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Librarians Love To-Do Lists, Right?

MLA is heading into its busy season! To help you stay on top of everything that's happening, here's a handy to-do list:

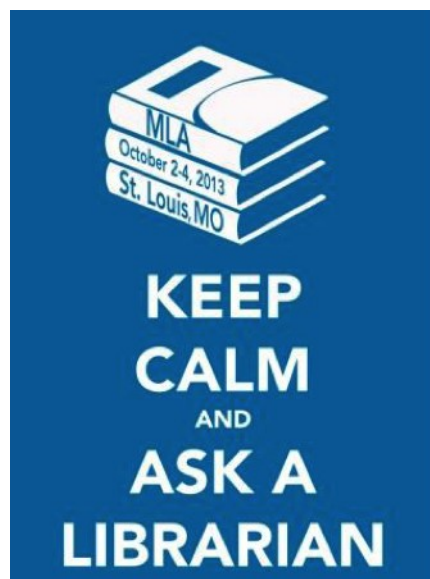
Vote for your 2014 MLA Executive Board members. The Nominating Committee has put together an outstanding slate of candidates for the 2014 board. You can learn more about the candidates inside this issue of MO INFO. Learn about them and then exercise one of the most important privileges of your membership.

Register for conference. Have you registered for conference yet (October 2-4, Sheraton Westport Chalet, St. Louis)? If not, you'll want to Keep Calm (our fantastic conference theme!) and head on over now to MLA's conference page to learn more about the incredible lineup of speakers and events and to register. **Early bird registration ends September 6.**

Score some cool conference gear at MLA's online conference store. Head on over to <http://www.cafepress.com/mlaconferencestore> for all your "Keep Calm and Ask a Librarian" conference bling needs. I'm getting a set of mugs, myself.

Become more involved in your association in 2014. Have you thought about it, but aren't quite sure how to get the ball rolling? Just get in touch with President-elect Gerald Brooks, either via email (gbrooks@slpl.org) or by seeking him out during the conference. He's beginning to put together 2014 MLA committee slates and is looking for interested members to get involved. Peruse the MLA website at <http://www.molib.org/> to learn more about the good work of our many committees and communities of interest.

Be sure to attend the MLA Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, October 3rd, 4pm-5pm (Matterhorn room). The membership will be voting on several key bylaws changes as well as approving an updated Public Library Standards document. We need you there!



Keep calm – The 2013 MLA Annual Conference theme!

Remember, anyone and everyone is welcome to attend MLA's board meetings. They are a great way to learn more about the work of your organization. The board will be meeting in person Tuesday evening, October 1, 7:00pm at the Sheraton Westport Chalet (the evening before conference). Our final board meeting is scheduled for November 15, 10:30am-2:30pm and can be attended via any of a number of convenient videoconference locations throughout the state (<http://molib.org/calendar/videoconf.html>). Hope to see you there.

And hope to see you at conference!

Yours in Service,

Carol Smith, President,
Missouri Library Association
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Children's and Teen's Publisher Presentation @ St. Charles City-County Library

Baker & Taylor is hosting a special Children's & Teens Publisher Presentation at the St. Charles City-County Library District Spencer Road Branch (427 Spencer Road; St. Peters, MO 63376) on Thursday, November 14 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The presentation will include the new hot forthcoming children's & teen titles for Winter/Spring 2014 from the primary publishers (HarperCollins, Macmillan, Random House, Penguin, Scholastic & many more). This is a great opportunity for children's and teen librarians to hear about new titles, interact directly with the publishers, get a sneak peek at upcoming children's/teen literature trends, and get a heads up on what kids and teens will want in your collection! Both selectors and readers advisors will benefit from the overview.

In addition to the publisher presentations, there will be a lunch, talk by bestselling author Brandon Mull plus complimentary book signing by the author, prizes and a big bag o' goodies. You are welcome to come for a full or partial day. It's FREE!

You must RSVP by October 29 using this link: <http://event.pingg.com/CATSspringMO>

Plan to attend and hear the buzz about new books and meet Brandon Mull (Fablehaven, Candy Shop Wars, Spirit Animals, The Beyonders and coming Spring 2014 a new series Five Kingdoms)

Feel free to forward the link with the invite to any of your local school and public librarians. For venue information, contact Maggie Preiss (Children's Resources & Marketing) at mpreiss@stchlibrary.org.

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Digital News: Timelines

The screenshot shows the TimelineIndex website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'WHO • WHAT • WHERE • WHEN • SEARCH'. Below the search bar, there are navigation links: 'Home • About • Login • Widgets'. The main content area is titled 'Timeline' and 'Tutankhamun, Pharaoh'. It features a vertical timeline with a date range of '1341 BC - 1323 BC'. The text describes Tutankhamun as an Egyptian pharaoh of the 18th dynasty, known as the 'Living Image of Amen'. It mentions the discovery of his tomb in 1922 and the results of DNA tests confirming he was the son of Akhenaten and his sister-wife Nefertiti. There are also links to 'More on this Website' and 'Related Links'.

Timelines can be incredibly helpful in teaching, learning, and understanding historical events in the context of other events. Online interactive timelines, doubly so.

[Timeline Index](#) lets you search by keyword, date, or category (like U.S. Presidents, religion, Asia, the Industrial Age, etc.), which you can then narrow to more specific timelines (Asia > Bangladesh, India, Japan, Tibet, etc.) and more specific time periods (Silk Road, Ancient Indus Valley, etc.). Each event on a timeline also links to other related timelines and gives you a paragraph or two of information, and outside links to more about that specific topic.

[Timelines.tv](#) offers several timelines on Britain as well as on the spread of smallpox and on the American West (1840-1890). All points on the timelines, which are shown together and scrollable at the bottom of the site, indicate short documentary videos on historical events, from the words of Black Elk, a Lakota Sioux, in the 1930s to the lives of serfs and peasants after the Norman Conquest of Britain.

From TimelineIndexcom.

For local history, [Missouri Digital Heritage](#) created a timeline ranging from 1673-1993, showing historical events and some photos of Missouri history, ranging from the first

Europeans to set foot in Missouri to the 1993 Outstanding Schools Act and the Great Flood of 1993. (And for other related resources, check out their [Education Resources](#) page.)

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.

September 2013 Featured Librarian— Jeff Papier



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

My name is Jeff Papier, and I am Reference Librarian/Assistant Professor at the Florissant Valley Campus of St. Louis Community College. My duties are quite varied, and keep me on my toes: at the reference desk, I teach students how to conduct research; in the classroom, I conduct bibliographic instruction sessions. In Spring 2013, teaching a credit-bearing library research course will become part of my duties. This semester I'll be involved in developing a version of that course for my campus, as the course hasn't been offered here in a number of years. In addition, I serve as the library liaison to a number of academic departments, and devote a goodly amount of time to collection development. Committee work is a substantive part of my position, too. To round things out, I'm also a faculty co-sponsor of our LGBT student club. I received my Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Harvard University, and my Masters in Library Science from Rutgers University in my home state of New Jersey.

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

Languages are a lifelong passion of mine, but I found out after college that teaching French at the high school level was not. Deciding what I wanted to do when I grew up became a real Zen koan for me. That koan was solved in a flash when a librarian friend of mine told me he thought I'd make a good reference librarian. Thinking "I love research, have wide-ranging interests, and am fairly outgoing," I said "what the heck", and started the library program at Rutgers in 1993. The honest truth is that I've never looked back. I was a reference librarian in public libraries for around 14 years, and have been at St. Louis Community College since 2007. When people ask "If you weren't a librarian, what would you be?" I answer "a librarian."

Q2: What do you like most about being a community college librarian?

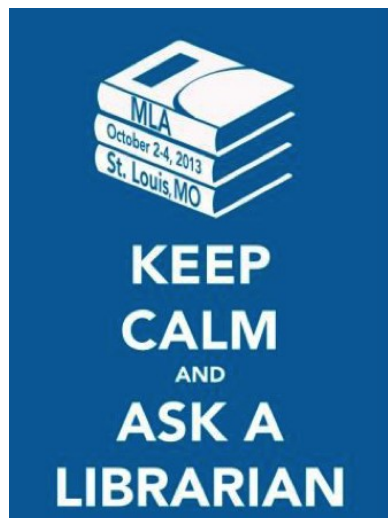
The sheer variety of students who come through the library doors is the best part of the job. We help students who are fairly well academically prepared and wish ultimately to transfer to a four-year college. At the same time, we help students who struggled through high school and who need lots of assistance in realizing their goal of receiving a college education. Then there are the returning students - - students in their 30s and 40s on up who, due to layoffs or other personal circumstances - come to us to learn new skills. These students often have great maturity but are fearful of new technologies or of stepping into a classroom for the first time in years. The challenge and the joy in my job is helping all of these students, with their distinct needs, to the best of my abilities.

Q3: What do you think are the biggest challenges in working in a community college library?

See the answer to question 2! It's a true challenge to teach a classroom full of students who have very basic library skills, if any at all, and to then switch gears and teach a class of more academically prepared individuals. My

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Keep Calm and Register for Conference!



The 2013 Missouri Library Association Annual Conference is just a month away and we have a great conference planned for you in St. Louis! If you haven't registered for the conference there is still time, so please plan on joining us on October 2-4 at the Sheraton Westport Chalet.

Here are few new things that will be happening at the 2013 Conference:

MLA 2013 will have an app for that! Yes, the 2013 MLA conference will offer an app powered by Boopsie for Libraries. The app offered by our Gold sponsor Boopsie for Libraries will include the full conference schedule, the My Schedule feature, a listing of the exhibit hall, a My Exhibitors Plan feature, a listing of local restaurants, and local weather. More details will be sent once the app is available for download.

Battledecks returns but with a fun new venue. The ever popular Battledecks event returns to the 2013 conference but this year it will be held at the newly renovated St. Louis Public Central Library, a Gold level sponsor. This year's event will include tours of Central Library, a dessert social, and a challenging game of wits known as Battledecks. Thanks to our Gold level

transportation sponsor SirsiDynix, we will be offering bus transportation for 100 people. Details about parking and transportation will be sent out to the listserv and added to the MLA Conference webpage.

Introducing a new Vendor Tech Expo Demo area. On Thursday, October 3rd we are offering a new Vendor Tech Expo Demo area in the Basel room. This new Tech Expo will include brief 25 minute full product demonstration presentations by companies that are exhibiting in the Exhibit Hall from the comfort of a meeting room. The schedule for the Tech Expo will be included in the Conference Program.

First ever MLA Dance Party! You will not want to miss what is sure to be the event of the year. Yes, the MLA Conference will host its first Dance Party. Library conferences across the country including Special Library Association and Medical Libraries Association always have a dance party. Now, thanks to our Gold sponsor Boopsie for Libraries, so will Missouri. You will want to make sure to check out our own MLA Spinning Librarian and we even have a surprise special live performer!

St. Louis SLA hosted dine-arounds. If you are looking for a fun dining out experience with your colleagues from across the state, well then you will want to check out the Dine-Arounds on Wednesday night of conference. The St. Louis Metro Area Chapter of SLA will be hosting small group dine-arounds. Conference attendees will be able to check out the various restaurant choices and select their dine-around of choice. Members of the St. Louis Chapter of SLA will provide transportation for the dine-around if needed. Each attendee will cover the cost of their individual check. More details to come soon.

MLA 2013 introduces Guerilla Storytime as seen at ALA Annual Conference. Join fellow conference attendees for impromptu challenges and demonstrations as librarians get to show off their mad storytime skills. Everyone is welcome to watch, and participation is encouraged!

MLA New Member event offers a new format in 2013. This year the MLA Meet and Greet event will take place right before the Vendor Conference Reception on Wednesday afternoon. Several of the MLA Committees and Community of Interest groups will have tables set up right outside of the Exhibit Hall where you will be able to go and learn about what each group does for the organization. And to make it even more interesting, the Committees and COIs will be decorating their tables and you get to vote on the best and most creative. Thanks to our Bronze sponsor, Emporia State University, door prizes will be drawn before the Exhibit Hall Ribbon Cutting at 5:30.

And don't forget to unwind Friday morning with Zumba! What better way to wrap up your conference experience than with a Zumba class Friday morning taught by our own MLA Zumba Instructor.

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Cape Girardeau News

Young Jedi Academy—July 20, 2013

“Strong in the Force you are, young Padawan. Complete your training you must. To the Cape Girardeau Public Library you will go. There trained will you be in the ways of the Jedi!”

Children ages 5-12 (most with younger siblings and parents in tow) were excited to have this opportunity to brush up their Jedi skills at what was undoubtedly the summer’s most talked-about program. The event was inspired by a combination of the popularity of Star Wars books in the library, a past blog post from the Show Me Librarian, and assorted Pinterest boards. The informal pace of a Saturday drop-in program afforded children plenty of time to explore a wide variety of skills: sharpening knowledge of Star Wars history (increasingly difficult levels of trivia questions), learning lightsaber moves, practicing light saber agility (trying to keep a balloon aloft using lightsabers made from pool noodles), designing a droid (using recycled materials), designing a death star (using the library’s chalk spinner), building dexterity (learning to fold an origami Yoda and a fortune Wookiee), improving hand eye coordination via laser blaster target practice (Nerf guns) and droid tosses (bean bags tossed into wastebaskets decorated as droids), and learning the art of Yoda-speak (<http://www.yodaspeak.co.uk/index.php>).

As children arrived at the library, they picked up a scroll with their assignments. At each station, they earned stars toward certification as Jedi. After the fun and hard work, young Jedi picked up their certificates and received a badge that identified them as members of the Rebel Alliance. That badge earned them entrance to the Star Wars Canteen where they could cool off with a Yoda-soda (lemon-lime soda and lime sherbet) and enjoy a Wookiee cookie (a Little Debbie Star Crunch). Many of the participants (and some parents) came in costume, but the library had available Jedi shirts in a range of sizes that children could put on to take advantage of the great photographic opportunities.

Thanks to the dedication and commitment of volunteers from The Rebel Alliance (the good guys) and the 501st Legion (the bad guys) this event became one that participants will not soon forget. These volunteers drove for as many as 8 hours and volunteered their time and expertise. Their generosity enabled children to visit and pose with the Jedi (from the Je’daii Order, the Jedi Order, and The New Jedi Order) and a Tuscan Raider. Before the day ended, we received multiple requests to give equal time to the Dark Side. Be forewarned. The Dark Side will not be easily defeated. Plans are underway for next year’s Sith Academy.



Springfield-Greene News

Wordfest celebrates words written, spoken, sung

An author who helped inspire “Downton Abbey,” Missouri’s poet laureate, and national authors and Ozark Mountain Daredevils’ Michael “Supe” Granda, were all a part of “Wordfest” on Sept. 27 and 28 at downtown Springfield venues.

Wordfest is a weekend of workshops, demonstrations, author talks, book signings and performances to celebrate words – written, spoken, sung. Free events will feature wordsmiths of all kinds on stage and in workshops for all ages. Learn more at wordfestsgf.wordpress.com.

The weekend kicks off with the only ticketed event, An Edwardian Evening, with author Carol McD. Wallace at the Veridian event center in downtown Springfield. Wallace’s co-authored book “To Marry an English Lord” helped inspire the PBS series “Downton Abbey.” (Tickets are \$20 for students, \$25 for adults, available Sept. 9 through the Library.) The evening will include English sweets, savories, refreshments and a cash bar, prize drawings and book signing by the author.



Carol McD. Wallace is the featured author at Wordfest on Friday, Sept. 27.

Other events through the weekend include a Quentin Tarantino Adult Spelling Bee at a local brewery; a poetry slam; the Veterans Writing Project; a Zine workshop and talks by authors/poets/songwriters Kate Klise, Brian Katcher, Lori Copeland, Michael “Supe” Granda, William Trowbridge, Inge Chiles and Jody Bilyeu.

Wordfest is funded by the Missouri Humanities Council and the former Missouri Literary Festival. Partners also include Ozarks Public Television and Missouri State University/College of Arts and Letters.



Krissy Sinor is the new Edge Community Technology Center and staff training

Mobile Computer Trainer Named as Edge Coordinator

Krissy Sinor, who created and taught the Edge Mobile classes four years ago to help people take computer classes at their neighborhood branches, was named the district’s coordinator of the Edge Community Technology Center and staff training coordinator. She succeeds Jazy Mihalik, who retired after 27 years with the Library District. The Edge provides computer classes and professional development training for the public.

Library Offers New Digital Media with IndieFlix and Hoopla

The Library just introduced two new digital media options for patrons that help stretch the Library’s collection budget and give patrons more for their tax dollars. Patrons can now get a free, streaming movie service, IndieFlix, which provides unlimited access to thousands of award-winning independent films, shorts and documentaries from more than 50 countries. (A private subscription would cost \$69 a year.) No holds or downloads are necessary, and patrons can access IndieFlix from the alphabetized list of databases at thelibrary.org/databases.

The film-festival hits include the best of Sundance, Cannes, Tribeca, SXSW and more. Patrons can stream films from almost any Internet-enabled device including Android and Apple products, and directly to a TV through Roku and Xbox.

The Library also introduced Hoopla, a new product from Midwest Tape that provides digital music, videos and audiobooks. With a valid library card, patrons can create an account allowing them to stream content on computers and some mobile devices. Hoopla was designed exclusively for libraries. Instead of paying a flat annual subscription fee, libraries pay per item checked out. Users have a limit of 12 checkouts per month. As use of Hoopla grows, we may adjust that limit or set other limits to meet patron demand and fit within the Library budget.

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ALA Councilor's Report

Declaration for the Right to Libraries

{A Message from 2013-2014 ALA President Elect Barbara Stripling}



ALA President-Elect, Barbara Stripling

Note: Barbara will be our keynote speaker at MLA Conference in St. Louis October 2-4.

My presidential initiative, *Libraries Change Lives*, will focus on increasing public understanding of the value of libraries, especially in the realms of literacy, innovation, and community engagement. Now is the time for us to build the public will for libraries of all types.

As part of this effort, we have planned a campaign called **America's Right to Libraries** and developed a *Declaration for the Right to Libraries* to serve as a strong public statement of the value of libraries for individuals, communities, and our nation. Through this initiative, libraries of all types will have the opportunity in the next year to hold signing ceremonies where community members, organizations, and officials can visibly sign and stand up for their right to have vibrant school, public, academic, and special libraries in their community.

I invite you to join us in the effort to secure hundreds of thousands of signatures from community members across the country. Our plan right now is for the signed scrolls to be presented at a national summit and ceremony to be held in the spring of 2014. Please invite people in your local community to proclaim the value of libraries.

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[Download the Declaration in Other Languages](#)



Digital Inclusion Survey Starts September 3

The ALA Office for Research and Statistics and the University of Maryland Information Policy and Access Center will begin capturing information about the vital roles public libraries play in supporting digital inclusion. The [Digital Inclusion Survey](#), which will go live September 3, will take the pulse of public library service in the areas of digital literacy, economic and workforce development, civic engagement, educational support, health information, and public access to the internet.

Cory Doctorow Speaks Up in Video for Authors for Library Ebooks

Cory Doctorow writes: "Earlier this summer, I worked with ALA on its [Authors for Library Ebooks](#) project, which is asking authors to call on their publishers to offer ebooks to libraries at a fair price. Right now, libraries pay several times more for ebooks than people off the street: up to six times more. I recorded this [video](#) (4:19) explaining why libraries and authors are natural allies." Boing Boing, Aug. 6; YouTube, July 31

[Reversing The Summer Slide](#)

"Lower-income kids in our research are basically treading water in the summer months," said Karl Alexander, a researcher at Johns Hopkins University who has done extensive work into the setbacks for children without summer educational opportunities, known as the "summer slide." For two decades, Alexander [followed](#) a group of 800 students in Baltimore, beginning in 1982. Only about 4% of the children from lower-income households went on to earn a bachelor's degree. Alexander suspected it had something to do with the time they were out of school.

NPR: *All Things Considered*, Aug. 4; Henry A. Murray Research Archive

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International Librarianship and Worldview



Glasgow, Scotland

We can't say enough about the [MU International program](#) and especially the SISLT courses that made our travels possible. There were ten of us students and one delightful teen on this three-week tour of libraries throughout Ireland and the UK. Our two professors were experienced and seasoned travelers. [Dr. Denise Adkins](#) opened our eyes to International Librarianship, and [Dr. Jenny Bossaller](#) immersed us in Libraries and Social Justice. Issues were exposed in both courses which really made us think about the challenges each library community was facing. In this article we will share some of the main things we learned while traveling abroad.

One result of the trip was that I (Cindy) developed a stronger appreciation for the library systems and funding structures in the US. I recall one Irish librarian who praised our ALA. She believes that because it is established and highly organized, it has governmental influence that Irish and UK libraries can only hope to have. In fact, recent years have shown a decided decrease in the power of public libraries to fend for themselves. Just before we left on this trip, a series of events was

unfolding in London where the contents of a public library had been sold and removed literally under cover of darkness to avoid outraging the local community. We found less outrage on the Irish side of things. Irish public libraries are funded by a sort of trickle-down process from the federal level to the County to the city. After funds are dispersed to schools, sanitation and everything else, very little is left for libraries. The Irish appreciate their libraries but when given an either/or choice, basic services always come first.

We met with a wide array of librarians who talked candidly about the state of libraries (public, private, special, and other) in their respective countries. They were traditionally hospitable in the best European way. Hot tea and refreshments were provided at every single meeting. It helped us to acclimate, to relax, and to socialize with them and with each other. We became accustomed to the pace of it, and a genuine easiness formed in our group of travelers. The trip was about learning and experiencing, but it also became about building friendships and finding new paths to understanding cultures and customs. We were all intrigued by the varying dialects as we journeyed from Dublin north to Belfast. Scotland was simply a treat for the eyes and the ears. Yes, men in kilts and business coats walked Edinburgh's Royal Mile. The place was simply stunning; the libraries even more so.

I (Brian) appreciated the Irish and British perspective on the value of the book. They don't wear gloves over there; they just don't. All over Ireland and the UK, I touched books that were as old as printing, and I never once put on a pair of cotton or latex gloves. None were offered. In the UK and Ireland value is placed on the book as an object, one that you have to experience tactilely as well as visually. This is not to say that they don't use preservation methods. Ireland and the UK have some of the best preservation systems in the world. The question is: preserve them to what end; to keep them sealed, separate and isolated? Or do we preserve the books so that we can interact with them?



In America we distance ourselves from the book as an object. We respect and revere it (by and large), but we don't tend to want to interact with it. Archival collections are to be looked at but not touched, considered for what they mean rather than simply what they are. We concern ourselves with intellectual content instead of including physical content. We shouldn't be afraid of breaking the book. We should be afraid that the book will break us.

Then there's the issue of place. A lot of American libraries are coming back to the consideration of the library as a place, not just as a book warehouse, but I think Europe got there ahead of us. Think for a moment of all those beautiful libraries you've seen in pictures. Do you really think all those pillared buildings and ornate rooms were constructed just to focus on the books inside them? The library had materials, certainly, but it was also a place of freedom to think and learn and explore. The Linen Hall Library in Belfast served as a sort of neutral space during the Troubles. Was that because of the

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2014 MLA Elections

Candidate profiles and ballot information will be sent in late August or early September. If you chose to vote electronically when you paid for your 2013 membership, you will receive an email with instructions and a link to the candidate profiles and ballot. If you indicated you wanted to receive a paper ballot, one will be mailed to you. Electronic voting must be completed by 11:59 p.m., Monday, September 23rd. Paper ballots must be received at the Amigos office by 5 p.m. on Monday, September 23rd.

MLA President-Elect Election

The position of President-Elect requires one year served as President-Elect and one year served as President. The elected person attends all Executive Board meetings, serves in lieu of the President when s/he is unavailable, serves on the Conference Site Selection Committee, and attends at least one meeting of each Standing Committee to better understand the association's infrastructure and business (2012 Missouri Library Association Handbook).

**Liz MacDonald,
Lindenwood University
President-elect Candidate**

(1 year as president-elect, 1 year as president)



Biography

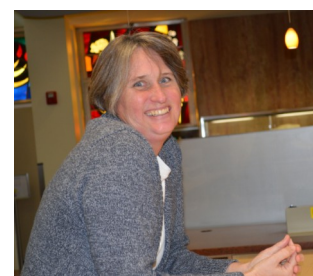
I am currently the Dean of University Library Services at Lindenwood University and have served in that capacity for over 10 years. As Dean, I serve on several faculty and administrative committees, such as the Student and Faculty Scholarship Committee, the annual Adjunct Faculty Training Conference planning team, the Library Advisory Council, and the Dean's council, in addition to teaching a world history class. Outside of my responsibilities at Lindenwood, I have been involved in the library community in a variety of ways. I served on and co-chaired task forces and committees within MOBIUS, as well as serving on the MOBIUS Executive Board from 2005-2007. Additionally, while on the MLNC Board of Directors from 2007 - 2012, I served on the Nominating Committee and MLNC Strategic Initiatives Task Force. Upon the merger of MLNC and Amigos Library Services, I served a one-year term 2012-2013 as a non-voting member on the Amigos Board of Directors to ensure that MLNC member libraries continued to have a voice as they transitioned into the newly merged organization.

Statement

Being nominated to run for the position of President-elect for MLA is a great honor and I welcome the opportunity to take on the challenge. I am extremely excited by the prospect of playing a leadership role in an organization that reflects the same commitment to promoting and supporting multi-type libraries and librarians, and if elected, I hope to continue to advocate the 'Three Visions for MLA': membership, legislative activity, and relationship building. As we have seen in the last year, it is more important than ever to stay focused on the 'Three Visions for MLA' to not only move the organization forward, but also to have a truly positive impact on Missouri libraries, Missouri librarians, and *all* Missouri Library users. Again, I am honored to be nominated for President-elect, and if elected, look forward to working with the Board and membership of MLA as we move forward.

**Christina Prucha,
Logan University
President-elect Candidate**

(1 year as president-elect, 1 year as president)



Biography

Christina is the cataloger librarian/archivist at Logan University in Chesterfield. She has been in this position since 2011. She received her MLS in 2005 from the University of Arizona and was the archivist at the American Choral Directors Association in Oklahoma City from 2006 until she relocated with her family to St. Louis in late 2010. She joined MLA in 2011 to network with other librarians across the state and to give back to the profession. Currently, she is the editor of MO INFO and she serves on the 2013 MLA conference committee. She is also the president of the St. Louis Regional Library Network, a regional professional organization that seeks to offer networking opportunities and low cost professional development opportunities.

Statement

I joined MLA because I was new to the state and I wanted an opportunity to meet other librarians and learn about their jobs and their libraries. I also wanted to be part of an organization that provided educational opportunities for librarians. MLA has given me the chance to do all of this and more and I would like to continue giving back to this great organization. I would like to continue being the advocate for all libraries, just as I have watched both Glenda Hunt and Carol Smith do in the past two years that I have been a member. I want to continue to build on their strong foundation and continue to demonstrate our value to our communities and to fight for the needs of all libraries in this state. We do fantastic work in our libraries, and much as I get to share the incredible work we do with each other through MO INFO, if elected to the position of president-elect, I would make it my mission to serve our community by sharing our successes with everyone from our legislators to our community and school leaders so that they continue to understand the value we bring to the many lives we touch.

MLA Members-at-Large Candidates

The 2014 slate of candidates for Members-at-Large include public and academic librarians whose past professional histories all demonstrate their ability to cross lines and understand the needs of the entire membership. This September, MLA members are asked to choose three of these candidates to represent the entire Missouri Library Association membership for two years as Mem-bers-at-Large. Their job duties will include discovering members' concerns, representing the entire membership, managing the job-line, serving as members of the Conference Site Selection Committee, and possibly serving as Secretary, Treasurer, or Assistant Treasurer (2012 Missouri Library Association Handbook).

Jodie Borgerding—Member-at-Large candidate

(two year term)

Biography

Jodie Borgerding is an Instruction & Liaison Librarian at Webster University in St. Louis. As the subject liaison to the School of Communications and the Department of Religious Studies she helps students and faculty with research assistance, teaches library instruction sessions and coordinates collection development. Prior to coming to Webster, she was the Web Services Reference Assistant at Saint Louis University Libraries and Circulation Assistant at Scenic Regional Library. Jodie has an MA in Library Science from University of Missouri-Columbia and is currently working on an MA in Media Communications through Webster University. She earned a BA in Literature and Journalism from Missouri State University.



Jodie is actively involved with ACRL, and NMRT. She is currently serving on various committees with ACRL/EBSS, as well as the ACRL Membership and Orientation Committee and the NMRT Endnotes Committee. Jodie has also been involved with MLA. Previously, Jodie served as chair of the MLA Computer and Information Technology Interest Group and MACRL, before they became part of the communities of interest. When she was chair of MACRL, she also served as a member of the Executive Board. She also was chair of the Publications Committee and co-chair of the 2013 Conference Site Selection Committee.

Jodie's research interests include website design, gaming in libraries, and library marketing and communications.

Statement

To be honest, I am running for MLA Member-At-Large because I enjoyed my time serving on the Executive Board in 2011 and I would love the opportunity to do it again. It was a rewarding experience to help transition our association into the current organizational model. I have been an active member of MLA since 2007 by serving on various committees and task forces that have allowed me to learn more about libraries and meet a bunch of great librarians.

I believe in the work our association does for libraries of all types and sizes across the state and an organization like MLA is desperately needed in times like these. This past year served as a wake-up call to many of us when the Secretary of State cut funding and jobs to the State Library's office. We have to continue to be advocates of the power and importance libraries are to our communities and educational institutions so something like this does not happen again.

Ann Campion Riley—Member-at-Large Candidate

(two year term)

Biography

Ann Campion Riley is the Associate Director for Access, Collections and Technical Services for the University of Missouri Libraries at the University's flagship campus in Columbia. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of College and Research Libraries and has been active in local, state and national library associations. She is a past-president of the Missouri Library Association and a writer and speaker on assessment and organizational culture in higher education.



Statement

The Missouri Library Association is an important source of networking and continuing education for all of us working for the future of Missouri's libraries. Libraries need to be a strong and vibrant force to serve our populations. The MLA Board needs to be connected to the membership, fiscally responsible and forward-looking, and I'd like to be a contributor to keeping our organization stable and moving forward.

Beth Caldarello—Member-at-Large candidate
(two year term)

Professional Activities

Catholic Library Association
MLA Conference Site Selection Committee
KCMLIN/MALA Council Member for Academic Libraries
PRIDE Recipient from DeVry University
Library Advocacy Day attendee
MOOCS student for New Librarianship Master Class



Biography

My path to arrive in the library world has been varied and full of excitement, which has guided my quest for knowledge. This is my second career and I know I have found my niche and my passion. I received my MLS in Library Science from UCM, while working in a library and raising my family. Then I continued taking numerous classes within the Library Learning Resources area at UCM. I am now working on my dissertation for my PhD in Higher Education Administration from St. Louis University. I am a lifelong learner and I can honestly say that each librarian I have ever met is also a lifelong learner! I have started a new position at North Central Missouri College and have been here for about three weeks. Previous library jobs were with Our Lady of the Presentation School and DeVry University. I am eager to learn about the policies and opportunities within the community college library sector. One of the hardest things for me to give up when I recently moved to North Central Missouri College was access to my local public library in Lee's Summit! That should give you a clue about my priorities in life...

Statement

Carol Smith has inspired me to become more involved each time I read something she has written or have followed one of her suggestions. When she mentioned there would be an upcoming election for the Member-at-Large positions, I was motivated to run for the office and see if there was a way for me to give back to other librarians who have helped me along the way.

I feel like I have much to learn, but I also feel that I have much to contribute. I have worked in three very different sectors; Catholic education, proprietary education and now on to community college education. Within each location, I believe that the library is the heart and the hub of the institution, and with that comes great responsibility. We are responsible to each and every one of our patrons to remain on the cutting edge of knowledge and how to obtain that knowledge. Information literacy for our patrons is so important and I want our patrons to know that the plethora of information available to them at their fingertips, can be managed and utilized, simply by understanding how to find the best information for their needs.

With the recent events that occurred within the Missouri State Library, I realized that the collaboration and combined efforts of ALL librarians gives us a very strong voice that can be heard far and wide. I want to be involved in those continued efforts to make sure that everyone realizes what librarians and libraries bring to the table and will continue to bring to the table. I would work very hard to assist in any way that I can. I thrive on positive action, change, group think, mentoring, sharing and the continued ways that libraries can be reinforced as an integral part of our patrons' lives.

From his new book, *The Atlas of New Librarianship*, R. David Lankes states that "librarians are on a journey that started literally millennia ago and continues to this day. It is a journey that will continue for centuries to come-so long we don't lose our way. In any journey, there are milestones-key moments that allow us to stop and review our course...librarians have not only an opportunity but an obligation to find their center and the means to continue a centuries-long mission to use knowledge to better understand the past, make a better today, and invent an ideal future.

Cindy Stewart Grant—Member-at-Large Candidate
(two year term)**Biography**

Cindy Stewart Grant served as a library board trustee prior to being hired as Library Director for Mound City Public in November 2006. In five and a half years, Cindy, one part-time staff member, and her board, won a significant mill levy increase; established a 501c3 Friends group; automated then moved a collection of 20,000 items; established a web site; and implemented six, nine week long summer reading programs with LSTA and local funds. She wrote and managed 16 grants totaling \$60,000 for technology, programs funds, targeted collection development and career development. Using a Spotlight on Literacy grant, Cindy initiated an ongoing joint partnership with the school, a Kiwanis club, the FOL, and the Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge which then began after school programs at the Refuge each Fall and Spring. She was serving as Secretary of the MPLD Missouri Public Library Directors when she was hired as Branch Manager of the Mid-Continent Public Library in Dearborn, MO. She now oversees 8 employees, has several new local partnerships in Dearborn, Chairs the MLA Public Library Community of Interest and serves on the MLA Legislative Committee. Cindy will graduate with her MLS from MU in December 2013.

**Statement**

Sharing knowledge, best practices, and connecting people who can help each other is my passion. If I am elected, I will support the MLA board by becoming an informed extension of the body. I will be an advocate to protect library funding. I will promote the value of library services, the opportunities for collaboration that can happen in library spaces, and library partnerships between businesses, agencies and other libraries.

Seth Hershberger—Member-at-Large Candidate
(two year term)**Employment**

Assistant Director, Cass County Public Library
Peace Corps Volunteer, Tonga, 2004 - 2006; Reference Associate, Springfield-Greene County Public Library, 2002 - 2004; Library Assistant, Ozarks Technical Community College, 2001 - 2004.

Education

MLS, University of Missouri; BA, Drury University, Springfield, MO; Recipient of Missouri State Library Scholarship, 2003 - 2004.

MLA Activities

Member, 2007 - 2013; Participation in Library Advocacy Day, 2010 - 2013; Legislative Committee, 2013.

Statement

I'm pleased and honored to run for the Missouri Library Association Board position of Member-at-Large. I believe in the importance of fostering a vibrant, collaborative library community in our state and view MLA's role as central to that goal. The strength of our institutions depends more than ever on our ability to organize our efforts in partnership with other libraries, and to learn from each other. I will serve on the board with the aim of fostering and facilitating those collaborative opportunities. I am enthused about the opportunity.



Kathleen O'Dell– Member-at-Large Candidate

(two year term)

Biography

Kathleen M. O'Dell has been community relations director of the Springfield-Greene County Library District since September 2009. Previously she had a long career as a newspaper reporter since 1977, having worked at the Beaumont (Texas) Enterprise, USA Today (Washington, D.C.) and until 2009 at the Springfield (Mo.) News-Leader. She earned a Bachelor of Journalism in 1976 from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Past honors include several Associated Press and Gannett Co. Inc. writing awards; 2011 Quill Award by the Writers Hall of Fame and 20 Most Influential Women in Springfield 2011. She is a member of MLA, the Rotary Club of Springfield program chair, secretary of the Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation and vice commodore of the Ozarks Yacht Club, Table Rock Lake.

**Candidate Statement**

As a non-librarian in a library career, I support our many efforts to demystify libraries to the public and especially to library non-users by: easing up on library jargon for more patron-friendly language; taking book discussions and special events into the community where non-library users may be more comfortable; giving patrons the inside scoop so they can help us do word-of-mouth marketing; and providing patrons with the training they need to master new technology. Libraries also have a responsibility to be at the community table to address "red flags" such as illiteracy and the "digital divide." And I believe MLA can help train library staff to be those effective community leaders.

Announcing the 2013 Missouri Library Association Awards Winners!

The Missouri Library Association Awards Committee is pleased to announce the following awards winners:



Francis "Bud" Barnes Outstanding Legislator Award – **Senator Maria Chappelle-Nadal** and **Senator Brian Munzlinger**

The Francis "Bud" Barnes Outstanding Legislator Award is sponsored by the Legislative Committee and is given annually to a Missouri legislator in recognition of exceptional contributions to the welfare of Missouri's libraries. The award is named in honor of State Representative Francis (Bud) Barnes (District 96) whose long devotion to Missouri libraries and whose contributions to library-related legislation are gratefully acknowledged.

**Missouri Library of the Year – Springfield-Greene County Library District**

The Missouri Library of the Year Award is conferred upon any type of Missouri library, library system, or library network for distinguished achievement in service.



Springfield-Greene County
Library District



Outstanding Library Employee – **Stacy Hisle-Chaudri**, Assistant Manager, Mid-Continent Public Library, Kansas City, MO

The Outstanding Library Employee Award recognizes a library employee who has made a significant contribution to the improvement and advancement of library and information services.

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The Bohley Scholarship Silent Auction Needs You!

The Bohley Silent Auction is on for the MLA conference! We're so excited to bring this popular event back this year! However, we need your help in order to be successful. Please consider supporting the auction in one (or more!!) of three ways:

- Donate something for the silent auction! No item is too large or small to be donated! Some ideas to get you going are: crafts/jewelry, sports/college items, gift certificates, food items (sealed, please!), office items, beauty supplies, event tickets, or books. We would be happy to take those unwanted gifts that someone else might love. The possibilities are endless. To sign-up or for more details, check your e-mail for a call for donations in September. The information and sign-up form can also be found at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1kBMQm_NnuJFuX60MXWq7LaRzf6ji7rQi8wwYxvICRIE/viewform
- Spend an hour or two of your time at the MLA conference working the auction booths. This is an easy, low-stress commitment! Great for students! Again, keep an eye on your e-mail for a call for volunteers in September. Can't wait? Sign-up here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_MsLd-MTt-IBiDVuOOT97U1gKpwdRt8ww6kyFZGNvzg/viewform
- Visit us at the conference tradeshow (in the Versailles Foyer) and bid on some items! All proceeds to benefit the Ronald G. Bohley Scholarship fund. Bidding will be open from Wednesday at 5:30 through Thursday at 3:00. All winners must pay for and pick up their items before the annual business meeting at 4:00.

Can't wait to see you there!

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approach to the material, pacing, depth of explanation, along with lots of pedagogical intangibles have to be appropriate to the "audience." But the challenges, when met, are themselves the source of great satisfaction – not an uncommon occurrence in other areas of life, too.

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

Knowledge and library experience can be acquired, as can technology skills. It's nice to have a fair amount of these in any new hire. However, there are some qualities of character that are perhaps rarer, and for which I'd be especially on the lookout:

- A commitment to teaching, and to improving as a teacher throughout the course of an entire career. This means the ability to welcome constructive feedback.
- An abiding desire to help students, no matter what their academic or economic backgrounds.
- Intellectual curiosity.
- Respectful, professional regard for others in the workplace.
- The ability to embrace carefully considered change, and to shake up the status quo when necessary.
- The ability to keep things in perspective, and to leaven difficult situations with humor.

Q5: Why are you involved in/ member of the Missouri Library Association?

I'd say the onus is on those librarians who aren't MLA members to explain why they haven't joined. We as librarians, wherever we work, know the value we bring to our patrons. However, there are some disturbing trends across the country in which that value is being called into question, or denied entirely. Thankfully, the Missouri Library Association, along with other library associations throughout the country, are preserving, protecting and promoting the good that we do.

Library Director Receives Outstanding Achievement Award

Mid-Century Public Library's Director and CEO Steven V. Potter was honored by the College of Education at the University of Missouri - Columbia and received a Citation of Merit for Outstanding Achievement. He was nominated by the school for his work to expand education opportunities for library constituents by providing library and information services in a variety of settings.

"One of the most important elements in any community is a great educational institution that also encourages civic involvement; you can't have that without great libraries." said Steven V. Potter.

Potter has worked tirelessly to create a more informed and educated community where the need for libraries is key to its success. Over the years, Potter has authored MCPL's first website, modernized the Library's digital collection, served as professor for MU's School of Library and Information Technology, and has worked to preserve the School through his participation in the merge between the library school and the College of Education.

"Library science is one of those professions that, to quote Mark Twain, 'The reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated.' I can't have a meaningful conversation with anyone for more than 30 minutes without them asking, 'With Kindles and eBooks, do people really need libraries?'"

In a world that is constantly asked to justify its existence, libraries have to consistently prove their worth through expanding access to innovation, information, ideas, and inspiration.

"In college, I read an article from the 1950s that asked, 'With the advent of television, are libraries really necessary?' Twenty-two years later, here I am!, said Potter. "As long as there is a need for people to have high-quality content; there is a need for libraries. Sometimes people get confused between the medium and the message. Popular mediums help expand access to the message, but the message is still what's important."

Mid-Century Public Library is the largest library system in the Kansas City metropolitan area, operating 35 libraries and serving over 770,000 people in Jackson, Clay, and Platte counties. The Library strives to enrich our citizens and communities through expanding access to innovation, information, ideas, and inspiration.

Mid-Century Public Library Receives \$3,000 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

Grant to support MCPL's literacy programs

Mid-Century Public Library recently received a \$3,000 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Organization to support its literacy programs. Specifically, the grant was used this summer to provide **hands-on eReader experience** to a 4th grade summer school class to encourage them to read for enjoyment, improve their literacy skills, and encourage the group to complete the Summer Reading Program.

"This grant gave us the opportunity to provide kids that were reading **below grade level** with an opportunity to experiment with something new that would inspire them to read more," said Shari Ellison, Youth Services Manager. "When the program was over, the kids did not want to give up the eReaders! They used them not only for reading, but also for other aspects of their learning day including math and vocabulary skills."

The eReaders were pre-loaded with free books from OverDrive, the Library's **free eBook service**. The children were given instruction on how to download their own free titles, and encouraged to use the eReaders to complete this year's Summer Reading Program.

Of the 20 students in the class, 18 completed all three Summer Reading Program levels, and all the children read an average of 840 minutes.

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Outstanding New Librarian-**Elena McVicar**; Youth Services Librarian, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, MO L.H. Bluford Branch

*The **Outstanding New Librarian Award** recognizes a librarian who has made a significant contribution to the improvement and advancement of library and information services.*



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Public Relations Achievement Award - **Community Relations Department of the Springfield-Greene County Public Library**

*The **Public Relations Achievement Award** recognizes a Missouri library for outstanding public relations during the previous year.*

Ronald G. Bohley Award – **Elizabeth MacDonald**; Dean of University Library Services, Lindenwood University, St. Charles, MO

*The **Ronald G. Bohley Award** is presented by MLA and Amigos Library Services to an individual or individuals whose actions have led libraries to work better together and who exemplifies the best efforts to reach out beyond his or her own institution to promote cooperative activities among libraries.*

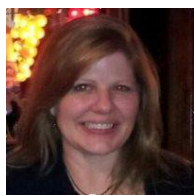


Virginia G. Young Outstanding Service – **Rosie Gerding**; Trustee, Daniel Boone Regional Library

*The **Virginia G. Young Outstanding Service Award** recognizes an individual trustee for exemplary service to libraries in Missouri. MLA awarded Virginia G. Young the inaugural Outstanding Service Award in 1994 and named it in her honor.*

Patt Behler Call-to-Conference Award - **Lindsey Taggart**; Library Assistant, Forest Institute of Professional Psychology

*The **Patt Behler Call-to-Conference Award** is sponsored by the Children's Services Community of Interest (YSCI) and is offered to introduce working librarians to the activities and programs of MLA and YSCI and to encourage involvement and on-going participation in the professional activities of those organizations.*



Ronald G. Bohley Scholarship – **Cynthia Stewart Grant**; Branch Manager, Mid-Continent Public Library, Dearborn, MO

*The **Ronald G. Bohley Scholarship** is sponsored by the Professionalism, Education, Employment, and Recruitment Community of Interest (PEERCI) and is awarded annually to an individual enrolled in or recently accepted into an ALA-accredited program in pursuit of a Master's degree in Library/Information Science.*

The American Library Association Emerging Leader Program – **Paul Smith**, Community Programming Manager, Mid-Continent Public Library, Independence, MO

*The **American Library Association Emerging Leader Program** - Beginning in 2012, the MLA has sponsored an [American Library Association Emerging Leader](#) from Missouri to help pay the costs of participation in the program.*



Congratulations to all the award winners and many thanks to their thoughtful nominators! All award winners will be recognized at the Awards Banquet on Thursday, October 3 at 7:00 pm.

In addition to these exciting new offerings, the 2013 MLA Conference will feature over 70 breakout sessions, six pre-conferences, over a dozen poster sessions, several table talks and two library tour pre-conferences. There are conference sessions on all topics including RDA, mobile apps, outreach, staffing, and many more. A full conference listing can be found on the MLA Conference webpage.

Some additional highlights include:

- Tours of the newly renovated St. Louis Public Library
- Tour of the Mercantile Library at University of Missouri St. Louis
- Opening Keynote Speaker ALA President Barbara Stripling brought to us by Silver sponsor Innovative Interfaces
- Many other fabulous speakers including; author Antony John will be speaking at the Thusnelda Schmidt Luncheon, Missouri State Librarian Barbara Reading will be speaking at the Awards Dinner, and storyteller Linda Gorham will be speaking at the Youth Services Breakfast.
- The Exhibit Hall will be packed with over 50 exhibitors from all over the country. Make sure to stop by and thank our generous vendors for their continued support.
- MOREnet trainers will be offering their highly skilled hands on training in the MOREnet room
- And Performers Showcase returns!

The 2013 Missouri Library Association Annual Conference promises to be a productive, valuable and entertaining time so don't wait. Register today!

And don't forget to reserve your hotel room at the Sheraton Westport Chalet by September 3rd.

Conference information including registration and hotel reservation information can be found at: <http://molib.org/conference/index.html>

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Digitization Capture Recommendations

At the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, the ALCTS board endorsed "[Minimum Digitization Capture Recommendations](#)." A task force of the ALCTS Preservation and Reformatting Section's Preservation Standards and Practices Committee was commissioned to develop minimum standards for the digital capture or reformatting of documents for preservation purposes. These were developed as guidelines for libraries intending to produce sustainable digital products that will not need to be redigitized.

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The 417 Librarians Battle to Stay Healthy

The 417 Librarians have been carrying on our traditions of touring, eating, and networking online. In addition to our regular dinners and joint events at the Springfield Brewing Company with the local Student Library Science Association, we have made some fun and interesting forays to special libraries. We had a spectacular tour of the Van K. Smith Community Health Library of Mercy Hospital Springfield, which inspired a lot of questions by the group. The library itself is very attractive, making it an inviting place to seek health information. After lunch at Leong's Asian Diner in honor of the 50th anniversary of its invention of Springfield-style cashew chicken, we went to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. We visited the John K. and Ruth Hulston Civil War Research Library and were able to see some of the collection's special artifacts. They then gave us our own bus tour of the battlefield, with historical stops like the Ray House and Bloody Hill.

We hope to see you at the MLA Conference and that you can join us for future events in Springfield, MO, which will be posted to the MLA, SWRASL, and SISLT listservs, a private email group (email heatherc@thelibrary.org to join), and our Facebook group, [417 Librarians](#), which has over 190 followers.



Librarians Shelley and Holly with a health-promoting mosaic



Artifacts from the Civil War

If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to contact any of the co-facilitators:

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Librarian Jeff discussing the battle of Wilson's Creek

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Call for Submissions to the November 2013 MO INFO issue

Submissions are being accepted for the November 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:

- Submit text as a Word doc or docx.
- Center titles using 16 point Arial font.
- Left justify subtitles using 12 point Arial font.
- 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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Mid-America Library Alliance



Young Adult Workshop 2013

The 2013 MALA Young Adult workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Colonial Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, MO.

This year's keynote speaker is Dave Dalton from Hammerspace (<http://www.hammerspacehobby.com>), who will be presenting on the Maker Movement in general, as well as sharing ideas, projects, and tools that can be easily (and inexpensively) utilized anywhere to encourage and support hands-on creativity.

The day-long workshop also features breakout sessions, including one with Kansas author Tessa Gratton, and table talk and poster session presentations covering a wide variety of topics including Truman/Gateway awards and how to support the schools in the selection process for these reader awards; quick and fun ice-breakers and drama programs for teens; school/public library partnerships; new, fun, useful technology; professional resources; fun, successful program ideas; and pop-up libraries and unusual outreach.

For more information and to register, go to: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e7xqx0hj6a9628f7>

Newest Webcasts:

Combating Negative Nellies in the Workplace: Unfortunately for most of us, there are always Debbie Downers and Negative Nellies in every workplace. Even in the best of times, there are those people who are consistently negative about the administrators, administrative decisions, the patrons and even the amount of work they are expected to do. This session will help you to identify Debbie Downers and Negative Nellies by type and learn techniques on how to lessen their impact on your workplace. Presenter Vicky Baker is the Associate Director for Public Services for Mid-Continent Public Library. She oversees branches and branch managers for 16 Mid-Continent Public Library branches. She had previously served 18 years as Branch Manager at one of the busiest branches in the Mid-Continent system. For more information and to register, go to:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e6w1oujs448c7a97&llr=twjxftaab>

TAG, You're It! Teen Advisory Groups in Your Library: This presentation provides the what, why, and how of creating teen advisory groups for libraries. It includes video explanations from Teen Advisory Group members themselves, important things to think about, and plenty of samples. By the end of this webcast, you will gain understanding of what a Teen Advisory Group is and why it's beneficial to both libraries and the teens involved in them; ideas of how to start a Teen Advisory Group, including the logistics of recruitment, organization, and promotion; and suggestions/recommendations for how to run a Teen Advisory Group. Presenter Erin Davies is a former middle school teacher, a current public library branch teen specialist, and a perpetual teenager at heart. For more information and to register, go to:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e7js3vqn2f11be71&llr=twjxftaab>

LGBTQ Fiction - A Reader's Advisory Overview: A once obscure sub-set of literature, LGBTQ fiction continues to grow in popularity, with no sign of ceasing. From romance to coming of age, learn about the subgenres and major authors in LGBTQ fiction. After this session, you will have a greater understanding of the background of the genre, along with a clear view of the future.

Upcoming trends and authors, what kind of appeal factors are at play, and important literary awards will all be covered. Learn more about LGBTQ fiction today! Presenter Leah White is a Reader Services Librarian at the Northbrook Public Library in Illinois and a 2012 Library Journal Mover and Shaker. She is a member of the Adult Reading Round Table Steering Committee and the co-chair of the Reference Librarians Association Continuing Education planning committee. For more information and to register, go to:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e7gx3ao87f19ae88&llr=twjxftaab>

Special Series of LSTA-Supported Webcasts is 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.

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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.

Share Your Expertise!

Do you have expertise or ideas that can help others in their library work? Are you passionate about a particular library-related knowledge set, skill, literary genre, technology, or trend? Be a MALA webcast presenter!

We welcome and encourage proposals for our growing body of professional development webcasts, which are approximately 60 minutes in length. The MALA Webcast Training Advisory Group (WTAG) will serve as a resource to ensure the development and delivery of quality, targeted programs in support of MALA's vision/mission and ensure demonstrated value to library staff productivity and engagement. The MALA WTAG will evaluate all proposals that are submitted.

The webcasts will be hosted by MALA and delivered using MALA's current technology. If you have a presentation already prepared in PowerPoint, it's easier than you think to get that fabulous content recorded as a webcast and shared with the library community via MALA.

If you've never done anything like this before, we will hold your hand every step of the way. Through practice sessions and post-recording editing we will polish up your presentation to make it ready for online viewing.

Contact Kirsten Myers at kirstenmyers@mid-americalibraryalliance.org or by phone at 816-521-7266 or 877-600-9699 for details. We can't wait to hear from you!

2013 Ronald Bohley Scholarship Recipient Announced

The Professionalism, Education, Employment, and Recruitment (PEER) CI is pleased to announce that Cindy Stewart Grant from Mid-Century Public Library has been chosen as the 2013 recipient of the Ronald G. Bohley Scholarship.

Cindy has been working in libraries since 2006, when she was asked to become the Director of the Mound City Public Library. As a solo librarian in this position, she learned a great deal through State Library training and collaboration with her fellow public library directors in Missouri. She is currently a branch manager in the Mid-Century Public Library system and continues to learn and grow each day.

Cindy has been building relationships with fellow librarians across the state for quite some time. While she was at Mound City, she was an involved member of Missouri Public Library Directors. More recently, as a member of the legislative committee, Cindy has been involved with MLA's activities in response to Secretary of State Jason Kander's cutbacks to the Missouri State Library.

Cindy expects to receive her MLS in December from the University of Missouri's School of Information Science and Learning Technologies. When she was notified that she won the scholarship, Cindy said, "Many thanks to the MLA board and selection committee for the honor of the Ronald G. Bohley scholarship. I owe my excitement and drive for quality library services to inspiring colleagues in MLA, MPLD, GRLC and ARLIS NA-CP. Your examples and encouragement make me want to make a difference." The PEER CI congratulates Cindy on all of her accomplishments and wishes her the best for the future.

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Cindy Stewart Grant, winner of the 2013
Ronald Bohley Scholarship

Missouri Evergreen Update

There continue to be many exciting developments in Missouri Evergreen. Carthage Public Library migrates onto the Evergreen system on August 27, with Webb City Public Library following on September 30. Bollinger County Library will be next, in October. Webb City Public Library and Sullivan Public Library are the newest members of the Missouri Evergreen consortium.

The membership of the consortium held its bi-monthly membership meeting via conference call in early August to discuss and decide on many issues related to the growth of the catalog and the expansion of resources for members. Missouri Evergreen decided to participate in Syndetics to add enhancement to the catalog.

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.

books? No, it was because people there already considered libraries to be community centers rather than just book repositories.



At many of the public libraries we visited, shelving was on wheeled stacks. By using movable shelves, the stacks can be rolled out of the way or stored so that large events and city functions can be held in their beautiful space. Don't think that they've sacrificed collection size, though. The libraries often build on an annex which serves as its closed stacks. These closed stacks are significantly less aesthetic. Sadly, the closed stacks resemble many of the shelves I've seen in American public libraries. Irish and British libraries have kept their beauty and atmosphere over the decades, and their patrons appreciate that they have done so.

It was at the British Library that I was most struck by a different sense of purpose behind the library. One of the main leaders said to us that the British Library served as the nation's memory. They tried to collect as much information as they could so that the British

people would always have a resource to remember their own culture. For example, the UK uses what is known as legal deposit. That is, it is the law that anything printed must have six copies sent to the British Library so that it can be preserved in separate locations.



“What’s the big deal?” you ask. “The Library of Congress does that.” No, they don’t. The LOC used to receive a copy of every book printed in America, but they stopped this procedure some time ago because the library was running out of space. In addition, the purpose of the LOC isn’t to serve as the nation’s memory but to be a resource for the members of Congress. What about the National Archives, you might ask? The US National Archives is another excellent institution, but it is tasked with preserving documents related to the business of the United States. These documents are more along the lines of letters, maps, treatises, and—oh, yes—the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. They keep important materials, to be sure, but they don’t keep it all, and they don’t keep the information as a preservation of American culture.



Having visited a large number of libraries, I (Cindy) found the [British Library at Boston Spa](#) a shining fortress in the quiet countryside. Its purpose is primarily inter-library loan and to house more than 100km of shelving packed with materials. It is the most high-tech library facility I’ve ever seen. Though there is a reading room which is open to the public, the tour guide said they were glad they didn’t get all that many visitors. “We simply don’t have room to let very many people in.” Our student group was treated to an entire day of presentations detailing just where the “BL” is investing their time and resources. They shared an amazing list of 20 or more ongoing projects and several of these project leaders

spoke to us in depth. It was an unforgettable experience. It made me proud to be part of an industry where this kind of communication and transparency is encouraged and respected. The trip inspired me to learn more about my profession, do more for my community, and contribute to my library association. The journey of living and learning together began and ended with an eager curiosity to know more. A new awareness, a changed worldview, was my result.

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Brentwood Branch Renovation Campaign Begins



BRENTWOOD LIBRARY INTERIOR

Brentwood Branch Renovation

The Library Foundation and campaign steering committee in August kicked off the leadership phase of a \$2.5 million campaign to renovate the 42-year-old Brentwood Branch Library. The 13,680-square-foot library will gain about 1,500 square feet as part of the renovation, but will retain its cozy, neighborhood atmosphere as patrons and staff requested. The construction plan includes the addition of a drive-up service window, an expanded reading room, a larger children’s department, a separate DVD/CD browsing and listening room, a reading porch and a distinct public computer room. Designed by Dake Wells Architecture and Clark Huesemann Architecture and Planning, the building is targeting a minimum of Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification. The Friends of the Library has already made a three-year, \$300,000 commitment. The public phase of the campaign will be announced later.

Patrons Show Love for Their Library

Patrons often tell us how much they love their library; now they have a chance to show it. The Library designed a window cling with the Library logo and the phrase “I ♥ My Library.” They were quickly shared with the 250 library district staff members and trustees, and offered to patrons as an adult Summer Reading Program gift.

Now patrons have been given the chance to obtain a cling if they write a short note about how they use the library or its services to enhance their lives. The goal is to later use their messages in a Library campaign. The clings are showing up on vehicles all across Springfield and Greene County.



I Love My Library cling

Library District Wins Regional Impact Ozzie Award

The Library has won an Ozzie Award for its promotion and support of the arts in the region. The Springfield Regional Arts Council Board of Directors and the 2013 Ozzie Award Selection Committee selected the library district to receive the arts council’s first “Regional Impact Ozzie Award,” saying: “The committee reviewed many nominations honoring the best of Springfield’s arts community and agreed unanimously that the Library District’s contributions to the Springfield arts community deserved recognition.”

The annual Ozzie Awards are presented to individuals and groups that promote, personify and support the arts in Springfield and the surrounding area. The award was to be presented at the fourth annual Flights of Fancy celebration at the Springfield-Branson National Airport on Saturday, Sept. 7.



Mid-America Singers of Springfield performing in the Library Center Concourse in February.

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