Expect Excellence!

KASL Annual Conference 2009   **Preliminary Program**
Kansas Association of School Librarians
Kansas State Department of Education

Pre-Conference #1
Wed. April 1, 2009   9 am to 4 pm   AASL Institute $65
Reading and the Elementary Library Media Specialist
Lunch is included.

See attached flyer!

Pre-Conference #2
Wed. April 1, 2009   9 am to 12 pm   Technology 911   No Charge-
But you must pre-register

Just a few of the topics being presented
Internet Safety K-12; Office 2007; wikis/blogs/podcasts; open source
software pros and cons; Hands On!; Technology lessons/website
evaluations/ 20 minute tech lessons; smartboard lessons; tech-funding it/
keeping it working; digital cameras/document cameras/MP3 Cool Lessons;
Creating a website; Policies; CPS

Pre-Conference #3

GEOCACHING Pre-Conference April 1, 2009   1 pm -4 pm $20
Why Geocaching? Libraries need to support our science and math teachers too!
Check out the articles in eschool News about the importance of geospatial
technologies. Then, make plans to join KASL for an afternoon of geocaching.

Our session will feature strategies for using GPS in the classroom to meet library and curriculum standards with GPS technology. GPS supports reading, math, social science and science curriculum. Participants will also get a chance to experience hands on lessons with a special KASL cache. As a special incentive, we will give away a GPS to one lucky participant!

http://www.eschoolnews.com/resources/gis-and-geographic-inquiry/

GIS and Geographic Inquiry

"Geospatial" technologies--which include geographic information system (GIS), global positioning system (GPS), and remote sensing (RS) tools--are becoming increasingly important in our everyday lives. These technologies use "smart" maps that can display, query, and analyze geographic databases; receivers that provide location and navigation; and global-to-local imagery and tools that provide context and analysis.

As these tools become vital to helping community leaders ask and answer questions with both local and global implications, the ability to think spatially is an increasingly important skill for students. Hundreds of jobs--in such areas as planning, law enforcement, environmental management, business, public safety, health, and agriculture--now require key geographic inquiry skills.

Though GIS technology appears in the National Geography Standards, teachers in earth, environmental, biological, and general science also are incorporating geospatial technologies into their lessons. The growing use of these tools in an array of social studies and STEM subjects supports authentic, problem-based instruction, helping students tackle real social and environmental research projects in their communities.

School leaders, too, are using geospatial technologies to help with their planning and decision making. These tools can help districts make more informed decisions related to facilities planning, student transportation, school safety, and more.

With the generous financial support of ESRI, the editors of *eSchool News* have compiled this special collection of news stories, best practices, and other resources--all designed to help you integrate GIS and other geospatial technologies into your classrooms and district offices.**--The Editors**

The main Geocaching website is www.geocaching.com**.   Check it out!**

Pre-Conference #4

Tour of Ft. Riley Military and Historical Sites April 1, 2009 1 pm – 4pm   **$10**

Tour must have a minimum of 20 participants.

This tour will travel to the Ft. Riley military base. You must have your ID. Participants will have the opportunity to experience the technology used to train our soldiers for duty in Iraq. You will see career opportunities for your students as well as the cutting edge of technology integration. The tour is also scheduled to tour the first Territorial Capitol of Kansas and the Buffalo Soldier's Museum. If your school teaches Kansas History, you'll get material from the primary sources! The Museum has an excellent bookstore and features a title on Haunted Ft. Riley.

Exhibitor's Bash   April 1, 2009   4 pm – 6 pm   Marriott Conference Center   Free

Let us know if you are attending, so we'll have plenty of goodies!

Opportunity to sign up for Dinner with a Local Librarian! Dutch Treat Dinner is your chance to experience Junction City cuisine.

Thursday, April 2, 2009

Breakfast in the Exhibits   7 am – 8 am   Included in registration

Break out sessions: We will schedule approximately 45 sessions. Planned topics include:

New AASL Standards and Implementation Guides

YALSA Road Show

State Library Databases and Webinars

Text Structure and Reading

Automation User Groups

Best Books for Elementary, Middle School and High School

Handy 5 Research Skills

Teaching and meeting standards with Technology

MTSS and Differentiated Learning

Bullying Books to meet the new mandates

Wax Museum

Career Pathways

Building the Reading Program your school needs

In addition, we are planning committee meeting times, issues discussion for building levels, and district discussions.

Thursday   April 2, 2009   11:30 am – 1 pm   Luncheon included with registration

Program: John Hall and Stephen Gilpin, author and illustrator of Bill Martin Jr. Award nominated book, *How Do You Get a Gorilla Out of Your Bathtub?*

Thursday Evening Option #1 April 2   5:30 pm – 9:30 Little Party in the Little Apple

Join your friends on the bus to Manhattan for dining and shopping. $5 at the bus door for gas, sign up to reserve your seat!

Thursday Evening Option #2 April 2   Dinner with a Local Librarian

You sign up to meet your friends at the restaurant of your choice and carpool.

Friday, April 3, 2009   7 am – 8 am   Breakfast in the Exhibits included in registration

8 am – 9 am KASL Author Showcase: Kimberly Willis Holt National Book Award Winner

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town

Approximately 12 additional breakout sessions.

KASL Membership Luncheon   11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Special Guest: State Librarian Christie Brandau

Kimberly Willis Holt "Eating and Reading"??? Barb fix this!

We guarantee that you'll find strategies at this conference to meet the needs of any acronym your school is implementing. Be on the leading edge of MTSS, AYP, NCLB.