

2016 MLA Executive Board Elections Candidate Statements and Election Information

MLA President-Elect Candidates

The position of President-Elect requires the elected person to serve one year as President-Elect (2017), one year as President (2018), and one year as Past President (2019). Per the MLA bylaws and handbook, the elected person shall attend all Executive Board meetings, serve in lieu of the President when s/he is unavailable, serve on the Conference Site Selection Committee, and attend at least one meeting of each Standing Committee to better understand the association's infrastructure and business. Additional roles and responsibilities are specified in the MLA bylaws and handbook.

Kathy Condon-Boettcher is the Director of the Festus Public Library, a position she has held since November 2012. Prior to that, she worked as an Assistant Branch Manager with the St. Louis County Library. Her love of libraries can be traced back to her first after-school job at the Brentwood Public Library in St. Louis, which turned into a full-time position following graduation from Webster University. She earned her MLIS from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2004.

Kathy has been a member of MLA for many years. In 2011 she was appointed to the Awards Committee, serving as Chair of that committee in 2013. She is currently a member of the Membership Committee. Outside of work, Kathy still can't help promoting library stuff! In 2008, she travelled to Guatemala with a colleague to help start a library at a rural school. Children frighten her, but she really loves reading picture books. She found a way to share her favorite books without being in the same room as a child by reviewing books each week on a community radio station in St. Louis. She's done this for nearly eight years, discussing almost 400 children's books.



Candidate Statement

I think my experience with the Missouri Library Association is typical of a lot of members: I initially joined in order to attend conference. I became curious about the Missouri Library Association beyond conference and am lucky to have been nudged into serving on committees by my colleagues. State organizations like ours are vital to the professional community: on the individual level they allow colleagues to stay connected and on a larger platform they serve as a voice in support of libraries and librarians. The value of organizations such as MLA is evident in the commitment of its members, and we are lucky to have such inspiring volunteers in our ranks. I am honored to be asked to run for President-Elect and hope to share my enthusiasm and knowledge with our current members and encourage new people to join.

While my work experience has been in public libraries, I've visited and used all kinds of libraries for research and enjoyment. I feel that libraries are such unique institutions in any community: everyone is welcomed and encouraged to visit. There is an enormous amount of goodwill for what we do and I think that library associations across the country need to use that to our advantage. As President-Elect, I hope to spread the word about the importance of libraries in our changing world. As librarians, we should all gather together to raise our voices, even if that goes against our own rules, to ensure that we will continue to receive funding so that we may serve our communities. It would be my honor to be a loud voice in support of Missouri libraries.



Debbie Luchenbill has been the Missouri Evergreen Coordinator at MOBIUS for the last four years, where she has helped administer and expand the Missouri Evergreen resource-sharing consortium, through recruitment, training, implementation, help desk, and more. She loves traveling to and working with the staff at libraries all over the state. Prior to working at MOBIUS, Debbie spent five years at The State Historical Society of Missouri, where she was State Coordinator for National History Day in Missouri, a year-long academic program for sixth to twelfth graders. As State Coordinator, Debbie organized and resourced the Missouri program at all levels, including working with nine regional coordinators, planning and recruiting volunteers for the state contest in Columbia, organizing Missouri's delegation to the national contest, and serving as liaison with the national office. Through her leadership, the program grew every year, gained financial supporters, and came together as a statewide program. She has also worked in public and academic libraries, and in graduate school admissions and administration before becoming a librarian.

Debbie has been an MLA member since 2005 and has been active in a variety of ways, serving as the Archivist from 2009-2012, as a member of the Membership Committee from 2009-2013, in the leadership of the Genealogy and Local History SIG from 2008-2011, and currently as a member of the MO Author Award Subcommittee. She has been an ALA member since 2005, belongs to ASCLA and RUSA, and has been active in RUSA CODES, serving in the past on the Readers' Advisory committee (2010-2012), the Sophie Brody Award committee (2011-2013), and as co-chair of the Readers Advisory Research and Trends Forum committee (2012-2014). She served on the YALSA Outreach to Teens with Special Needs committee from 2007-2009. Debbie is also a member of Beta Phi Mu and is currently president of the newly revitalized Psi Chapter.

Originally from Florissant, Debbie holds an MLS from the University of Missouri-Columbia, an MTS in Biblical and Historical Studies from Boston University, and a BA in History from the University of Arizona. She lives in Columbia with her husband and two cats and enjoys going to the movies, genre fiction, film scores, and visiting Columbia's many delicious restaurants.

Candidate Statement

I am honored and excited to run for Missouri Library Association President-Elect. Over the last 11 years I have participated in MLA in many capacities, and I am pleased to offer my leadership skills in a new way to give back to the organization that has been so important in my professional development. I am eager to continue working with the great infrastructure that current and past members and leaders of MLA have built: from its founding in 1900 and subsequent growth and evolution, through the more recent time of organizational transition, and into the vibrant, resilient, member-driven association it is today.



April Roy is the Manager of the L.H. Bluford Library, a thriving library in the heart of Kansas City's Urban Core. Prior to her work at the Bluford Library, she was the Youth Services Manager at the Plaza Branch of the Kansas City Public Library system. She got her start in Public Library service working for the Mid-Continent Library System. April is a proud to hold her MA in Library Science from the University of Missouri and a BA in History from Missouri State University (Go Bears!).

April has been actively involved with MLA for over 10 years. She has served as the Chair of the Awards Committee and the Public Library Division, has worked with the Building Block Book Award, served on the MLA Board as a Member-At-Large. She has also had a role in MLA Conference planning and volunteering. April is also very active with The American Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children. April was sponsored by MLA for the 2007 inaugural class of ALA Emerging Leaders. She is the current serving on the jury for the Coretta Scott King Book Award Committee and served on the 2012 Caldecott Committee. She also serves as a Member of the Board for the Missouri Center for the Book, and was recently award the national I Love My Librarian Award.

When April is not busy being a librarian, she enjoys reading picture books, playing with her daughter and taking road trips.

Candidate Statement

As the president of MLA I would work tirelessly to spread the message that libraries are the center of the community. I would also work to provide training, networking opportunities and access to information that would help all types of libraries learn how to better serve their communities. I believe that by working together we can learn to serve our communities with outside the box programs and services. I would also aspire to get all of our membership and leaders to work together to communicate the same message about the value of libraries, librarians and library staff. It would be an honor to serve the Missouri Library Association and to make a difference in our state. Thank you.

MLA Members-at-Large Candidates

The 2016 slate of candidates for MLA Members-at-Large include eight public and academic librarians whose past professional histories all demonstrate their ability to forge connections and understand the needs of the entire membership.

In each election, MLA members are asked to select three of these candidates to represent the entire Missouri Library Association membership for two years terms as Members-at-Large (2017-2018). Their responsibilities include discovering members' concerns, representing the entire membership, potentially serving as members of the Conference Site Selection Committee, and possibly serving as Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer or Membership Chair. Additional roles and responsibilities are specified in the MLA bylaws and handbook.



Jenny Bossaller is an Assistant Professor at the University of Missouri's School of Information Science & Learning Technologies. She earned her MA in Library Science in 2005 from the University of Missouri—Columbia (MU) and worked at MOBIUS from 2005 – 2008. She earned a PhD in Information Science and Learning Technologies at MU in 2010. She taught at the University of Southern Mississippi's School of Library and Information Science for two years before returning to Missouri in 2012.

Jenny is active in national and international conferences and committees, such as the ALA, the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) and the Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T). She is currently a member-at-large of ALA's Library History Round Table and chair of the Justin Winsor Library History Essay Award Committee. She has served on the editorial board of *RUSQ* for the past four years. She chaired the poster session for MLA in 2014, and is co-chairing the ALISE Doctoral Student Poster session in 2017. Her teaching focuses on information access, public libraries, and intellectual freedom.

Statement

I am honored to run for Member-at-Large of the Missouri Library Association. I believe that libraries are one of the most interesting and vital community resources wherever we live today – cities, suburbs, or small towns. As our information landscape changes, we are presented with so many opportunities to grow and expand. I believe that the MLA is an association that can create a base for knowledge and inspiration, a sense of community, and a resource for mentorship for new graduates as well as seasoned professionals in our changing environment. I am a professor in the information science program at MU, and I want to help our library science students and new graduates learn about the importance of being a part of professional associations. Local and state organizations are the basis for this goal. As a Member-at-Large, I hope to work with and learn from some of the best and brightest librarians in the state. I want to do this to bring ideas back to the classroom at MU, and also promote MLA and professional networking among our students. It would be an honor and a privilege to work with MLA.

Even though **Anna Francesca Garcia** grew up with her nose in a book, she did not think she would be a librarian. She was going to be an actress! Directors must have known something she didn't because her greatest parts were straight out of the pages of literature, with Anne Shirley from *Anne of Green Gables* being her pinnacle role.

Anna Francesca has worked in public libraries in programming and reader's advisory roles since 2004, earning her MLIS with a Graduate Academic Certificate in Storytelling from the University of North Texas in 2008. At the time, she was living and working in Nevada with the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. Anna calls herself a boomerang because she was born in Kansas City, Mo., lived in Las Vegas for eight years, and has now been back for seven. From fall of 2009 until 2011, Anna worked at Mid-Continent Public Library's Liberty and Colbern Road branches. Since then, she has served as Education Librarian at the Kansas City Public Library.



In MLA, Anna Francesca has attended conferences since 2011, presented breakout sessions at two, presented a poster-session at one, and moderated a breakout session at the KLA/MLA joint conference last year. She has also served on the Building Block Picture Book Award Committee three times and was the first Hall-of-Famer for Battledecks. Nationally, Anna is a member of ALA, ALSC, and YALSA. She is also on the social media task force for the Ethnic and Multicultural Exchange Roundtable (EMIERT).

Statement

Why should I represent you as a Member-at-Large on the MLA Board?

I am well equipped to represent our entire membership because, despite my twelve years of experience, I know when to defer to my colleagues. I have worked in urban and suburban public libraries with a variety of needs, but I know that patrons at rural, academic, or business libraries will have different needs. My goal is to *listen*.

People in Missouri are all over the state, but technology has in many ways overcome barriers of geographical distance. I have a vibrant e-life. Please feel free to find me on Twitter @AnnaFrancesca18 or at www.facebook.com/anna.f.garcia.5. You can also contact me at anna.francesca.garcia@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you want any clarification from me before voting.



Emily Jaycox is the head Librarian at the Missouri Historical Society (also known as the Missouri History Museum), where she joined the staff in 1989. Prior to this, she worked at Lake Forest College (Illinois) Library and at the Newberry Library in Chicago. After starting out in special collections and reference service, her time now is spent increasingly on partnerships, donor relations, digitization, and outreach. She is one of the founding organizers of the St. Louis Research Libraries Consortium (now known as the EXPLORE cluster of MOBIUS), as well as the Missouri Hub of DPLA. Her Board experience outside of the library realm started as Treasurer of a 500-member college student dining cooperative; at her church she has served on the finance committee and ministerial search committee, as well as in the roles of Board President, Board Secretary, and Canvass Chair.

Emily's MLS is from the University of Chicago, which means she is eligible to attend the "defunct library schools reunion" at ALA. She and her husband have made their quest to find good hiking and good coffee to avoid fixing up their old house.

Statement

I am chagrined to report that I worked as a librarian in Missouri for many years without joining MLA. When I did join, I was instantly struck by the quality and timeliness of the communications that go out to members, as well as the excellence of the annual conference. MLA is big enough to get things done but small enough to be personal. My work with prior boards, partnerships, and resource sharing in Missouri libraries, as well as my interest in Missouri's local history, all make me eager to work more closely with other Missouri librarians and to serve the Missouri Library Association.

Michelle Mears has been Director of the Rolling Hills Consolidated Library since January 2014. Prior to this, she served as a public library director in both Oklahoma and Kansas for over 10 years. She has a MA in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois and a Ph.D. in Education and a B.A. in Psychology from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Michelle has worked in both academic and public libraries since 1997.



Michelle was raised in the Chicago area and has lived and worked in southern Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma, and now Missouri. She is active in the library profession as a member of the American Library Association and the Missouri Library Association, and served as Kansas Library Association President in 2006-07. She is currently Vice-President of the Missouri Public Library Directors organization.

Statement

Although I am new to the Missouri library community, I feel very welcome and at home here. My library experience across multiple states and in positions of organizational leadership allows me to have a unique view of association management and growth. It is clear that all libraries benefit from a strong and effective professional organization, especially now when vigilant advocacy is needed statewide to ensure ongoing support and funding. I would like to work with MLA leadership to see how we can expand membership and continuing education opportunities across the state.



Peggy Northcraft is the Director of the Marion County Library Sub-district #1 in Palmyra, Mo. She received an M.A.L.S. from Rosary College (now Dominican University) in 1968. Her career has been eclectic: Children's Librarian (most recently at the Hannibal Free Public Library), academic librarian, bookmobile service director, plus a 12-year stint as Domestic Goddess!

Peggy has served as Chair of YASIG and CSRT. She delights in her role as Mom to 3 daughters, Nana to 3 grandsons and 2 granddaughters, and recently became a great-grandmother! She lives in Palmyra with more books than shelves to hold them and a collection of family memorabilia.

Statement

I think that libraries are so vital to our society that it is imperative we support those who serve in our libraries. As a Member-at-Large I will be a willing ear and a tireless voice for the membership of MLA.

Since 2012, **Tom Peters** has served as Dean of Library Services at Missouri State University. Prior to that, Tom was Assistant Dean for Strategic Technology Initiatives at Milner Library at Illinois State University. Back in 2003, Tom founded TAP Information Services, a company that helped organizations innovate. In this capacity Tom worked with a wide variety of library-related organizations: public libraries, state libraries, the Library of Congress, libraries for the blind and physically handicapped, consortia, ALA, vendors, etc.

Tom did his undergraduate work at Grinnell College in Iowa, where he majored in English and philosophy. He earned his library science degree at the University of Iowa. His second master's degree (in English) was completed at the University of Missouri at Kansas City. His library experience includes reference service, library instruction, collection management, information technology, consortial endeavors, and administration. His current research and publication efforts focus on the history and culture of the Ozarks. His biography of John T. Woodruff will be published in July 2016, and he is working on a book about the Ozark Jubilee.



Statement

It is an honor to stand for election as a Member-at-Large on the MLA Board. I have been a librarian for 29 years, serving all types of libraries and library-related organizations. While I have worked with and represented many different groups, one of my proudest professional service opportunities was launching and running Unabridged, an innovative multi-state downloadable digital audiobook service for blind and low-vision library users, that met their needs before NLS, the National Library Service, launched its downloadable service.

If elected, I will strive to advance MLA as a service organization providing excellent professional development opportunities for all Missouri librarians, as we all work together and collaborate with other organizations to provide quality collections, services, and spaces for all library users.



Cindy Thompson is the Director of Public Services at the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Miller Nichols Library. She began at UMKC in 2006 as the Interlibrary Loan Librarian and took on increasing responsibilities until she attained her current position in 2011. As Director of Public Services, Cindy oversees the interlibrary loan, circulation, reference, and instruction operations for the main campus of UMKC, and participates in strategic and building planning and visioning for the Libraries, embracing change and supporting staff through change management processes.

Cindy received her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership, Policy, and Foundations, and Public Affairs and Administration from the University of Missouri-Kansas City in 2014, her MA in Information Science and Learning Technology with an emphasis in Library Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2006, and her BA in Oxbridge History of Ideas from William Jewell College in 2004.

She has served in a variety of service roles throughout her career, including her current position with the leadership of the Professionalism, Education, Employment, and Recruitment (PEER) Community of Interest, an active role on the web subcommittee of the Media and Publications Committee, and past leadership experience with the Circulation and ILL Special Interest Group as it evolved into the Access Services Community of Interest. She has also served on and chaired a number of library and campus committees at UMKC, including her currently role as Chair of the University Writing and Reading Board. Cindy lives in Kansas City's Northland with her dashing husband, adorable children, and giant dog.

Statement

I was honored to be asked to run for Member-at-Large of the MLA board. I have been a member of the Missouri Library Association throughout my career, and am thrilled to see it so active in such a positive direction. Over the last decade, the organization has evolved into one that I believe provides something significant to offer for all members, at all types of libraries and at all points in their careers, and believe strongly in continuing to move in our current direction. Rethinking everything – but not necessarily changing everything – has been the organization's hallmark of late, and I am excited to be a part of that. Only by continuing to evolve along with librarianship can MLA continue on this path of growth, service, and excellence.



Jeff Trinkle currently serves as Director of the Riverside Regional Library in Southeast Missouri. He received his BS and MLS at Indiana University – Bloomington and worked at various public libraries in Indiana for more than 17 years before venturing west to Missouri. While working in Indiana, Jeff was a member of the Indiana Library Federation for over 16 years. More locally he served two consecutive terms on the Wabash Valley Community Foundation grant review committee as well as serving two terms as the Board President of the Wabash Valley 911 Call Center.

Jeff became Library Director of the Riverside Regional Library in March of 2013. As a Library Director, he finds it critical to be an excellent steward of the resources entrusted to the library with a commitment to deliver high value for every dollar invested. Jeff also believes it is up to the Director to maintain a vision that attempts to keep the library relevant to new generations of users. He also strives to implement change, encouraging the library to become a transformative force that has a positive impact on the quality of people's lives.

Statement

I am honored to run for the office of MLA Member-at-Large position. If given this opportunity, I hope to act as a voice for public libraries and take every opportunity to help MLA improve its communication with both members and the library community as a whole.

The profession of librarianship has seen many changes over the years and libraries of all kinds have always walked a thin line when trying to appeal to all their customers' needs, and feel this to be even more prevalent today. We have some who are clamoring for more mobile apps; while others are still grumbling over the removal of the card catalog.

It is hard if not impossible to know the solutions to all the challenges we face; this is where I see MLA playing a key role. I know the importance of having a local association, such as MLA, available helps promote communication and cooperation among all libraries and organizations as they endeavor to embrace change and align themselves to thrive on diversity. In addition, MLA encourages professional growth and opportunity, and rewards flexibility and innovation. I would like to serve the MLA membership as a Member-at-Large to help support cooperation, strengthening and planning for the future of Missouri libraries.

Christine Prucha, MLA Past President

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is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite causes – including MLA -- every time you shop at Amazon, while still enjoying the same selection, pricing and features. The difference? The AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to your chosen cause. Follow these instructions to sign up for your Amazon Smile account to benefit MLA:

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Jodie Borgerding, MLA President

UMKC NEWS



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We are pleased to announce that UMKC University Libraries has been selected to host an Islandora Camp - iCampMO, October 12-14, 2016. Islandora Camps are focused on sharing knowledge and experience relating to the use of Islandora digital asset management software framework. Islandora combines Fedora and Drupal, to help institutions collaboratively manage and discover digital assets using a best practices framework. It is implemented and enhanced by an ever-growing international community.

Islandora Camp is a three day event:

- One day of general sessions about Islandora and its open source community
- One day of hands-on training in workshops geared toward end users or developers
- One day of sessions from members of the community looking at more specific experiences & tools

If you are interested in learning more about Islandora, participation in an iCamp will provide a solid introductory overview as well as provide greater insight to its practical applicability and functionality.

Early Bird [registration](#) is open until August 15th. Registration includes an iCamp t-shirt and most meals. The Islandora Foundation has issued a [call for proposals](#) from potential attendees to present about their Islandora sites, community projects, or other topics of interest to the digital repository community and Islandora.

Full details and registration may be found on the iCamp website: <http://islandora.ca/camps/mo2016>. For further information, feel free to contact the host site coordinator, Sandy Rodriguez, rodriguezsan@umkc.edu.

We hope to see you in Kansas City!

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Since 1966, UMKC Friends of the Library (FOL) have presented the UMKC University Libraries and the UMKC community with an Annual Gift for the purchase of library collections and various resources. This year the FOL voted to donate \$25,000 to the UMKC University Libraries to be spent in various areas that have typically been funded by the FOL including but not limited to; Film & Video Streaming, Diversity Initiatives, Music Score Collections, as well as to purchase JSTOR Arts & Sciences XIV. We are tremendously grateful for the annual gift from the FOL and their ongoing support of the UMKC University Libraries and the community we serve.

Alexa Sundeen, Office Support Asst.

Mid-Continent Public Library

November Election Levy Increase

Mid-Continent Public Library's Board of Trustees recently voted to place an eight cent property tax levy increase on the November 8 general election ballot. The increase would be applied to the Library's operating levy for the purposes of building and renovating branches and maintaining or expanding collections, services, and programs.

As it stands, the current Library levy is 32 cents and has not been increased in more than three decades. Since the last levy increase in 1983, the Library district, which includes 31 branches and four Library-To-Go locations spanning Jackson, Clay, and Platte Counties, has increased in population by 60 percent and is predicted to increase an additional 25 percent over the next 15 years. In fact, the Library has been such a community hub that the current yearly number of MCPL visitors would fill Kauffman Stadium 99 times.

In order to serve the growing community, the Library has elected to pursue the levy increase, which will be noted on the ballot as Proposition L. If Prop L passes, it will allow for the construction of six new or replacement Library buildings and the renovation of 28 branches. Additional outcomes of the levy passing include increased operating hours, improved in-branch Internet connections, expanded Library services, and increased investment in collections, including physical books and e-books, movies and music, research tools, and informational databases.

Conversely, if the levy fails, the Library will be unable to accomplish the aforementioned goals and ultimately may need to reduce operating hours, staff, outreach services, and its investment in online and in-branch resources. The additional cost in property taxes per year from the levy increase would amount to \$22.80 for a home valued at \$150,000 – less than the cost of a hardbound book.

Further details on the proposed levy increase and the Library's plans for the future are available online at mymcpl.org/election.

Mid-Continent Public Library Partners with Sports Teams for Summer Reading



This summer, Mid-Continent Public Library was proud to partner with local sports teams and organizations to reward participants of its annual Summer Reading Program (SRP). MCPL's 2016 SRP teammates included the Kansas City Royals, Kansas City Chiefs, Kansas Speedway, Sporting Kansas City, and Missouri Mavericks.

"I'm excited to be part of the Summer Reading Program with Mid-Continent Public Library," said Sporting Kansas City Defender Matt Besler. "I developed a love of reading at a young age, and I'm eager to share that passion with students in Kansas City."

At various levels of completion, children qualify to win grand prizes like tickets to a Royals, Chiefs, or Sporting KC game or Kansas Speedway race, as well as exclusive experience prizes like sitting in the Ice Box Suite and riding the Zamboni at a Missouri Mavericks game, or attending a Sporting KC team training, which includes the opportunity to watch the team practice and obtain autographs and photos with players. In addition to the sports-related prizes, participants can also win high-end gadgets like a Kindle Fire or Beats earbuds.

Additional Summer Reading Program prizes include donations from The College Basketball Experience, FC Kansas City, Kansas City T-Bones, Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, Main Event Entertainment in Independence, Mo., and iFLY Indoor Skydiving. So far, MCPL's 2016 Summer Reading Program has nearly 19,500 active participants (kids who have logged some type of activity – reading, listening, or writing book reviews), and the Library anticipates that number to continue growing through the end of the program on July 31. Summer Reading Program is just one of many early literacy programs offered under MCPL's Grow a Reader initiative, which strives to prepare more children to read at grade level.

To learn more about MCPL's Summer Reading Program, visit mymcpl.org/go.

Emily Brown, PR Coordinator

Missouri Evergreen News

Missouri Evergreen welcomed several new members live onto the Evergreen system recently. Polk County Library went live on May 2, Ste. Genevieve County Library became a standalone member on June 1, and Pulaski County Library went live on June 20. After adding Pulaski County, Missouri Evergreen had 1,649,408 items accessible to the 296,857 patrons of the 30 member libraries.

Missouri Evergreen conducted its annual business meeting on June 2 in Poplar Bluff, before the Missouri Public Library Directors' meeting. New Executive Committee members were elected, and the Executive Committee chose officers for the next year. Updates to the consortium bylaws were passed and there was discussion about several topics of interest to the consortium. The Missouri Evergreen website, <http://libraries.missourievergreen.org>, contains information about the consortium and items of interest to both current and potential member systems, and is updated regularly with new information and statistics.

The mission of Missouri Evergreen is to provide a shared integrated library system to increase resource sharing among Missouri public libraries. Administered by MOBIUS, it is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as Administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

Debbie Luchenbill, Missouri Evergreen Coordinator, MOBIUS

Missouri State Library Open House



On April 13, the three divisions of the Missouri State Library in Jefferson City had an open house to celebrate National Library Week. They invited state government employees to view displays and enjoy breakfast treats, juice, and coffee. The [Reference Services Division](#) connects Missouri state government employees with quality information resources. The [Library Development Division](#) supports libraries statewide through continuing education programs and the development of services, activities, and resource sharing among all types of libraries. [Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library](#) is a free library service for Missourians who are unable to use standard print materials due to a visual or physical disability.

Sarah Irwin, Outreach and Reference Librarian with the Reference Services Division, explains how the division can help other state government employees find the resources they need.

Anne Moots, Government Documents Librarian, Missouri State Library

Mid-America Library Alliance

Upcoming Workshops and Library Tour

MALA's lineup of in-person workshops is open for registration!

- July 28, 2016: [MALA Library Tour](#) - Johnson County Library Central Resource Branch and Kansas City Public Library Main
- Aug. 4, 2016: [Book Repair Basics](#) - Mid-Continent Public Library, HQ Meeting Room 1A
- Sept. 8, 2016: [The Many Facets of Loaning Materials](#) - Mid-Continent Public Library, North Independence Branch

For more information, please contact Mary Puhr at marypuhr@mid-americalibraryalliance.org or (816) 521-7257.

Library Financial Management Training

The Mid-America Library Alliance, MALA, is hosting Library Financial Management Training on Aug. 17 and 18, 2016, at the Wingate by Wyndham Hotel in Columbia, Mo. Lunch will be provided both days.

The grant-supported seats for Missouri libraries are now full, but there are still plenty of general registration seats available that are open to anyone, any state! Cost of general registration seats are \$149 for MALA members and \$249 for non-members.

This training has been specifically designed for library staff.

Library financial management is an important issue for library administrators, staff at all levels and trustees. In order to assist libraries in dealing with fiscal issues, the Library of Michigan created the 90-page Public Library Financial Management Guide in 2014 supported by an LSTA grant. This training will utilize the guide, written by Abraham & Gaffney P.C. Additionally, our speaker, Jim Smith, has a wealth of supplemental information he has added to the management guide.

Each participant will go back to his or her library with an in-depth Library Financial Management Guide to be used and shared with library staff. The guide, as well as the supplemental materials, will also be available online to share with library staff. Participants will also leave with examples and suggested formats for financial reports and budgeting that they can begin implementing immediately at their libraries.

Please contact Mary Puhr at marypuhr@mid-americalibraryalliance.org or (816) 521-7257 regarding membership status. There is a block of rooms at the Wingate by Wyndham Hotel for \$79 per night also available for you to book and pay on your own.

To register for a paid seat or for more information about the training, [click here](#).

LEAD the Change Events

A full-day, live, interactive Lead the Change workshop brings library thought leaders, directors and staff together to learn how today's top libraries are leading change and transforming their communities.

All change starts with a leader taking action, and now more than ever, all librarians, regardless of job title, need to see themselves as leaders and change agents. Lead the Change is an interactive workshop that guides attendees through a series of collaborative exercises that will help you harness your ideas, clarify your goals and create a personal leadership plan.

Register soon – seating is limited! Lunch is included with this workshop.

- Sept. 20, 2016: Lead the Change: What Great Library Leaders Know and Do – **Kansas City area**
 - K.C. area – Registration for [MO libraries](#) (grant-funded seat request)
 - K.C. area – Registration for [all other libraries](#) (\$80 per person)
- Sept. 22, 2016: Lead the Change: What Great Library Leaders Know and Do – **St. Louis area**
 - St. Louis area – Registration for [MO Libraries](#) (grant-funded seat request)
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Note to Missouri libraries:

The Missouri State Library, through an LSTA grant, is funding a limited number of seats for Missouri libraries in this workshop. If you would like one of these available seats (maximum of three per library), please register with one of the MO libraries links. If you need more than three seats, we will have a waiting list. If seats are still available June 1, 2016, we will notify the waiting list. Unless you receive an email notice regarding a waiting list, you may assume you have received a grant supported seat.

If the grant seats are full, you will be notified and will have the opportunity to register through the normal registration process. The cost is \$80 per person, and there is a limited number of seats available for purchase for this workshop.

Kirsten Myers, Special Projects Coordinator and Courier Services, Mid-America Library Alliance

Springfield-Greene County Libraries Updates

Author John Erickson Thrills crowd of 582



Children and adults bobbed, clapped and sang along to songs and stories from their hero and author John Erickson on Thursday, April 21, at the Springfield Art Museum. The former ranch

hand was the keynote speaker for the Library's month-long Big Read celebrating Charles Portis's novel *True Grit*. Some 1,559 children, teens and adults attended the more than 30 programs and 10 book discussions planned during the month. Erickson, whose *Hank the Cowdog* series is a favorite of families, teachers and librarians, opened his performance with a banjo song, and went into storytelling about Hank, the smelly, smart-aleck dog and Head of Ranch Security. Erickson led the audience in a group song, "Call In the Dogs and Put

Out the Fire." After his talk, Erickson took questions from the audience and then signed books and posed for selfies for an hour.

Erickson also visited two Springfield-area schools that won a competition based on how the school worked the author's visit into the class curriculum. One school turned out in cowboy duds and hats, and sang Erickson their own cowboy song after his presentation.



Habitat for Humanity and Library Team Up for DIY Series

Homeowners, renters and do-it-yourselfers are learning skills for fix-it jobs around the house in an ongoing series DIY with a Purpose at the Springfield-Greene County Libraries. Construction experts from Habitat for Humanity of Springfield, Mo., are providing monthly lessons on home repairs and maintenance. The series began in spring 2016 and continues through summer at the library branches. It encourages people to learn from the experts, practice their new skills during an upcoming Habitat building project, and then perfect it at their own homes. The series covers topics such as tiling fundamentals, replacing windows and doors, energy efficiency fixes and more. One library staffer observed that she thought the series so far would attract new homeowners ages 25-40, "But most of those in attendance were mature women who are flipping homes and doing their own DIY at home."

Renovated Library Will be Renamed for Donor



Library Foundation Director Valerie Richardson surprised guests at a campaign fundraiser for the Brentwood Branch Library renovation by announcing that the branch will be renamed the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch in honor of major donor and Springfield philanthropist Jewell Schweitzer. The Library Board of Trustees approved the name change before the April 23 fundraiser, Hard Hats & Highballs, inside the emptied branch. The event netted over \$3,000 for the \$2.5 million capital campaign, which is nearing its goal. Schweitzer has given \$1.2 million toward the renovation project, including the then-anonymous gift of \$770,422 in December 2013 when the project began. Her combined gifts of \$1.2 million mark the largest amount given by a single campaign donor.

After the Brentwood Branch closed April 16, a temporary site – which staff dubbed “Tempwood” – opened Tuesday, May 3, in a nearby retail center. Patrons were eager to try out the new location when it opened at 10:30 a.m. Nearly 200 people had gone through the doors by 2 p.m., many to browse the smaller collection or return books, others sat in chairs to read newspapers or work on the library laptops. Hours of the temporary site are 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday during the six to nine month renovation of the permanent branch.

Friends of the Library Sale Hits Second-Highest Total

The Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale hit \$135,958.23 in sales after its April 26-May 1 event, despite being open one day less than in past years, and in a new location — the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex. The record was set in the fall 2015 sale, with \$147,377. Friends President Jim Moore observed at the conclusion, “We’re just so happy with the community support for the program, and we’re looking forward to the next sale October 26–30 at the E*Plex.” The sale took 425 volunteers – many of the library employees and retirees – who worked 3,361 hours during the sale, including set-up and take-down.

Exploring Human Origins Exhibit Generates Crowds



The science programs and community conversations surrounding the Exploring Human Origins exhibit at the Library Center exceeded even the visiting scientists’ expectations on opening week. “You hit it out of the ballpark,” visiting scientist Connie Bertka told library staff. She was one of four individuals from the Smithsonian Institution’s exhibit project.

Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean To Be Human? is a 1,200-square-foot traveling exhibit of the Smithsonian Institution on display through June 2 at the Library Center. The library district received a grant to host the exhibit, which included large displays, interactive kiosks and video. The visiting scientists, local university scientists and

clergy presented programs through the month that attracted crowds of up to 210 people.

One program featured a free soup supper followed by a panel discussion and audience Q&A. About 40 clergy and community leaders attended an 8 a.m. breakfast reception, tour of the exhibit and discussion with the four visiting scientist/experts. On Saturday, May 12-13, children were invited to experience cave painting in the Library Center Children’s Department. They crawled into the cardboard caverns of the darkened Story Hour Room and decorated the walls with chalk pictures as they envisioned early humans might have done.



New Grant Allows Digitization of Historic News Photos

The News-Leader Media Group and the Library will partner on an exciting project that will preserve and share our unique photographic history. The *Springfield News-Leader* is providing access to its files so library staff can digitally scan and make available online some 7,000 photographs and negatives from the *Springfield Daily News* and *Springfield Leader & Press* photo archives covering 1947-1962. They will also include many additional images that were never published in the papers. Project work begins June 1. The project is supported by a \$40,701 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State. The Library District provided a match of \$26,121 for project costs.

“These 15 years represent a crucial period of development and growth in Springfield and the Ozarks,” said Brian Grubbs, Local History & Genealogy Department manager. “From the Darkroom: Springfield’s Historic Newspaper Photographs” includes images of U.S. Route 66, the Frisco Railroad, women in the workforce, economic and urban growth, agricultural developments, political movements, cultural changes and daily life and visiting celebrities.

Staffer Named “Community Outreach Champion”



Read Aloud 15 MINUTES recognized Springfield-Greene County Libraries Youth Services Coordinator Nancee Dahms-Stinson as one of five Community Outreach Champions for her work in spreading the message about reading aloud daily for 15 minutes starting at birth, said Read Aloud’s Executive Director, Bob Robbins. He said Dahms-Stinson recruited 17 community partners for the Read Aloud Campaign and worked with local partners to encourage media coverage and helped local partners incorporate the Read Aloud message into existing programs. “The five Community Outreach Champions distinguished themselves for their passion, dedication and ingenuity in recruiting more partners in their communities, innovating new programs and messages, and reaching more parents and caregivers with the Read Aloud 15 MINUTES message.” The other 2016 champions are in California, Florida and Colorado.

Miniature Ponies Captivate 250 at Library Station

About 250 kids and adults filled the Library Station parking lot on Saturday, May 14, for Pony Party, featuring miniature ponies Chrissy, Irene and Shorty, courtesy of Plenty Pony Ranch. The Valley Water Mill Equestrian Center also provided activities like roping, stick horse races and information on pony nutrition and grooming.

Kathleen O’Dell, Community Relations Director, Springfield-Greene County Library District



An Intercultural Experience in China by an MSU Librarian

Grace M. Jackson-Brown



As part of a delegation from Missouri State University (MSU) and as a librarian of the MSU Duane G. Meyer Library, I traveled from May 13 through May 25 to four cities in China (Beijing, Dalian, Haikou, and Hong Kong) in what was an unforgettable and engaging academic and cultural experience. During the trip, members of the MSU group took part in ceremonies on the campuses of two universities in China for which MSU has partnerships-- Liaoning Normal University in Dalian, China and Hainan University, which is located in Haikou, a part of Hainan Province. While on the campuses, I met and interacted with Chinese faculty, students and staff as well as Americans and other nationals who were studying and teaching there. Between campus experiences, my group and I engaged in a number of excursions including going to and viewing a site on the Great Wall, visiting the Terra-cotta Museum, and visiting the Haikou National Geological Volcano Park.

The MSU delegation attended the commencement of the 2016 graduating class of the Liaoning University/MSU College of International Business on the Liaoning Normal University campus. Students received degrees from both universities. It was rewarding to hear the commencement addresses, and in particular, to listen to the two recognized student speakers who looked back at their years in the university and forward to their aspiring dreams of the future. The mood and sentiment of the ceremony and speeches were similar to those I've heard at MSU graduations in Springfield, Missouri or other American universities, but still heartwarming. After the graduation, the Dean of the Business College of Liaoning University hosted a magnificent meal of an array of Chinese dishes for MSU visitors.

MSU has partnerships with several universities in Beijing and there are other alumni from other MSU partner universities who live and work in Beijing, the capitol of China. While in Beijing, a reception for MSU alumni was held there, which the visiting delegation attended. The MSU partnerships with the Chinese universities allows the opportunity for some Chinese students to come to the MSU Springfield campus for part of their studies. I was pleased by the number of Chinese young people whom I met at the reception who shared their fond memories of studying in Meyer Library on the MSU Springfield campus and the friendly and helpful librarians that they encountered there.

Hainan University is a comprehensive university in Haikou that was established in 2007 when it merged with the South China University of Tropical Agriculture and the former Hainan University. It currently has a student enrollment of about 38,000. According to one Hainan University website it has established interschool



cooperation with scores of universities in countries across the globe as part of an international cultural exchange. In May 2016, during our stay, a ceremony was held with some members of our MSU group and some administrators and faculty of Hainan University to sign an agreement to continue cooperative academic programs there.



I was taken on an impromptu tour of the main academic library at Hainan University. The modern academic library has a substantial print collection but is not as heavily endowed with electronic journals and databases. Still, the library is well-represented with the latest in technology with its online catalog, library computer lab, jumbotrons with information of varying kinds, and self-check borrowing computer terminals for students to use. Students do not have easy readily available access to social media such as Facebook or Google. The university library does provide research and reference assistance to students upon request and through scheduled instructional sessions.

Chris LeBeau elected RUSA 2017-2018 president



The iSchool at the University of Missouri is very proud to announce *Chris LeBeau* has been elected as *President-Elect* of the *Reference and User Services Association (RUSA)*. Chris is an assistant teaching professor/learning and research librarian at the iSchool at MU / University of Missouri-Kansas City and has been very involved in ALA and RUSA for many years.

Please read the full story:

<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2016/05/lebeau-elected-rusa-2017-2018-president>

SISLT / LIS alumna Kristen Totleben elected as Vice-Chair, Chair –Elect for ACRL

Congratulations to Kristen Totleben (MA 2010) has been elected at Vice-Chair, Chair-Elect for the Association of College and Research Libraries Western European Studies Section. Kristen is the Modern Languages and Cultures Outreach Librarian at the University of Rochester

The iSchool welcomes new LIS faculty member



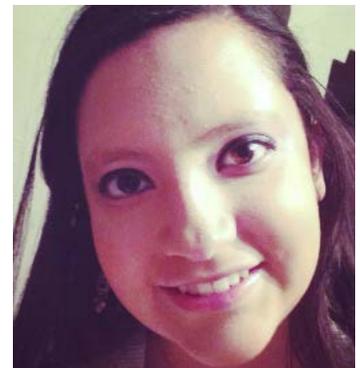
Sarah Buchanan is coming from the University of Texas at Austin where she is completing her PhD in Information Studies. Her focus is on the creation and curation of data in the humanities with a focus on enhancing the storytelling potential of archaeological collections. She works at the intersections of museum studies, archival sciences, digital classics, and community informatics.

Two SISLT LIS students awarded ALA Spectrum Scholarships



The School of Information Science and Learning Technologies at the University of Missouri is very proud to announce the American Library Association Office for Diversity has awarded Patricia Barra and Megan Dillahay with a 2016-2017 Spectrum Scholarship. Spectrum Scholars are selected “based on their commitment to diversity, commitment to entering the library profession, demonstrated community outreach, academic ability and achievements and leadership potential.”

Andrea Smolanovich, Marketing Representative, SISLT





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