

## **Registrations Open for Reaching for Excellence Training Program: Issues in Library Technology**

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The State Library staff will be sponsoring the Reaching for Excellence Training Program: Issues in Library Technology in October. This workshop was designed after review of the core competencies in Emerging Trends, Library Technology and Technical Services.



This program will be on Thursday, October 23, and Friday, October 24. Registration is available at:

[http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/ce/flyers/admin\\_trng\\_tech.htm](http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KSL/ce/flyers/admin_trng_tech.htm)

The participants will be free to choose their preferred location and to attend both days for 10 contact hours of re-certification credit, or to attend either day for 5 contact hours of re-certification credit. Classmates who have not joined the Certification Program for Kansas Public Library Administrators will be encouraged to participate. The workshop charge will be \$25.00 for one day and \$50.00 for both days.

Librarians are welcome to send a placeholder registration for this program by e-mail. Please let us know when the payment will be coming and who is cutting the check.

This program will be especially exciting because it will be the first use of the high-definition video-conferencing network that is called ELMER (Enhanced Library Meeting Rooms) for a librarian training program. The ELMER locations will be at the Northeast System, Salina Public and Lane County in Dighton. The locations for the presenters will be announced later.

Jessamyn West is coming from Vermont to be our guest for this program. She will speak on the development of 2.0 library services. Jessamyn has presented to Kansans on this topic but the current issues are always changing. Jessamyn has been described as a library consultant, a blogger, an opinion maker, a mover and shaker and a free spirit. Although a keynote presenter, Jessamyn is not a morning person and will be presenting on the afternoon of October 23.

Kathy Rippel is in charge of the workshop on Technical Services that will be presented Thursday morning. This workshop will cover good procedures for acquisition, processing and tracking materials, high quality catalog maintenance and connecting technical services with reference work for better library service.

On Friday, October 24, the talented Automation and Technology Consultants from the South

Central System will teach a workshop on current topics in library technology. Larry Papenfuss and Sharon Barnes have worked closely with South Central libraries to foster technology development and have been presenters at a number of programs.

The topics they will cover will include hardware infrastructure, software, technology management, planning and budgeting and tools for library websites, social networking, collection management and web searching.