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SEVEN POPULAR RESEARCH DATABASES AVAILABLE FREE

Kan-ed, Kansas State Library and the Regents Library Database Consortium Bring Databases to Kansas Schools, Libraries, Homes, and Hospitals

(TOPEKA) – Kan-ed, a statewide information network administered by the Board of Regents, will provide academic, reference, and research database access for Kansas schools, libraries, homes and hospitals for another year.

The State Library of Kansas, a Kan-ed consortium member, negotiated the terms of the purchase with the database publishers. The databases will be available, free of charge, to anyone in Kansas using a computer with a Kansas IP through Quova IP authentication, to any user of the Kan-ed Empowered Desktop, or Kansan who has a Kansas State Library Card. The databases will be available beginning in August and will include:

- Worldbook Encyclopedia;
- Worldbook Advanced;
- ProQuest Nursing Journals;
- Heritage Quest;
- WorldCat;
- The Gale/Cengage package which includes Academic OneFile, General OneFile, Literature Resource Center, Chilton's Auto Repair, Health & Wellness Resource Center, Alternative Health Module, Business & Company Resource Center and Profiles ASAP, Customer Newspapers, Gale Virtual Reference Library, Military & Intelligence, Nursing & Allied Health, Legal Trac, Religion & Philosophy, Professional Collection, Computer Database, and Informé; and
- The Ebsco package which includes Novelist, Ultra Online Package (UOP), Middle Online Package (MOP), Primary Online Package (POP) and includes K-12 specific products such as; Encyclopedia of Animals, ERIC, Health Source: Consumer Edition, MAS Ultra School Edition, Middle Search Plus, Newspaper Source, Primary Search, Professional Development Collection, and TOPICsearch.

“We are excited to provide these tools to Kansans in every corner of the state,” said Brad Williams, Executive Director of Kan-ed. “The continued inclusion of these databases to the Kan-ed network, and through a variety of other internet access points, supports our continuing efforts to offer the best internet applications and utilities to Kansas schools, libraries, and hospitals. We are especially grateful to the State Library of Kansas, the Regents Library Database Consortium, the Johnson County Library System, and the Topeka & Shawnee County Library. With the partnership efforts and successes of these consortium members, the Kansas digital revolution continues full-speed ahead.”

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About the Kansas Board of Regents:

The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state's six universities and the statewide coordinating board for the state's 32 public higher education institutions (six state universities, a municipal university, nineteen community colleges, and six technical colleges). In addition, the Board administers the state's student financial aid, adult education, GED, and career and technical education programs. The Board also authorizes private proprietary schools and out-of-state institutions to operate in Kansas, and administers the Kan-ed network, a statewide network that provides broadband Internet access and distance learning capabilities for schools, hospitals, and libraries.

About Kan-Ed

Kan-ed, a program administered through the Kansas Board of Regents, is designed to give Kansans a competitive advantage in the global marketplace by connecting the state's hospitals, libraries, higher education institutions, and K-12 public and private schools with high-speed bandwidth to bring members together through Interactive Distance Learning and the exchange of data. Kan-ed membership benefits include shared databases, video-conferencing, telemedicine, and content otherwise unavailable or available at costs too prohibitive for most schools, libraries and hospitals.

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