## Statewide Training Program for Trustees Will Be Held in October

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On Saturday, May 3, and Saturday, May 11, 2008, the State Library of Kansas sponsored the first statewide training program for trustee certification. The two workshops covered all five core skills. Attendance at both workshops completed a trustee's training requirements for trustee certification.

For the first time, the State Library of Kansas made use of the ELMER (Enhanced Library Meeting Rooms) network that utilizes high-definition video-conferencing to bring training sessions to libraries across the state. The comments from the trustees participating at the distributed sites were very positive. They appreciated the quality of the images and fact that they didn't have to drive long distances to participate in the programs.

On Saturday, October 4, and Saturday, October 11, these training sessions will be repeated, utilizing new ELMER locations across the state. These workshops will be from 9:00 to 1:00. The participating sites will be Coffey County, Dodge City, Johnson County, Norton and Salina. Attendance at both workshops will complete all requirements for trustee certification.

The October 4 workshop will cover Core Skill One – Working with the Library Administration, and Core Skill Two – Developing an Effective Board. The October 11 workshop will cover Core Skill Three – Developing Effective Support; Core Skill Four – Assessing and Adopting Policies; and Core Skill Five – Strategic Planning.

The program will feature Dr. Mary Bushing, a noted Library Consultant and Educator who has worked all over the world; Mr. John Flower, who is the President of the Kansas Library Trustee Association Board; and Ms. Laura DeBaun, the Financial Manager of the Northeast Kansas Library System.

Library directors are urged to make their trustees aware of this opportunity to pursue or complete the trustee core skill requirements. Flyers and registration forms will be posted to Kanlib-I in early July.



Dr. Mary Bushing