President’s Message

This is an exciting time to be a member of MLA! My head has been spinning with all the amazing things that are happening for our organization right now.

Last year we created a budget that would allow us to give back to our members. We wanted to increase the value of MLA Membership through more communication and continuing education opportunities. Our committees and communities of interest have been hard at work and plans are coming to fruition! MACRL will host a workshop and webinar on March 23, Fighting Fake News with the ACRL Framework, and the Youth Services Community of Interest will host an Unconference on April 11 that includes a Library Rock! Ukulele Pre-Conference.

It was also a thrill to announce that MLA received a gift of over $825,000! This gift will allow MLA to establish an endowment that will serve MLA for years to come. Your MLA Board is already working hard to establish the most beneficial way to invest this money, policies and guideline for handling the donation, and the best ways to use it to serve Missouri libraries and librarians. We will be asking for your feedback. Please keep an eye on the MLA social media accounts and MLA LISTSERVE for updates!

I hope that all of you are feeling as thrilled as I am about the value of your MLA membership. I encourage each of you to encourage your colleagues to join us as we work toward a better and even more valuable organization!

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2018 MLA Conference Update

Stronger Together: Diversity in Libraries & Diversity of Libraries
October 10-12, 2018

We look forward to welcoming the Missouri Library Association to Columbia for the annual conference this October! The Conference Planning Committee held its first meeting on February 14 to get to know each other and the tasks ahead of us.

The call for programs opened on February 6. The call is open for all types of program submissions: breakout sessions, table talks, poster sessions, and pre-conferences. The criteria and form for submitting program proposals for the conference are available at: https://goo.gl/forms/9fCTIBqPlnY52NNV2. Submissions are due on April 11, 2018.

We are also excited to announce the opening and closing keynotes for the conference!

The opening keynote speaker will be Dr. Kevin McDonald. Dr. McDonald is the University of Missouri System’s Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion officer, and the University of Missouri’s Vice Chancellor for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity. He joined both organizations after serving as vice president and associate provost for diversity and inclusion at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT).

As a diversity and inclusion professional, McDonald has developed a significant track record of transformational contributions toward organizational equity, diversity, and inclusion goals. His efforts revolve around inextricably binding organizational pursuits of excellence with diversity and inclusion efforts. From access and success, to education and scholarship and institutional infrastructures, Dr. McDonald has worked collaboratively to create initiatives that positively impact policies, practices, and processes.

Prior to RIT, he held positions at several other universities, including as vice president for equity and inclusion at Virginia Tech, as associate director for compliance and conflict resolution at Johns Hopkins University, and as campus compliance officer at the University of Maryland, College Park. Prior to his work in higher education, McDonald worked for the U.S. Department of Justice and for Network Solutions, Inc.

McDonald holds a law degree from The Ohio State University and a doctoral degree in higher education leadership from the University of Rochester. He received his undergraduate degree in psychology from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Our closing keynote speaker will be Loida Garcia-Febo, International Library Consultant and President of Information New Wave in Brooklyn, New York and current President-Elect of the American Library Association. Garcia-Febo is an international library consultant, researcher and expert on topics such as human rights, advocacy and services to multicultural populations. She has served communities as academic, public, school, and special librarian in Puerto Rico and Queens. Loida is President of Information New Wave an international NGO seeking to enhance the education of ethnically diverse communities. She has taught in 20 countries and has advocated on behalf of libraries at the United Nations, US Congress, NYC City Hall, NY State Senate and on streets and sidewalks of New York.

We are excited to welcome both of our keynote speakers to MLA!

See you in Columbia!

Submitted by your 2018 Conference Co-coordinators: Debbie Luchenbill and Kimberly Moeller, 2018mlacoordinators@gmail.com
A REPORT FROM YOUR ALA COUNCILOR

The Mid-Winter Meeting of the American Library Association was held in Denver, Colorado from Feb. 9-13, 2018. I attended meetings of the Council and the Council Forum, however the most productive session was during Council III when the ALA President, Jim Neal broke the Council into small groups to discuss the future of ALA. What should we look like? In addition, what changes will be necessary for us to make those changes? Many rolled up their sleeves and contributed to the discussions. The Council discussed budgets, organizational effectiveness, and approved an increase to membership dues that you the membership will have to vote on this spring.

ALA Council approves dues adjustment proposal

The Council of the American Library Association (ALA) approved a dues adjustment proposal at the Midwinter Meeting in Denver and directed that it be placed on the spring 2018 ALA ballot for membership approval. If approved by the membership, personal member dues in September 2018 would be adjusted between $1 and $5, depending upon the membership type. Members will also vote on a mechanism for adjusting dues between September 2019 and 2022. The ALA Executive Board would review personal member dues annually in consideration of a dues adjustment not to exceed the percentage change in the national average Consumer Price Index (CPI). Any increase proposed above the CPI would be subject to a vote of personal members, and any subsequent dues adjustment after 2022 would require approval by the ALA Executive Board, Council, and a vote of ALA personal members.


Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie D. Tolson, Chapter Councilor for the Missouri

Missouri Building Block Award Book

The children of Missouri have spoken, selecting 10 Little Ninjas, written by Miranda Paul and illustrated by Nate Wragg, as the winner of the 2017 Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award. Over 18,000 preschoolers and kindergarteners participated this year. While many of the nominees had high votes, 10 Little Ninjas snuck past Still a Gorilla! and Frog on a Log, the second- and third-place winners, to claim ninja victory.

The Missouri Building Block committee wants to thank all of the teachers, librarians, parents, and caregivers who read to their kids and helped them vote. Your support is what made this such a successful event. We also welcome you to join us in the 2018 voting process. The new nominees are:

- The Giant Jumperee written by Julia Donaldson and illustrated by Helen Oxenbury
- I Got a New Friend by Karl Newsom Edwards
- Barnacle Is Bored by Jonathan Fenske
- Plankton Is Pushy by Jonathan Fenske
- Go Sleep in Your Own Bed written by Candace Fleming and illustrated by Lori Nichols
- A Good Day for a Hat written by T. Nat Fuller and illustrated by Rob Hodgson
- Pug Meets Pig written by Sue Lowell Gallion and illustrated by Joyce Wan
- Carrot & Pea: An Unlikely Friendship by Morag Hood
- Spunky Little Monkey by written Bill Martin Jr & Michael Sampson and illustrated by Brian Won
- Everybunny Dance! by Ellie Sandall

We hope you and your youth enjoy this year’s selections as much as last year’s. For more information about the Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award program, go to our website molib.org/awards/building-block-award.

Best,
Johnathan Shoff
Awards Chair, Missouri Building Block Award Committee
Featured Library Employee

Meet our featured library employee for this issue of MO Info, Kelsey Fitzgerald!

1. What is your name, your library, and your role at the library?

Kelsey Fitzgerald, Ozark Regional Library, Youth Librarian

2. What originally got you interested in working at a library?

My interest in libraries was piqued as a child. I couldn’t believe that there were entire buildings devoted to books. As I grew older, I realized all that libraries have to offer. I worked for a summer in my university library at Baylor University and that was when the wheels really started turning about making this a career. I wanted to combine my love of books, education, volunteerism, and children and the perfect way to do that was to become a youth librarian.

3. What keeps you coming back every day?

The families in the communities I serve keep me coming back every day. It is an amazing feeling when I see a child’s face light up while reading a book or participating in one of my programs. My favorite part is seeing a shy or withdrawn child become more comfortable and start openly enjoying all of the wonders of the library. The library is an amazing place for families to connect with others for entertainment, education, and support.

Another aspect of my job that keeps me coming back is the people that I work with at Ozark Regional Library and our shared desire to support the small, rural communities in which we live. The library is a staple of the community and we want to offer the very best resources possible. Combined with their desire to serve, my co-workers are kind, dedicated, and always good for a laugh.

4. What’s challenging about your work?

One of the biggest challenges I face is getting children and their families into the library. Ozark Regional Library has four branches in small, rural communities and it is my responsibility to bring children and teen programs to all of them. Transportation and time are the biggest obstacles in getting families through the library doors. To help combat this, my co-workers and I offer programs in the local schools and daycares, and at community events. Our library has developed strong collaborations with community groups, schools, extension offices, media and more to ensure that we reach as many people in our community as possible.

5. Has your work made you either curious, or passionate, or awestruck about something?

My work has made me passionate about collection development. My Library Director, Holly Martin Huffman, strives to have a collection of the very best materials and resources that will foster knowledge, imagination, and growth. I am thrilled that I share some of the responsibility in developing the collections for children and teens.

My passion for collection development led to an amazing opportunity for me to serve on the Missouri Association of School Librarian’s Truman Readers Award Committee. My participation on this committee has exposed me to hundreds of books for students in grades 6-8 and has introduced me to astounding school librarians that I may not have had the opportunity to work with otherwise. If you’re not familiar with MASL’s Readers Award lists, I recommend checking them out because a great deal of hard work and dedication goes into making those lists by school librarians, public librarians, and students.

6. Who is one of your mentors?

I have been blessed to have worked with extraordinary people in all of the libraries in which I have served. The staff at Smith Public Library in Wylie, Texas, where I held my first youth department position, helped me get a strong start in this career. One particular

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individual that helped me get out of my comfort zone is Jennifer Ilardi, Youth Librarian at St. Louis County Library-Florissant Valley. I had the pleasure of working alongside her for the better part of a year and I loved how she challenged me and how her passion for youth services was contagious.

7. What book, author, artist, show, or music are you engaging with this week, either personally or professionally? Persuade us in one or two sentences that we should pick this up, too.

With my involvement in the MASL Truman Committee, I don’t have much time for TV, but I do read at least two books a week. However, I don’t want to give any hints as to what might end up on that list, so I’ll just say that there have been some really good books published recently.

Personally, the book that keeps me constantly engaged is the Bible. I read it every day and believe it is the best book ever written. The Bible offers encouragement, courage, guidance, and truth.

8. Is there anything else you’d like to share with us?

Never underestimate the effect that libraries and library staff can have on a person’s life, especially the life of a child.

Would you like to nominate someone to be our next Featured Library Employee? Examples could be:

…a new employee you’d like to introduce
…someone with a unique job or on a unique career path
…an employee you find inspirational
…a coworker whose gifts you wish were more widely known
…someone who’s “an institution” full of interesting stories
…a role that has a new focus or is reaching a new audience
…someone you’d like to make more visible to potential employers

Submit name(s) and contact information, along with place of employment, to Shannon Mawhiney at smawhiney@missouristate.edu. We’ll do all the work of contacting; we just need you to connect us!
MARCH 23, 2018
MACRL WEBINAR & WORKSHOP
MU LIBRARIES - ELLIS LIBRARY

Fighting Fake News with the ACRL Framework

How can librarians assist students and patrons identify and avoid fake news sources? This event, hosted by the Missouri Association of College & Resource Libraries, will include practical techniques demonstrated through a webcast by Sarah Morris, Learning and Assessment Librarian at the University of Texas at Austin. Join MACRL for the recording, a subsequent discussion and workshop about strategies for addressing fake news, a tour of the library, and lunch with librarians from around Missouri.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

LIBRARY TOUR
MEET ON MAIN FLOOR
10:00-11:00 AM

COLLABORATIVE LUNCH
11:00-12:30
(AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT)

WEBINAR
12:30-1:30 PM

DISCUSSION
1:30-3:00 PM

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
Ellis Library
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Room 159

RSVP by March 16:
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Cost: FREE! Parking available with RSVP
SAVE THE DATE! 2018 Amigos Member Conference: Maximizing Your Resources – Saving $$, Saving Time

Save Wednesday, May 16, for our upcoming online conference, "Maximizing Your Resources – Saving $$, Saving Time.” Details are currently being finalized, so check our website regularly for updates. You won't want to miss this important and informative conference. Don't forget! As one of the many benefits of membership, attendance is free to all Amigos members.

Amigos Member Spotlight

We’re proud of our Amigos Library Services members and want to recognize the work that they do in their communities. Each month we will be showcasing an Amigos member library or institution. It’s a great way for Amigos members and non-members alike to learn from and meet colleagues and peers. Would you like your institution to be featured in our spotlight? Send us a message at communications@amigos.org.

Foundation Directory Provides Information

Is philanthropy and grant information important to your library? Amigos vendor partner, Foundation Center, can help! Their Foundation Directory Online Professional provides subscribers with access to an unprecedented wealth of timely, comprehensive information on grant makers and their grants. Included is a database of over 108,000 foundations, corporate giving programs, and grant making public charities in the U.S. and a database of over 4,000 sponsoring companies. Features of the directory include:

- Funder-specific functionality
- Customized search indexes
- Drill down view disbursements by county, city, ZIP code, or congressional district
- Funder-specific email alerts
- And much more!

For more information or to request a quote, contact Megan Bryant at bryant@amigos.org or 800-843-8482, ext. 2896.

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Check out our Discount Direct Vendors

Discount Direct provides Amigos Library Services members the opportunity to order library supplies and consulting services directly from the vendor at a negotiated discount. Check out our vendor list. If you have questions or need assistance, contact Susie Thompson at 800-843-8482, ext. 2880.

Morningstar Provides Financial News and Commentary

Morningstar, a financial resource database, provides an investment research center to benefit every type of library. It is a one-stop tool for collecting financial information, getting reliable portfolio analysis, learning about investment options, and reading current financial news commentary. With comprehensive data and analysis on over 41,000 investments, library patrons and researchers are provided with the information they need. It also provides remote access so users may retrieve investment analysis information anytime, anywhere.

To get an idea of the data they provide, look at one of their newest features the Morningstar Blog.

For more information or to request a quote, contact Ashley Brizuela at brizuela@amigos.org or 800-843-8482, ext. 2805.

Browse with BrowZine

Third Iron has introduced a great way to browse journals for research by using BrowZine, an alphabetical system on a single platform that helps navigate your research by simplifying and enhancing your journal resources. It’s built to be integrated! BrowZine visualizes your scholarly e-journal collection on a single platform, organizes it with rich taxonomy, and in a single click brings users immediately to table of contents data of the most current issue. BrowZine's Integration Tools makes surfacing journals across library services, such as your homepage and subject pages, a snap. BrowZine's features, such as My Bookshelf and Reading Lists, allow users to personalize their experience.

For more information about Third Iron or to request a quote, contact Ashley Brizuela at brizuela@amigos.org or 800-843-8482, ext. 2805.

Infobase Learning Offers Free Open Trials

Now is a great time for Amigos members to take advantage of free open trials and a 25% discount on two databases from Infobase, Bloom’s Literature, Issues & Controversies, and Today’s Science. The discount is available until June 30!

Bloom’s Literature

With a dynamic new design, exciting new features, and the largest addition of new content in the history of the database, the award-winning Bloom’s Literature has been rebuilt from the ground up, making it an even better tool for enriching the study of literature. Sign up for the free trial. Open access ends April 17.

Issues & Controversies

Provide your students with a unique tool for understanding today’s crucial issues. Designed to inspire thought-provoking debates, each in-depth article presents both sides of an issue clearly and without bias. Updated weekly, this resource presents the key facts, arguments, history, and current context of today’s most important issues — an ideal resource for research papers, debate preparation, and persuasive writing assignments. Sign up for the free trial. Open access ends April 13.

Today’s Science

Today’s Science bridges the gap between the science taught in class and real-world discoveries — giving in-depth explanations of important advances in biology, chemistry, environmental science, space, physics, and technology. Featured articles offer easy access to related content such as crossword puzzles, cartoons, and questions; additional articles that help place news and discoveries in context; and interviews with scientists that bring the research to life. Sign up for the free, open trial! Open access ends April 16.

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Launching on SAGE Research Methods Video: Practical Research & Academic Skills

SAGE recently announced the launch of their new streaming video collection, Practical Research & Academic Skills! Available on SAGE Research Methods, this video collection offers a broad range of content, including videos on planning, designing and managing a research project, securing ethical approval, presenting a research work, and building a career in research. Click here to sign up for a free trial. For more information, contact Megan Bryant at bryant@amigos.org or 800-843-8482, ext. 2896. As always, Amigos members enjoy special loyalty pricing from SAGE Publishing!

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Continuing Education Opportunities

Are you struggling with RDA? Do you need a refresher?

Our latest courses will help you build new skills and refresh your knowledge. Check them out!

**RDA for Video Recordings**
This workshop, geared towards catalogers who perform original and copy cataloging for video recordings, covers the RDA instructions relevant to cataloging carrier-based and electronic video recordings. Upon completion of this workshop, participants will be able to: understand where video recordings fit into the FRBR data model, select appropriate preferred source of information video recordings, create bibliographic descriptions of video recordings, and more.

Register Now – April 4-5, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CDT

**RDA for Audio Recordings**
Catalogers who perform original and copy cataloging for audio recordings will enjoy this workshop, which covers the RDA instructions relevant to carrier-based and electronic audio recordings. Among the topics to be covered include: descriptive elements, access points, relationship designators, and more.

Register Now – April 11-12, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CDT Early bird registration ends 3/20

**Personal Name Authority Records: RDA and MARC**
This workshop, designed for catalogers who wish to create and edit authority records for personal names in their local catalogs, covers the RDA instructions relevant to the encoding of authority data. Topics to be discussed include: MARC authorities format fixed and variable fields, future trends in authority control, changes to RDA, and more.

Register Now – April 25-26, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CDT Early bird registration ends 4/3

Know & Go Updates

Know & Go’s are part of a series of informative web sessions covering topics of current interest. Designed for group participation and FREE for Amigos members. Know & Go Updates are presented online on Monday afternoons from 1:30-2:30 p.m. CDT. Register today!

- Web Content Accessibility Guidelines: An Overview March 19
- New MARC 21 Authority Format Fields for Encoding RDA Authority Data March 26
- Preserving VHS Collections with Section 108 of the DMCA April 16
- Getting the Most Out of Amigos Membership April 30
- Using and Creating Infographics in Libraries May 7
- Deciphering Music Preferred Titles May 21
- Password Managers June 4
- IFLA-LRM: A New Conceptual Model June 18

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Upcoming Online Classes

Here’s a quick look at upcoming online classes. Classes are always being added so be sure to check out our [course schedule](#)! (All times CDT)

- **Library Management for Beginners: Managing Personnel** March 27, 2-4 p.m.
- **Myers-Briggs at Work** March 27, 1-2 p.m.
- **Revisiting the Digital Millennium Copyright Act** March 30, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- **RDA for Video Recordings** April 4-5, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- **Creating and Curating Digital Story Times** April 9-10, 2-4 p.m.
- **RDA for Audio Recordings** April 11-12, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Early bird registration ends 3/20
- **Blockchain: It Isn’t Just for Bitcoin** April 12, 1 - 2:30 p.m. - Early bird registration ends 3/21
- **Event Planning 101** April 17-19, 2-4 p.m. - Early bird registration ends 3/26
- **Library Management for Beginners: Everyday Negotiations** April 24, 2-4 p.m. - Early bird registration ends 4/2
- **Personal Name Authority Records: RDA and MARC** April 25-26, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Early bird registration ends 4/3
- **Core Reference Skills** May 1-3, 2-4 p.m. - Early bird registration ends 4/9
- **The Tor Browser** May 2, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Early bird registration ends 4/10
- **Introduction to Dublin Core** May 3, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Early bird registration ends 4/11
- **Digital Citizenship in Today’s Libraries** May 8, 2-4 p.m. - Early bird registration ends 4/16
- **METS: The Basics** May 9-10, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Early bird registration ends 4/17
- **Practical Privacy for Libraries** May 9-10, 1-3 p.m. - Early bird registration ends 4/17
- **EAD3: the Basics** May 22-25, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm. - Early bird registration ends 4/30
- **Balancing and Embracing Change: Strategies for Preparing Staff in the Library** May 31, 2-4 p.m. - Early bird registration ends 5/9

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**MOBIUS News**

**Theresa Flett Named MOBIUS Innovative Users Group Conference Scholarship Recipient**

MOBIUS is proud to announce Theresa Flett, Reference Librarian at St. Charles Community College, as the winner of the 2018 MOBIUS Innovative Users Group Conference Scholarship! Theresa will attend her first IUG Conference in Orlando, Florida, in April 2018.

**Save the Date - MOBIUS is Turning Twenty!**

Preparations are underway for a very special celebration at the 2018 annual MOBIUS Conference as we mark our twentieth year of serving libraries across the state of Missouri and beyond.

This year’s conference, held June 4-6 at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center in Independence, Mo., will kick off with a keynote presentation by Charlie Bennett and Ameet Doshi, hosts of Lost in the Stacks, the “one-and-only research-library rock’n’roll radio show,” on WREK Atlanta. After the keynote, we’ll move the party outside for a lakeside reception under the stars!

As always, we’ll have a conference lineup full of opportunities for networking, training, and collaboration with colleagues and friends. The conference is free for employees of Missouri libraries, and affordable for those coming from outside the state. Keep an eye out for more details as they become available on the conference website: [http://2018conf.mobiusconsortium.org](http://2018conf.mobiusconsortium.org).
Missouri Evergreen News

Mountain View Public Library went live on Missouri Evergreen on February 26, 2018. The next library to migrate will be North Kansas City Public Library, in April! The consortium’s committees and interest groups have been hard at work with authority control, reports, cataloging, and circulation policies and procedures.

The Missouri Evergreen website, http://libraries.missourievergreen.org, contains more information about the consortium, including member libraries, steps to join, past meeting information, and borrowing/lending 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.

Updates from Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library

Wolfner Library’s Racing to Read Early Literacy Program

Since October of 2016, Wolfner Library has provided an early literacy program for its blind and visually impaired patrons under the age of six. Through the course of one year, books and early literacy materials are sent to children enrolled in the program. These items, which are designed to help children and their caregivers build early literacy skills, arrive bi-monthly. There are two main requirements for a child to be enrolled in Wolfner Library’s Racing to Read Early Literacy Program:

The child must be (or become) a patron of Wolfner Library.

The child must be under the age of six.

To learn more about this program, visit our website at https://www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/programming/wolfner-racing-to-read.

This program is supported in part by the Friends of Wolfner Library.

Wolfner Library Book Clubs

Wolfner Library offers three book club groups for its patrons, one each for fiction, nonfiction, and mild reads titles. Each group meets monthly from February through October via conference call. Patrons who participate have enjoyed discussing their views and hearing others’ thoughts on the selected titles. Participants also love having their reading horizons expanded and are eagerly looking forward to the program’s third year. If your library serves patrons who qualify for Wolfner Library’s services, they can call 1-800-392-2614 to register.

Upcoming selections include:

**March:**
- March 15 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads (fiction club): *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
- March 22 at 2 p.m. Good Books (mild reads club): *Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter* by Kate Clifford Larson
- March 29 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas (nonfiction club): *Jazz Cleopatra: Josephine Baker in her Time* by Phyllis Rose

**April:**
- April 12 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
- April 19 at 2 p.m. Good Books: *Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World* by Vicki Myron
- April 26 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: *When Books Went to War: The Stories that Helped Us Win World War II* by Molly Guptill Manning

**May:**
- May 17 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads: *Mr. Churchill’s Secretary* by Susan Elia MacNeal
- May 24 at 2 p.m. Good Books: *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- May 31 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann
The Donald C. Proctor Library on the State Fair Community College Sedalia campus is pleased to announce the hiring of Malinda McBride as the library coordinator. Prior to assuming this position, Malinda was the administrative assistant in the library. She earned a Bachelor degree in Communication Studies from the University of Central Missouri and graduated from SFCC with an Associate of Arts degree.

Shirley Bergeson, library coordinator for the Donald C. Proctor Library on the State Fair Community College Sedalia campus, retired on Jan. 31. Shirley worked at SFCC for more than 13 years.
2018 Black History Month at Mizzou

The theme for this year’s Black History Month at the University of Missouri was, “War, Peace & Black Progress.” The University Libraries were proud to sponsor the following exhibit and event:

Feb 5 – Feb 28 Exhibit: War, Peace and Black Progress
Images were on display at Ellis Library from the State Historical Society of Missouri and the University of Missouri Libraries. Sponsors included: University Libraries and Missouri State Historical Society.

Feb 28 6pm Black History & Culture Trivia Night
Trivia night was held at the Columbia Public Library. It was a fun and competitive evening of history, culture and prizes. Sponsors included: BHM Committee, Columbia Honda, Daniel Boone Regional Library, University Libraries, and Paramount Marketing Group.

Check out missouri.edu/blackhistory/ for information about all of the Black History Month events that took place at Mizzou.

Welcome to John Fifield, Special Collections Librarian

The University Libraries are pleased to announce that John Fifield has been hired as special collections librarian. John has a joint Master of Library and Information Science and Graduate Certificate in Book Arts and Book Studies from the University of Iowa and a Bachelor of Music from Oklahoma State University. He is coming to us from the University of Iowa, where he worked as the Robert A. Olson graduate research assistant in special collections and university archives. During his graduate studies at Iowa, John also worked with the Biblioteca del Convento de la Recoleta in Arequipa, Peru.

Missouri Librarians Attend Open Textbook Network Workshop

In summer 2017, MOBIUS joined the Open Textbook Network, an alliance of hundreds of colleges, universities, and consortia partners working together to advance the use of open textbooks in higher education. Textbook affordability is a major concern on college campuses throughout the U.S., and this exciting partnership provides MOBIUS member libraries with support for building sustainable open textbook programs on their campuses.

On Feb. 1, over 60 academic librarians from MOBIUS member colleges and universities across the state of Missouri attended the Open Textbook Network (OTN) workshop held in Columbia, MO. The all-day workshop was led by two OTN staff members, Sarah Cohen and David Ernst, and it covered everything librarians should know about providing Open Educational Resources (OER) workshops for faculty on their campuses. Training topics included strategies for how librarians can increase OER use at colleges and universities and how librarians should approach discussing textbook affordability issues with faculty and other campus stakeholders.

The event was planned and coordinated by the MOBIUS OTN system leaders: Christina Virden,
E-Resources coordinator (MOBIUS) and Grace Atkins, Outreach & OER librarian (University of Missouri –Columbia). System leaders serve as the main point of contact for accessing training and support, MOBIUS specific OTN resources, and data collection on Open Textbook Library adoptions. For more information on the MOBIUS OTN partnership, visit this webpage: mobiusconsortium.org/otn.

Use of Open Educational Resources is continuing to gain momentum in higher education, and it will be interesting to see how Missouri libraries evolve in their OER support and leadership. An OER initiative to watch is the University of Missouri system’s Affordable & Open Educational Resources initiative, which was planned by a task force that included librarians: Grace Atkins, Outreach & OER librarian (University of Missouri – Columbia) and Scott Curtis, Teaching & learning librarian & OER lead (University of Missouri – Kansas City). The OTN resources available through the MOBIUS partnership have provided excellent support for the University of Missouri Libraries’ OER efforts.

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**University of Missouri – Kansas City News**

**Exhibit Commemorates 50th Anniversary of Kansas City Riots**

A new exhibit remembering the 1968 Kansas City race riots is now on display at the UMKC Miller Nichols Library. April 1968: *The Battle Between Us*, uses materials from LaBudde Special Collections and the Marr Sound Archives to create a complex picture of Kansas City during the events of April 9-13, 1968.

**Research Essentials Online Learning Objects Accepted into PRIMO**

The ALA/ACRL librarian community recently recognized one important element of UMKC Libraries’ efforts in information literacy instruction. The online learning materials created in-house for the general education curriculum were accepted into ALA/ACRL Instruction Section’s Peer-Reviewed Instructional Materials Online (PRIMO) project, and added to the PRIMO database.

This is an exciting and well-deserved recognition for the Research Essentials curriculum and the teaching team at UMKC Libraries. The online learning materials are a core part of the Research Essentials learning experience for UMKC undergraduate students in general education classes, and we believe that they are truly excellent - and evidently, the peer reviewers in ALA/ACRL agree!

Students complete the online Research Essentials learning objects corresponding to their general education course level before attending a library instruction session. Each level (100, 200, 300) features a lesson containing a learning path of information literacy topics, and a quiz. The 100 lesson is introductory and focuses on the information cycle as a way of beginning to cover many concepts including authors, audiences, and source types. The 200 lesson focuses on specifics of source types, fundamentals of searching, and source evaluation. The 300 lesson goes further in depth with its treatment of information creators and the research process. Preview all those PRIMO-included learning objects on the Research Essentials Modules page.
“Thumb-body” Loves Them

By Tiffani Stewart

Some of them are slumped in their chairs, half asleep. Some are alert, but wary. Most are quiet, listening, and waiting. Several are young and have disabilities. Many are old. All are in need of assistance and companionship, so they stay at St. Elizabeth’s Adult Day Care Center during the day. The St. Charles City-County Library District provides outreach programming to this facility and many others like it. Today is adult story time at St. Elizabeth’s.

As Emily, an employee in the Extension Services department of the Library, comes in to set up, she talks quietly to a caregiver and puts a music CD in the player. She pulls books, paint, and paper from her bag. She sits, smiles brightly, then asks the circle of adults, “What do you love?

“My family,” one woman says softly.

“I love my family too,” says the man next to her. His legs are covered in an orange afghan.

A young woman replies, “Going out to eat,” in a slurred voice.

Emily asks, “Where do you love to go out to eat?”

“Pasta House.”

“I like the salads at Pasta House,” Emily explains.


Emily continues asking them what they love, then starts a story about a young boy who slowly learns to love his baby sister. She moves on to a story about friends, then stops to stand and hand out egg-shaped objects.

“Is this an emu egg?” asks a man in a wheelchair.

“Not an emu egg,” Emily answers. “It’s a musical instrument called a maraca. Shake it!”

The participants shake their maracas and some of them smile.

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“What do we do with it?” asks one.

“I need some help with this song. We’re going to sing, ‘You Are My Sunshine’,” Emily answers.

She begins shaking her maraca to a beat and the other adults follow—mostly. Men and women around the room jiggle, smack, and rattle their egg-shaped colorful maracas, many to their own beats, but the sound they make is beautiful somehow.

“You are my sunshine, my only sunshine,” Emily sings. The others quickly join in, “You make me happy when skies are grey!”

Those that were quiet or hiding under blankets peek out and perk up. Several join the song. One man who refused to tell the group what he loves hits the maraca against his leg and nods his head to the music.

“You’ll never know, dear, how much I love you…” More voices lift up and the maracas grow louder. Now, just about everyone in the circle is smiling and singing. Heads are nodding in time to the maracas.

“Please don’t take my sunshine away!”

As the song comes to a close, the participants talk animatedly to one another.

“That was a good one!”

“So sweet…”

“It’s a simple song to sing. That’s why I like it.”

Emily starts the music CD and lets the group play their instruments to the Nat King Cole song, “L.O.V.E.” They hear a picture book about the power of community, then create a group Valentine using their thumbprints. Emily reminds them that “thumb-body” loves them, then says goodbye.

She packs up to a chorus of “Goodbye!” and “Thank you!” from the group. They regularly enjoy stories, songs, and the company of others even though they can’t get to the library. An hour of Emily’s time makes a few adults feel loved at St. Elizabeth’s today.

Outreach Services offers programming, “Books to You” delivery, and discussion groups for the homebound. Want to know more? Contact Kristen Sherry at ksherry@stchlibrary.org.
Library Accepts a Challenge: $10,000 in 28 Days

Melissa Adler was named new Development Director for the Library District and immediately jumped in to a big challenge: Raise $10,000 in 28 days. The Community Foundation of the Ozarks, CFO, accepted the Library as one of 10 organizations to take the challenge. If the Library can raise the money for its Laton Endowment, an unrestricted fund held at CFO, will contribute another $5,000 to the Library’s fund. The endowment is a new funding source for the Library; annual disbursements from it can fund a variety of Library programs and needs. The current balance of the endowment is $476,000. To raise the money, Library staff and the Foundation are selling $1 hearts to display at the branches; hosting a wine tasting, a gift basket raffle, Jeans Days and more. a

Mercy Hospital Springfield Donates Historical Archives to Local History

Mercy Hospital Springfield has donated a large portion of its 127-year-old archives to the Library, giving the public easy access to hospital documents and photos that also tell the story of the city’s own history. The collection is housed in the Library Center’s Local History & Genealogy Department in the Library Center. It is available upon request. The collection begins when the Sisters of Mercy arrived in Springfield in 1891. It includes annual reports; scrapbooks created by nurses and other employees; nursing yearbooks, the “Mercian,” from 1965 through 1984; photographs of St. John’s and Mercy buildings; oral history interviews with early hospital staff; and newspaper stories. “For anyone interested in doing research on Mercy or its impact on the community, this is a treasure trove of information,” says Brian Grubbs, Local History & Genealogy Manager. “We are excited to work with Mercy to make this collection available to our patrons and researchers interested in Springfield and the Ozarks.”

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SGF Give 5 Sends Volunteers to Library

The Library Center hosted the first “class” of retirees in the City of Springfield’s Give 5 project on Jan. 10. The project is designed to get Baby Boomers connected and engaged in the community through volunteering. Library staff gave a behind-the-scenes tour of the branch and quick overviews of some new volunteer opportunities. The Library was one of the first agencies to welcome the Give 5-ers. Out of the first class of 25 participants, six signed up for library volunteer work that included photography and marketing.

Summer Reading To Go Wins $19,770 Grant

The Library’s Outreach Services Department was awarded a $19,770 LSTA grant to continue the Summer Reading To Go program for children and teens. The program provides off-site summer reading activities targeting participants of all ages, birth through adult. It focuses on family engagement by providing under-resourced parents and caregivers with strategies and support that will strengthen literacy and other skills necessary for their children’s academic success.
Small Imaginations Gain STEAM Skills

More than 30 children and their families spent a screen-free and imagination-filled afternoon Jan. 13 at the Library Station in the second STEAM Train program focusing on elements of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The children played with Makebos, LEGOs, and K’NEX. With cardboard and Makedos, children made a robot, a Ferris wheel, a dog, an airplane, a slide, and a flying semi truck. A father and daughter spent about an hour putting together a motorcycle out of K’NEX that actually ran.

Ancient Aesop’s Fables Get a New Take

More than 100 people jammed the Library Center auditorium on Jan. 28 to watch Aesop’s Fables played out in hilarious ways by the Bright Star Children’s Touring Theatre. The actors donned a variety of costumes to portray the characters and shared popular tales such as ‘The Lion and the Mouse,’ ‘The Tortoise and the Hare,’ ‘The Fox and the Grapes’ and more. During the retelling of ‘The Boy Who Cried Wolf,’ audience members volunteered to play the sheep, baa-ing and following the directions of their shepherd.

Life Saving AEDs Coming to all Branches

AEDs, or automated external defibrillators, will be installed soon at all 10 library branches and the Friends of the Library sorting room. Planning and Development Librarian Gay Wilson, left, and Heather Putnam, right, with the Zoll company that provided the AEDs, assembled the devices. The AEDs were funded through a grant of $15,000 from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation AED Fund. It provides AEDs to first responders as well as AED/CPR training in communities throughout the country.

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Joplin Public Library News

Promoting Family Engagement Through Storytime

The staff of the Rosemary Titus Reynolds’s Children’s Library at Joplin Public Library are focusing on developing skills to engage families. We are basing our practice on resources from Harvard Family Research Project as well as information found in links from ALA.


Family engagement resources: [http://www.ala.org/search-results?as_q=family%20engagement](http://www.ala.org/search-results?as_q=family%20engagement)

We have discovered the tenets of Family Engagement remain the same in every discipline, including librarianship. Creativity and a little work allow us to apply the ideas of family engagement in our Children’s Library.

As a staff, we are currently building our capacity around Family Engagement during programming by focusing on two things:

1. Setting expectations for Families to participate with children in programming; and
2. Planning opportunities for Family Engagement to happen.

Part of our storytime planning involves team brainstorming around family engagement activities using selected literature. In this picture of a storytime event, Miss Allie is extending the book “Jazz Baby,” by Lisa Wheeler into a Family Engagement opportunity.

Family members are assisting their 2 and 3-year-olds in doing the limbo. As you can see, families are engaged, children are having fun, and our staff has transitioned into the role of facilitator during this interaction. This method allows family members to learn about using play to educate young children and also to practice what they are being taught.

Another very important aspect of our planning is to follow up every storytime event, regardless of planned age of participants, with an optional free-play opportunity. During free-play, the storytime facilitator provides extension opportunities that coordinate with the storytime theme.

Free-play opportunities are based on best practices in early childhood education, help children develop social and emotional skills, and provide our staff the necessary time to talk with families and build relationships beneficial for true family engagement.

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Author Eric Litwin Brings Music and Literacy to St. Joseph Public Library

Eric Litwin performed two shows at the East Hills Library, a branch of the St. Joseph Public Library, in February. Eric is a song singing, guitar strumming, #1 New York Times Best Selling author who brings early literacy and music together. Eric’s performances were dynamic and fully interactive while he shared his NYT Best Selling Pete the Cat books, as well as The Nuts and Groovy Joe. Eric’s appearance was graciously paid for by the Friends of the St. Joseph Public Library.

Patrons of the St. Joseph Public Library enjoy a lively performance by Eric Litwin

Storyteller, Will Stuck, was more than happy about the opportunity to take a selfie and do a pre-show before Eric Litwin’s performance.

Young patron, Grayson Svendsen got his copy of Pete the Cat autographed by Eric Litwin. Grayson is the son of Ross and Anitra Svendsen.
Business Bootcamp for Entrepreneurs

Mid-Continent Public Library’s Square One Small Business Services division, in partnership with the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Platte County Economic Development Council, recently offered Kansas City-area entrepreneurs the chance to expand their tech knowledge and network with other local business professionals during their Small Business Bootcamp: Usable Technology on Friday, January 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Celebration Station in Zona Rosa.

The bootcamp kicked off with coffee and networking, followed by a keynote speech and tech-focused seminars led by local experts. The keynote speech was delivered by Burton Kelso, owner of Integral, a local tech support company, who shared his story of how he became KC’s “go-to IT guy.”

“My vision is to remove the frustrations and complexity of technology and open people up to a world of new ideas, experiences, and opportunities,” said Kelso. “I love technology, and I want to make technology fun and simple for everyone.”

This program was funded by a grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. Learn more about MCPL’s Square One Small Business Services at mymcppl.org/SquareOne.

Celebrating Black History Month

Mid-Continent Public Library once again offered a wide range of programs and performances in honor of Black History Month. Throughout the month of February, the Library’s branches hosted a variety of educational events and displays, including a traveling exhibit on loan from the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City.

The exhibit, They Were All Stars, remembers the 20 players who began their baseball careers in the Negro Leagues before joining Major League Baseball after integration, and were voted or selected to play in an All-Star Game during their careers. The exhibit features large-format, baseball card-style panels with photos, facts, and stats on each player.

Additionally, the Library hosted family-friendly programs like Tales from the Black West, which explored the life and times of the nearly 10,000 African American cowboys and cowgirls of the Old West, and The Story of the Buffalo Soldiers, which shared the history of the African American Buffalo Soldiers and how they distinguished themselves from the American frontier to the battlefields of WWII.

MCPL’s roster of Black History Month programming also included numerous programs for adults including two genealogy courses on tracing African American family history: African American Genealogical Research for Beginners, led by historian and veteran genealogy researcher David W. Jackson, and An Enduring Legacy: Researching Your History to Tell Your Story with the Midwest Afro-American Genealogical Interest Coalition (M.A.G.I.C.).

This year, the Library also added two new programs to its lineup of Black History Month offerings—both centered on renowned scientist and humanitarian George Washington Carver. Park Rangers from the George Washington Carver

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National Monument in Diamond, Missouri, traveled to Kansas City to teach kids and adults about Carver’s life, his efforts to help African American farmers, and his contributions to American society.

Visit mymcpl.org/events to see a full list of programs available at Mid-Continent Public Library.

Exploring the ‘Business of Wine’

Kevin Hodge, of Cellar Rat Wine Merchants, climbs a ladder to reach stacked bottles of wine.

wine and wine grapes have a $1.76 billion impact on the state’s economy.

“Our goal for this program is to educate participants on the local wine industry and to give them some insights on what it takes to be successful in it,” said Fisher.

Business of Wine Panelists included:
- Marc Joseph, Wine Manager at Cellar Rat Wine Merchants
- Kathi Rohlfing, Sales Representative at Pinnacle Imports
- Stephen Gregory, Import Manager for HGC Imports
- Joyce Angelos Walsh, wine judge, writer, and Tasting Room Manager at Vox Vineyards
- James Lowery, Winemaker at KC Wineworks

Following the panel discussion, attendees who were 21 and over had the opportunity to sample products from the panel members. The program was funded by a grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

Learn more about Square One at mymcpl.org/SquareOne.
New Website Launches, New App to Come

Mid-Continent Public Library recently launched a redesigned website developed to provide customers with a better, more efficient user experience within the “virtual branch.” Among the more notable improvements to the website are its responsive design, which makes it more easily readable on mobile devices, as well as users’ ability to customize their own “myLibrary” page based on their home branch, reading preferences, and interests.

For example, parents interested in storytimes for their children can choose “early literacy” as an interest area when selecting their preferences in order to see upcoming storytimes and other family-friendly events listed on their “myLibrary” page. Additionally, the new website has enhanced search capabilities, so users can search the website, the catalog, research databases, and events all at the same time and receive results for all. The Library worked with Interpersonal Frequency, a web development company in the Washington, D.C., area that specializes in developing websites for civic institutions like libraries.

MCPL’s new mobile app, on which the Library has been working with Communico, a library-focused app developer, will be launched in the coming months and will offer the same essential features as the previous Library app but with improved functionality. The app will include access to the Library’s catalog; a list of MCPL locations, hours, and contact information; all the available programs; online resources; and more. In addition, app users will be able to read eBooks through OverDrive Digital Downloads directly from the MCPL app.

The new website and app come on the heels of the Library’s recent overhaul of its online catalog, which was updated last spring. The enhanced catalog allows users to track their reading more easily, create themed lists and review books, and share recommendations with others in the library community. Because the same software is used by several other area libraries, customers who use MCPL’s online catalog can also access the other libraries’ catalogs through a single interface.

The Library’s recent improvements have been made possible by an increase in funding from the passage of Proposition L by voters in November 2016.

Visit mymcpl.org today to check out the new website and to stay updated on the latest news at Mid-Continent Public Library.
Daniel Boone Regional Library News

Melissa Carr’s Retirement Party

Community members and DBRL staff celebrated Library Director Melissa Carr’s 46 years at DBRL during her retirement party on January 12. To show appreciation for all she did to make this library such a great resource for our community, library staff made the event as memorable as possible. The DBRL Book Cart Drill team regrouped for a live performance in the library lobby, culminating with Adult and Community Services manager Angela Scott popping out of a custom-built washing machine, Melissa’s favorite story time prop. After hearing Angela’s inspiring tribute, the microphone was passed to DBRL board member August Nielsen who announced Columbia Mayor’s proclamation to make January 12 Melissa Carr Day in Columbia. Associate Director Elinor Barrett got in on the act with her “Wicked” tribute and bestowed Melissa with numerous original gifts including a paper mache bust of the retiree, an exquisitely crafted rabbit from books and a card catalog recipe box filled with recipes contributed by staff.

You can honor Melissa by donating to the “Melissa Carr Fund for Literacy Through the Arts,” established by the DBRL Foundation, to help the library expand its arts and literacy programming. For more information, check out [http://dbrl.me/lg](http://dbrl.me/lg).

May the Force Be With You

In December, DBRL hosted two programs for kids and teens to celebrate the release of “Star Wars: The Last Jedi.” We invited youth ages 10 and older to our “Jedi Training Academy” where they got to test their minds, bodies and their abilities to use the Force. They crafted their own lightsabers and learned the basics from trained Jedi Masters.

DBRL also hosted “All Hands-on Tech: LED Lightsaber Cards” where kids got to create their own LED-powered lightsaber cards. While these youths started out as mere Padawans, they became full-fledged Jedi by the time they completed our programs.

DBRL Adds More Than 30,000 Titles With Kanopy

DBRL introduced the new online service Kanopy, an on-demand video streaming service where patrons can view over 30,000 films and videos on any device. Offering what The New York Times calls “a garden of cinematic delights,” Kanopy showcases award-winning documentaries and acclaimed films, rare and hard-to-find titles, and classic feature films with collections from Criterion, PBS, The Great Courses and Janus Films. New films are added weekly.

Kanopy provides DBRL patrons access to films of unique social and cultural value, films that are often difficult or impossible to access elsewhere, and programming that features diversity with a wide array of foreign language films and films on current affairs.
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