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**Book and Film Series Concludes with *All the King's Men***

**Colby** – Pioneer Memorial Library will offer in May the final installment in a four-part book and film discussion series about the 1930s entitled *Bright Dreams, Hard Times*. A book discussion of *All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren will take place on Thursday, May 20, at 7 PM at the library, 375 W. 4th St. Members of the community are invited to attend the free program. For more information, contact the library at 460-4470.

*All the King's Men* tells the story of Louisiana politician Willie Stark, a character loosely based on Huey Long, the state's legendary governor from 1928-1932 and senator from 1932-1935. Steven K. Kite, professor of History at Fort Hays State University, will lead the discussion.

The series is sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council, a nonprofit cultural organization, in conjunction with the *Bright Dreams, Hard Times: America in the Thirties* Chautauqua coming to Colby June 2-6. The Chautauqua will feature tent programs by scholars portraying famous historical figures from the 1930s: President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Louisiana Senator Huey Long, Pentecostal leader Aimee Semple McPherson, writer Zora Neale Hurston, and humorist Will Rogers. The Council's Resource Center is furnishing the books, films, and discussion leaders for the Colby series.

The books and films in the series reflect the themes of the *Bright Dreams, Hard Times: America in the Thirties* Chautauqua. The Chautauqua explores 1930s themes that are familiar today: environmental devastation, economic concerns, the relationship between Americans and their government, the flowering of intellectual and artistic activity, and the role of new media in American lives.

For more information about the *Bright Dreams, Hard Times: America in the Thirties* Chautauqua, visit [www.kansashumanities.org](http://www.kansashumanities.org).

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