

# Festival Talking Points

Familiarize yourself with the Festival, and lead off your program or event by sharing some of these talking points on the broader Kansas Literacy Festival context with your audience.

## General

- The 2021 Festival will run from September 2-4.
- The Festival is a three-day event, including a teacher's conference, Breakfast Gala, and Festival celebration.
- Festival celebration events on Saturday are geared towards children, families, educators, and readers of all ages. Events include a variety of live, interactive, hands-on activities, presentations, and exhibitions to engage audiences with a love for reading.
- Children and adults have an opportunity to interact with nationally known, award-winning authors, illustrators and literacy experts, and a wide variety of books.
- Some activities that will take place are a Festival Parade, food trucks, Kansas Authors Book Tent, Family Literacy Workshops, Storytime Stages, a Big Book Giveaway, and so much more!

## Teacher's Conference

- The teacher's conference will begin Thursday, September 2.
- The teacher conference will provide literacy specialists and educators with teaching resources and engaging workshops.
- There will also be an Author & Illustrator Luncheon which will inspire teachers through an up-close look at a nationally renowned author and illustrator duo and their children's book.

## Read and Rise Breakfast Gala

- The Read and Rise Breakfast Gala is an event to honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions in improving the lives of Kansas children through literacy and the literary arts.
- Nominate an outstanding individual or organization to be recognized!

## Digital Partners/Programming

- The mission of the Festival is to ignite excitement in Kansas students to read and write, while mobilizing communities across the state to fight for equity in children's literacy.
- Digital Partners will implement literacy programming in their own communities in January-August 2021.
- Digital Partners will then take their projects and activities to the Festival, to showcase what they've done in their communities.
- Through this work, we will create a statewide community of authors, illustrators, educators, librarians, and literary and storytelling organizations that will partner to make an even greater impact with our Kansas Youth.
- No matter where you live in Kansas, you and your community are invited to the Festival

## PROGRAMMING ACROSS THE STATE WILL LAUNCH JANUARY 2021!

Teacher professional development, writing contests, storytelling projects, and so much more!

There will be ways to be involved with the Festival each month, so stay tuned and check in at [storytimevillage.org](http://storytimevillage.org) for more information.