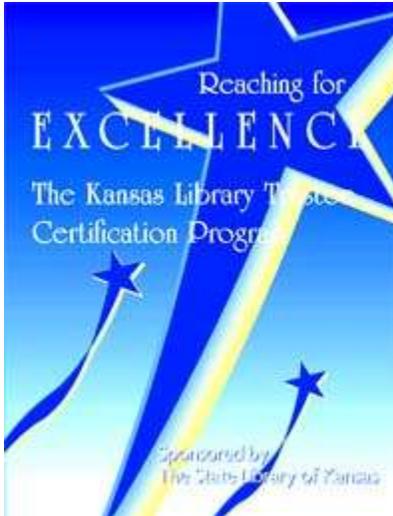


## **State Library Will Start New Procedures to Support Library Certification Programs**

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In 2008, the State Library will implement some new procedures for the support of the Kansas library certification programs. Librarians or trustees who have any questions are encouraged to call 785/296-2148 or to send e-mail to [shanroy@kslib.info](mailto:shanroy@kslib.info).



### ***Reaching for Excellence: The Kansas Library Trustee Certification Program***

The State Library staff invites Kansas public library trustees to enroll in the trustee certification program by sending a program Enrollment Form. Trustees or their library director should send a Credit Request Form whenever the trustee participates in any training that covers material in any of the five trustee core skills.

The State Library staff will use the AskSam software to maintain a certification record for each trustee participating in the program. They will notify the trustee and their director when the training requirements for initial trustee certification have been met and they will send the certificate. They will also send a press release and a summary of the training requirements for re-certification.

There are a variety of training options that trustees may use to pursue trustee certification. The State Library plans to sponsor at least two trustee training series each calendar year. Each of these will cover all five trustee core skills and qualify a trustee for certification.

The publication describing this program and the forms for participating in it are available at:

<http://www.skyways.org/KSL/development/trusteecertification.pdf>

Librarians are also welcome to request paper copies for their trustees.



***Reaching for Excellence: The Certification Program for Kansas Public Library Administrators***

The State Library staff urges all Kansas public library directors to request certification at the appropriate level. Administrative staff, department heads and librarians interested in public library administration as a career option are also invited to participate.

The State Library staff will be designing an online form that certified librarians may use to submit their request for re-certification when they have documented the 45 contact hour training requirement. Librarians may also submit their continuing education tally and documentation by mail, if they wish. Librarians are requested to keep copies of all documentation that confirms their training until their next application for re-certification.

The publication describing this program is available at:

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Librarians are also welcome to request paper copies for interested staff members.

**The Library Employee Education Project (LEEP)**

The LEEP project will be phased out by the end of calendar year 2009. It has been in place since 1989 and the project administrators and coordinators have witnessed the most amazing growth in library education and in-service training. It has been a remarkable success story, with thousands of LEEP certificates awarded by the seven regional systems and the larger libraries. It has been a dramatic illustration of the commitment Kansas librarians have to their career development and

to lifelong learning.

The State Library staff will accept LEEP forms through the end of February 2008 and then will take two to three months to complete the database before closing and archiving it. At that time, any system, library or individual may request copies of LEEP records for their own use.

Librarians who wish to complete Level Five or Level Six LEEP Certificates may do so until the end of calendar year 2009, if they are willing to keep their own records and documentation. They may submit these to the State Library Continuing Education Coordinator whenever they can document the required number of hours. Libraries and systems are encouraged to continue honoring these achievements.

### **The Future of Continuing Education in Kansas**

It is certain that Kansas libraries, agencies, systems and organizations will continue to offer a wide variety of continuing education and training events on a proliferating variety of topics, utilizing a variety of delivery modes and recognizing achievements in staff development in a variety of new ways.

What we cannot know are the directions that librarianship will take in a changing society or what undreamed-of tools we will use to serve library users. We don't know what we will be learning but we know it will be fascinating. The Kansas library community is committed to making sure that librarians and trustees will have the skills and tools they need to offer excellent library service.



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