

KLA Legislative Day Will Be February 16

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Kansas Library Association (KLA) Legislative Day will be held on February 16, 2006, in the Kansas State House, on the third floor in front of the entrance to the State Library of Kansas. Activities will take place from 8 am to 1:30 pm. The theme this year is "Kansas Libraries - Lighting the Way to the Future."

The State Library of Kansas will again host a reception in the morning for those attending and participating in the activities.

Briefings on legislative issues will take place at 9 am (presented by Mona Carmack, Director of the Johnson County Library, and Jane Hatch, Director of the Argentine Branch of the Kansas City Kansas Public Library), and 10:30 am (presented by Jim Minges, Director of the Northeast Kansas Library System, and Cynthia Berner Harris, Director of the Wichita Public Library). These briefings will include handouts and updates on legislative issues that affect libraries in Kansas and will be held in front of the entrance to the State Library of Kansas.

Lunches will be available for those who have registered prior to the event and for all legislators beginning at 11:30 am.

At noon Governor Kathleen Sebelius will address the group.

Parking is available in the visitor underground parking garage for 2 hours with entrance to the garage on 8th Street. Ten-hour metered parking is available on the northeast area of the capitol grounds.

Because of the renovations taking place in the Capitol Building, many of the members of the House have relocated offices in the Docking Building directly west of the Capitol. A printed directory of legislator office locations will be available upon arrival for the event. You are encouraged to contact your legislator prior to 1) invite him or her to have lunch with you that day, and 2) find out where your legislator's office is.

Special thanks to members of the KLA Governmental Affairs Committee for their work in preparation for this important day.

Please feel free to call the Kansas Library Association Office if you have questions. The number is 785/235-1383.