



STATEWIDE DATABASE SUBSCRIPTIONS

FOCUS GROUPS WERE HELD ACROSS THE STATE FROM AUG. 9 - 24, 2011

Locations: Aug. 9, Lawrence; Aug. 16, Manhattan; Aug. 19, Dodge City; Aug. 24, Wichita
On-line, Aug. 17, p.m. and Aug. 18, a.m.

Attendance: 76 librarians attended the live focus groups.
30 librarians attended the on-line focus groups.

Attendance by type of library: 41 public libraries;
24 academic libraries,
21 school libraries;
15 Regional Library System staff; and
4 Special libraries.

Subject topics: 52 subject topics were recommended by the focus groups as subjects which are important to their community members and library users.

Each person in attendance at the focus groups and online were allowed to select their top 8 subject topics for databases.

Top 14 subject areas (*in order of most votes*):

Genealogy (48)	Auto maintenance (38)
Test prep (47)	Health & Wellness - General (38)
Academic (44)	Newspaper Archives (38)
Nursing (41)	Ebooks, reference (31)
Encyclopedia (40)	K-12 (31)
Language learning suite (39)	Readers' Advisory (30)
Literature, authors (38)	Consumer Info (29)

These subject areas will be included in a Request for Proposal (RFP) which will be issued by the SLK on behalf of Kansas libraries and the residents they serve. The amount of content in the subscription will be contingent upon the amount of funding available.

Evaluation team: Evaluation teams will be created in each subject area if possible. Teams will evaluate the databases during a trial period. 31 librarians submitted their names to serve on the evaluation teams.

For more information, contact the State Library of Kansas, 1-800-432-3919.