6th Anual Kansas Book Festival

Kansas First Lady Mary Brownback today announced the 6th annual Kansas Book Festival will take place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, September 10, at the Kansas State Capitol. The festival will feature noted authors and books to highlight the importance of reading.

"Fostering a life-long love of reading is essential for expanding knowledge and developing imagination," said First Lady Brownback. "The book festival is a great opportunity to encourage people of all ages to explore all that reading has to offer. Going into our sixth year, we're excited to see the interest from both authors and attendees as we showcase books across a wide array of genres."

More than 20 authors are attending this event, including headliners Jane O'Connor (*Fancy Nancy* series), former NSA & CIA director Michael Hayden (*Playing to the Edge: American Intelligence in the Age of Terror*), and founder of Smallcakes Bakery Jeff Martin (*Buttercream Dreams*). Local favorites being featured are Roderick Townley (*A Bitter Magic*) and children's book illustrator Stephen T. Johnson (*Alphabet S-chools*).

Along with author presentations, there will be additional authors featured as vendors, book sales and signings, entertainment, live music, appearances by storybook characters and activities for children of all ages. This event is free and open to the public.

For more details concerning the Kansas Book Festival and a full list of slated authors please visit <u>www.kansasbookfestival.com</u> or our Facebook page <u>www.facebook.com/KansasBookFestival</u>.