

Shining Stars Presented to Library Leaders for Contributions to the Kansas Library Trustee Certification Program

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The Shining Star Certificates of Appreciation were developed by the State Library of Kansas staff to demonstrate the State Library's appreciation for exemplary Kansas library service. Many Kansas library leaders worked on the development of the Kansas Library Trustee Certification Program and many continue to work with Kansas library trustees to help them gain their core skill credits for certification. But the State Library wanted to give special recognition to several members of the Kansas Library Trustee Association (KLTA) Board who worked to develop the program and have given their time and expertise to the 2008 Trustee Training Program. The same recognition was given to Laura DeBaun, a system consultant who has given a lot of time to KLTA and to the State Library to develop this program.

Hans Fischer is best known as a consultant for Kansas library building projects. He is also a charter member of KLTA and has served on the Kansas Library Trustee Association Board since it became a section of KLA in 1998. He was president of the KLTA Board during the 2006-2007 term and is presently serving as past president and as the representative to the KLA Council. He is also on the Board of the KLA Educational Foundation.

Hans worked on the early development of the trustee core skills and the Kansas Library Trustee Certification Program and was willing to present on any topic where he was needed.

The Shining Star Award was presented to Hans at the last KLTA Board Meeting in recognition of his special services to the trustee certification program.

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John Flower is a retired executive from Southwestern Bell Telephone who has brought his expertise in Sales and Marketing to the service of the Kansas library community. He was a presenter in the Northeast System trustee workshops on marketing that gave many NEKLS trustees their first core skill credits in the Trustee Certification Program. He has also presented in the Southeast System on KLTA goals and the importance of trustee education. John was recently appointed to the new State Library of Kansas Board. For the Statewide Training, he will be presenting on "Assessing and Adopting Library Policy."

The Shining Star Award was presented to John at the last KLTA Board Meeting in recognition of his special services to the trustee certification program.

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Marshall (Jack) Havenhill is an athletics physician who works with Emporia State University. Jack is a

trustee on the Emporia Public Library Board and a member of the North Central System Executive Board. He is the current treasurer of the Kansas Library Trustee Association Board. His extensive work with KLTA finances has been invaluable to the strategic and financial planning that the organization has been doing for the past two years. Jack has presented to the Southeast System membership on Strategic Planning, a topic he will also be working with in the Trustee Certification Program.

The Shining Star Award was presented to Jack at the last KLTA Board Meeting in recognition of his special services to the trustee certification program.

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Ellen Miller is the head of Ellen Miller Group Marketing and Management Consulting. She has worked with libraries across Kansas and across the country on Strategic Planning, Advocacy, Board/Director Training and Partnership Assistance. She has served on both the KLTA Board and the ALTA (American Library Trustee Association) Board.

Ellen worked extensively with the Kansas Library Trustee Association Board and the Trustee CE Committee to study the need for trustee education in Kansas. She worked on the early development of the trustee core skills and the Kansas Library Trustee Certification Program. Ellen has presented a number of workshops for boards wishing to gain core skill credits in the trustee certification.

The Shining Star Award was presented to Ellen at the last KLTA Board Meeting in recognition of her special services to the trustee certification program.



All Received Shining Star Certificates at the January KLTA Board Meeting. Pictured l. to r., Jack Havenhill, Hans Fischer, Ellen Miller, John Flower

Laura DeBaun is the Business Manager and Library Services Consultant for the Northeast Kansas Library System. Among her many talents, Laura has the ability to make budget planning comprehensible and financial issues exciting. When the Trustee Certification Program was developed, Laura helped develop the package of training materials that is being offered to Kansas libraries. She became the only librarian on the 2008 Trustee Training Team because the trustees asked for her help.

The Shining Star Award was presented to Laura on Legislative Day in recognition of her special services to the Trustee Certification Program.



***Christie Brandau Offers Congratulations to Laura DeBaun
on Legislative Day***