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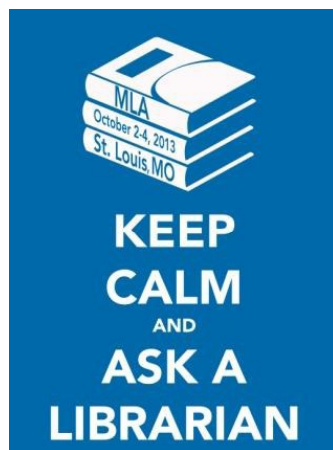
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Keep Calm - Conference is Coming! Sheraton Westport Chalet, St. Louis October 2-4, 2013

Have you registered for conference yet? If not, you'll want to Keep Calm (our fantastic conference theme!) and head on over now to <http://molib.org> to take advantage of MLA's early bird discount rates.



Keep calm – The 2013 MLA
Annual Conference theme!

The preliminary conference schedule, shared via the membership listserv on June 14 and available at <http://molib.org>, speaks to the tremendous efforts of our 2013 conference co-chairs Candice Oliver and Christina Pryor, as well as their army of volunteer conference planners. American Libraries Association President Barbara Stripling will be headlining as keynote speaker, and we're all excited to learn more about her *Declaration for the Right to Libraries* initiative, a document the entire community can sign to send a strong public statement of the value of libraries for individuals, communities, and our nation.

Attendees will enjoy a great range of pre-conferences and breakout sessions to select from and plenty of fun events including an ice cream social, Battledecks, a dance party, dine-around events, and even Zumba time! If you've never signed up for one of the many meal events at conference, I highly encourage you to do so – you can purchase tickets at the same time you register for conference. The speakers and activities at the YA breakfast (with author Antony John), the Thusnelda Schmidt lunch, the MACRL lunch, and the MLA Awards dinner are all conference highlights that will also keep your tummy happy. You'll also enjoy favorite annual conference events including the SISLT reception and the Performer's Showcase.

In other words: Keep Calm and Don't Miss It. :)

In other significant news around the state:

- MLA salutes former State Librarian Margaret Conroy and wishes her well in her new position as Assistant Director of St. Charles City-County Library District. We all appreciate her fine service over the past 7 years, particularly during the challenges of 2013. MLA also congratulates Library Development Division Director Barbara Reading on her promotion and appointment to State Librarian.
- MLA congratulates Mid-Continent Public Library on the June 22 opening of their [beautiful](#) new Woodneath Branch Library location at 8900 NE Flintlock Road, Kansas City. Go visit!

...And you won't want to miss the next issue of MOInfo (September 2013), where you'll get to meet your candidates for the 2014 MLA Executive Board. Stay tuned!

Yours in Service,

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Digital News: Weather Records

Missouri and surrounding states have lately seen a lot of extreme weather, and many folks comment on how much worse the weather seems to be getting. But how do we know? A few online resources are available to help compare these present-day weather patterns with historical ones.



War Department Weather Map, January 1, 1872. U.S. Daily Weather Maps, NOAA.

From the [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\)](#), we can learn what [daily weather patterns](#) were like across the U.S. from 1871 to present; browse [hurricane reports](#) from 1938 to 2005; read [weather observations](#) in Tuskegee, Alabama, beginning in 1899 with notes by George Washington Carver; and view many more reports, letters, and publications.

The [Missouri Historical Agricultural Weather Database](#) from the University of Missouri Extension lets you look at things like total precipitation, minimum and maximum temperatures, wind speed, and vapor pressure for the last 13 years in several [locations](#) across the state.

You can also go to the [Missouri Digital Heritage](#) site and search for keywords like “tornado.” If you do so and click on “Include these results” when prompted, you can browse through images of 19th-century tornado destruction under the topic “Tornado Damage” on the left-hand side, or get information on those killed in historic tornados under the collection “Missouri Coroner’s Inquest Database.”

With this list of resources as a start, it’s obvious that even though we have many more ways of capturing information about extreme weather today, the past isn’t devoid of evidence. Dig in and see what interesting things you can find!

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.

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Missouri Evergreen Update

Missouri Evergreen continues to grow and mature as a consortium, and resource sharing among libraries in the consortium continues to be very robust! Little Dixie Regional Library went live on the system on June 24, bringing the number of “live” Missouri Evergreen libraries to eleven. Carthage Public Library goes live in August.

Missouri Evergreen membership held an in-person meeting at the June MPLD meeting, and discussed several important developments and changes to policies and procedures of the consortium, including the idea of reduced or tiered membership fees for libraries with smaller budgets on an as-needed basis.

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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July 2013 Featured Librarian—Lauren Todd

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

My name is Lauren Todd, and I am an Engineering Subject Librarian at Washington University in St. Louis. In this position, I offer reference services to Engineering faculty, staff and students. I work with several classes and teach library instruction sessions. I further assist with office hours in the Engineering School. I also provide expertise in Article Citation Reports and h-index as well as assist with standards and patents. I'm very active in the library's social media efforts, as well outreach and service promotion. I also collect for the PopLit Horror collection. I received my master's degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2011, and I have my undergraduate degree in journalism from Northwestern University.



Lauren Todd—engineering librarian,
Washington University

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

When I graduated from college, I moved to Tucson, Arizona where I worked as a newspaper designer for two years. In 2007, I took a graphic design job at a legal publication in St. Louis, and I happily moved back to the Midwest so I could be closer to my family in Chicago. Within the first month of the job, I knew that it wasn't a good fit, and I realized I needed to find another job in journalism or find another career path where I could use the communication skills. I thought back to my high school job as a youth services shelver, and when I started researching what it takes to become a librarian, it clicked. I took the steps to get into graduate school, and I decided to take the summer before off to travel and have fun. Leaving journalism was a hard decision, but it was ultimately one of the best decisions I ever made.

Q2: What do you like most about being an engineering librarian?

I like how I can carve out my own path within the school. I've only been on the job for a little over a year, but I've laid an excellent foundation for the coming ones. I really enjoy the faculty and staff relationships I've fostered, and they have ultimately contributed to any outreach successes. Of course, it doesn't hurt to work with extremely motivated students.

Q3: What do you think are the biggest challenges in working in an academic library as an engineering librarian?

The School of Engineering is HUGE. There are more than 80 faculty members, 1200 undergraduates, and almost 700 masters/Ph.D. students. It's a challenge navigating this vast landscape and plotting out where the librarian could offer a service, teach a class or meet with a research group.

Q4: If you were to hire an engineering librarian what skills and/or qualities would you look for in a candidate?

Clear communication skills. Wit and humor. Short-term goals but a long-term plan.

LSTA-Supported Webcasts: FREE for MO library staff

The Missouri State Library has awarded the Mid-America Library Alliance an LSTA grant to produce twenty webcasts on important library topics. Developed by respected trainer, educator and consultant Pat Wagner, this series of online/anytime webcasts explores timely issues that will both inform and inspire.

The webcasts are free to staff employed in libraries in the State of Missouri (ALL MO libraries -- academic, school, special and public). There is a minimal registration fee for those outside the State of Missouri who would like to view them. To see the available topics and to register, please visit: <http://mid-americalibraryalliance.org/mo-lsta.html>.

These twenty webcasts are 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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Show and Tell: Sharing What's Happening @ Your Library

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!

Diggin' Cape Girardeau's Summer Reading Program



Thanks to a local equipment rental company, the Cape Girardeau Public Library's Dig into Reading Club participants were invited to check out digging equipment up close. As of June 10th, 504 children ages preschool through teen and 75 adults had registered for a summer reading club.

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Woodneath Branch opens at MCPL



Manager Kira Green and Assistant Managers Andie Paloutzian and Katie Schneider stand next to the Grand Opening Book that allowed people to step into the new Woodneath Library Center.

Mid-Continent Public Library opened their 35,000 square foot Woodneath Library Center in Kansas City, Missouri on Saturday, June 22. The Woodneath Library Center combines a commitment to local history with a sharp focus on the library user of the future. The Woodneath Estate has been a Northland fixture for over 150 years, and provides a welcoming home to an expanding library community.

The grand opening was a phenomenal success for this new community resource. We registered 135 new library cards and loaned 4,102 items. New customer transaction machines from Bibliotheca processed 74% of those loans. We are still gathering the door count, but it looks like there were over 3,000 visitors for the Grand Opening of the Woodneath Library Center.

The most impressive thing for the staff to see was all the people leaving the library, arms filled with library materials. People didn't only come to see the new library; they came to USE the new library.

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“New” Central Library Makes Big Impression

In the six months following its restoration and renewal, the Central Library of the St. Louis Public Library system has received a great amount of attention. Longtime patrons and newcomers alike fill the building everyday, marveling at its beauty and reveling in its state-of-the-art technology, enhanced services, and improved functionality. Tour groups by the score—many members of which have never been to Central before—are astonished by the treasure they’ve “discovered.” Everyone, it seems, wants to see and use St. Louis’ newest cultural destination.

But it’s not only the public that is impressed by Central Library. The project has already earned a host of prestigious awards including:

The **2013 Library Building Award** presented by American Institute of Architects and American Library Association. In 1963, to encourage excellence in the architectural design and planning of libraries, the ALA and the American Library Association/Library Administration and Management Association created this award to honor distinguished accomplishments in library architecture.

The **Popular Choice Winner of the Architizer’s People’s A+ Choice Award of Libraries** which carries international recognition. The Architizer A+ Awards showcases the world’s best buildings and design thinking.

The **Most Enhanced Awards for 2013** presented by the Landmarks Association of St. Louis. For 17 years, Landmarks has used the Most Enhanced Awards to recognize excellence in the restoration, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse of St. Louis’ architectural heritage.

The **ALIVE Magazine’s 2013 Hot List Best New Cultural Venue Award**. The magazine makes an annual selection of the BEST in St. Louis in the categories of dining, nightlife, shopping, culture, and more. The Hot List is all the things people love about St. Louis.

The **Saint Louis CNR (Construction News and Review) Finishing Touch Awards**. These awards were presented recently for projects ranging from a library to a lock and dam by the Painting & Decorating Foundation, Wall & Ceiling Industry Advancement Fund, and St. Louis Construction News and Review. The awards were based on craftsmanship, creativity, execution, level of difficulty, and the use of color as a design element. Among the winners was Central Library in several categories including: Painting, Commercial Interior, 1st Place; Wallcovering, Commercial, 1st Place; and Painting Commercial Special Effects, 2nd Place.

The **National Award of Merit** for its Revitalization Exterior Lighting: by an online panel of lighting designers and architects. Central also scored high enough to qualify for international judging at Lightfair where a panel of judges will consider this project for a Citation, Award of Excellence, or Award of Distinction. International judging will be completed in November.

Central is also nominated for the **2013 ALA Design Showcase Architecture Award**.



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People were taking the time to use the collaboration space and study rooms. They were quietly reading along the windows and they enjoyed the guided tours that pointed out the distinctive spaces for adults, teen, and children, the automatic materials handling system, and the raised access flooring, all situated on the 32-acre Woodneath Campus.

For more information, visit <http://mymcpl.org>.

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Families had a great time in the Children's Literacy Center, using the 6 AWE Literacy computers, registering and getting prizes for the Summer Reading Program, and enjoying crafts and free books provided by Children's Plus.

Phill Johnson Named Cottey College Library Director

We are very pleased to announce that Phill W. Johnson has accepted the position of library director at Cottey College effective July 1.

He received a Bachelor of Science at Missouri Southern State University, a Juris Doctorate at Washburn University School of Law, and a Master of Science in Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. From 2007 to 2011 he was associate director of the Law Library at University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law. From 2011 to the present he has been associate dean for information services at Barry University, Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law in Orlando, Fla.

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Free Readers' Advisory Training Offered

The St. Charles City-County Library District Readers' Advisory Training program is hosting a readers' advisory workshop for all library staff in August: *Readers Advisory with Duncan Smith*. Smith, Vice President (and founding partner) of *NoveList*, was inspired to develop the *NoveList* readers' advisory database based on research he conducted on why readers read what they read. He is passionate about the power of libraries, and readers' advisory, to transform lives. Smith is the author of numerous articles about readers advisory and libraries, including: "Books: An Essential Part of Essential Libraries," published in *Public Library Quarterly*.

The program will be held on Tuesday, August 27th, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm **or** Wednesday, August 28th, 9am to 12:00 pm to allow staff a choice between an afternoon session or a morning session. Registration for this program will be opened for staff from other library systems beginning Monday, July 1st.

To register, send an email to Kathy Buxton: kbuxton@stchlibrary.org. In the Subject line put: *Readers' Advisory with Duncan Smith*. In the text, list your First Name, Last Name, library/organization, Email address, and a contact Phone Number. Be sure to specify the

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In addition, Central has garnered an overwhelming amount of coverage in both the local and national press. Listed are some of the newspapers and magazines that have carried articles or stories about Central in addition to the TV and radio coverage:

Newspapers	Magazines
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ladue News</i> • <i>Missouri Library Association Newsletter</i> • <i>New York Times</i> • <i>Riverfront Times</i> • <i>St. Louis American</i> • <i>St. Louis Business Journal</i> • <i>St. Louis Front Pages</i> (online) • <i>St. Louis Post-Dispatch</i> • <i>Suburban Journals</i> • <i>The Architect's Newspaper</i> • <i>Wall Street Journal</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ALIVE</i> (April, May, June issues) • <i>Architect</i> (March issue) • <i>Architecture</i> • <i>Library by Design</i>, a supplement to <i>Library Journal</i> (cover & article) • <i>Preservation</i> (Spring issue) • <i>St. Louis Business Journal 2013 Book of List</i> (Cover & article) • <i>The Confluence</i> (Cover & article, Spring/Summer issue) •

By every measure, the Central Library restoration project has exceeded the St. Louis Public Library's goals. The Board, Administration, and Staff are honored and humbled that it is receiving the attention it so richly deserves. Central stands not only as a testament to the fact that libraries are still relevant in the 21st century, but also that they are integral parts of the communities they serve.

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SISLT welcomes faculty member (and alum) Dr. Sean Goggins!



Dr. Sean Goggins

The School of Information Science and Learning technologies announces the appointment of Sean P. Goggins, Ph.D., to a tenure track assistant professor position starting in fall 2013. Dr. Goggins will also have an appointment as core faculty at the MU Informatics Institute.

Dr. Goggins comes to Mizzou from Drexel University, where he built a social media and learning analytics research program resulting in 35 peer-reviewed publications and more than \$1 million in funding from the National Science Foundation and Office of Naval Research. While at Drexel, Goggins also helped design a new Bachelor of Science in Informatics degree, and developed a number of data science and learning analytics-focused undergraduate and graduate courses.

Dr. Goggins is an active member of a National Science Foundation Research Coordination network on digital societies, and has led large workshops on socio-technical systems research and "Big Social Data" at the iConference for five consecutive years.

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date of the session for which you wish to register. You may also call the St. Charles City-County Library District General Administration office at 636-441-2300, Extension 1510, between 9 am and 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

Workshops will take place at the Spencer Road Branch - Community Commons, 427 Spencer Road, St. Peters, MO 63376, in the Siteman Cancer Center Event Room (Rm 243).

There will be handouts, light snacks, and possibly even some door prizes.

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Springfield-Greene News

Library Chosen to Display NASA-sponsored Exhibit



After being one of 30 institutions selected to take part in the traveling “Here. There. Everywhere.” exhibit, Library Center staff planned a month-long series of related programs in July playfully dubbed “Lessons in Physics for the Rest of Us.” Programs included StarLab tours for kids, a talk on weather by a former TV meteorologist, sun and planet gazing with the Springfield Astronomical Society, hands-on activities at the Missouri Institute of Natural Science and Science Nerd Night for the whole family. Here. There. Everywhere. is supported by NASA under a grant issued through the Science Mission Directorate. The exhibit was developed by Chandra X-ray Center at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory.

Library Center patrons study the Here. There. Everywhere. exhibit on display as part of a July series, "Lessons In Physics for the Rest of Us."

Summer Reading Program Goes from Comedy to Stargazing

The Summer Reading Program performers are drawing crowds of delighted kids to the branches, including three kids who fit into a giant pair of underwear with Dot Kane who kept kids in stitches at her June event, Stories with Dot, at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library. Really – what’s funnier than giant underwear? And the always-popular StarLab drew crowds of kids for two sessions during Seeing Stars: Here, There and Everywhere on June 13 at the Library Center. The mobile planetarium is returning in late July to the Library Station.



Chicago storyteller Dot Kane clowns with children during her Summer Reading Program performance at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library in Springfield.

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Friends of the Library Plan Special Cookbook Sale Aug. 9-10

When a generous Friends of the Library member bequeathed her collection of some 2,000 cookbooks to her favorite organization, the Friends cooked up an idea for getting them into circulation and building interest in the next Fall Book Sale. They're planning a special, one-time Friends Summer Cookbook Sale Friday and Saturday, Aug. 9 and 10 in the Library Center auditorium. Friends President Pat Myers promises the 2,000-cookbook collection plus hundreds more from summer donations, all for \$1, \$3 or individually priced. Proceeds will benefit the Brentwood Branch Renovation Project. That campaign is expected to kick off later this year.

Grant Provides E-reader Training to Boys & Girls Clubs

About 240 youths attending the Springfield Boys & Girls Clubs this summer are learning some new technology they may not have at home, thanks to a grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

The \$2,500 grant will fund six e-readers loaded with 24 different books geared to teen reading tastes. The devices will be rotated among the three Boys & Girls Clubs through July. A library outreach assistant will teach groups of the kids on how to use the e-readers, and at the same time involve the kids in book discussions about the titles they're reading on the electronic devices. These one-on-one lessons could help bridge the technology gap that some youths may experience when they don't have access to the latest technology. But it also provides a new way for kids to enjoy books, which we hope will encourage them to read through the summer to maintain and even improve their reading skills before fall. What's more, the project will also furnish paper books for the clubs so kids who want to continue reading can check out the book from the club and read at home.

Training Director, Branch Manager Retire

Two administrators recently retired from the Springfield-Greene County Libraries. Midtown Carnegie Branch Manager Jim Miller retired May 31. Jim joined the Library District in October 2007 as branch manager.

Edge Director and Training Coordinator Jazy Mihalik retired June 28 after 27 years of service to the Springfield-Greene County Libraries. Jazy, who began her library career in September 1986 in the Circulation Department at the former Kearney Branch, has worn a variety of hats and experienced many firsts for the Library. She worked as the first young adult associate for the Library Center when it opened in 1999 and held the library's first after-hours teen program.

Jazy was appointed as Edge Director when the Edge Community Technology Center opened in the Midtown Carnegie Branch in January 2002. She became the library's first training coordinator in 2005 and worked with the training committee to develop the first training plan. In 2008 Jazy became the first manager of the Park Central Branch while still serving as Edge director.

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Jazy Mihalik retired June 28 as the Springfield-Greene County Libraries' training coordinator and director of the Edge Community Technology Center.

Keep Calm and Ask a Librarian

2013 MLA Conference-90 days and counting...

The 2013 MLA Conference is fast approaching! We are just about 90 days out and, just like the weather, activities are heating up. We have confirmed fantastic guest speakers for this year including; ALA President Barbara Stripling who will kick-off our conference at the keynote session on Wednesday afternoon, storyteller Linda Gorham is scheduled to enthrall us at the Children's Services Thusnelda Schmidt luncheon on Thursday, newly appointed state librarian Barbara Reading will engage us at the Awards Dinner on Thursday evening, and Young Adult Author Antony John will entertain us at the YA Breakfast on Friday morning. Please support MLA and our speakers and attend as many of these special ticketed events as you can.

Speaking of supporting MLA...did you know that conference is our biggest income generator? That's why we're working hard to make sure you get the most return on your investment. Your fellow MO librarians have submitted excellent program ideas from pre-conferences to breakout sessions to table talks and poster sessions. There are over 75 "sessions" to choose from and that doesn't even include the social events.

Socially speaking, on Wednesday night, in addition to the St Louis Dine-Arounds that are being organized, Battledecks is on the schedule complete with a dessert social. (If you're not sure what Battledecks is, well, all you need to know is that it's AWESOME!)

But, if you really must know...*Battledecks is not for the faint of heart. It is a nerve-wracking event where those competing must create a coherent presentation from a deck of slides that they have never seen before. This is truly the perfect way to kick off your conference experience as these courageous individuals compete for the glory of being crowned the next champ. Everyone goes home happy but only one person can be declared the 2013 MLA Battledecks champion!*

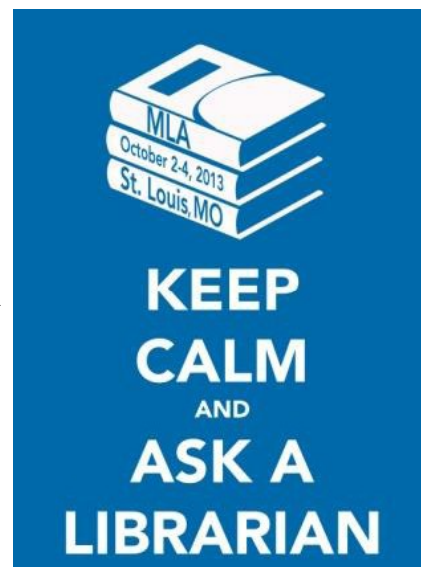
Also, on Thursday night, one of our very own librarians-turned-temporary-DJ will be spinning and mixing music for your dancing pleasure. There will also be a LIVE GUEST PERFORMER...so come ready to have some fun! Finally, to wrap up conference, you'll want to definitely come to the Zumba session scheduled for Friday morning. Nothing better than getting the end of conference (and your weekend) started with a little workout fun.

So, we bet you're asking yourself how you can get signed up for all this conference goodness? You can go to <http://www.mymolib.org/confintrologin.aspx> in order to register. Early bird registration will be open until September 6th so get signed up early and save!

Please let us know if you have any questions and we look forward to seeing you in October! In the meantime...

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Report for National Legislative Day 2013 By Gerald Brooks

Once again as MLA's Federal Legislation Coordinator, I had the privilege of leading the Missouri Delegates to Washington, D. C. for the 2013 ALA National Legislative Day Conference to discuss national and state library issues. The conference was held May 6-8.

The Delegates of seven included: Myself; Curtis Clark, Harrison Middle School Library; Trevor Dawes, Washington University's John M. Olin Library; Steven Potter, Mid-Continent Public Library, Peggy Ridlen, Fontbonne University, Jack C. Taylor Library; Jim Schmidt, Springfield-Green County Public Library; and Carol Smith, University of Central Missouri, James C. Kirkpatrick Library. This team, including two first-timers (who spent the afternoon of May 5 learning the ins and outs of visiting the Hill from "Advocacy Gurus" with the ALA Washington Office), proved to be thorough and knowledgeable in relaying the messages of ALA and the State of Missouri.



Members of the delegation meet with Senator Roy Blunt.

Timing was critical in achieving productive meetings with our Senators and Representatives or one of their top aides. I was able to secure visits with all nine Missouri Legislator's offices. (That is down from the usually number of 11 visits because one district [Russ Carnahan's] was eliminated and District 8 was vacant.

The Delegation met with:

- *Senator Roy Blunt and his Legislative Assistant, Kristina Weger;
- *Senator Claire McCaskill's Legislative Correspondent, Lucia Alonzo.

Senators Blunt and McCaskill remain avid supporters of libraries and committed to continue help us any way they can.

- *Congressman William (Lacy) Clay and his Legislative Assistant, Noelle Lindsay;
- *Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler's Legislative Assistant, Joe Trvdy;
- *Congressman Samuel Graves' Legislative Assistant, JP Mason;
- *Congressman Emanuel Cleaver's Ed Legislative Assistant, Taylor Share;
- *Congressman Billy Long and his Legislative Assistant, Peter Steehouwer;
- *Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer and his Legislative Assistant, Chance McNeely;
- *Congresswoman Ann Wagner's Legislative Assistant, Erik Rust.

All the Representatives' aides, on their behalf, expressed support for libraries, with especially strong support from Congressmen Clay and Long.

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MOBIUS Libraries Gain Access to 138,000 eBook titles

On July 1, 2013, people in Missouri gained access to more than 138,000 unique e-book titles at MOBIUS member libraries after MOBIUS recently purchased EBSCO eBook™ subscription packages from EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO).

The subscription gives 59 MOBIUS member libraries unlimited simultaneous user access to a large selection of multidisciplinary EBSCO eBook titles covering a wide range of subject matter through the Academic, Community Colleges, Public Schools, K-8, High School and Medical collections. The titles will be accessible on each participating library's local catalog as well as on the MOBIUS Union Catalog.

New titles are added regularly and feature a growing selection of frontlist and award-winning titles from leading publishers. Because the eBooks are searchable through the familiar EBSCOhost® interface, users can discover relevant eBook titles alongside other EBSCO databases, find the same intuitive search features and tools and enjoy a simple download process.

MOBIUS Executive Director Donna Bacon sees the addition of the eBook collections as another way MOBIUS is transforming library services for the people of Missouri. "E-books are becoming more and more popular and by purchasing these EBSCO eBook subscription packages, our member libraries will be able to offer their patrons an easy way to find and access the content they want."

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MOBIUS Hires Implementation Coordinator

MOBIUS is pleased to announce that we have hired Steve Strohl as our new Implementation Coordinator.

Steve is a Missouri native and librarian (MA, Library and Information Science, University of Missouri-Columbia). He brings to MOBIUS many years of experience in the library automation industry, working with libraries of all sizes and types, including many of the largest consortia and multi-type consortia across North America. Since 2000, Steve has been a Senior Account Manager for Innovative Interfaces; a position that requires superior communication skills as well as an in-depth knowledge of all of Innovative's systems and services.



Steve Strohl, Implementation
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Steve and his wife, Jeannette Pierce, are both librarians. They are in the process of moving to Columbia with their four-year old daughter. Jeannette will be joining the MU Libraries as the new Associate University Librarian for Research & Information Services.

Steve will start his new position with MOBIUS on August 6. His responsibilities include serving as Site Coordinator to Innovative Interfaces for the consortium, implementing and training on new modules purchased by the member libraries, coordinating new Sierra Release updates, implementing and training new member libraries, and coordinating all Sierra training.

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Article format:

- Microsoft Word document
- Include desired headline and your contact email and role in MLA
- Include digital photos (with captions) and graphics with your articles as desired

Article and Advertising Submission Deadline: 15th of the month preceding publication.

Article copy submitted by email to Christina Prucha at christina.prucha@logan.edu.

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