

The Friends of the Library annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 13th at 7:00 p.m. A short business meeting will be held and then guest speaker Bill Severns will talk about his book "Keepers of the Sandlot"

Bill Severns grew up in Oklahoma. As a sophomore at Tulsa's Nathan Hale High School, he was cut from the baseball team on the first day of tryouts.

Seven years later he finished a college baseball career at the University of Oklahoma. During his time at OU he had the unique privilege of participating in the College World Series four years in a row. He was a Sporting News and AACBC (American Association of College Baseball Coaches) All-American and Second Team Academic All-American from the University of Oklahoma. After serving as team Co-Captain and President of the OU Fellowship of Christian Athletes while completing his bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Severns became a first round draft pick of the Milwaukee Brewers in the June 1975 secondary draft.

Severns played professionally for 6 years in the Brewers organization, batting .300 in Vancouver at the Triple A level before retiring from baseball to raise a family with his wife Suzanne.

Severns is the author of the book, Keepers of the Sandlot. This book was written to encourage parents and coaches to help them enjoy kids in the developmental years of little league. Severns' inspirational words come from experience and passion for kids playing sports. He is dedicated to improving coaches and parents' tools to pave the way to a brighter life for our children.

Bill spent 23 years coaching his sons' little league teams He has experience in all levels of the game. Bill and his wife Suzanne have been married for 40 years and live in Prairie Village KS. They have 4 children and 10 grandchildren.

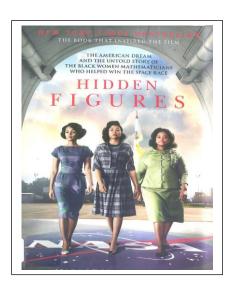
Hidden Figures – Display, Book Discussion and Movie showing will be held at the Garnett Public Library.

During the month of Oct and Nov. the Community Gallery at the library will feature the display - "Hidden Figures — celebrating minorities in science, technology, engineering and math". In conjunction with this fabulous display borrowed from the Independence Public Library, the library book discussion group will be reading the book "Hidden Figures" by Margot Lee Shettlerly and the library will also sponsor a showing of the movie "Hidden Figures" based on the book.

The display will be up from Oct. 2nd – Nov. 24th. It features full panel displays chronicling the lives of minority workers at NASA.

The Garnett Library will hold a book discussion on Wednesday, October 24th, at 7pm in the Archer Room. The book Hidden Figures tells the story of a group of exceptionally talented African American women who worked behind the scenes at NASA. It is a phenomenal true story of the black female mathematicians at NASA whose calculations helped fuel some of America's greatest achievements in space. Books are available for checkout from the library.

The movie "Hidden Figures" will be shown on Thursday, Nov. 1st at 6:30 p.m. The award winning movie is based on the above book and features Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer and Janelle Monáe. The movie is free of charge and all are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.





Holiday **Homes Tour**



Sunday, December 2nd
The tour will begin at:

First Christian Church



This year's homes include:

Tim & Ashley Rockers
Gary & Kim Stapp
Tony & Karen Wolken



Once again the library will be decked out, offering entertainment and goodies galore.

Tickets will go on sale in November at the library.

Cost is \$8.00 in advance and \$10.00 the day of the tour, at the library.

The Garnett Public Library is proud to participate in *Kansas Reads to Preschoolers*, a statewide reading initiative supporting early childhood literacy. *Kansas Reads to Preschoolers* is a one-book/one-state intergenerational reading project to highlight the importance of reading to children. The goal is that every Kansas child from birth to age five is read to during *Kansas Reads to Preschoolers* month.

Ten Pigs, written by Derek Anderson, has been selected as this year's title. A pig settles in with his rubber duck to enjoy a relaxing bath, but is soon joined by another pig, and then another, until nine more pigs have squeezed into his tiny tub.

During this project children are read to by parents, grandparents, children's librarians, mayors, elected state representatives, middle and high school students, Friends of the Library, and library trustees, as well as early childhood leaders and workers and many, many others!

We would like to rise to this challenge of reaching all the young children in our area by:

Providing copies of the book to area preschoolers.

Enlisting local volunteers to read our book

in area preschools, daycare centers,

and at the public library throughout the week.

We cannot do this without assistance from our community. We would greatly appreciate any donation you care to make--whether it be time or money--so that we can meet the challenge. Last year our community provided over 150 copies to children in Anderson County.

Please turn in donations by October, 30th in order to help us with placing book orders. Donations submitted by this date will also be featured in event publicity. All donations can be sent to Garnett Public Library, P.O. Box 385, Garnett, KS 66032.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Garnett Public Library at 785-448-3388. We hope to include you in our celebration as *Kansas Reads to Preschoolers*.