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KC Metro Libraries Team Up for ‘Library Night at The K’

Royals Host Fundraising Night to Benefit Eight Libraries’ Summer Reading Programs

Greater Kansas City, MO – The libraries of greater Kansas City have once again teamed up with the Kansas City Royals to score big for the libraries’ annual summer reading programs, which collectively had more than 62,000 participants last year. On Tuesday, July 30, the Royals will host Library Night at The K as they take on the Toronto Blue Jays at 7:15 p.m., and a portion of every ticket purchased through one of eight custom links (see below) will go toward a library’s summer reading program or other programs. While each library’s program is different, the goal is the same—to ensure children avoid the “summer slide” and go back to school ready to learn.

“We love partnering with organizations throughout the Greater Kansas City area who do important work,” said Ben Aken, Royals Vice President of Community Relations. “The Royals are big believers in promoting literacy and the joy of reading. It’ll be so much fun to have these library systems represented at The K.”

Below are the eight libraries participating in Library Night at The K and their corresponding ticket links:

- Cass County Public Library royals.com/CCPL
- Johnson County Library royals.com/JCL
- Kansas City, Kansas Public Library royals.com/KCKPL
- Kansas City Public Library royals.com/kclibrary
- Lawrence Public Library royals.com/LPL
- Mid-Continent Public Library royals.com/MCPL
- North Kansas City Public Library royals.com/NKCPL
- Olathe Public Library royals.com/OPL

Until the end of the second inning, the libraries will host festivities in the Outfield Experience area inside of Kauffman Stadium with a variety of activities and giveaways, including royal blue wristbands and more. In addition to the celebrations, local rapper Royce “Sauce” Handy, in collaboration with Kartez Marcel, VP3, and Zach Morrow, will perform jazz and hip-hop tracks on the Outfield Experience Stage from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., including Sauce’s recent hit, “Universe of Stories,” which was inspired by this summer’s national Summer Learning Program theme. Members of the libraries’ executive leadership teams will also be recognized before the players take the field.

Across the Kansas City metro, these eight library systems collectively serve more than 2 million people via 70 branches, seven mobile units, and 18 other service locations. In fact, the more than 10.6 million visitors to all of
these libraries over the past year would have filled Kauffman Stadium nearly 280 times. In addition, the libraries checked out more than 23 million items last year alone.

Learn more about each of the libraries and their services on their websites:

- Cass County Public Library – casscolibrary.org
- Johnson County Library – jocolibrary.org
- Kansas City, Kansas Public Library – kckpl.org
- Kansas City Public Library – kclibrary.org
- Lawrence Public Library – lplks.org
- Mid-Continent Public Library – mymcppl.org
- North Kansas City Public Library – nkcppl.org
- Olathe Public Library – olathelibrary.org

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