



# ROTARY NOTARY

**Birthdays:**

<i>Justin Baxter</i>	<b>7/26</b>
<i>Craig Burns</i>	<b>7/27</b>
<i>Tim Norton</i>	<b>7/29</b>
<i>Larry McNeil</i>	<b>7/30</b>
<i>Randy Summers</i>	<b>7/31</b>

**At Rotary Today:**

**Greeter:** Eileen Kludt

**Invocation, Flag Salute, and Four-way test:**

Bill McConnell

**Special Guests:**

- Louise Brinegar
- Barbara Crawford
- Pat and Bob Glasser
- Cher Hurst
- Jaren Johnson
- Maureen Youngmeyer May
- Mick Penner
- Lori Rathert
- Becky Samaniego

**Rotary Anniversaries:**

Donna Kennedy—5 years

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

- Brian and Susan Burrus—32 years
- Ann and Steve Buckendahl—27 years

**Quote of the Week:**

You were designed for accomplishment, engineered for success, and endowed with the seeds of greatness.

—Zig Ziglar

## CHECKING OUT THE NEW ADVANCED LEARNING LIBRARY

Cynthia Berner explains that in the first month since opening on June 16 the Advanced Learning Library has loaned out 66,000 items—more than half the average at the former Central Library on south Main Street. Planning for the library was like a “blank canvas,” she said, where the community came together to plan and collaborate.



**W**ichita’s Advanced Learning Library (ALL) is the newest addition to our city’s greater downtown area. Although it took only two years to build, the project was about ten years in the making. It began with an idea—merge technology with the traditional concept of a library—to create a place that is welcoming, educational, and, dare we say, fun.

Let’s start with the design of the ALL. It has 105,000 square feet, compared with the former Central Library, which had 79,000 square feet. Almost everywhere natural light pours in through large ceiling-to-floor windows. Three conference rooms can become one, accommodating up to 300 people for a meeting. Just inside the west entrance you’ll find a coffee

and pastry shop operated by Reverie Roasters.

An outdoor terrace on the east side of the building’s second floor provides a beautiful view of the city skyline along with a quiet spot for reading. The terrace can also be rented for after-hours social events.

A big change for young families is the location of the Children’s Pavilion on the first floor, making it much more convenient and accessible than the former Central Library’s Children’s Corner. This attractive space with its cheerful, brightly-colored furniture and kid-friendly play areas makes you want to sit down and play with the magnetile tables—if only you could fit on the tiny chairs!

Teens also have their own area that includes both individual and group study space, along with multiple

computers that can be used for studying and even gaming.

Collaboration rooms on the first floor make working in teams easier, with the ability to connect with remote team members. A “green” room that is part of the suite serves as an audiovisual studio complete with editing equipment and software.

For guests who lack internet access at home, the ALL is teeming with connectivity, including charging ports for smartphones and tablets.

The library cost \$38 million to build, with the City of Wichita contributing \$30 million and private donors providing the remainder. If you haven’t seen it yet, you should. But plan for a visit of several hours. One hour for touring, and the rest for reading. Because technology and fun are just today’s means to help you discover new worlds—and that’s still what libraries are all about.

# MORE AT ROTARY TODAY

## Upcoming Events:

July 26—MIXER at the Public at the Brick Yard in Old Town. Join your fellow Rotarians in a casual, social setting. And bring a spouse, friend, or prospective Rotarian! We'll start mixing it up at 5:15!

## In Case You Missed It:

By now you should have received an electronic copy of the EWR directory in an email from Kim. If you haven't received this, please let her know. Also, you will soon be able to purchase a printed copy for \$10.

Also, we are in danger of having the world's OLDEST Rotary club! The Rotary International database defaults the year of our birth to 1800 if we don't correct it. Please email Kim Hurtig ([hurtigfamily@att.net](mailto:hurtigfamily@att.net)) your birthdate so she can make this important update!

## Next Week:

Ron Roecker, entertainment industry brand strategist and Wichita native, will be here.



This massive video screen, called a "digital wall," is located on the first floor just inside the grand gateway. It features news you can use, such as information on upcoming classes and events.



Rotarians stop to examine one of the many new technological advances in the new library, which includes hundreds of internet-ready computers, charging ports, and Wi-Fi throughout.



The space in the new library is bigger, brighter, and more colorful than in the old downtown branch.