Library schedules public forum on freedom of information

Pioneer Memorial Library would like to invite you to participate in an up-coming public forum sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council and organized by K-State's Institute for Civic Discourse and Democ-

Pioneer Memorial Library will host an evening forum at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 2, on the topic of freedom of information.

This forum was prompted by a 90-minute online teleconference last spring titled "Are we safer in the dark?" featuring an expert panel discussing the Freedom of Information Act and current challenges to government transparency (for a summary, see:http://www.openthegovernment.org/article/subar-

That teleconference, which has been captured on videotape by the Freedom of Information Act, prompted a number of librarians in Kansas to suggest that we extend its reach to a wider set of communities throughout our state.



Jeff Friesen, library link

Pioneer Memorial Library director

We believe that freedom of information, a phrase that some Americans have come to know principally with reference to the act, is a concept that citizens may easily take for granted.

Many people can readily cite examples where public information control was the hallmark of a tyrannical government.

Yet we can also cite opinions today that show an American ambivalence toward this principle — expressed as a mixture of conditions to which citizens think freedom of information should be applied, or

We also believe that your expe-tors.

rience could offer special insights to a public discussion of the broader principles of freedom of information, so we encourage you to share these at the forum in the Pioneer Memorial Library at 7:30 p.m.,

The format of the forum will be that of a focus group discussion, in which a broad spectrum of perspectives is encouraged as a means of increasing awareness of all of the dimensions of the issue at hand.

A 20-minute excerpt of the "Are we safer in the dark?" teleconference will be played, followed by the discussion led by K-State facilitamade available to the public on- and during the weeks surrounding this our community.

Kansas State University Librar-

The entire teleconference will be collection that you can order through Inter-Library Loan after the off-line. In addition, Pioneer Me- event. We hope that your attendance morial Library will be highlighting will be rewarded by a stimulating as follows: Monday through Thursmore information on the subject discussion with other members of

about the forum, call the library at ies will have selected books from its 460-4470. Hope to see you there! visit: www.colbylibrary.com.

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Oberlin Arts plans dinner, theater

Award winner Eli Barsi will per- Saskatchewan, Canada. form at the annual Oberlin Arts and Morgan Theater in The Gateway in

Known as Canada's Cowboy Sweetheart, Barsi won the 2006 Will Rogers Award for Western Female Vocalist in Dallas on Sept. 26 at the Academy of Western Artists Awards event, said sources for the

She is truly a prairie girl who was raised on the southeastern plains of board, mandolin and banjo and 3329 or Ella Betts, 785-475-3557.

Before relocating to the Branson Humanities Commission Dinner area of Missouri, she spent several Theater on Saturday, Oct. 28, at years honing her craft as a singer, songwriter, musician and yodeler in the province of Alberta near Stony

She loves to travel and promote western heritage by sharing her cowgirl music.

She has recorded a number of albums and has received numerous awards in Canada and the United States. She plays the guitar, key-

guest stars with the "Sons of the Pioneers" in Branson. She desires to allow God's love to shine through

The surf and turf dinner and theater is a season ticket event or \$25

Reservations are required by Wednesday, Oct. 25. Theater only tickets are available at the door for \$10/adults or \$5/students grades 1-

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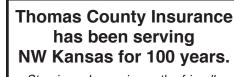
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