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Ann Campion Riley Elected ACRL Vice-President/President-Elect

Ann Campion Riley, associate director for access, collections and technical services at the University of Missouri, has been elected Association of College and Research Library (ACRL) Vice-President/President-Elect. She will become President-Elect following the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, and assume the presidency in July 2015 for a one-year term.

“I am thrilled to be the next person on a long line of hard-working librarians to have the opportunity of leading ACRL,” Riley said. “The inspiring experience of working with a future-oriented Board of Directors will be wonderful. Active ACRL members are all hard workers, and bring a great spirit of inquiry to the organization. Furthering ACRL's current initiatives, such as the Value of Libraries work and the study of the role of research data curation in libraries, are continuing challenges. Looking for the next set of challenges won't take long, as ACRL looks forward and works to engage and serve new and current members.”

“ACRL is delighted to have Ann Campion Riley join the Board as vice-president/president-elect,” said ACRL Executive Director Mary Ellen K. Davis. “Ann was a director-at-large on the ACRL Board from 2009-2013 and has a long history of service to ACRL. Her knowledge of ACRL, academic librarianship and the broader higher education environment, along with her leadership in both ACRL and other organizations, will be an asset to the Board as it continues to work with members to meet their needs and to advance the Plan for Excellence.”

Riley's work with state and regional associations includes serving on the Great Western Library Alliance (GWLA) Collection Development Committee (2009-present), Great Plains Network (GPN) and GWLA Advisory Council on the Management of the Lifecycle of Research Data Project (2012-present), GWLA Digital Collections Committee (2007-2010), Missouri Library Association (MLA) Awards Committee chair (2007-2009), as MLA president (2005) and as president of the Missouri Association of College and Research Libraries (2003).

Her awards include being honored as a Research Library Leadership Fellow by the Association of Research Libraries (2011–2012), and as a Global Scholar by the University of Missouri (2010). She has been awarded the “You Make a Difference Award” by the Saint Louis Community College (2004). She has also been honored with participation in Leadership Chesterfield (2001), LEADERS 1999, National Institute of Leadership Development and Beta Phi Mu.

Her publications and presentations include “The Community of Libraries” column in *MOInfo*: Newsletter of the Missouri Library Association (2005); coauthor of “Caution! Hazardous Substances: Recognizing and Deflecting Toxic Personalities in the Workplace,” presented at the ACRL National Conference in Baltimore (2007); and coauthor of “Using Staff Focus Groups to Help in Services Assessment” published in the Proceedings of the North Central Association Annual Meeting (2001).

Riley earned her MSLS along with her AB in English from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a MA degree in English from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

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2014 MLA Conference Updates

Your peers are polishing up more than 55 breakout session presentations, vendors are registering for this year's trade show, MOREnet staff members are shining up their Chromebooks in preparation for leading eight training sessions, and the MLA Conference is less than five months away!

Speaker Line-up

A big thank you to the MLA Committee and Community of Interest representatives who have helped us make arrangements for some exciting and dynamic presenters at this year's conference.

- **Keynote: Sarah Houghton** (The Librarian in Black, Library 2020 contributing author, and Director for the San Rafael Public Library)
- **Thusnelda Schmidt Luncheon: Jennifer Daniels**, performing songwriter, music and movement educator, and assistant to Eric Litwin, the author of the bestselling Pete the Cat picture books.
- **MACRL Luncheon: Ann Campion Riley**, Associate Director for Access, Collections, and Technical Services at the University of Missouri, and ACRL Vice-President/President-Elect
- **Awards Banquet: Alex George**, author of the bestselling novel, "A Good American."
- **YA Author Breakfast (tentative): Natalie Lloyd**, author of the debut novel "A Snicker of Magic," which received a starred review from Publishers Weekly.



Special Events

- **Author panel.** Kaitie Stover, Director of Reader's Services at the Kansas City Public Library and superstar of the RA world, has agreed to moderate an author panel to discuss how libraries have contributed to their careers and development as writers, how the mutually supportive relationship between libraries and authors can be developed, the authors' current work, and contemporary writers they are reading and recommend. Authors included will be Laura McHugh ("The Weight of Blood"), Keija Parssinen ("The Ruins of Us"), and Nina Mukerjee Furstenau ("Biting Through the Skin").
- **Librarians Change Lives! A volunteer opportunity.** Our pre-conference chairs are working with ALA Emerging Leader and librarian Lindsey Taggart to coordinate a volunteer event in Columbia as a pre-conference. This effort is part of ALA's [Librarians Build Communities program](#) and will be a great opportunity to demonstrate how libraries and librarians make a difference in the lives of those they serve.
- **Battledecks!** This raucous, hilarious social event is back for another year, and you won't want to miss it. The first night of conference, watch your fearless (and funny) fellow librarians give talks based on never-before-seen PowerPoint slides. With cats, Internet memes, and more, Battledecks is PowerPoint meets karaoke and a guaranteed good time. Watch the MLA listserv for instructions on how to participate.
- **Dance party!** Don't forget to bring your dancing shoes with you to Columbia this October!

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Featured Librarian — May 2014

Sharla Lair, MOBIUS Consortial Services & Training Coordinator and MLA Treasurer



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

Hello! My name is Sharla Lair. I am the Consortial Services & Training Coordinator at MOBIUS. I negotiate and manage all of the discounts for electronic resources in which MOBIUS members participate. I also coordinate training and professional development opportunities for the membership. When my training hat is on, I spend my time learning about trends and hot topics in libraryland, and surveying the membership to find out what of those topics are of most interest to them. Then, I will help form partnerships with organizations or individuals who are willing to share their expertise either through webinar or at the MOBIUS Conference. When my eresource hat is on, I spend much of my time talking to library directors, eresource librarians and vendors/publishers. I establish and grow relationships by listening to all of their stories and translating them to each other. I try to maintain equilibrium in the Missouri library/vendor/publisher ecosystem by way of advocating for our member libraries as well as connecting vendors/publishers to the libraries that require their products for their users. We all need each other for the ecosystem to continue to serve everyone's needs.

I received my MSLIS from Florida State University (FSU) in 2010 after completing an MS in Geography also from FSU. Although my degrees are from another state, I was born and raised in Jackson, Missouri and have worked at several Missouri libraries including Riverside Regional Library and Springfield-Greene County Libraries. Prior to my current position at MOBIUS, I was the Continuing Education Consultant at the Missouri State Library. I served on the MLA Conference committee in 2010 and 2011. I currently serve on the MLA Board as Member-at-Large, and Treasurer.

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

While completing my first Master's degree I realized that I enjoyed helping my professors and office mates do their research more than doing my own. One month after graduation, I began courses in FSU's School of Information.

Q2: What do you like most about being the Consortial Services and Training Coordinator for MOBIUS?

What I like most is that I get to work collaboratively with awesome librarians across the state and help them meet their needs, even sometimes their dreams, of providing the best services for their users.

Q3: What do you think are the biggest challenges about working in a library consortium?

The biggest challenge about working in a library consortium, as with any large group of people, is communication. Talking is easy; communication, which means an exchange or communion with another, requires intentional effort from all parties. It is not all that different from working in a library. How does a library know how to serve its users if the users keep their wants, needs and desires to themselves? And on the other side if the coin, how does a user know what a library offers if the library does not communicate their services? In a consortium, we are navigating those same communication challenges with our member libraries.

Q4: If you were to hire a librarian for your position, what skills, experience, or both would you look for in a candidate?

I would look for someone with effective communication and organizational skills, as well as a broad comprehension of library trends and challenges. I would also look for someone with a strong sense of empathy and a love of learning. Lastly, I would seek out someone that can think big and has the courage to follow through.

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

I am involved in the Missouri Library Association because it is a conduit for librarians to come together, learn together and grow together.

Rolling Hills Library Hosts Traveling Exhibit

Rolling Hills Consolidated Library in St. Joseph is hosting a national traveling exhibit about the artist who helped create a uniquely American style of landscape painting. The exhibit, "Wild Land: Thomas Cole and Birth of American Landscape Painting," opens at 6 p.m. April 10 and will be on display through May 21 in the Annex space at 1906A N. Belt Highway. Exhibit hours are 1-6 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 1-5 p.m. Sundays. Other times can be arranged by appointment.

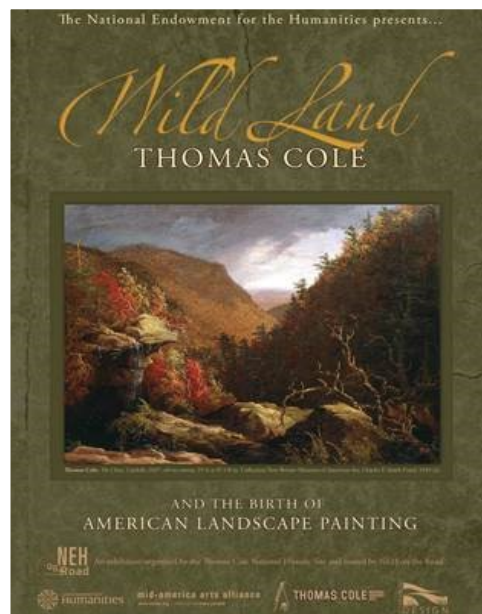
The exhibit features colorful panels, three-dimensional displays with reproduced items from Cole's life, and interactive media programs. Four programs by local and area speakers are planned for the exhibit, talking about landscape painting, political messages in paintings, and landscape photography. The exhibit is made possible by NEH on the Road, a special initiative of the National Endowment for the Humanities. It was organized by the Thomas Cole National Historic Site-Cedar Grove in Catskill, N.Y. It has been adapted and is being toured by Mid-America Arts Alliance.

Cole, who was born in 1801 in England and moved with his family to Ohio in 1818, began painting as a young man. His landscape paintings from the wilderness in upstate New York brought him critical and popular attention in 1825, launching his career. Before Cole, American artists primarily painted historical scenes and portraits of benefactors who could afford such luxuries. Cole directed the public's attention outdoors and launched a style of painting that would become known as the Hudson River School. His paintings also brought attention to the young nation's natural beauty, which was being altered by population and industrial growth. Cole advocated the need to preserve wilderness, a sentiment that would take decades for other Americans to adopt and turn into a national movement that is ongoing today.

For more information about the exhibit and programs, call the RHCL Belt Branch at [816-232-5479](tel:816-232-5479) or visit the library's website, www.rhcl.org.



Asher B. Durand. *Portrait of Thomas Cole*, 1838, oil on canvas



Poster for event "Wild Land," provided by Mid-America Arts Alliance

Ronald G. Bohley Scholarship Applications Due June 1

Applications for the Ronald G. Bohley Scholarship are due June 1! All materials and information can be found in the [awards section of the Missouri Library Association website](#). Completed applications can be e-mailed or sent by post to Anna Strackeljahn at the [Weber Road branch](#) of the Saint Louis County Library. Applications can also be mailed to the [Amigos office](#).

Feel free to contact Anna with any questions!

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Springfield-Greene County Library District Updates

Two Librarians Step into Branch Manager Roles

Two librarians in the Springfield-Greene County Library District were named branch managers recently. Jessie Alexander-East was named branch manager of the Library Center. She succeeds Lorraine Sandstrom, who retired in December 2013. Jessie has spent much of her library career with Springfield-Greene County in children's and young adult services, and has been the Brentwood Branch Youth Services Manager since August 2012. Previously she was youth services manager at the Brentwood Branch, and Youth Services Department Manager of the Mid-Continent Public Library in suburban Kansas City, Mo.



Sarah worked as a Willard Branch reference assistant for about two years. She joined the Library District 2 ½ years ago and worked at the Republic Branch for five months before joining the Willard Branch.

Sarah Francka-Jones moved up in the dual role as branch manager of the Ash Grove Branch and Willard Branch libraries, succeeding Beth Snow.



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Record Number of Bookmarks Pour in for Contest

More than 800 children and teens entered the Springfield-Greene County Library District's annual Design-a-Bookmark Contest, which concluded with a reception for the winners and 126 children and adults on April 17. The contest and reception were planned and hosted by the district's youth services staff.

"Responsibility for the increase goes to the youth staff who supported and promoted the bookmark contest to children all over the county!" said Youth Services Coordinator Nancee Dahms-Stinson.

Web Development staff member Sarah Marshall-Roberts created the bookmark design website, where the winning and runner-up designs went live after the reception. That site drew 513 hits one day after the reception. See thelibrary.org/kids/bookmarks/ and thelibrary.org/teens/bookmarks/ to view the submissions.

Big Read Features Dog Tales, Cakes and Survival Tips

The Library wrapped up its annual Big Read on April 30 after a month of programs built around the Jack London classic, *The Call of the Wild*.

While encouraging reading for pleasure is always the goal, the Library invited children, teens and adults to hear authors like Pam Flowers, Bruce Cameron, former Navy SEAL Cade Courtley and Arkansas outdoors photographer Tim Ernst. Young patrons were also invited to attend fun, educational programs, including survival training for teens and adults, animal calls of the wild, making your own dog treats, and Ozarks hikes.

The month kicked off with the annual Edible Books Festival at the Park Central Branch Library. Area professional bakers baked and decorated cakes using the book's character, theme or a scene, in the case of the first-place winner. After the judging, everyone who dropped by the library that night got to eat the cakes. Before the public Big Read began, the Big Read Committee held kick-off parties for staff across the district, serving "puppy chow" and giving out Big Read "Answer the Call" buttons and T-shirts, bookmarks and giant calendars to keep track of the month's activities. Staff also had their own Flash Fiction and Call of the Wild Photo Contest while the public contests went on. The Big Read was funded by the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest, the Friends of the Library and The Library Foundation.



Participants are served at the Edible Books Festival at Park Central Branch Library

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Library Wins Two Grants for World War I Project

The digitization project Over There: Missouri and the Great War, has been awarded a \$73,974 Digital Imaging Grant and a \$34,704 Technology Ladder Grant from the Missouri State Library. The grants will allow the project staff to continue researching and digitizing World War I documents and photos for a website that will be free for all to see and research. The project is led by Local History & Genealogy Department Manager Brian Grubbs and numerous partners statewide. Planning and Development Librarian Gay Wilson assisted in the acquisition of this grant.

When completed, the collaborative project will feature a single, digital collection of documents, photographs, artifacts and memorabilia illustrating the effect that World War I had on Missouri and the impact of Missourians' contribution to the war effort. Digitization is the process of converting data, records, images and other media into an electronic format so that anyone can see it or research it for free online. Researchers have already posted some of the stories at missourioverthere.org.

With Grant, 60 Raspberry Pi Coming for Youth Programs

The Library will help lay the foundation for youths in grades 4–12 to do hands-on exploration, coding and computing with 60 Raspberry Pi and supporting hardware, thanks to a \$6,630 Spotlight on Literacy Grant from the Missouri State Library. Joshua Lambert, head of Access Services at Missouri State University's Meyer Library, will serve as trainer and consultant for Youth Services staff who will lead the youth programs. The Library will buy books and materials about Raspberry Pi coding, programming, etc., that will supplement the project and allow the youths to explore on their own. A Web page will also be developed to provide an overview of Raspberry Pi and links to resources.

Planning and Development Librarian Gay Wilson worked with Youth Services Coordinator Nancee Dahms-Stinson for this grant.

Library Wins United Way Pillar Award

Some 400 civic leaders and citizens applauded as United Way of the Ozarks President and CEO Jennifer Kennally presented the Pillar Award for Outstanding Service to the Community to the Springfield-Greene County Library District on Tuesday, April 8. It was among several awards given at United Way's annual meeting and recognition banquet. Kennally called the Library a "jewel in the community."

Executive Director Regina Cooper acknowledged that the Library has worked with the United Way on many projects, including Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and social service agencies. "It's been a very collaborative relationship all these years," Regina said. "It's just very humbling that we would receive this award. Our mission statement is to improve and inspire the lives of the community. Anytime that we can work with other groups in our community to do that, we do that."

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Springfield-Greene County Library District Executive Director Regina Cooper accepts the United Way Pillar Award.

Pepper & Nutmeg Comic Shares a Slice of Life @ the Library

The Jefferson County Library celebrated National Library Week (April 13-19) with the online adventures of Pepper and Nutmeg, showcased on our new tumblr site at: <http://jclwebsite.tumblr.com/> [mHYPERLINK "http://jclwebsite.tumblr.com/"](http://jclwebsite.tumblr.com/mHYPERLINK) [blr.com](http://jclwebsite.tumblr.com/blr.com). This homegrown original online comic follows a jackrabbit and dachshund as they explore the library and all it has to offer. Pepper and Nutmeg are portrayed by wonderfully lifelike puppets from Folkmanis,© Inc.

Librarian Josh Henry, creator of the comic, stated, "The puppets are fantastic and we think they make great characters to help promote our library and reading in a creative way." So far Pepper and Nutmeg have fought off paranormal books in the teen section, been stalked by James Patterson and learned the ins and outs of applying for a passport. Keep an eye out for further adventures each month!



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St. Louis Regional Library Network and Maryville University to Co-Sponsor Copyright Workshop

On July 18, 2014, Maryville University and the St. Louis Regional Library Network (SLRLN) will co-sponsor a one day workshop on copyright at the Maryville University Campus in St. Louis. Janet Brennan Croft, Head of Access Services Department at the University of Oklahoma Libraries will lead the workshop featuring topics such as how copyright relates to ILL, the TEACH Act, media rights, and copyright licensing. Registration fees are \$5 for SLRLN members and \$10 for non-members. Register at www.slrlncopyright2014.ezregister.org. Please email any questions to slrln@amigos.org.

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Legislative Advocacy Day Photos

Missouri Legislative Advocacy Day was Tuesday, March 4. The following photos were graciously contributed by Tracy Byerly of the Missouri Library Association.



Missouri State Librarian Barbara Reading addresses gathered audience at Legislative Advocacy Day.



Attendees mingle at Legislative Advocacy Day.

National Library of Medicine Exhibition Program

Ever thought of participating in the Traveling Exhibits from the National Library of Medicine? This is a low-cost, easy way to bring quality exhibitions into your library. The topics are many and varied, covering issues from the distant past to present day and into the world of fantasy. There are exhibitions of interest for everyone! Examples of such programs are:

- “And There’s the Humor of It: Shakespeare and the four humors”
- “Against the Odds: making a Difference in Global Health”
- “Do Mandrakes Really Scream?: Magic and Medicine in Harry Potter

Take a look at libraries in Missouri that have scheduled upcoming exhibits:

The Literature of Prescription: Charlotte Perkins Gilman and “The Yellow Wall-Paper”

Missouri Valley College
Marshall, MO

October 20 – November 29, 2014

Surviving and Thriving: AIDS, Politics and Culture

Lincoln University
Jefferson City, MO

November 24, 2014 – January 3, 2015

Harry Potter’s World: Renaissance Science, Magic and Medicine

University of Missouri – Lottes Health Sciences Library
Columbia, MO

March 16 – April 25, 2015

From DNA to Beer: Harnessing Nature in Medicine and Industry

St. Charles City-County Library District
Middendorf-Kredell Branch

May 11-June 20, 2015

Binding Wounds, Pushing Boundaries: African Americans in Civil War Medicine

Lincoln University – Inman E. Page Library
Jefferson City, MO

July 6 – August 15, 2015

And There’s the Humor of It: Shakespeare and the Four Humors

Missouri Valley College – Murrell Library
Marshall, MO

September 19 – October 29, 2016

Life and Limb: The Toll of the American Civil War

A.T. Still University of the Health Sciences
Kirksville, MO

October 23 – December 2, 2017

Did this bring up some questions? We have answers. Take a look at the FAQ’s for “Book a Traveling Exhibition.” <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/about/exhibition/booktraveling-faqs.html>. Then move right on to the “Book a Traveling Exhibition” page for a description and availability of exhibits: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/about/exhibition/booktraveling.html>. This is a great low-cost way to bring some attention to your library!

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Wolfner Workshops Coming to St. Louis

On Tuesday, June 3, at 10:30am, Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library staff will be on hand at University City Public Library, 6701 Delmar Blvd., University City, MO 63130 for a special presentation of their services for visually-impaired patrons. This workshop is for any current or potential Wolfner patrons and their family members from the St Louis-metro area who want to learn more about how to access services and materials from Wolfner. The workshop is free and will last approximately 60-90 minutes.

No reservations are required, but please feel free to direct your patrons to University City Public Library at www.ucitylibrary.org or contact Kathleen Gallagher at kmgallagher@ucitylibrary.org or 314-727-3150 for more information.

On Tuesday, June 3 at 2:00pm, library staffs from St Louis-area libraries are invited to learn more about Wolfner services for patrons at a special training presented by Wolfner staff. This workshop is free and will last approximately 90 minutes.

Please RSVP to Kathleen Gallagher at University City Public Library, kmgallagher@ucitylibrary.org or 314-727-3150.

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University of Missouri School of Library and Information Science Updates

Missouri's iSchool's LIS Program is proud to announce that Dr Jenny Bossaller & Dr Denice Adkins, have been awarded IMLS Grant to Develop Missouri Public Library Leaders

On March 31, 2014, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) today announced that the University of Missouri will receive a \$347,488 grant to educate public library leaders, as part of the IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program. The Public Library Leadership (PuLL) Fellows Program will provide 24 students with specialized courses and practicum experiences aimed at developing their leadership and management skills.

The grant will help educate 24 PuLL Fellows, providing them with tuition support and a stipend for 12 credit hours of specialized coursework. Three courses will focus on public library management, leadership for diversity, and community engagement. Students will finish their last three hours with a practical field experience in Missouri public library administration. You can learn more about the program by visiting the website: <http://libraryleaders.missouri.edu/>

Co-investigators Dr. Denice Adkins and Dr. Jenny Bossaller are partnering with the Daniel Boone Regional Library (Columbia), Kansas City Public Library, Mid-Continent Public Library, Springfield-Greene County Public Library, St. Charles City-County Library, and St. Louis County Public Library to provide experience and some instructional support.

"We're excited to work with SISLT on this program. Administrative ability is one of the skills we look for when hiring." said Jim Brown, of the St. Charles City-County Library District.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. Its mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Its grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit www.ims.gov, <http://libraryleaders.missouri.edu/> and follow IMLS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

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MU'S Library & Information Science Student, Jeff Corrigan, receives NCPH Graduate Student Award

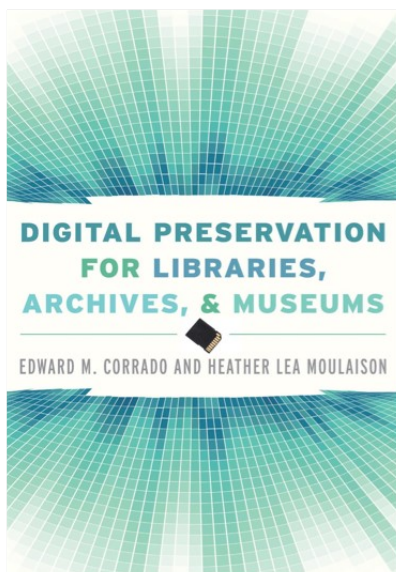
Jeff D. Corrigan, a graduate student at Missouri's iSchool, Library and Information Science, presented at the National Council on Public History (NCPH) Conference in Monterey, CA and was awarded a NCPH Graduate Student Award on Saturday, March 22, 2014. The award was presented to him by the NCPH President, Dr. Robert Weyeneth, University of South Carolina.



Jeff D. Corrigan (right) is awarded the NCPH Graduate Student Award

Congratulations to Missouri's iSchool's, Dr. Heather Lea Moulaison (and co-author, Edward M. Corrado) on her new book: *Digital Preservation in Libraries, Archives, and Museums*

Dr. Moulaison's book *Digital Preservation in Libraries, Archives, and Museums* represents a new approach to getting started with digital preservation: that of what cultural heritage professionals need to know as they begin their work.



For administrators and practitioners alike, the information in this book is presented readable, focusing on management issues and best practices. Although this book addresses technology, it is not solely focused on technology. After all, technology changes and digital preservation is aimed for the long term. This is not a how-to book giving step-by-step processes for certain materials in a given kind of system. Instead, it addresses a broad group of resources that could be housed in any number of digital preservation systems. Finally, this book is about "Things (not technology; not how-to; not theory) I wish I knew before I got started."

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MOBIUS Expands Courier Service for Interlibrary Loan

MOBIUS has developed new partnerships with the Trans-Amigo Express Courier service from Amigos and the Colorado courier service provided by CLiC. The partnerships will provide out-of-state courier service to the over 250 Amigos libraries in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico and to over 300 libraries served by CLiC in Colorado. Both of these new partnerships will allow MOBIUS member libraries to send ILL materials via the courier instead of the U.S. Postal Service, saving hundreds of dollars in postage.

Both partnerships were created as an extension with our first out-of-state member library, Tulsa City-County Library, which is due to go live with MOBIUS in early May, and with the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries, or the "Alliance." MOBIUS and the 42 Alliance libraries will be able to share materials by connecting their union catalogs, giving users the option to place holds on each system and have their requests delivered through the new courier system.

The new collaboration with the Alliance will start in early August.

We are excited by our new partnerships, the opportunity it has given our member libraries to expand patron-initiated access to new collections, and the dollar savings it will provide our libraries.

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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! Caruthersville Public Library went live on Evergreen on March 10, and Sullivan Public Library goes live on April 28. The previously un-automated Ironton and Annapolis branches of the 8-branch Ozark Regional Library, also went live in April, after barcoding and cataloging all of their materials into the Missouri Evergreen database.

The Missouri Evergreen membership voted to meet monthly in order to continue refining and improving the policies, practices, and procedures of the consortium. The cataloging committee is finalizing an official cataloging policy. Committees on PR/membership, financial strategic planning, and a materials handling subcommittee of the circulation committee were all formed.

The consortium now contains 1,196,723 items; 838,636 bibs; and 190,011 patrons. Member libraries borrow and lend materials within the consortium using the already-existing courier delivery service, and patrons can place holds on materials from member libraries as they can from their local systems. The Missouri Evergreen website, <http://libraries.missourievergreen.org>, contains more information about the consortium, including member libraries and borrowing/lending statistics.

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Amigos News and Updates

It's Time to Register for the 2014 Amigos Member Conference!

[Registration](#) is now open for "Striking a Balance: Positive Practices in Libraries," the 2014 Amigos Member Conference. Conference sessions will offer hints on how to find balance in solving problems, making decisions, and overall management of our lives and our library careers.

Dr. Michael Stephens and Dr. Steven J. Bell are the featured speakers for the May 14-15 online conference. Dr. Stephens will deliver the opening address, "Finding Balance: Reflective Practice & the Profession." Dr. Bell will conclude the conference with "Collections Are for Collisions: Let's Design It into The Library Experience." A variety of informative sessions is planned.

Conference information and registration are available on the [Amigos website](#).

Upcoming *Know & Go* Session: "What's New with Amigos' E-book Platform Project"

Amigos will offer the following informative *Know & Go* session in the coming weeks: "What's New with Amigos' E-book Platform Project."

Amigos is developing a new e-book platform – available this summer – which will allow libraries to supplement their own collections with e-books provided through Amigos, or host e-books libraries purchased from publishers. [Christine Peterson](#), Program Manager for the project, will discuss the beginnings of the project, its goals, and where we are right now. Register on the [Amigos website](#).

The popular [Know & Go](#) educational series is one of the no-charge benefits available for Amigos members. *Know & Go* sessions are offered twice monthly on Monday afternoons. Visit the Amigos website for other timely *Know & Go* topics in the coming months.

Amigos to Offer "Cataloging with RDA" Class May 20-23

Since April 1, 2013, the Library of Congress and U.S. National Library of Medicine have been using Resource Description and Access (RDA) as their official descriptive cataloging standard. ["Cataloging with RDA"](#) will bring you the latest news on RDA and give you a thorough overview of the new content standard. Topics include: FRBR review; RDA Core elements for description, preferred titles and names; changes from AACR2; articulating relationships between resources and entities; RDA Toolkit functionality; using workflows and mappings to catalog materials with RDA. Through exercises and hands-on cataloging experiences, participants will receive a thorough grounding in RDA. Register on the [Amigos website](#).

To support the adoption of this new cataloging standard, Amigos will cover the cost of an RDA Toolkit subscription with one simultaneous user. This benefit is offered to all Amigos members. Details are available on the [Amigos website](#).

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Reprint: Shhh! Stop Saying Libraries Are Dying!

The following article was posted on DBRL Kids (kids.dbrl.org), a blog of the Daniel Boone Regional Library. Library Associate Allison Gordon shares her passion for libraries and our ability to adapt and makes a call for all parents to help fight the myth that libraries are dying organizations. We thought it was such a great call to action (and pretty funny, too). that we wanted to share it with our fellow Missouri Libraries. Enjoy!

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Shhh! Stop Saying Libraries Are Dying!

There are many, many things that I dearly love about working in a library, about providing children's services and that absolutely thrill me about my decision to pursue my post-graduate education in library science. But people telling me...

"That's what Google is for."

"Nothing relevant is even in print form anymore; even books can be digital."

"Once everyone owns a Kindle no one will even go to the library."

"You chose, like, the Latin of professions."

...are DEFINITELY NOT among those many, many things. (Don't even get me started on, "You need a degree for that?")

Because the truth is, libraries are not just giant warehouses full of musty, dated books, just like librarians are not brittle, grumpy ladies who wear ugly cardigans and cat-eye glasses on chains and shush you from on high through lipstick-stained teeth. (We are really more ChapStick people.) Librarians catalog, program and organize to make information as easy to find as possible for as many people as possible. Libraries can loan you eBooks to read on whatever tablet or e-reading device you own, not to mention movies, music, magazines, e-magazines and sheet music, *for free*. Some libraries even check out things like [cake pans](#). Libraries can pay for access to databases with trustworthy information otherwise too protected by copyright for a person or family to afford.

Plus, change in format is hardly a new phenomenon to libraries. Libraries have moved from storing papyrus scrolls to, skipping a few centuries, storing PDF and MP3 files. The television did not kill the radio, the ability to own personal copies of movies and TV shows did not kill cable programming and the Internet has not killed newspapers; all of these formats merely adapted to make room for their more modern counterparts. Google and Amazon will not kill libraries; libraries will continue to adapt.

Now, dear reader, as you are clearly visiting a library's children's blog, I realize I am preaching to the choir. But what influence this parental and care-giving choir can wield!

Children with fond memories of story times, summer reading programs, guest performers, and time with families at their local public libraries are more likely to consider the library a relevant resource as they grow older. The people who tell me libraries are pointless are also, upon further questioning, the people who have not stepped foot in one since they were very small children, if ever. They are the people who did not continue to utilize libraries as they began both to read independently and to research as young adults. Let's not build a generation that ignores the library-provided plethora of resources at its fingertips or that does not understand the permanent value of knowing how to navigate information to find answers. Let your children see you use the library for yourself. If they ask a question you do not know the answer to, narrate how you go about finding the answer, or ask a librarian to do so. What better way to reinforce the fact that libraries are a lifelong resource than through example?

Now, if you'll excuse me, I'm off to polish my collection of glasses chains, but you should check out this [fun list of books involving libraries](#) your munchkins will love.

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Mid-American Library Alliance (MALA) Updates

MALA Offering lynda.com Licenses

The Mid-America Library Alliance (MALA) is offering a second round of lynda.com licenses to our membership. This will be a 9-month license for unlimited training and will begin on June 1, 2014. The cost is \$75 for a 9-month license. There are a limited number of spaces available, so make sure to secure your spot now!

Offering training your way and on your schedule, lynda.com is an award-winning provider of rich, relevant and educational materials with an ever-expanding library of thousands of media-rich online tutorials in a variety of topic areas, including:

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If your organization is already a member of MALA, you are eligible. Otherwise, it is easy to become a [MALA Educational Affiliate Member](#) today in order to take advantage of this great training opportunity. Please visit the membership page of our website to learn more about becoming a MALA Educational Affiliate member.

Visit our website at www.mid-americalibraryalliance.org for additional information or contact Susan Burton by email susanburton@mid-americalibraryalliance.org or by phone at 816-521-7257.

Seeking New Committee Members for MALA Interlibrary Loan Special Interest Group

The MALA ILL Special Interest Group (MALA ILL SIG) is looking for new committee members. This is your chance to interact with ILL staff around the Kansas City area (and beyond!), take a leadership role, make a difference in the ILL community, and have fun.

Do you meet the following qualifications?

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Seeking New Committee Members for MALA Interlibrary Loan Special Interest Group

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- You have a vested interest in interlibrary loan, resource sharing, and/or document delivery. This means you may or may not do these activities as primary job duties, but you do have a substantial connection with these activities in your job.
- You are employed by an institution that is a member of MALA. If you are not sure, please contact Kirsten Myers by email (kirstenmyers@mid-americalibraryalliance.org) or phone at (816) 521-7266.
- You are able to attend and participate in the meetings, events, and activities of the Committee. At times you will be asked to work between meetings and events via e-mail.

If so, we have the following positions open:

- Vice-chairperson (3 year term)
- Member-at-Large (2 year term)

Please visit the [MALA ILL SIG blog](#) for more information about joining next year's committee. The deadline to apply is May 15! More descriptions about the positions are available on the application form, which can be downloaded from the blog page.

About the MALA ILL SIG

The MALA ILL SIG is open to Kansas City area library staff members who facilitate interlibrary loan, document delivery, and other resource sharing activities. Though the MALA ILL SIG is centered and located in the Kansas City metro area, others involved in resource sharing activities from outside the metro area are welcome to attend MALA ILL SIG activities.

The MALA ILL SIG has many purposes:

- to provide a free exchange of ideas and best practices
- to encourage collegiality and mentorship
- to provide free and local training opportunities
- to provide professional development opportunities for library staff
- to foster collaboration within the local community

To reach the MALA ILL SIG Committee members, please contact us at malaisig@mid-americalibraryalliance.org. And if you are not ready to join the committee, we welcome your ideas for events, as well as inquiries about how you can be involved.

Going Fast: FREE Webcasts for Missouri Libraries

Until the end of August 2014, all personnel in any Missouri library have the opportunity to attend a number of free professional development webcasts, and all Missouri public library staff can also attend the human resources series for free.

These free webcasts have been 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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Going Fast: FREE Webcasts for Missouri Libraries

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Secure your spot now, because they are going quickly! Please visit our [online professional development page](#) for a list of the courses available to ALL libraries in Missouri, and the [Human Resources for Libraries page](#) for the listing of free webcasts for Missouri public library personnel.

While registration is required, there is no cost to register. For more information, visit our website at www.mid-americalibraryalliance.org or contact Mary Puhr by email at marypuhr@mid-americalibraryalliance.org or by phone at 816-521-7257.

Sci-Fi and Fantasy Reader's Advisory Workshop in May

Join us from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 20, 2014, for "*Be Brave...Explore New Worlds! Explore the Present, Past and Future of Science Fiction*" at Mid-Continent Public Library's new Woodneath Library Center.

James Gunn, author and founding director of the Gunn Center for the Study of Science Fiction at the University of Kansas (KU) and associates from the Gunn Center will provide a definitional and historical perspective, discuss trends in science fiction and fantasy, and discuss resources available to librarians at KU and elsewhere.

Gunn will present the historical perspective. **Kij Johnson**, a well-known and award-winning fantasy and science fiction author and assistant professor of Creative Writing at KU, will discuss fantasy. **Christopher McKitterick**, director of the Center for the Study of Science Fiction and director of the Technical Writing program in the English Department, as well as a well-published author, will present KU's resources. **Kevin Cook** from the Olathe Public Library will provide a brief overview of an emerging sub-genre, the "New Weird."

A representative from ConQuesT, Kansas City's annual science fiction convention, will brief us on the 2014 event slated for Memorial Day weekend.

MALA Certificate Program: Reader's Advisory - Major Genre

Cost:

- MALA Member: \$45.00
- Non-Member: \$90.00

For more information, visit our website at www.mid-americalibraryalliance.org or contact Mary Puhr by email at marypuhr@mid-americalibraryalliance.org or by phone at 816-521-7257.

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The Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) is the higher education association for librarians. Representing more than 11,500 academic and research librarians and interested individuals, ACRL (a division of the American Library Association) is the only individual membership organization in North America that develops programs, products and services to help academic and research librarians learn, innovate and lead within the academic community.

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2014 MLA Conference Updates

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Registration Opens June 17!

You early birds should mark your calendars now. Registration opens in a month! Watch the listserv and the [conference page on MLA's website](#) for the tentative schedule of training sessions and more information. See you in CoMo this October!

Your over-caffeinated (explains all of the exclamation points), 2014 Conference Co-coordinators,

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Missouri Evergreen Update

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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, it is a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

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Amigos News and Updates

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Reference Training Coming In May and June

Amigos has scheduled a series of reference online training courses to satisfy your reference needs, whether you are new to the reference desk, need a refresher or wish to expand your skill set.

[Reference and Information Services](#) is scheduled for 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. CDT, May 20 and 27, and June 3 and 10.

This course is an introduction to reference services and will explain key concepts and tools necessary in information access and delivery. This class is divided into four modules covering core reference skills, reference policies, reference resources and technology tools for the reference desk. Visit the course page for a complete description and online registration.

[Reference Sources](#) is scheduled for 1-3 p.m. CDT, May 22 and 29.

This course familiarizes both librarians and paraprofessionals with a range of print and online resources from dictionaries and encyclopedias, to handbooks, serials and databases. Come learn which sources work for you and how to best use them. Visit the course page for a complete description and online registration.

[Tech Tools and Apps for the Reference Desk](#) is scheduled for 1-3 p.m. CDT June 17 and 24.

This course explores a variety of online tools, from social media platforms to virtual chat spaces, apps and search engines you can use to engage and help your users at the reference desk. Come learn how to utilize several free online tools in your reference activities and help your patrons at the point of need. Visit the course page for a complete description and online registration.

Visit the [Amigos Training Schedule](#) for a complete list of scheduled training.

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Corrections, May 16 2014

This edition of the May 2014 issue of *MO Info* is a correction of the one submitted on May 15 2014. The following corrections were made:

- Springfield-Green County Library Updates was changed to Springfield-Greene County Library Updates
- Article on Wolfner Library workshops at University City Public Library added
- Article from University of Missouri SISLT added
- Links to pages added

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- 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

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