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2007 Kansas Book Festival

Topeka – The second Kansas Book Festival will celebrate the state’s rich literary, artistic, and historical heritage October 5-6, at Koch Arena, on the campus of Wichita State University in Wichita. [Click here to find out more.](#)

The 2007 Festival will build on the success of the inaugural Festival last September, which featured more than 30 authors and attracted 7,500 visitors. Governor Kathleen Sebelius is the event’s honorary chair.

“The first Kansas Book Festival last September enhanced cultural appreciation and awareness within our state, and the 2007 Festival will continue that momentum,” said Governor Kathleen Sebelius. “Reading is so important to all Kansans, and I hope readers and book lovers from all corners of the state will join us in Wichita for this wonderful celebration of books, reading, and exploring our Kansas heritage.”

New in 2007 is the Kansas Humanities Council’s *Kansans Tell Their Stories...About Books*, an opportunity for book lovers of all ages to share stories and recommendations to all Kansans about their favorite books. “KHC is looking forward to joining our statewide partners in supporting the Kansas Book Festival, “ said Julie Mulvihill, KHC Executive Director. “We hope to see you in Wichita for two days of great conversations about books.”

The two-day Kansas Book Festival, which is free to the public, also includes:

- **Author Programs and Book Signings:** Readings, talks, panel discussions, and book signings by more than 50 authors, including several nationally prominent authors and an array of Kansas authors. Books of all kinds will be represented, from children’s books to adult novels, poetry, nonfiction, and even graphic novels and cookbooks.
- **Children’s Activities:** Hosted by the Kansas State Historical Society, the Festival’s children’s area brings Kansas history to life and makes books and reading fun. Children’s authors will present readings, demonstrations, and performances based on their books, giving children the chance to meet authors face to face. Children and their families will learn more about their home state and explore its heritage and literary past through author appearances, family-friendly entertainment, and hands-on learning activities. Schools from across the state are invited to bring students to the Festival on Friday, October 5, and kids of all ages are welcome both days.

- The Book Fair: Booksellers, publishers, libraries, literary organizations, nonprofits, and partnering organizations will be selling books and merchandise and display informational material about their organizations.

- Entertainment: Kansas musicians, performers, dance troupes, theater companies, and more will round out the festivities. The Kansas Arts Commission will host the entertainment.

Festival hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, October 5, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, October 6.

For more information about the 2007 Kansas Book Festival, visit www.kansasbookfestival.ks.gov.

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