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## **Kansas is Reading to Preschoolers**

*A statewide initiative encouraging early childhood literacy*

**Topeka** —The opportunity to obtain copies of the children's book, *Groovy Joe: Ice Cream and Dinosaurs*, has been made available throughout Kansas and many are preparing to read to Kansas preschoolers during this year's Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Month. This title is also available digitally through the State Library's digital book eLending site, Bookflix.

The State Library's 16<sup>th</sup> annual one-book/one-state reading initiative, Kansas Reads to Preschoolers, highlights the importance of reading to children with a goal that every Kansas child from birth to age five is read to throughout the month of November.

Each year, one age-appropriate book is selected for storytime in libraries, preschools, childcare centers and homes throughout Kansas. *Groovy Joe: Ice Cream and Dinosaurs*, by Eric Litwin, is this year's title. Kansas librarians have pooled together learning resources and tools that will be shared throughout the state during the entire month of November.

The State Library of Kansas is committed to increasing reading readiness and on-grade reading while promoting reading, literacy and libraries. For storytime ideas, activities and more information on this year's Kansas Reads to Preschooler's title, visit <http://kslib.info/prek>.

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