

## Monthly Report November 2013 Kentucky Dept. for Libraries & Archives



### Trustee Certification Program

The voluntary trustee certification program debuted in April of 2012 and currently one hundred and thirteen trustees in Kentucky have initial certification and one hundred and eight have temporary certification. The certification program was created to provide trustees with the tools that will enable them to fulfill their legal responsibilities to the library and their community. The benefits of certification include being up-to-date on trustee duties and responsibilities and knowing resources to go to for additional guidance. Interested trustees are invited to complete an application for temporary certification. Please note that if a trustee was appointed after July 1, 2011, they will need to have an orientation session with the director and the regional librarian before submitting their application. Once the trustee has received temporary certification, he/she has two years to get the five required credit hours for certification. The five classes consist of training on board organization, trustee and director roles, policy development, budget and finance, and advocating for your library. All five classes are available free on the KDLA website at:

<http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/trustees/Pages/TrusteeCertification.aspx>. The application and more details about the program can also be found there.

### Good Government Summit Archive Now Available

"More than 200 people attended the inaugural Good Government Summit in Northern Kentucky this week. The feedback has been tremendous and many of you asked for the PowerPoint presentations that our expert speakers delivered. They are now available, along with videos of each presentation, on the Auditor's website at: <http://auditor.ky.gov/Pages/GoodGovernmentSummit.aspx>"

Auditor of Public Accounts Press Release. October 18, 2013

### Neil Gaiman: Why our future depends on libraries, reading and daydreaming

"It's important for people to tell you what side they are on and why, and whether they might be biased. A declaration of members' interests, of a sort. So, I am going to be talking to you about reading. I'm going to tell you that libraries are important. I'm going to suggest that reading fiction, that reading for pleasure, is one of the most important things one can do. I'm going to make an impassioned plea for people to understand what libraries and librarians are, and to preserve both of these things."

The Guardian. October 15, 2013

<http://www.theguardian.com/books/2013/oct/15/neil-gaiman-future-libraries-reading-daydreaming>

### Webinars for Trustees

There are several webinars on the KDLA continuing education calendar in November and December that may be of interest to certified trustees. Descriptions of two of them are below. Sign up at: <http://kdla.ky.gov/librarians/staffdevelopment/Pages/ContinuingEducationCalendar.aspx>.

- **Designing Your Library for Interactivity.** A panel of expert architects will explore how new design philosophies can help patrons and librarians get the most out of their spaces while blowing the lid off traditional ideas of what a library is for. Provided by Library Journal. Nov. 19 - 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST.
- **Santa's Leadership Advice.** In this training session, one of Santa's helpers will share his leadership tips on how to get things done in your "workshop." Provided by KDLA. Dec. 18 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. EST.