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Missouri Library Association to Advocate at State Capital

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Columbia, MO: On Tuesday February 10, the Missouri Library Association will be sponsoring our annual Missouri Library Advocacy Day in Jefferson City. These advocacy efforts help to inform and educate lawmakers about the value of libraries. Each year bills are filled by lawmakers that threaten the livelihood and role that Missouri libraries play in every community, whether it's an issue related to tax abatements or assessments, tax increment financing, or immigration -- libraries are affected.

The public is welcome to join the Association as we walk the halls of the State Capital and meet with lawmakers to stress the importance of library issues.

The day will begin with an orientation at the State Information Center, 600 West Main at 10:30am-Noon. Included will be presentations by: MLA President, Kimberlee Ried; State Librarian, Margaret Conroy; Secretary of State, Robin Carnahan; and Legislative Advocate, Randy Scherr.

Librarians and supporters will visit with lawmakers in the afternoon. The day will conclude with an evening reception at the Jefferson City Country Club, 516 South Country Club Drive, Jefferson City, MO.

On-site registration will be accepted at the morning orientation and evening reception. Additional information can be found at <http://molib.org/legislative/day.html>.

The Missouri Library Association is a non-profit, educational organization operating to promote library service, the profession of librarianship, and cooperation among all types of libraries and organizations concerned with library service in the State of Missouri. Founded in 1900, MLA is proudly beginning a second century of service.

Established in 1900, the Missouri Library Association exists to facilitate the exchange of information and provide professional education for Missouri's librarians, career library workers, and library trustees and friends.