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## The Value of Your Association: Defending Libraries, Protecting Freedom of Information

Over the years, I've heard a view occasionally expressed that "MLA is mainly about conference." While annual conference is certainly a central event and an annual highlight that we all eagerly anticipate (**St. Louis, Oct. 2-4!**), the events of early 2013 clearly demonstrate that membership in the Missouri Library Association is about a whole lot more. Your MLA membership is your voice for defending libraries and freedom of information throughout Missouri.

As you probably know by now, MLA has taken a strong stance on two separate events impacting libraries in our state: 1) A book challenge at a middle school library, initiated by the school's own principal, and 2) The Missouri Secretary of State's plans to eliminate 13 positions and 75 percent of the e-resource budget for state agency, employee and legislator use at the State Library without any opportunity for input from constituents and users.

The first issue has been successfully resolved. MLA, the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), and ALA issued a jointly signed letter on Feb. 15 urging the Dallas County R-I School Board to reconsider its intentions to remove "Intensely Alice" by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (2009) from the Buffalo Prairie Middle School Library. The Missouri Association of School Librarians (MASL) issued a press release on the same day adding their support for the joint statement against the book's removal. As a direct result of these collaborative advocacy efforts, a committee consisting of the school's librarian, assistant principal, four teachers and two parents voted to keep the "Alice" series on the shelves. Kudos to MLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee for their role in this important victory for unfettered access to information!

The second issue is ongoing as I write this column. Scores of protest letters have been sent to Secretary of State Kander, including communications from MLA, ALA, MASL, Missouri Public Library Directors (MPLD), the MOBIUS Consortium, Mid-Continent Public Library, the Mid-America Library Alliance (MALA), and many more libraries and individuals. They all express a unified, deep concern that such severe cuts in State Library personnel and resources could be undertaken without first consulting the libraries and library users that rely upon them. The library community has had two face-to-face opportunities to express their concern to the Secretary of State: on April 22 (with representatives of MLA, MPLD, MOBIUS, and the Secretary's Advisory Council) and on May 3 (Secretary's Advisory Council meeting), but have thus far not been able to alter his intended course of action. Rest assured that your association is committed to the long haul on this issue of paramount concern to all of us.



President Carol Smith and Membership Committee Chair (and Past-President) Sharon McCaslin (and husband Stanley) hosting MLA's booth at the Missouri Association of School Librarians (MASL) Spring Conference at Lake Ozark on April 14, 2013.

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## MLA 2013 Conference Update

The MLA 2013 Conference Planning Committee has been busy getting all of the arrangements in place for the October conference. With this issue we are happy to announce the registration rates for conference attendees which are:

### Early Bird Conference Registration Rates

Full Conference Member Rate: \$105  
Full Conference Non-member Rate: \$175  
Full Conference Student Rate: \$50  
Full Conference Library Trustee/Friend Rate: \$70  
One Day Member Rate: \$55  
One Day Non-member Rate: \$125  
Trade Show Only Pass: \$10

### Regular Rates and During Conference

Full Conference Member Rate: \$140  
Full Conference Non-member Rate: \$200  
Full Conference Student Rate: \$85  
Full Conference Library Trustee/Friend Rate: \$105  
One Day Member Rate: \$90  
One Day Non-member Rate: \$150  
Trade Show Only Pass: \$10

Early bird conference registration is scheduled to begin in June. Hotel registration will open the same date as early bird conference registration. The nightly conference hotel rate is \$99, which is a great price for a wonderful location with free wireless, complimentary parking, a fitness center, and surrounded by great restaurants and activities.

Also the Conference Planning Committee has developed several great opportunities for vendors to participate in the Annual Conference and the prospectus will be released soon.

Currently the slate of programs is being selected from the more than 100 submissions received from all across the state, so be on the lookout for the upcoming release of the Preliminary Conference Schedule.

The Conference Planning Committee still needs your help so don't forget to:

- Sign up to volunteer at the 2013 MLA Annual Conference
- Plan to attend the 2013 Annual Conference at the Sheraton Westport Chalet!

Please contact the Conference Co-Coordinators Candice Oliver and Christina Pryor if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you in October!

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## May 2013 Featured Librarian—Dean Hargett



Dean Hargett— Acquisition Librarian, State Historical Society

**First, please tell us a little bit about yourself: Name, employment & current responsibilities, education, etc.:**

I moved with my family to Columbia in 1996 so my wife and I could attend graduate school. My daughter was born in 1999. I received my library degree in 2000 after four years of part-time school at the University of Missouri.

After starting as a student employee at the State Historical Society in the fall of 1996, I joined the full-time staff in May 1997 working in the Newspaper Library. I moved into the acquisition librarian position in 1999. My job is basically: Get New Stuff. That could be accepting gifts of materials of all kinds, buying new books from university presses and hunting down obscure, short-run titles or other items or Missouri state government documents. I am also responsible for finding periodicals and serials. While the society concentrates on history-based sources, the collection has journals from many of the huge variety of organizations in Missouri; medical societies, environmental groups, accountants etc.

Recently I took over responsibility for cataloging the collections at the society. That has been a great learning experience, and were it not for Peggy Platner, our former staff and current volunteer cataloger, I would be really swamped with that job alone.

**Q1: When did you decide that you wanted to be a librarian?**

My father was a librarian for a time, and though he wasn't in the profession long, he should have been. His work in the library at Niles College in Illinois made a big impression on me, so the idea of being a librarian has always been in the foreground of my options. In fact the closed stacks room here smells like the library he was in and that always brings back memories.

**Q2: What do you like most about being an acquisitions specialist?**

Unwrapping new materials. It makes every day a bit like Christmas. Being able to accept donations in person from someone who has written a book, be it a personal or family history, a history of their town or whatever the topic, is also nice. They are always excited to get their work in the State Historical Society and I can tell they are proud of their effort.

Cataloging is very different than the rest of the work I do. Describing and classifying an item can be very interesting. It's often like solving a puzzle which has a logical solution and that is satisfying as well.

**Q3: What do you think are the biggest challenges in working in a State Historical Society/ State Historical Society Library or working as an acquisitions specialist?**

Saying no to a potential donor is probably the hardest thing. Not everything that comes across my desk, so to speak, is a good fit for the collection. Just because it's old doesn't make it worth keeping in the collection and sometimes that is hard for individuals to understand when they start the conversation with, "I got this old book..." Having a good collection policy makes that easier.

**Q5: Why are you involved in the Missouri Library Association?**

I thought it would be a good idea to connect with my fellow librarians. Not only does being a member keep me informed of library activities in the state but it feels good to be part of the larger library world. It would be all too easy to sit in my office day after day, in my own little world, and not be exposed to the larger library community.

## Show and Tell: Sharing What's Happening @ Your Library

*This is a new feature of MO INFO where you are invited to share what's new, interesting and wonderful happening at your library. It can be a great book recently acquired, an innovative service available to your patrons or even a new piece of equipment. Nothing is too big or too small to shout about!*

### Catherine Scott Reading Room and Renovation Project Recognition at the Boonslick Regional Library



The Boonslick Regional Library Board of Trustees is pleased to recognize the dedication and devotion expressed by one of its earliest employees, Catherine Scott. She was hired in October 1953 and retired in November 2004. During that time, she was very active in the life of the library. She cataloged, worked in the bookmobile and in circulation, and even took care of Felicia, the library cat.

Catherine Scott was very talented and loved anything related to Boonslick Regional Library and the "ARTS". At her passing, she left the library \$172, 775.52. It was decided to create a reading room in her honor and memory.

In 2012, Septagon Construction was selected to complete the first phase of the Catherine Scott Reading and Renovation Project with a bid of \$110,958. Entrances and walls were moved, carpet and light fixtures were replaced, and walls were painted. Phase two of the project included the purchase of furniture, pendant lighting and signage. Children participated in the project by painting book characters on ceramic tiles. The tiles were installed around the elevator on the main floor. The renovated area was reopened on Aug. 10, 2012.

Boonslick Regional Library will recognize this wonderful gift and celebrate Catherine Scott's 60 years of service on April 21, 2013 from 2-4 p.m. at 219 West Third, in Sedalia. Everyone is invited to attend this historic event!



### Chabha Tepe Receives 2013 EBSCO/MLA Annual Meeting Grant

Chabha Tepe, Logan LRC director, is a 2013 recipient of the EBSCO/MLA Annual Meeting Grant for her contributions and achievements in the health information profession. Chabha was awarded \$1,000 in travel and conference-related expenses and was honored at an awards luncheon at the Medical Library Association annual meeting, on May 6, 2013 in Boston.

### Beth Brendler joins Library & Information Science Program Faculty

The University of Missouri's School of Information Science & Learning Technologies is pleased to announce the appointment of a new tenure-track faculty member, Beth Brendler, to the Library & Information Science Program. Beth will begin in the Fall 2013

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## ALA Councilor Report

### 2013 State of America's Libraries Report

Libraries continue to respond to the needs of their communities even as budgets are reduced, speaking out against attempts to restrict access and advocating for free access to digital content in libraries, with a focus on e-books.

Libraries offer resources often unavailable anywhere else during an economic "recovery" that counts about 12 million Americans still unemployed and millions more underemployed. And the library community continues to rally support for school libraries, which seem destined to bear the brunt of federal budget sequestration.

These and other library trends of the past year are detailed in the ALA's 2013 State of America's Libraries Report released during National Library Week, April 14 – 20.

But libraries also are changing in ways that reach beyond economics and the digital revolution to embrace community relationships, user expectations, library services, physical space, library leadership and the library workforce.

Other key trends identified in the 2013 State of America's Libraries Report:

- Changes in technology and social networking are accelerating, and libraries maintain their role as technology leaders — not in being first adopters, but in being early users of effective technologies.
- Academic librarians are helping students acquire critical thinking skills: how to analyze information and apply it to new situations, reflect on what they know, identify what they still need to learn and sort through contradictory arguments.
- Despite the sputtering economy, library construction continued in 2012, concrete evidence that libraries still bring solid economic dividends to the communities they serve. The trend toward renovation, as opposed to new construction, was particularly striking.
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The full text of the 2013 State of America's Libraries Report is available at <http://tinyurl.com/sahr2013>.

### FY14 Federal Budget Proposal Includes Small Increase for LSTA

The Obama Administration released its budget proposal for the 2014 fiscal year, including \$177 million for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) administered by the Institute of Museum and Libraries Services. The budget request is approximately a 1.16 percent increase over funding enacted by Congress in the FY2013 continuing resolution (after sequestration).

In response to President Obama's 2014 budget request, ALA President Maureen Sullivan thanked the president and the White House Office of Management and Budget for recognizing that libraries are contributing to the economic recovery in their local communities. Sullivan pointed out that the proposed \$2 million increase in LSTA funding, while a step in the right direction, still is well below the amount of federal assistance that libraries received in FY2012. She said she hopes that the Obama administration will provide libraries with even more support in the future.

### Council Issues at Chicago Conference in June

The Social Responsibilities Round Table resolution calling on the ALA Endowment Trustees to divest from funds supporting fossil fuels in favor of renewable energy sources, which was presented at the Midwinter Council in Seattle, was referred to the Executive Board and the Budget Analysis & Review Committee for fiscal implications. There should be a report back at council in Chicago in June. We were given to understand after Midwinter that the endowment trustees were already studying this issue in relation to their investment strategy before the resolution came up.

Over a period of several months after Midwinter there was considerable comment on the council e-list about the issue of size of council and how this is perceived by some as an impediment to Council's efficient function. Sean Reinhart, the chapter councilor from California, in particular was persistent in asserting that council is dysfunctional and inefficient because there are too many at-large members. He also asserted that there are too many candidates running for councilor at-large positions, and the number of candidates discourages people from voting. Other councilors argued that reducing representation on council would disenfranchise many ALA members, discourage diversity and stifle debate. Several pointed out that all chapters do not include all types of libraries/

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## Missouri Evergreen Update



Exciting things continue to happen with Missouri Evergreen! Despite some snowstorms, Howard County Library went live on the system on March 26, bringing the number of “live” Missouri Evergreen libraries to 10. Neosho-Newton County Library goes live in May, and Little Dixie Regional Libraries go live in June. Caruthersville Public Library and Ozark Regional Library have joined the consortium, bringing our member library systems up to 18. Resource sharing among libraries in the consortium has grown by leaps and bounds!

Missouri Evergreen membership held its bimonthly meeting by conference call in early April. April 9-14, Missouri Evergreen Coordinator Debbie Luchenbill, MOBIUS IT Manager Justin Hopkins, and MOBIUS Executive Director Donna Bacon traveled to the Evergreen International Conference in Vancouver, BC, where we shared with, learned from and enjoyed meeting other librarians and technology professionals who use the Evergreen ILS.

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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## ASCI – your Access Services Col - Seeks Members

ASCI is Access Services Community of Interest – not a computer language. The group includes anyone who works in any part or aspect of circulation or interlibrary loan. We try to have programs/presentations at MLA conferences that relate to and address what you do. We would love to have more people join Access Services Community of Interest and help plan programs that are interesting and meet your needs. If you are looking to expand your participation in professional activities, we will have officer vacancies available for 2014. Check us out!

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## St. Louis Networking Opportunities

If you're a librarian in the St. Louis Metro area, join us for an evening of networking and socializing through [StL Librarians Happy Hour](#). Interested in connecting with other librarians over cocktails? Meet us one Friday per month for Happy Hour! Feel free to invite other librarians and suggest places to gather. The next meeting date is tentatively set for Friday, May 31. Check the group's Facebook page for time and location.

Check out other groups that meet throughout Missouri on MLA's [Networking](#) page. It's a great way to make new friends, catch up with old ones and find out what's going on in your local library community.

Cheers!

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## Mid-Continent Public Library News

Follow what is happening at the Mid-Continent Public Library! Click on the links for more information.

### [Woodneath Library Center](#)

It's almost here! Preparations are under way for the opening of the new Woodneath Library Center located north of the river at 8900 Flintlock Road. We are happy to announce that the grand opening will be on Saturday, June 22. We hope you can join us to celebrate this new Northland jewel. More details will be on the way soon!



### [Leave Your Mark at the Library](#)

MCPL now offers its patrons the opportunity to be part of the Woodneath Library Center by purchasing an engraved brick to be permanently displayed on the Children's Patio.

### [Care Connection](#)

Mid-Continent Public Library is excited to announce the official launch of Care Connection! Created in partnership with the Truman Heartland Community Foundation, this directory of business listings is geared to seniors and their caregivers. The directory provides information and reviews for both profit and nonprofit organizations that focus on senior services and is meant to complement United Way's 211 Directory. Services are broken down into a variety of categories including financial assistance, senior programs, senior housing options, veteran support, and much more. Find out more at <http://careconnection.mymcpl.org>.



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## MALA Spring Workshop Schedule

The Mid-America Library Alliance offers in-person and online professional development training. Topics include reader's advisory, library paraprofessional, supervisory skills, human resources, management and library trends. Click on the link for more information about upcoming events.

### May

05/22/13 [Real Reference – Morning Session](#)

**This will be a hands-on workshop.** This session will provide participants with search strategies and tools that will enable them to perform better reference interactions. Techniques of a successful reference interview, along with source evaluation methods, will give participants a fundamental introduction to reference service. Presented by Jacqueline Reed, branch manager, Blue Springs South Branch Library, Mid-Continent Public Library.

05/22/13 [Real Reference – Afternoon Session](#)

**This will be a hands-on workshop.** This session will provide participants with search strategies and tools that will enable them to perform better reference interactions. Techniques of a successful reference interview, along with source evaluation methods, will give participants a fundamental introduction to reference service. Presented by Jacqueline Reed, branch manager, Blue Springs South Branch Library, Mid-Continent Public Library.

05/30/13 [Common Technology Questions in the Modern Library World](#)

Serving library patrons is a lot more than finding books nowadays. Technology plays a huge part of customer service in the ever-evolving library. As library paraprofessionals, we should have the tools necessary to navigate technology and be able to address the questions that our patrons ask. This workshop will introduce you to and help you navigate many of the tools that patrons ask about. Topics covered will include: flash drives, wireless connections, email, social media and other troubles that patrons may need help with. A portion of the class will also focus on the technology tools to help you stay in touch with the library world outside your branch. Presented by Dan Brower, assistant manager, Red Bridge Branch Library, Mid-Continent Public Library.

### June

06/06/13 [Genealogy: Saving our Stories](#)

Diaries, journals, scrapbooks — these are treasures that are thrown into the dumpster. The Great Generation and the stories they have to tell. The stories happening now that need to be preserved. This workshop will touch on each of these topics and introduce a painless way of interviewing anyone.

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It is worth underscoring that both advocacy efforts have been collaborative in nature, bringing together Missouri's many library associations in a united effort to defend and protect library services. Together we are stronger. Good things can emerge from trying times, and this is certainly proving true in both of these cases. MLA looks forward to fostering this emerging solidarity and to further strengthening MLA's relationship with our sister library associations.

...And may I close with true rue and just a touch of humor and say that I sincerely regret including a photograph of Secretary of State Kander and myself in the last issue of MO Info. I humbly beg the membership's forgiveness!

Yours in Service,

Carol Smith, President,



## Digital News: The Sounds of Spring

Springtime is here, and you're probably seeing more wildlife now than you did in winter. But what if you heard an animal without seeing it; would you recognize it?



**Black-billed Cuckoo.** Macaulay Library, Cornell University.

If you're taking a trip out west or up north this year, you might be interested in the [Western Soundscape Archive](#) from the University of Utah. In the [Arctic Collection](#), you can listen to recordings of many different animals from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and you can view where certain animals exist in several western states as well as hear sound clips in their [Species Distribution Maps](#).

The [Macaulay Library](#) site also has thousands of audio and video recordings of many different species of animals, from [termites](#) and [geckos](#) to [jellyfish](#) and [tarsiers](#). It also touts a large collection of [bird sound recordings and videos](#) to peruse, which can be especially helpful in recognizing unusual calls.

So get out there, both physically and virtually, and enjoy spring!

*Do you know of more online collections of early color photography in Missouri? Have a question about anything digital that you would like to see addressed in a future issue? If so, please contact Shannon Mawhiney at [smawhiney@missouristate.edu](mailto:smawhiney@missouristate.edu).*

## Volunteer Call! MLA Conference Planning Committee Looking for Volunteers

The MLA 2013 Conference Planning Committee is still looking for volunteers to help out with the 2013 Annual Conference. We are busy organizing an exciting conference in St. Louis at the Sheraton Westport Chalet from Oct. 2-4, 2013, but we need your help. Please consider volunteering and sign up using the form included below. Please let us know if you have any questions.

MLA 2013 Volunteer Sign Up Form: <http://goo.gl/rTFsG>

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## Springfield-Greene News



The kick-off week of the 2013 Big Read devoted to Edgar Allan Poe proved that Springfield-Greene County Library District residents love their Poe, no matter what form he takes – words, cakes, beer or main dish. In the same week that 150 people flocked to see author Avi at the Pythian Castle, about 300 headed downtown on Friday night, April 5, to sample a Poe-inspired beer at Mother's Brewing Co., while across downtown more than 700 people drifted in and out of the Park Central Branch

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semester.

Beth Brendler earned her doctorate in literacy education at the University of Minnesota, with a specialization in children's and adolescent literature and a secondary program in sociocultural theory. She received her master's degree in library and information science from the University of Wisconsin. Before entering her doctoral program, she was a practicing librarian for nine years and headed the youth services department at a public library in Wisconsin.

Her teaching interests include youth services in libraries, literacy education, children's literature, adolescent literature, folklore and fairytales, culturally diverse literature, the history of children's literature, censorship and intellectual freedom, gender and literacy, race and literacy, sociocultural theory and critical theory.

Her research interests include youth services in libraries, children's literature, adolescent literature, reader response theory, social media and response to literature, literacy as a social act, literacy in relation to gender, race, and culture; the role of communities of practice in literary response, and the use of critical discourse analysis and conversational analysis to investigate the literary experience.



New School of Information Science & Learning Technologies faculty member Beth Brendler

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## Westminster Students Provide Library Services to Homeless Family Shelter

Westminster College students enrolled in the library skills class shared the gift of reading with the children of OUR HOUSE, Fulton's homeless family shelter. The students collected, cataloged, arranged and installed a small library for use by the Fulton shelter families. Professor Barden, librarian and head of public services for Westminster's Reeves Library, spoke with OUR HOUSE Director

Brad Shepherd and explained that the books are a gift from the Westminster College community. "This small start will hopefully grow over the years if we can continue to partner together on behalf of children and literacy. We already have more community partners interested in donating books." The bookshelf was donated by Director of Library Services Angela Grogan.



The library skills class, SSI 101 A, addressed early childhood literacy through two projects as part of the service leadership initiative. In the first, the class worked with children during the Community Carnival to make bookmarks involving multiple step instruction, thereby providing sequencing, multi-intelligence learning style instruction and engaging children in a reading supportive activity. Second, the students cataloged and delivered a children's library to

the homeless shelter in Fulton. Working with OUR HOUSE, students are providing young children with the opportunity to have a collection for leisure reading and to encourage parents to read to their children, an early marker of student success.

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## Spruce up your LibGuides!

At the SLRLN TechExpo on March 14, 2013, Christina Prucha and Sheryl Walters from Logan College of Chiropractic |University Programs presented on simple tricks to incorporate into LibGuides. Check out the [handy guide](#) created in LibGuides for use by anyone. It was created to share! You may find something for your library.

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**Create a tabbed box!**  
*Instructions for this trick and many more.*



- Add images to links and lists
- Rotating boxes & rotating boxes at intervals
- Anchor menu
- Drop-down menu
- Columns within boxes
- Scrolling boxes
- Tabbed boxes
- Show/hide menu
- Facebook plug-in badge & Twitter widget
- EBSCO Host search boxes
- Google slideshare

## News from Library & Information Science – *University of Missouri*

### Lauren Magnuson | Movers & Shakers 2013 — Advocates

Congratulations to MU's Library & Information Science alumna Lauren Magnuson for being recognized as a Mover & Shaker by Library Journal in the "Advocates" category. Lauren is 2008 graduate and is currently senior information services librarian at Trine University in Angola, Ind.

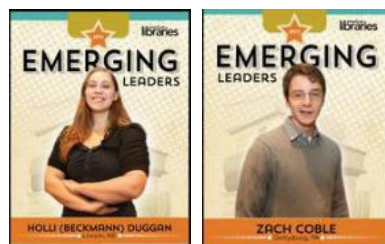


Read this [wonderful article](#) about Lauren Magnuson and her continued achievements.

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### Congratulations to MU's Library & Information Science graduates Zach Coble and Holli Beckmann Duggan !

They are part of the American Library Association's *Emerging Leaders Class of 2013*.



Zach and Holli are featured in this month's issue of American Libraries Magazine. Congratulations to both of you. It's well deserved! Zach is currently a systems & emerging technologies librarian at Gettysburg College and Holli is in access services at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Click the link to read the entire [magazine article](#).

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## College of Education Alumni Organization Awards Honors MU Library & Information Science Graduates

### Congratulations to Jerome Offord!



Jerome was recognized as Honorary Alumni. Jerome is currently the dean of library sciences at Lincoln University.

### Congratulations to Steve Potter and Brandy Sanchez!

The College of Education Alumni Organization Awards has recognized two of our library & information science alumni for their outstanding achievements.



**Steve Potter** received the Outstanding Achievement Award. Steve is currently the library director and CEO of MidContinent Public Library and a member of the LIS Advisory Board.



**Brandy Sanchez** received the Outstanding Young Professional Award. Brandy is currently the general reference librarian at Daniel Boone

Regional Library in Columbia.

A celebration of the achievements of Jerome, Steve and Brandy took place at the 45th Annual College of Education Recognition Awards Banquet on April 19, 2013.

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## UMSL News

### UMSL Libraries Celebrates Jubilee

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During National Library Week, the UMSL libraries joined the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus in its year-long Jubilee Celebration by hosting refreshments, photo exhibits and slide shows of the libraries' contribution to the campus through the years.

**UMSL Libraries: Your Reference for Success for 50 Years** was a week-long event, well-attended by students, staff and faculty.

Two slideshows included "then and now" photos of the UMSL libraries, including the swimming pool out front! Narration and oral interviews with former library employees added pizzazz and entertaining anecdotes for attendees to enjoy. The jubilee photo exhibit was so popular that it will remain on display during the jubilee year.



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librarians: some chapters don't include school librarians, or academic librarians, or special librarians, so councilors at large help to redress that imbalance. Some suggested it would be fairer and more equitable to eliminate chapter councilors instead of at large councilors.

The current make-up of council consists of 100 at-large councilors, 53 chapter councilors (50 states, the District of Columbia and two U.S. territories, Guam and the Virgin Islands, although these two seats are currently vacant); 11 division and 11 round table councilors, the three officers of ALA and those members of the nine member executive board whose terms on council otherwise have expired.

We may expect to see a resolution introduced in council at Chicago this summer, to amend the ALA Bylaws and phase in a reduction in the number of at-large council seats over several years from 100 to 50. Such a resolution could be referred to the Constitution & Bylaws Committee to recommend appropriate ballot language. If it is eventually approved by council, the proposal still would require a vote by the membership.

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to vote on and eat Poe-inspired cakes and dishes in the Iron Chef Cook-off by two teams from Victory Trade School, a program of the Springfield Victory Mission men's homeless shelter.

As Big Read Committee Co-chair Kim Flores said, "It was gratifying to see so many Springfieldians, some who may have never entered a library building before, getting to know us in such friendly, fun settings."

Park Central Branch Manager Kelly Miller, her staff and Friends of the Library members helped serve Iron Chef Cook-off food and the cakes after winners Branch Bistro & Catering and Stacey's Sweets were announced. Judges included Library Board of Trustees President David Richards, Library Executive Director Regina Cooper, Friends of the Library President Pat Myers and News-Leader food/feature writer Juliana Goodwin, who then ran a story with recipes on the Iron Chef Cook-off on the following week's News-Leader food page.



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## Library News: Digital Branch is Always Open



Even though MCPL was closed for the storm last month, we still managed to give people access to our digital downloads. Customers checked out 3,733 e-books, audiobooks and music from our Digital Branch on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 21 and 22. Even if the physical library is closed, the Digital Branch is always open!

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More Big Read events continued through the month, including Ghost Stories for Grown-ups at three branches, a Tell-Tale Chautauqua that included Poe impersonator Campbell “Lou” Harmon presenting “An Evening with Edgar Allan Poe,” a Flash Fiction contest for teens, adults and Library staff, and an April 30 visit by “Beautiful Creatures” series co-author Margaret Stohl.

## Brian Grubbs and Community & Conflict Win History Award

The Springfield-Greene County Library’s focus on Civil War history and education has attracted more accolades. Brian Grubbs, Local History & Genealogy Department manager, has won the prestigious ABC-CLIO Online History Award for his work as project director of the site, Community & Conflict: The Impact of the Civil War in the Ozarks, [ozarkscivilwar.org](http://ozarkscivilwar.org).

The honor comes with a \$2,500 prize donated by ABC-CLIO, a publisher of reference materials in the field of history, and a citation. The award recognizes the accomplishments of a person or a group of people producing a freely available online historical collection, or an online tool tailored for the purpose of finding historical materials, or an online teaching aid stimulating creative historical scholarship.

The award seeks to encourage the development of freely available, sustainable online history resources by singling out innovative projects and the individuals who created them.

“It’s a great honor to be recognized,” Brian said, “and to earn recognition for the work that the project staff and the Library staff did, and for the spirit of collaboration among all of our partners.”

## Partners Team Up To Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Home for Library Project

The Springfield-Greene County Library District took a first step in the Brentwood Branch renovation project. A house the Library bought to make way for the project must come down, so the Library pledged to “reduce, reuse and recycle” as much of it as possible with the help of Habitat for Humanity and the Ozarks Green Building Coalition. Several private businesses were also donating services for the “deconstruction” project.



Habitat for Humanity enlisted volunteers to disassemble the three-bedroom house in two stages – interior and exterior. After each stage, the reclaimed items were to be sold in a yard sale open to the public on April 27 and later in May on the lawn of the house property. Ozarks Green Building Coalition and Habitat for Humanity were to split the proceeds, and the Library will arrange for the hauling out any non-recyclable landfill material.

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The goals: Save taxpayer money in reduced demolition costs, share sales proceeds with two community organizations to further their

projects; minimize what goes in the landfill while reusing and recycling valuable resources; and possibly strengthen the Library's application if it decides to pursue LEED building certification in the renovation project.

The Library acquired the property adjacent to the Brentwood Branch Library on Aug. 27, 2012, with the City of Springfield through friendly condemnation. The Library is pursuing rezoning of the property for government use. The property will allow for additional parking for the renovated Brentwood Branch and a buffer for adjacent homes. No timeline has been set for the project. The Library Foundation will manage a capital campaign for the estimated \$2.1 million renovation of the 1971 library building.

### **Library Staff Expands Library Walls for Halfway House**

Library Center Reference Librarian Heather Cottle-Dillon has started a series of visits to Alpha House, a halfway house for former federal prisoners. She and Library Station Reference Associate John House and Park Central Branch Library Assistant Cassie Fox recently presented general information about library services, job hunting resources and book suggestions. They issued six library cards and checked out 20 books.

"We're going to start doing this program every other month to reach out to the residents and show them what the Library can do for them," Heather said. "At the first program on March 12, John, Cassie, and I had nine residents who attended. We talked for about 20 minutes about library services and programs, such as job searching resources, as well as some basic things that many people don't know about, like that they can check out DVDs and audiobooks and that we have a drive-up window. Then we spent about 20 minutes doing readers advisory and how they can find books they might like based on other books, movies, and TV shows they've enjoyed. We wrapped up by letting them sign up for library cards and look at a variety of books and audiobooks that we'd brought. We brought about 50 items from a variety of genres and about 20 were checked out! Three of the nine residents already had library cards, and the six who didn't got them on the spot.

## **Call for Submissions to the July 2013 MO INFO issue**

Submissions are being accepted for the July 2013 edition of MO INFO. Has your library done anything innovative or widely popular? Are you offering workshops or seminars? Did you attend a conference, workshop, or seminar and want to share something you learned? Do you have any Communities of Interest news items to report? Has anyone retired or joined your staff? Would you like to share what's special about your library?

These are just some of the kinds of items that people submit to MO INFO. Share what's going on in your library with other Missouri librarians. Submit an article to MO INFO.

When submitting, please follow these few guidelines:

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- Left justify article text using 10 point Times New Roman Font.
- We love pictures! Please send JPGs, 300 dpi, if possible. Include captions with the article text, please.

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