State Library of Kansas Will Participate in Kansas Day Celebrations

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Special activities are planned in Topeka on Friday, January 27, at both the Kansas Museum of History and the Capitol.

The State Library is excited to once again be one of the Exploration Stations on the Capitol tour.

Governor Kathleen Sebelius will welcome students at 10:00 am. Dennis Rogers of Topeka, a member of the Navajo Nation, will perform a hoop dance. The dance will be followed by a sing-a-long of "The National Anthem," "Happy Birthday to Kansas," and "Home on the Range." Kansas birthday cake will also be served. Last year over 1,000 students participated in the events at the Capitol.

This year students from all over Kansas will be able to participate through webcasting. Watch this site for more information about webcasting: http://www.kshs.org/teachers/fieldtrips/kansasday.htm

In celebration of Kansas Day, the Kansas Museum of History will offer activities, performances and exhibits exploring the history of the cowboy on Friday, January 27, from 9 am until 3 pm. Advance registration is requested. Go to: http://www.kshs.org/places/museum/kansasday.htm

The State Library of Kansas has a very special project to celebrate Kansas Day in 2006. The State Library has set up a short webliography of links for Kansas Day scholars at: http://www.kslib.info/ref/misc/web/kansasday.html

As Kansas Day approaches, students begin working on projects and reports covering every aspect of Kansas history, culture, government and even cuisine. Research in the webliography will answer questions such as the following:

What was the first capital of Kansas? Who led an attack on the city of Lawrence in August of 1863? Does Kansas have a state gemstone? How many representatives are there in the Kansas House of Representatives? How many of them are women?

If you'd like to suggest additions to the webliography please send them to Bill Sowers at the State Library, ksdocs@kslib.info.