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Kansas City, Kansas to be Google's High-Speed Broadband Test Bed
Nearly 1,100 cities applied to be selected for Google's new project: to provide a community with Internet access more than 100 times faster than what most Americans have today. Google announced March 30 that their ultra high-speed network will be in Kansas City, Kansas. Google signed a development agreement with the city, and will be working closely with local organizations, businesses and universities to bring a next-generation web experience to the community.

Kansas Library Association Conference in Topeka April 6-8, 2011
Kansas' premier opportunity for librarians to gather, learn, and network will feature an exciting blend of nationally known keynote speakers and local librarians, including Keynote Presenter Jamie LaRue, Douglas County Libraries; Tom Averill, noted Kansas author and public radio commentator; and award-winning novelist Nancy Pickard. For the first time, the Conference offers a virtual track of five online sessions for those unable to attend in person.

State Librarian Jo Budler places moratorium on Harper Collins ebook purchases
"Because of the potential negative impact of the decision of Harper Collins publishers on customer service, the State Library of Kansas has placed a moratorium on purchasing Harper Collins titles. There are many issues around the "expiration of a title after 26 check-outs," two of which are of immediate interest, i.e., how patron holds and MARC records will be handled upon expiration of a title. Until these and other issues are addressed, the SLK moratorium will remain in place."

Dianne de Las Casas headlines Summer Reading Workshops
Louisiana author Dianne de Las Casas led Kansas children's and youth librarians in storytelling activities at a series of workshops across the state in February and March. Photos from the Topeka workshop, held at the Kansas State Historical Society, are ready to view. Take a look at:
http://www.flickr.com/photos/nekls/sets/72157626130146574/show/