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Arkansas Opportunity Online Summit

June 11 – 12, 2009

The Peabody Hotel

3 Statehouse Plaza

Little Rock, AR 72201

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Registration 10:30 am—7:00 pm

Summit Welcome 1:00 pm

Carolyn Ashcraft, Arkansas State Librarian

Jamie Greene, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Video, The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Break 1:45 pm

Session One: State of Broadband in Arkansas 2:00 pm

Panel

This session is designed to educate all participants and influencers about the value of high-speed connectivity in Arkansas and efforts across the state to improve broadband availability. This panel will discuss the current efforts of the state of Arkansas to improve connectivity to the state and the role of public libraries in broadband improvement in communities across the state.

Facilitated Discussion 3:00 pm

Each table will have a flip chart. The questions will encourage conversation about what librarians can do, how to engage local partner, understanding available resources, etc. Maureen Sullivan will facilitate this section.

Reception 4:30 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Carolyn Ashcraft, Arkansas State Librarian

(Tentative) Robbie Wills, Arkansas Speaker of the House



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Friday, June 12, 2009

- Breakfast** **7:00 am**
Video, *The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*
- Keynote Speaker** **8:00 am**
Carolyn Ashcraft, *Arkansas State Librarian*
Governor Mike Beebe, *Governor of Arkansas*
- Break** **8:30 am**
- Session Two: *The State of Broadband in Libraries*** **9:00 am**
This panel includes discussion about how libraries are currently using broadband to meet the needs of library patrons. The discussion will also include the possibilities of patron services if connectivity is improved.
- Facilitated Discussion** **10:00 am**
Each table will have a flip chart. The questions will encourage conversation about what librarians can do, how to engage local partner, understanding available resources, etc. Maureen Sullivan will facilitate this section.
- Next Steps** **11:30 am**
Carolyn Ashcraft, *Arkansas State Librarian*
Nancy Bolt, *Office for Information Technology Policy*
- Lunch** **12:00 pm**
(Tentative) The Honorable Mark Pryor, *US Senator from Arkansas*