President’s Message

Prior to this year’s ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C., MLA members gathered early on the morning of June 19 to start a full day of advocacy on Capitol Hill. We met with all of our Missouri legislators to share library stories about all types and sizes of libraries from across the state. Giving recent examples of our many opportunities and challenges, we thanked our legislators and asked for continued support of LSTA funding.

Advocacy work is never a sprint; it is always a marathon that begins anew each legislative fiscal year.

Special thanks go to our MLA Legislative Chair, Dan Brower, who coordinated our day. His work with our Legislative Committee this year made a true impact. And thanks to those committee members and MLA members who reached out and advocated on behalf of our libraries throughout this year.

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(top, left) MLA members Jim Staley, Dan Brower, Michelle Ridlen, Jordan Gloyd, Christa Van Herreweghe, Peggy Ridlen, Megan Maurer, and April Roy (bottom, left) visiting representatives on Capitol Hill.
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A Report From Your ALA Councilor

Hello MLA Members,

The American Library Association Council conducts the business of the association, which amounts to many meetings, resolutions, and reports.

One of the highlights for me this year was to hear that our very own Pamela (Pam) Klipsch, Director of Jefferson County Library in High Ridge, Missouri was awarded the Freedom to Read Foundation Roll of Honor Award. Many know Pam for her many roles within MLA. She was recognized for her work behind the scenes in 2014. At that time, Pam worked with the Missouri Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) and she successfully persuaded State Representative, John McCaherty to sponsor a bill in the Missouri House of Representatives that extended the protections of Missouri’s state library records law to library users’ personally identifiable information. Her work is considered the gold standard of library patron confidentiality legislation. The Freedom to Read Foundation was founded fifty years ago by members of the American Library Association who wanted to defend the First Amendment and help librarians who faced loss of employment and worse as a consequence of their support for intellectual freedom. Since it reported that once every chapter held membership, but today membership has dwindled to one, I want to recommend that MLA become a member of the Freedom to Read Foundation.

During ALA we received an update on the Executive Director search and hope to have a new ED in place by the end of Mid-Winter 2020. The Steering Committee on Organizational Effectiveness held many sessions to talk about how the association might look in the future. As a result of the steering committees efforts talks are underway for the merger of several divisions: the Association of Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS), Library & Information Technology Association (LITA), and Library Leadership & Management Association (LLAMA). I am sure many other items will be reported on in forthcoming ALA news.

It has been my honor to represent Missouri during the American Library Association (ALA) Council meeting for the past three years. Now, I am retiring and hope to see you at a future MLA meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie D. Tolson, ALA Chapter Councilor for Missouri

Missouri Evergreen News

Missouri Evergreen continues to grow! Keller Public Library, Putnam County Library, and Brookfield Public Library bring the number of member libraries to 51. Seymour Community Library went live on Evergreen on June 10, and will be followed by Heartland Regional Library on July 24 and Montgomery City Public Library in October.

Several staff members from consortium libraries, as well as the MOBIUS Evergreen staff, attended the Evergreen International Conference in Valley Forge, PA in April. Missouri Evergreen conducted its annual business meeting on June 6 in Joplin, before the Missouri Public Library Directors’ meeting. The membership approved new Executive Board members, and the Executive Board chose officers for the next year. Other reports and discussion ensued on business relevant to the consortium.

Missouri Evergreen is in its seventh year and comprises 51 member systems—44 live on Evergreen—representing almost 120 locations, containing more than 3.2 million items and over 640,000 patrons. Missouri Evergreen is still accepting new members and hopes you will join this wonderful resource-sharing consortium!

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.
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Missouri State Library - Wolfner

New Wolfner Library Director—Leslie Bowman

Wolfner Library is thrilled to announce the appointment of the next Director, Leslie Bowman. Leslie has a wealth of experience and has served students and library patrons in a variety of settings.

Since 2015, Leslie has served as Director for the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. At that library, in Baltimore’s historic and cultural Mount Vernon district, Leslie led a staff of 26, managed a 55,000 square foot, 5-level building, and exercised fiscal management of a $2.5 million budget. Leslie built a strong team focused on customer service. The Maryland Library Association recognized those efforts by awarding her library with the 2018 President’s Award for Customer Service. During her tenure, she managed a major renovation including many technology and IT infrastructure upgrades. As Maryland’s Deputy State Librarian, she also provided support to Maryland’s public libraries in developing improved and innovative library services for persons with disabilities and oversaw the Maryland Accessible Textbook program.

Luckily for Missourians, Leslie and her husband are excited to relocate to be nearer to their two sons and their families.

A hearty welcome to Leslie who recently joined the Wolfner Library staff on June 17, 2019.

Announcing Book Club Kits

Book Club Kits are a new service offered by Wolfner Library. These kits, which will circulate to care facilities and senior centers, will include copies of the books on cartridge, discussion and activity guides in both large print and braille, and tactile and other sensory elements. Some kits will also include large print copies of the book, music and/or descriptive DVDs. These kits were made possible with a Literacy Grant from The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and the hard work of Adult Services Librarian Amy Nickless and Institutions Reader Advisor Meghan McCormack.

Fourteen kits are now available, with more to debut over the coming year. Featured titles include, but are not limited to, Circling the Sun by Paula McLain, The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson, Harry Truman’s Excellent Adventure by Matthew Algeo, and The Invention of Wings by Susan Monk Kidd.

Wolfner Library Fall Book Club Selections:

August:
Aug. 15 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads (fiction): The Dovekeepers by Alice Hoffman
Aug. 22 at 2 p.m. Good Books (mild reads): Animal Farm by George Orwell
Aug. 29 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas (nonfiction): The Bonehunter’s Revenge: Dinosaurs, Greed, and the Greatest Scientific Feud of the Gilded Age by David Rains Wallace

September:
Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads: The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare
Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. Good Books: “I Am Man:” Chief Standing Bear’s Journey for Justice by Joe Starita
Sept. 26 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: The Assassin’s Accomplice: Mary Surratt and the Plot to Kill Abraham Lincoln by Kate Clifford Larson

October:
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Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: The Train to Crystal City: FDR’s Secret Prisoner Exchange Program and America’s Only Family Internment Camp During World War II by Jan Jarboe Russell

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Wolfner Library New Patron Workshop

On Aug. 8 from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Adult Services Librarian Amy Nickless and Reader Advisor and BARD Specialist Brandon Kempf will be hosting the inaugural New Patron Workshop on the Wolfner Library conference call line. This workshop will include an overview of WolfPAC and the variants of BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) and provides an opportunity for patrons to ask questions. Registration is limited to 25 participants.

Going forward, a New Patron Workshop will be offered on a quarterly basis with dates announced in the Wolfner News newsletter and online at https://www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/programming/workshops. While targeted to new patrons and their caregivers, all patrons are welcome to participate if they are new to using BARD or WolfPAC or are just interested in learning more. As long as room is available, library staff statewide are also welcome to participate and learn more.

University of Central Missouri News

Burress, King Recognized by American Library Association During National Conference

Rene Burress, a University of Central Missouri faculty member, and Matthew (Matt) King, a graduate student at UCM, were honored by the oldest library association in the world, the American Library Association, during the group’s 2019 national conference, June 20-25 in Washington, D.C.

Burress is an assistant professor and coordinator of the Library and Information Services (LIS) program at UCM. She was honored as recipient of the ALA Jesse H. Shera Award for research design of her doctoral dissertation, which she worked on as a Ph.D. candidate at Emporia State University, Kansas. King, is employed at Discovery Elementary School in the Orchard Farm School District in St. Charles, Missouri and is pursuing an Education Specialist in Human Services/Learning Resources at UCM. He was one of 50 individuals recognized as an “ALA Emerging Leader.”

According to information released by the ALA, Burress’ dissertation is titled “School Libraries and Every Student Succeeds Act: A Qualitative Study.” The goal of this study is to provide an understanding of the decision-making processes related to the ESSA and plans at both the state and local levels to provide information that will assist school library interest groups in future lobbying and advocacy efforts.

Burress’ case study approach gathers data from ESSA plans, stakeholder feedback, and interviews with school library leaders. It employs Herbert Simon’s theory of bounded reality and Ronald Cervero and Arthur Wilson’s planning theory to examine state and local administrators’ decision-making and planning processes and practices related to their inclusion or exclusion in ESSA proposals for school library and school librarian funding.

Burress completed much of the preliminary research needed to ensure a successful study, according to ALA. It also notes, “This timely research has the potential to make an important impact on our profession.”

As a member of the 2019 Class of Emerging Leaders, King was the only representative of the class from Missouri. He joined other Emerging Leaders to participate in a daylong session that took place during the ALA 2019 Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, Washington. This session included orientation and training, and was followed with an online learning and networking opportunity for six months. The program culminated with a poster session at the ALA 2019 annual conference in which Emerging Leaders showcased the results of their project planning efforts. Emerging Leaders commit to taking part in all aspects of the program and have an opportunity to serve on an ALA division, chapter, roundtable, or affiliate committee or workgroup upon completion. King expects to graduate from UCM at the end of the fall 2019 semester.

The ALA was founded in 1876, and about 16,000 members attended the June conference. In fulfilling its mission, ALA is committed to providing “leadership for the development, promotion and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order too enhance learning and ensure access to information for all.”

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 member, 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

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Internet Librarian 2019 Offers Discount to Amigos Members

Attending the Internet Librarian 2019 conference October 21-23 in Monterey, CA? Register through Amigos Library Services and save on the early bird registration fee! Amigos members who register by September 20 are eligible for a registration discount. To receive this discount, members must. Complete discount and registration details are available at www.amigos.org/node/2036.

New Vendor Partner RedLink Welcomes Amigos Members with Exclusive Webinar and Discounts

RedLink’s Library Dashboard helps a library eliminate the need to manually gather usage statistics for electronic content that you own or have on subscription. We would like to give our members a chance to learn more about this product by attending a demonstration webinar. Amigos members are eligible for a special discount on Library Dashboard until the end of the year! If you are interested in a quote or would like to register for an upcoming RedLink Library Dashboard webinar, please contact Ashley Brizuela!

Free Makerspace Planning Guide and Engaging Makerspace Products from Demco

So, you’ve decided to create a makerspace, but what comes next? Figuring out how it’s going to look can be a challenge. Demco’s free guide makes it easy to visualize your new space and choose the right furniture to meet the needs of your users. Learn about items to engage your makers and how to get the special discount code here. Stay tuned for more summer offers coming soon!

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ICE Publishing Makes Available Several Award-Winning Papers

As the most comprehensive online engineering resources in the world, ICE Publishing offers international insight and vision at the intersection of scientific disciplines. They provide content that students, researchers, and practitioners need in the fields of civil engineering, construction, and materials science. Learn more about ICE Publishing in their Watch & Win video originally made available exclusively to Amigos Annual Online Conference attendees.

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The Geological Society of London is a global leader in Earth and Environmental Science publishing and the UK national society for geosciences. They are the oldest geological society in the world, and today are a world-leading communicator of Earth science through scholarly publishing, library, and information servicing cutting-edge scientific conferences, educational activities, and outreach. View their new papers and current discounts today.

Continuing Education Opportunities

Know & Go Updates

Know & Go’s are part of a series of informative web sessions covering topics of current interest. Designed for group participation, they are FREE for Amigos members and only $35 for non-members, Know & Go Updates are presented online on Monday afternoons from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Register today!

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The big bookmobile started making two new stops in the Columbia area on Wednesday, May 15. From 11 a.m.-2 p.m., the bookmobile parked off Grindstone in the Kohl’s parking lot, 1010 E Green Meadows Road. Later in the day, the bookmobile traveled north of I-70 to the north location of Moser’s Foods at 4840 Rangeline Street and was there from 3:30-6:30 p.m. During the six-month trial period, the bookmobile will visit these locations on the first and third Wednesdays of every month.

“When the bookmobile became available on Wednesdays, during the time it used to visit Holts Summit, we looked for underserved populations in our service area,” said Abbey Rimel, the outreach manager at the Daniel Boone Regional Library. “The larger the Columbia metro area becomes, the harder it is for people to make a quick run to the library. So, it makes sense to serve Columbia residents who live and work outside the immediate vicinity of our downtown location.” The new Holts Summit Public Library that opened in early March replaced the bookmobile stops in that community.

People seemed excited about having the bookmobile closer to their area and we expect numbers to grow over the next few months.

New Passport Services at the Callaway County & Columbia Libraries

We’re now offering passport services at two of our locations: the Columbia Public Library and the Callaway County Public Library in Fulton. U.S. citizens planning international travel may apply for a new passport any day the library is open. Walk-ins are welcome at the Columbia Public Library. At the Callaway County Public Library, people need to schedule an appointment in advance by calling (573) 642-7261. Both libraries are also set up to provide the passport photos. The library does not do passport renewals.

For passport hours at each library, application forms, documentation required, fees and other information, visit www.dbrl.org/passport-services.
Jefferson County Library Director Receives National Award

Jefferson County Library Director Pam Klipsch is the recipient of the 2019 Roll of Honor Award from the Freedom to Read Foundation. The Foundation is a sister organization of the American Library Association that focuses on legal and educational efforts in support of the First and Fourth Amendment rights of free expression, free inquiry and privacy related to libraries and library users.

The award was presented on June 21 at the Opening General Session of the 2019 American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

The award honors Klipsch as a champion of intellectual freedom throughout her 37-year career in public libraries in Illinois and Missouri; for her work with the Illinois Library Association and the Missouri Library Association; and at the national level, for her leadership in the Freedom to Read Foundation and the American Library Association.

For almost twenty years, Klipsch has been active in the Missouri Library Association, serving as chair of the MLA Intellectual Freedom Committee, MLA Chapter Councilor and currently as a member of the MLA Legislative Committee. In 2014, as part of her work with the Missouri Legislative Committee, she partnered with then State Representative John McCaherty, to sponsor a bill in the Missouri House of Representatives that extended Missouri’s state library records law to protect the confidentiality of library patrons’ personally identifiable information and of the electronic content they access through their library’s portal, even when that access is authenticated by third party vendors. The bill, which became law in August 2014, for the first time put teeth in this protection of library patrons’ confidentiality by allowing any person whose confidentiality is violated to bring suit in the county in which the library is located to recover damages, and the court may add punitive damages. Missouri’s library records law is now considered “the gold standard” of library patron confidentiality law according to the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom.

At the national level, Klipsch is a long-time member of the Freedom to Read Foundation and has faithfully attended its semi-annual board meetings for almost four decades. She served on the FTRF Board of Trustees from 2008-2010 and again from 2015-2017.

Former FTRF Board of Trustees President Martin Garnar stated, “Pam is always fully engaged in board discussions and activities, and we benefit from her insightful comments based on her long years of experience with intellectual freedom issues.”

In addition to her work with FTRF, Klipsch has been ever present with other intellectual freedom components of the library world. She has been a member of the ALA Intellectual Freedom Round Table (IFRT), serving multiple terms as a board member, chair, and as the first IFRT Counselor from 2000-2003. She has served numerous terms on the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, chairing it from 2015-2017. She has authored and edited many interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights, best practices statements used as policy models throughout the library profession. She was particularly instrumental in the creation of “Equity, Diversity, Inclusion: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights,” approved by ALA Council in June 2017. As a five-term ALA Council member, she helped the ALA policy-making body work through many difficult intellectual freedom issues.

“I am honored and humbled to accept this award,” Klipsch said, “not least because so many of the past recipients are people I have known and respected throughout my career. It is satisfying to know that I have given something of value back to the profession I love.”

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Jefferson County Circuit Court Archival Project Highlights Jefferson County History Center at Jefferson College Library

As part of a four-year process in cooperation with the Jefferson County Circuit Court and the Jefferson College Library, the Missouri Secretary of State’s Local Records Program recently completed an intensive effort to digitize and archive numerous 19th century Jefferson County Circuit Court case files.

Led by Missouri Secretary of State Field Archivist Bill Glankler and Assistant Director of Library Services Joette Klein, volunteers began processing the case files in August 2015 by working to prepare the files for preservation imaging.

Processing the records included unfolding, flattening, cleaning, arranging and describing nearly 3,000 files. The project comprises approximately 20 cubic feet of records, totaling over 2,000 volunteer work hours. Archiving was performed at the Jefferson County History Center located in the Jefferson College Library in Hillsboro and continued for over a year in temporary spaces during a total renovation of the Jefferson College Library. The original records will be stored in the Jefferson County History Center and available for public viewing and access. Digital access to the records will eventually be available through the Missouri Digital Heritage website.

The collection is a valuable source for genealogical and historical research. The earliest file dates to 1820, shortly after the creation of Jefferson County. The collection provides insights about the social, political, and economic relationships in the county throughout the 19th century. The majority of the cases are about debt and real estate and offer researchers a valuable tool in understanding the 19th century economy and property rights, as well as important clues for genealogists. The cases also involve other topics such as slavery, personal relationships, the Civil War in Missouri, and criminal activity.

The Jefferson College Library, which is open to the public, recently underwent a $5 million renovation, including an expanded Jefferson County History Center Archives storage facility and a History Center research room. Appointments are required to use the files and receive assistance from Ms. Klein.

Contact Joette Klein, Assistant Director of Library Services, for information about the Jefferson County History Center collections. 636-481-3161 jklein1@jeffco.edu or https://libguides.jeffco.edu/history_center.
Caroline Fraser Presents in Jefferson County

Jefferson County Library and Jefferson College Library are partnering to bring this celebrated Pulitzer Prize winning author to our community on October 16 and 17. All events are free and open to the public. #jcoprairie
Mid-Continent Public Library

Library Breaks Ground on East Lee’s Summit Branch

Mid-Continent Public Library broke ground in Lee’s Summit, Mo., on May 10, marking the start of construction on a brand-new branch—its third in the city. Acquired by the Library in September 2018, the property where the new branch will reside is located at SE Battery Drive and SE Blue Parkway (across from the Addington Place retirement community at 2160 SE Blue Parkway). The ceremony included remarks from Library leaders as well as local officials.

The new East Lee’s Summit Branch, as it will be known, will offer a wide array of amenities and upgraded technology throughout the 18,500-square-foot building, including:

- Community programming room for classes and forums
- Enclosed meeting/study rooms
- Designated teen area
- Children’s area—the “Richard and Deborah Link Learning Center” (dedicated to the prior owners who generously donated a portion of the property)

Construction of the East Lee’s Summit Branch is scheduled to be complete by mid-2020, and the two current MCPL branches in Lee’s Summit—off Oldham Parkway and Colbern Road—will remain open as it is built. Keep tabs on this project at mymcpl.org/Community.

Plans Unveiled for New Liberty Branch Building

On the evening of May 16, Mid-Continent Public Library held a community program where it unveiled its construction plans for its new Liberty Branch, which will replace the current branch located at 1000 Kent Street, Liberty, Mo. The new building will be located approximately a mile south on a six-acre property on the east side of Withers Road near the Liberty Community Center.

This new property, which the Library purchased earlier this year, will eventually become home to an 18,500-square-foot branch with a variety of upgraded amenities, including a community programming room for classes and forums, enclosed meeting/study rooms, and teen and children’s areas. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in late 2019, and the current Liberty Branch will remain open throughout construction.

Renderings of the new Liberty Branch building as well as a virtual tour can be found at mymcppl.org/Community.

New App Launched

MCPL is proud to announce the launch of a brand-new app for Library customers! Starting June 6, the Mid-Continent Public Library app became available for download from app stores completely free of charge. The new app allows users to browse items such as books, movies, and music in the online catalog and place holds; view and register for library events; access their MCPL accounts and pay fines; and even bring up a digital version of their Library card to scan during checkout at their local branch! Download "Mid-Continent Public Library" to your mobile device today!

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Farview Neighborhood Library Serves Independence Residents

In partnership with the Fort Osage School District and the Community Services League, the Library has opened a new service location on the east side of Independence off 24 Highway (18109 E 12th St N, Independence, MO 64056). Formerly known as the Early Childhood Center for the Fort Osage School District, the building has been renovated to convert the space into a joint food pantry and library, which will be known as the Farview Neighborhood Library and Food Pantry.

The Library’s space will include a collection of materials, including books, movies, and music; public computers and high-speed Wi-Fi; collaboration rooms; and an area where storytimes will be held. Just like MCPL’s other service locations, customers will be able to reserve materials through the online catalog and pick them up at the Farview Neighborhood Library.

Springfield-Greene County Library District News

Sarah Bean Thompson named to 2021 Newbery Committee

Sarah Bean Thompson, Library Center Youth Services Manager, was elected to the 2021 Newbery Committee. She will serve with 14 other librarians throughout the year in 2020 to choose the Newbery Medal for the most distinguished book for children. It will involve a lot of reading, as the award is for books for children birth–age 14, Sarah says. The committee spends the year evaluating books and discussing them with each other to choose the winner. “Past committees have read around 1,000 books! It is a huge honor to be chosen to be on the committee and I can’t wait to be part of it.”

Branch Manager to Head Joplin Public Library

Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Manager Jeana Gockley has been named director of the Joplin Public Library. She previously was director of the McDonald County Library and a children’s librarian at Joplin Public.
Missouri River Regional Library News

Creating a Space For The Community After A Disaster

This Spring, Missouri River Regional Library (MRRL) was thrilled to be selected as one of two locations for Grow With Google Missouri. “The” Google was coming to Jefferson City to train area nonprofits, small businesses, job seekers, and students.

However, on May 22, 2019 a tornado touched down in Jefferson City, MO, causing destruction and chaos throughout the community. While MRRL was not hit, our neighbors a block away were. The Governor and law enforcement asked for members of the community to stay off the roads. At this point, we knew that our Grow With Google event had to be cancelled. The production company had set up everything the day before, and now would have to take it all down without the event happening. Any event planner would understand how frustrating this was, however, the library staff (and Google) were able to take the situation and help our neighbors in a new way.

The catering that was planned for the event was set up, and we were able to feed members of the community who were without power, as well as our neighbors who were busy cleaning up. Google staff stayed on hand in the morning to do one-on-one trainings with participants who arrived before hearing about the cancellation. But there was so much more that we were able to do that solidified our commitment to the community.

And it is as simple as this: we opened our doors. This sounds like a small thing, and we have no doubt that any other library would have done the exact same thing, but by opening our doors we provided a safe place with electricity, internet access, food, and community. One member of the community needed a place to plug in her oxygen machine until electricity was restored in her apartment. Another needed to start making phone calls to his insurance company. Many people just wanted a space to gather and tell their story. We often say that we are the community’s living room, but on this day, we truly felt like it.

Finally, we communicated with our community. Our Facebook page became a hub of important information, from how to navigate the closed roads to where food was available to shelter information to how to volunteer. Our community knew they could trust us, and they knew that they were getting accurate information from us.

Days after the disaster, we began a community lost and found. Members of the community who found pictures and other keepsake memorabilia in the cleanup efforts were able to bring it to the library. We partnered with the local newspaper who posted the pictures on their website, and several local media outlets covered it to bring awareness to the efforts.

We all know that a library is not “just a place for books,” but in the aftermath of a crisis, we got a chance to show it. It reminded us to open our doors, help our neighbors, and provide a safe space for community for everyone.
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