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## Kansas First Lady Mary Brownback announces winners of 2016 Kansas Book Festival Grants

**Topeka** – Kansas First Lady Mary Brownback today announced the winners of the 2016 Kansas Book Festival Grants during a news conference at the State Library.

“The goal of the Kansas Book Festival is to encourage literacy and a life-long love of reading,” said the First Lady. “These grants help libraries across our state purchase new technology and reading material for many reading levels.”

The 17 public and school libraries will share in receiving a portion of the \$9,262.71 in grants from corporate and private sponsors.

### 2016 Technology Grants

Blue Rapids Public Library	Marshall	\$ 1,300
Liberal Memorial Library	Seward	\$ 333.71
Moundridge Public Library	McPherson	\$ 844
Peabody Township Library	Marion	\$ 750
Seaman School District	Shawnee	\$ 800
Weir Public Library	Cherokee	\$ 675

### 2016 Book Grants

Dixon Township Library	Sumner	\$ 500
Eisenhower High School Library	Sedgwick	\$ 450
Goodland Jr/Sr. High School Library	Sherman	\$ 240
Lincoln Elementary Library	Butler	\$ 500
Lincoln Elementary School Library	Lincoln	\$ 500
Medicine Lodge Grade School Library	Barber	\$ 500
Morton County Library	Morton	\$ 500
Olpe High School	Lyon	\$ 100
Paul B. Cooper Elementary	Sedgwick	\$ 500
Washington Public Library	Washington	\$ 170
Wichita County Library	Wichita	\$ 200

Representatives from the Moundridge Public Library, Seaman School District, Peabody Township Library and Lincoln Elementary Library joined the First Lady for the announcement.

The Kansas Book Festival Fund is a 501c3 organization through the Topeka Community Foundation. The grants are funded through corporate and private sponsors.

The 2016 Kansas Book Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016 at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka. All age groups are invited to attend the free, day-long event. To learn more, visit [kansasbookfestival.com](http://kansasbookfestival.com).

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