

State Library Will Sponsor Statewide Trustee Training Programs in May and October

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The first Statewide Training for Trustee Certification will be held on Saturday, May 3, and Saturday, May 17. Both sessions will be from 9:00 to 1:00. Trustees who are able to attend both workshops will be honored as the first Kansas trustees to achieve certification in the new trustee certification program. Trustees who are able to attend one workshop will have part of the five core skill credits that are needed for certification.

Trustees will be able to attend the program in Topeka or in Dodge City, Hays and Newton by high-definition video-conference. Busy trustees who have a conflict for one or both of these workshops should be aware that they will be repeated from new locations on Saturday, October 4, and Saturday, October 11.

The flyer and registration form for the trustee training are available at:

<http://www.skyways.org/KSL/development/trustee flyer.kanlib.may.pdf>

Dr. Mary Bushing will be the special guest at the first workshop in the two-part program. Mary Bushing is well known as a library consultant and trainer. She has worked all over the United States and in many other countries. Her published work includes numerous articles, book chapters and monographs on a wide variety of library issues and skills. It was her concurrent work with strategic planning with the State Library staff and with the trustees at the Northeast Kansas Library System that led to her invitation to work with Kansas trustees in 2008. She is very interested in the new Kansas project and says that she is looking forward to working with it. Mary will be presenting on "Developing an Effective Board."



When she isn't on the road doing training or visiting the six children scattered across the country, Mary lives in Bozeman, Montana, with her husband, philosophy professor James Allard.

There are four Kansans who are serving as statewide trustee trainers in 2008. Three are members of the Kansas Library Trustee Association Board. Hans Fischer is a past President of the Kansas Library Trustee Association and is well-known for his work as a consultant for Kansas library building projects. Hans will be presenting on "Working with the Library Administration."



John Flower is the Vice-President of the Kansas Library Trustee Association, a trustee of the Basehor Library and a member of the new State Library of Kansas Advisory Board. He has presented in the eastern library systems and has worked with several libraries to plan campaigns for new libraries. John will be presenting on “Assessing and



Adopting Library Policies.”

Marshall (Jack) Havenhill is an athletics physician who works with Emporia State University. He is the current Treasurer of the Kansas Library Trustee Association Board. He has presented to the Southeast System membership on Strategic Planning, a topic he is also working with in the Trustee Certification Program.



Laura DeBaun is the only Kansas librarian on the 2008 Trustee Training Team and she is on it because the trustees asked for her. Laura is the Business Manager and Library Services Consultant for the Northeast Kansas Library System. She has presented many times to both librarians and trustees, often on budget and financial planning and she will be presenting on that topic in the Statewide Training Program.



The State Library staff has been delighted with the number of trustees participating in the trustee certification program. Over 240 trustees have one or more of the five credits needed for their trustee certification. Individual librarians and trustees and regional system personnel have been doing wonderful work in this field. The State Library staff is looking forward to presenting a very gifted trustee training team in multiple sites across the state.