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Kansas Report to MPLA

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A workshop sponsored by KLA's College and University Libraries Section (CULS) is currently underway. The workshop theme is "Rules and Tools for Cataloging Internet Resources." It was developed by SCCTP, ALCTS, and LC to provide attendees with a solid foundation in the principles and practices of online resource cataloging using current descriptive cataloging standards and practices.

The Kansas Library Trustees Association, also a subdivision of KLA, is assisting the State Library of Kansas in developing a voluntary, statewide continuing education program for trustees. They are conducting a series of meetings during the summer to determine specific areas of content and will make a formal recommendation to the State Library in the fall. A set of basic competencies for Kansas librarians is also

The title chosen for the second annual "Kansas Reads to Preschoolers" program sponsored by the State Library is Bunny Cakes by Rosemary Wells. The goal of the project is that every child from birth to age five will be read the selected title during National Children's Book Week, November 13-20, 2006. Governor Kathleen Sebelius will once again serve as honorary chairperson for the event.

The State Library also recently launched the "Audiobooks, Music and More" program. It features a collection of digital audiobooks and music composed of titles purchased by participating libraries and made available to anyone with a current Kansas Library Card. Additional information is available at <http://kansas.lib.overdrive.com>.

The first Kansas Book Festival will be held in Wichita on September 29-30. Sponsored by the Kansas Center for the Book (KCFB), the festival will include book sellings and signings and appearances by numerous Kansas authors. It will also include the "Black and White and READ all Over Ball" which will feature the first recipients of the 2006 Kansas Notable Books award. KCFB is also sponsoring a "One Book, One State" reading project for adults. The featured title will be The Learning Tree by Kansas native Gordon Parks and the program will launch on January 29, aka Kansas Day, and continue through April 30.

WebJunction Kansas is set to launch on July 18. It will provide a gateway to continuing education for librarians, library staff and trustees including:

- A link to the Library CE Events Calendar
- Kansas Focus, an introduction to a featured WebJunction service, course or topic
- online discussions
- Learning Center tab for links to free online courses.

Web Junction will also provide access to shared information pertaining to policies, technology planning, marketing, funding resources and resources for rural and small libraries.