planning, but she will still be joining us for the discussions.