

Kansas Center for the Book will Host Kansas Authors Dinner

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How would you like to have dinner at a table and talk mysteries with Nancy Pickard? Or enjoy a "Southwestern Flavors" buffet while discussing Jane Kurtz's recent award-winning children's book? Or hear expert Mike Everhart expound about prehistoric life when Kansas was an ocean? And be introduced to the state winners of the Letters About Literature, a national project of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress?

Plan to join many fellow librarians for the Kansas Authors Dinner on Thursday evening, April 6, 2006, immediately following the "Give KLA a Leg Up" history trivia fundraising event. The KLA fundraiser is from 5-7:00 p.m. and the Kansas Authors Dinner will be from 7-10:00 p.m. in Room 209A of the Century II Convention Center, down the hall from the trivia event.

The Kansas Authors Dinner is now a program of the Kansas Center for the Book (KCFB) and will feature introductions of the Letters About Literature state winners and presentation of their awards, introductions of 20 Kansas authors, and then communication between authors and librarians. Authors who have confirmed their attendance include Jane Kurtz, Eunice Boeve, Steven Hind, Mike Klaassen, Mike Everhart, Nancy Pickard, Kirby Ross, Debra Seeley, Nancy Mehl, Lee Killough, Craig Miner, Marci Penner, Max Yoho, Tom and Deb Goodrich, Virgil Dean, Karen Stolz, Joan McAfee, Mike Haddock, Ann Parr and Tom Mach.

Each author will have a table, and up to 10 librarians can seat themselves at the table of their choice. Books for autographing will be handled through Book Kansas! and Watermark Books & Café, both Commercial Affiliates of the KCFB. You can attend by registering for the dinner with your KLA registration. Guests can attend by registering for the Tri-Conference but paying only for the Kansas Authors Dinner. Make plans now to attend, enjoy a relaxing dinner with good company and make valuable contacts with Kansas authors of all types of books. We will see you there!