

Kismet Board Members Achieve Certification

by Shannon Roy, Continuing Education Coordinator

The trustees on the Kismet Public Library Board of Trustees have gained their initial certification through board tutorials. This brings the total of certified Kansas library trustees to 97.

Kismet is a small community in Southwest Kansas, but it is an active member of the Southwest System. The library director, Ronda Garza, is in the Certification Program for Kansas Library Administrators and has been actively pursuing her own career development, as well as training for her board members.

The Kismet trustees had a series of six board tutorials (spaced over six months) which allowed them to cover basic training materials in the five core skills. The Kismet trustees who have qualified for certification are:

Linda Abla

Rebekah Garrison

Elizabeth Headrick

Elizabeth Lewis

Carol Rittscher

Christine Standard

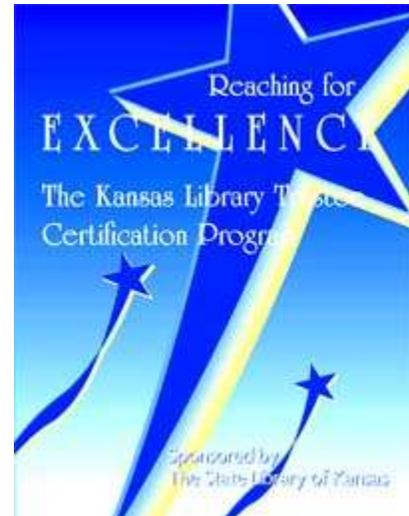
Louise Wyrick

A package of trustee training materials that cover all five core skills may be accessed at:

<http://ks.webjunction.org/friends-trustees/articles/content/3305840>

You can also reach this link by going to the Continuing Education page on the State Library of Kansas website.

Any library is welcome to use these materials in tutorials, as the Kismet Board has done so effectively. They may be taught by the library director, or a guest, or one of the trustees who enjoys presenting. If



questions are raised during these sessions, it is a good opportunity to consult regional system consultants or State Library staff members.

A statewide training program will be offered twice a year by the State Library and the regional library systems will be offering programs that can be used to meet the core skill requirements for trustee certification. Programs at Trustee/Friends Day at the Kansas Library Association Conference will also qualify for core skill credits in the trustee certification program.

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