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## A Statement from MLA President Christina Prucha



Wow! It has been a busy time for MLA and the thanks goes entirely to the MLA Legislative Committee and the many MLA members who have contacted their state legislators and/or attended Library Advocacy Day on February 10<sup>th</sup> to ask our State Legislature to adopt the Secretary of State's budget over that of the Governor and to release the 2015 withheld funds.

To briefly summarize the effect you have had on the process, just look back to December when we were looking at the Governor's proposed 2016 budget that effectively reduced the Remote Electronic Access for Libraries (REAL) program, State Aid, library networking by 79%. We were in a situation where only libraries serving populations under 40,000 had been granted any State Aid for 2015. Today, thanks to your letters, phone calls, emails, and personal visits to your senators and representatives, the MLA Legislative Committee hears positive support from many state legislators on both sides of the aisle for more library funding than is granted by the governor's recommendations. The efforts in budget committees to amend House Bill 12 (HB12) to reinstate funding for state aid and the REAL Program are still proof that our voices were and are being heard by lawmakers. Furthermore, a letter signed by 28 of our state legislators went to Governor Nixon asking for the release of the remaining 2015 withheld funds. To date, the funds have still not been released, but our legislature is aware and concerned. They are fighting on our behalf and that is due to the power of advocacy.

Special thanks go to the MLA Legislative Committee. Jim Schmidt, as Committee Chair, leads a strong fight. Randy Scherr, our consultant in Jefferson City, guides us wisely and aptly in our message and approach. Steve Potter's letter to the MLA membership was a galvanizing call to arms on this crucial issue. And to the members of the committee who lend their insight behind the scenes in our discussions, your input creates the direction the organization takes. MLA is a volunteer organization and the work of the Legislative Committee illustrates the power of volunteers. Your work is appreciated. Finally and most importantly, many, many thanks to all of you who continue to fight for our public library patrons. As Meredith McCarthy posted on our [Facebook](#) page: "This is not about us. It's about the people we serve."

Now that we are moving in the right direction, keep fighting! The budget fight is not over. The funds for 2015 have not been released. The 2016 budget has not been approved yet. Continue to listen for updates from the Legislative Committee and follow their recommendations on building those legislative relationships with your senators and representatives. If and when the time comes, be ready to send more letters and emails and make more phone calls and trips to Jefferson City.

Finally, consider joining members of the MLA Legislative Committee in Washington D.C. for National Library Legislative Day on May 4-5, 2015. Decisions made in Washington impact us in our libraries. Public library funding trickles down from budget decisions voted on in Washington D.C. Academic librarians are not immune. Policies on embargoes placed on journal articles generated from publicly-funded research originate in Washington D.C. We need academic librarians to speak out on behalf of the Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act (FASTR). In a nutshell, there are issues for every librarian to speak out about during these fast-packed two days. Plan to be there. Register today! <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld>.

To close, I want to thank everyone who has contacted his/her state legislators and attended Library Advocacy Day. The day was a success by every measure and we are making a difference. And always remember, the MLA Board and Committees are here to serve you. If you have questions, comments, or concerns, contact any of them. Join them! It's with input from membership that we continue to evolve and flourish as an organization.

Yours in Service,

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## MLA Library Advocacy Day a Success

Over 100 Missouri librarians and library supporters met in Jefferson City for Library Advocacy Day on February 10 for a successful day of discussion with state senators and legislators. The day began with updates by State Librarian, Barbara Reading and Randy Scherr, MLA's consultant in Jefferson City. Legislative Committee Chair Jim Schmidt and Committee Member Steve Potter followed up with etiquette tips and messages to deliver to legislators.

After lunch, attendees visited with their senators and representatives to deliver two primary messages. First, MLA members asked that the Secretary of State's 2016 budget recommendations be accepted over those of the governor and second, attendees asked for the release of the 2015 funds which are still being withheld. Both messages were met positively by lawmakers.

MLA President, Christina Prucha, thanks everyone who attended this year's advocacy day and made it the success that it was. She urges everyone to keep contacting their legislators and to keep fighting for this important issue.

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## Join MLA's National Library Legislative Day Delegation

Missouri will join with other states in Washington DC May 4-5, 2015 for National Library Legislative Day. Join the delegation and lobby our legislators on important library issues such as net neutrality, e-Rate, copyright, and LSTA funding. Arrive Sunday, May 3, for orientation where you will learn communication strategies and what to expect on Capitol Hill. Briefing Day follows on May 4. Learn about issues facing libraries and prepare for visits the following day. End the evening with a reception for Members of Congress and their staff.

On May 5, the delegation will visit Missouri legislators throughout the day, educating them on the important issues faced by libraries in our state and throughout the country. It's a fast-paced, completely packed set of days, but they are days you won't forget. The effort you spend advocating for libraries in DC filters down to libraries across our state as our patrons and students use our broadband internet and as our programs are funded through LSTA. Questions? Contact Jim Schmidt at [jims@thelibrary.org](mailto:jims@thelibrary.org). Register today at <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld>.

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National Library Legislative Day logo. Used with permission.

## St. Louis County Library Donates Thousands of Handmade Items to Area Needy

St. Louisans will feel warmer this week thanks to a huge donation of handmade items by St. Louis County Library knitting groups. For the 7th year, SLCL has participated in Warm Up America, a national knitter and crafter effort to help less fortunate Americans stay warm during the winter. The event has become extremely popular among the library's knitting and craft groups, who work year-round on the project. This year, SLCL crafters donated over 2,100 handmade blankets, mittens, scarves, and hats to 11 local charities. Tables were piled high with the handmade goods at the donation ceremony yesterday, held at the Bridgeton Trails Branch (see photos from the event [here](#)).

The charities receiving the donations are listed below.

Atonement Lutheran Church  
Bright Futures Hazelwood  
Fisher House  
Helping Hand Me Downs  
Honor Flight  
Lydia's House  
Pathways Community Hospice  
Peter & Paul Community Services  
Shalom House  
Thrive  
Sarah Community

For more information or to inquire about joining a knitting group at SLCL, please call 314-994-3300, or visit [www.slcl.org/events](http://www.slcl.org/events).

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Volunteers from Warm Up America. Taken by Julie Cruise on February 19, 2015. From St. Louis County Library's [Flickr photostream](#).

## Park University Joins MOBIUS

Last fall, Park University officially became full members of the MOBIUS library consortium, after participating as an associate member the previous year.

Park's library holdings are currently live on the Kansas City MOBIUS cluster catalog and will go live on the full MOBIUS catalog on April 1.

Park University, founded in 1875, is an independent private liberal arts school with a central campus in Parkville, MO and more than 40 campus center locations throughout the United States and online, serving a student body of more than 20,000.

For more information about Park University, visit their website: <http://www.park.edu/index.html>. For more information about Park's library, please contact Glenn Ferdman, at (816) 584-6707, or email at [gferdman@park.edu](mailto:gferdman@park.edu).

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## Mid-America Library Alliance Updates

### MALA All-Access Pass and Library Espresso Shots Training

Have you been limited in registering for *all the MALA webcasts you really want to watch? What about the topics that would be fun to watch, but you can't justify the expenditure? Now you can watch them all – for a year! – for one affordable price.*

We know that library budgets are tight. And even with MALA's affordable rates on individual webcasts, you have had to make choices and prioritize. To fill this need, we have created the new MALA All-Access Pass for Webcasts!

And for those seeking short bursts of training, we developed Library Espresso Shot Training! These short 3-10-minute tutorials cover library-related current topics in a shorter timeframe.

The annual subscription to the MALA All-Access Pass for Webcasts gives you access to all the past, present and future offerings during your subscription year for one rate, \$89 for MALA members and \$189 for non-members. The MALA All-Access Pass package also includes all of the Library Espresso Shots! You can also subscribe to just the Library Espresso Shots training for one annual rate of \$25 for MALA members and \$50 for non-members.

All the new topics we add to our ever-expanding body of library-specific webcasts or Library Espresso Shots during your subscription period will be available to you, too.

If you would like to see which topics are available now, please visit our [webcast](#) page in our Professional Development section. Please note: The MALA All-Access Pass does not include Harassment Prevention Training for Library Staff and Supervisors.

[Register now](#), or for more information contact Kirsten Myers by email at [kirstenmyers@mid-americalibraryalliance.org](mailto:kirstenmyers@mid-americalibraryalliance.org) or by phone at 816-521-7266 or toll-free 877-600-9699.

### Spring MALA Workshops

MALA's lineup of in-person workshops is open for registration. For descriptions and pricing, please click the workshop link for more information.

#### Reader's Advisory:

Tuesday, 4/14/2015: [Out of the Closet, Onto the Bookshelf: LGBTQ Literature](#) – multiple presenters

Tuesday, 4/28/2015: [New For Adults vs. For New Adults Fiction](#) -- multiple presenters

#### Supervisory/Management/Leadership:

Thursday, 4/23/2015: [MoneySmarts: Jobs, Financial Literacy and Consumer Financial Education](#) – multiple presenters

Friday, 5/8/2015: [Effective Performance Evaluations](#) – Tiffany Hentschel

#### Basic Library Service Skills

Friday, 3/27/2015: [Dealing with Grumpy, Cranky & Difficult People](#) – Tiffany Hentschel

Tuesday, 3/31/2015: [MALA Children's Workshop 2015](#)

Thursday, 6/11/2015: [Watchers Advisory: Building and Selling a Great Video Collection](#) – Multiple Presenters

#### Library Programs and Trends:

Tuesday, 5/5/2015: [The Wild World of Publishing](#) – Multiple Presenters

Tuesday, 6/16/2015: [I have to be a technology teacher? HELP!!!](#) – Multiple Presenters

### Group Seating Tickets for Kansas City Broadway Series Shows

The Mid-America Library Alliance, MALA, has reserved a block of tickets for our MALA members and their guests to see some of the most exciting shows to be featured at the Music Hall and Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. See all five Kansas City Broadway Series Shows and two special engagements. There is a limited number of tickets available for purchase, and orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment must be made by credit card at the time of purchase. No checks will be accepted. If your organization is not an MALA member, you can join as an [Educational Affiliate member](#) to participate in these special events. Tickets are available now for the show listed below. To purchase tickets, please click on the show title: "[Once](#)" Friday, June 19, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Kauffman Center for Performing Arts, Grand Tier seats \$77 per ticket. For more information, contact Susan Burton at [susanburton@mid-americalibraryalliance.org](mailto:susanburton@mid-americalibraryalliance.org) or (816) 521-7257.

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## University of Missouri Libraries Updates

### Marie Concannon Elected Chair of Depository Library Council

Marie Concannon, Government Documents Regional Coordinator, has been elected chair of the Depository Library Council, the advisory committee to the Public Printer of the United States and the U.S. Superintendent of Documents. Concannon was appointed to the council by former U. S. Public Printer William Boarman in 2012. She was elected chair by fellow members of the council, and took office last summer.

### MU Special Collections and UMKC in Multispectral Analysis Project

MU Special Collections and UMKC are involved in the Inter-Campus Research Program grant project named "Multispectral Analysis of Missouri's Cultural Resources." Multispectral analysis allows for the examination of ink application and prior removal of the text, of the compositional layering, and of "dirty" fingerprints in rare books that may reveal patterns of usage. Using the results gained from multispectral analysis, researchers and students can decipher a book's production and reception history.

### Federico Martinez-Garcia, Jr., Joins MU as Access Services Librarian

The MU Libraries are pleased to announce that Federico (Freddy) Martinez-Garcia Jr has been hired as our new Access Services Librarian. He began work on January 12, 2015. Freddy moved to Columbia from Phoenix, where he was the Access Services Manager for the Arizona State University Downtown Phoenix campus Library. He has a Masters in Library and Information Sciences and a Bachelor's degree in French and Spanish Linguistics from the University of Arizona, and a Masters of Public Administration from Arizona State University.

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## Missouri Evergreen News

Missouri Evergreen is pleased to welcome its newest member library—Cameron Public Library! Cameron is slated to migrate to Evergreen in April 2015. In January, Scenic Regional Library began using the Acquisitions module of Evergreen. Schuyler County Library continues to catalog in the Missouri Evergreen database as part of their automation process.

The consortium now contains 1,372,011 items, 943,263 bibs, and 227,350 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 in the same way 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.

The mission of Missouri Evergreen is to provide a shared integrated library system to increase resource sharing among Missouri public libraries. Administered by MOBIUS, it is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as Administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

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## Amigos Updates

### Computers in Libraries 2015 offers discount to Amigos members

Attending the Computers in Libraries 2015 conference April 27-29 in Washington D.C.? Register through Amigos and save \$180 off the early bird registration fee! For a limited time, Amigos members are eligible for a registration discount. To receive this discount, members must register by March 27.

Complete discount and registration details are available at <http://www.amigos.org/node/2037>.

For more information, contact Chris Brown at Amigos, 800-843-8482, ext. 2843, or [brown@amigos.org](mailto:brown@amigos.org).

### Reminder: RDA Toolkit first-user subscriptions are free to Amigos members

Just a reminder, all Amigos members are eligible to receive an RDA Toolkit subscription with one simultaneous user at no cost. This member benefit, announced last year, is an effort to help Amigos members adopt the new Resource Description and Access (RDA) cataloging standard.

[Visit the Amigos website](#) for additional details regarding this member benefit. To order, please complete the order form and license agreement located on the Amigos website. When ordering through Amigos, additional simultaneous users are available at 15% off the American Library Association's list price.

### Amigos online conference to explore “Linked Data & RDF: New Frontiers in Metadata and Access”

Amigos Library Services is seeking presentations for its April 23 online conference, “Linked Data & RDF: New Frontiers in Metadata and Access” that will explore RDF, linked data and their applications in libraries.

RDF and the Semantic Web promise to change and enhance the way users are guided to information. Libraries are eager to enable access to their resources not only from within their catalogs but also from web searches.

Topics under consideration include:

- RDF and linked data basics: explanations of what these are, how they work, and their potential for libraries and other cultural heritage institutions.
- Innovative applications of RDF and linked data in libraries and archives
- Searching RDF: SPARQL, the query language for RDF documents
- Emerging standards for linked data and RDF in libraries
- Systems for searching, displaying and inputting RDF
- BibFrame, the LC replacement for MARC 21
- Ontologies, OWL, RDFS

For more information about this conference, contact Bill Walker, [walker@amigos.org](mailto:walker@amigos.org) or 800-843-8482, ext. 2853.

### “New Perspectives: The Library Revised” is theme of 2015 Amigos Member Conference, May 13-14

Changes in technology, the economy, and user expectations are driving an era of unprecedented upheaval in libraries. In response to this shifting of the library landscape, libraries are revising services, buildings, staffing patterns, collections, technology use and purchasing practices. They are working smarter and adapting to the ever-changing roles of libraries and librarians. This conference will address these issues and provide new perspectives revising your library.

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## Amigos Updates

### “New Perspectives: The Library Revised” is theme of 2015 Amigos Member Conference, May 13-14

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Amigos is currently seeking presenters for the online conference. Topics under consideration for presentations include:

- Managing the migration to digital information services
- Rethinking publishing
- Redeploying library staff
- Repurposing library space
- New services
- Use of social media
- Doing more with less
- Alternative programming

For more information about this conference, contact Tracy Byerly, [byerly@amigos.org](mailto:byerly@amigos.org) or 800-843-8482, ext. 2893.

### March *Know & Go* updates

Our popular *Know & Go* educational series, one of many no-charge benefits available to Amigos members, will offer these informative sessions in March. [Editor’s note: While some of these sessions have expired, they are included as a matter of recordkeeping.]

#### [Know & Go: Disaster Planning Tech Tools and Apps](#)

March 2, 2015, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. CST

#### [Know & Go: 5 Essential Components of a Strategic Plan, or Business Plan](#)

March 9, 2015, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. CDT

#### [Know & Go: BibFrame in RDF: a Look Under the Hood](#)

March 23, 2015, 1:30 pm - 2:30 p.m. CDT

Our one-hour *Know & Go* sessions are offered on Monday afternoons. Visit the Amigos [website](#) for other timely *Know & Go* topics in the coming months.

### Upcoming training classes from Amigos

[Editor’s note: While some of these sessions have expired, they are included as a matter of recordkeeping.]

#### [Cataloging & Classification Basics](#)

March 3 & 12, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### [Preservation Basics for Archives and Libraries](#)

March 3 & 5, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

#### [Preservation of Photographic Materials](#)

March 10 & 12, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

#### [Cataloging with RDA](#)

March 17 & 20, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### [Storage Methods: The Best Ways to Store Items in Your Collection](#)

March 19, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

#### [Metadata Principles and Practices 02: Metadata Standards and Types](#)

March 25, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Classes meet online. Visit the [Amigos Continuing Education Training Schedule](#) for a complete list of scheduled training.

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### Receive significant savings on one-time purchase of OUP online products

From now until March 27, Oxford University Press is offering Amigos members special discounts on these selected online products.

[Oxford Reference Library](#), a part of Oxford Reference, is a collection that offers in-depth research of terms, concepts, and people from specialist award-winning titles including the Oxford Companions and multi-volume Oxford Encyclopedias, as well as selected scholarly titles from other publishers. Libraries may select the individual titles that best enhance their collections.

[Oxford Scholarly Editions Online](#) provides access to hundreds of scholarly editions of material showcasing notes directly alongside the text and enabling advanced searching within and between editions.

[Oxford Islamic Studies Online](#) brings together the best current scholarship in the field for students, scholars, government officials, community groups, and librarians to foster a more accurate and informed understanding of the Islamic world.

[Oxford Biblical Studies Online](#) is a comprehensive resource for the study of the Bible and biblical history, integrating authoritative scholarly texts and reference works with tools that provide ease of research into the background, context, and issues related to the Bible.

The [Oxford History of Western Music](#) is an account of the evolution of Western classical music by renowned musicologist Richard Taruskin. The full text is available in an interactive digital format, with access to editorially selected links to relevant articles for subscribers to *Grove Music Online*.

Until March 27, Amigos members save 25% on the purchase of *Oxford Reference Library* titles from 2013-2015, 60% on titles from 2012 and earlier, and 20% on the purchases of the other listed online Oxford products. For pricing and trial information, contact Erica Owusu, [owusu@amigos.org](mailto:owusu@amigos.org) or 800-843-8482, ext. 2850.

### Ambrose announces 2015 Whole Catalog promotion

[Ambrose](#) is offering special value on its 2015 Whole Catalog offer. This is good news to members that appreciate the educational content of Ambrose Video Publishing through their licenses to such products as the [BBC Shakespeare Series](#), as well as a myriad of [History](#) and [Science](#) programs.

The Whole Catalog Offer for 2015 extends the same value of previous offers, and adds all new videos currently available or forthcoming for the calendar year. Here is what you need to know:

- 577 videos available almost 70% off full-list price
- Scheduling and attending a demo for Ambrose will add an additional 10% to customers that license the full catalog
- Current customers that do NOT currently license the whole catalog may receive credit for those videos they license when they upgrade to the whole catalog
- In-perpetuity options provide similar value to the whole catalog offer when purchasing the whole catalog. Present in-perpetuity customers that do not have access to the whole catalog should inquire about the value they receive in the upgrade.

Have your instructors taken a look at the [catalog](#)? Send them a copy so they can see what is available to students and faculty. All Ambrose content can be streamed to any mobile device. Dynamic bit rate switching ensures that all devices are receiving the highest quality stream available to that device.

Contact Christopher Burke, [burke@amigos.org](mailto:burke@amigos.org) or 800-843-8482, ext. 2805, for pricing on the Whole Catalog Offer or any other package from Ambrose Video that may benefit your library.

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### ABC-CLIO launches new titles

In January, ABC-CLIO launched several new titles. Check them out and don't hesitate to contact Amigos for discount pricing.

- [Contemporary Immigration in America](#)
- [Earth's Landscape](#)
- [Latinos and Latinas at Risk](#)
- [History of Asian Americans](#)
- [Fracking](#)

For more information on these products, contact Christopher Burke, [burke@amigos.org](mailto:burke@amigos.org) or 800-843-8482, ext. 2805.

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## State Historical Society of Missouri Updates

### First Center for Missouri Studies Fellowships Awarded for 2015 History Projects

A history professor at Missouri University of Science and Technology and a PhD candidate at Washington University in St. Louis have won the first two fellowships granted by the Center for Missouri Studies, which launched last September.

Patrick Huber, a history professor at Missouri S&T in Rolla, was awarded the Center's interdisciplinary studies fellowship for "Remembering the Ste. Genevieve Race Riot of 1930: Historical Memory and the Expulsion of African Americans from a Small Missouri Town." Huber plans to examine a four-day disturbance, long shrouded in secrecy, in which vigilantes drove away most of Ste. Genevieve's black residents.

Taylor Desloge, a graduate student at Washington University, received the Center's fellowship in environmental history for "'Jim Crow Is No Barrier': Housing, Tuberculosis and the 'New Public Health' Roots of Urban Renewal in Black St. Louis, 1920-1940." Desloge intends to study how urban and public health policies that began with good intentions later swerved into destructive outcomes due to factors such as interwar housing market pressures and the toxic influence of racial discrimination.

Chosen from a pool of 35 applicants, Huber and Desloge will hold their fellowship appointments for the 2015 calendar year. Each will write a scholarly essay of 6,000 to 8,000 words for publication in the *Missouri Historical Review* and will make a public presentation of his work. The fellowship awards include stipends of \$5,000.

### Papers of Attorney Who Defended Frank James Donated to SHSMO

The State Historical Society has received the papers of Charles P. Johnson, one of the most gifted criminal defense attorneys in Missouri's history. Born in 1836 in St. Clair County, Illinois, Johnson moved to St. Louis and studied law with former Missouri attorney general Robert F. Wingate before embarking on his legal and political career. He held numerous public offices, including St. Louis city attorney, St. Louis circuit attorney, and state representative, and was lieutenant governor of Missouri from 1873 to 1875.

Despite having been an avowed Unionist during the Civil War, Johnson joined the team that successfully defended outlaw and former Confederate guerrilla Frank James at his murder trial in 1883. Johnson lived until 1920, when he died at age 84. Susan Johnson Kennedy, his great-granddaughter, recently donated several of his diaries, a scrapbook of news clippings about his career, photographs, and papers. The Charles P. Johnson Papers (CA6380) are housed in the Research Center-Columbia.

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### **Book on the Political Cartoons of Engelhardt Scheduled for March Release**

In March the State Historical Society will publish its latest book, *Four Turbulent Decades: A Cartoon History of America, 1962–2001*. Featuring a selection of drawings by longtime St. Louis *Post-Dispatch* political cartoonist Tom Engelhardt, the book provides evocative images of pivotal events ranging from the President Kennedy assassination to the 9/11 attacks. The drawings were chosen from SHSMO's collection by art curator Joan Stack, who also provides narratives that add historical context and reveal artistic techniques for each drawing.

In addition to the drawings, the book features a commentary by Engelhardt and his friend Jules Feiffer, author, playwright, and Pulitzer Prize-winning political cartoonist, that gives further insight into Engelhardt's career and the field of newspaper cartoons in the twentieth century. A preface written by Engelhardt describes his path to becoming the *Post-Dispatch's* political cartoonist in 1962.

The book will be launched with an event on March 12 in Chesterfield at the Missouri Conference on History. See page 6 for details. It will be published in paperback at a list price of \$15 for SHSMO members (\$20 nonmembers). To preorder, visit <http://shsofmo.org/store> or call (573) 882-7083.

### **Be Part of the National History Day 2015 State Contest**

Please join us as part of the judging team for National History Day in Missouri! The state contest will be held April 25 at the University of Missouri–Columbia; 150 volunteers are needed to serve as judges. Students from every corner of the state in grades six through twelve conduct extensive research on a historical subject to produce a documentary, exhibit, paper, performance, or website. You will meet Missouri's best students, learn about interesting topics, and provide feedback on their projects as they prepare to represent Missouri on the national stage. To sign up, visit <http://www.nhdmo.org/judges> or call (573) 882-0189.

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## Springfield-Greene County Library Updates

### **Library offers lynda.com for 24/7 Remote Training**

The Springfield-Greene County Libraries now offer online training courses by online learning leader lynda.com for library card holders. The company offers 3,000 courses and 150,000 tutorials in business, technical and creative skills. Patrons can log on to [thelibrary.org/lynda](http://thelibrary.org/lynda) with their library card and set up a free account. The 1-2 hour self-paced courses can be previewed at their convenience. The library has purchased enough licenses to allow up to 75 concurrent users.

### **Heirloom Seed Library Offered at Two Branches**

The Midtown Carnegie Branch and Library Station are introducing their Heirloom Seed Libraries for the public in March. Patrons may check out up to four packets of heirloom seeds donated by several seed companies to grow flowers, vegetables or herbs. They are encouraged to harvest the seeds at the end of the season and bring them back to one of the branches for the next planting. The libraries also have a series of programs planned through this fall to offer tips on preparing a bed, planting and harvesting seeds.

### **Two Librarians Serve on Book Selection Committees**

Library Center Youth Services Manager Sarah Bean Thompson attended the first meeting of the 2016 Caldecott Committee during ALA Midwinter. Sarah is one of 15 librarians chosen to find "the most distinguished American picture book for children." Throughout the year the committee will read picture books and anything else the committee deems worthy of distinguished illustrations, analyzing the art and discussing titles in depth during their meetings. Sarah and the committee will determine the winning titles in January 2016.

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## Springfield-Greene County Library Updates

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Library Center Reference Librarian Kathi Woodward was among members of the Outstanding Reference Sources Selection Committee that worked during the recent ALA Midwinter conference in Chicago. The committee helps select the most noteworthy reference titles published in 2014 for the 2015 Outstanding References Sources List. The committee was established in 1958 to recommend the most outstanding reference publications published the previous year for small- and medium-sized public and academic libraries. Selected titles are valuable reference resources and are highly recommended for inclusion in any library's reference collections.

### “The Giver” Author Lois Lowry to Speak April 2

The Springfield-Greene County Library District's One Read celebration features Lois Lowry, author of “The Giver,” who will speak on 7 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at the Springfield Art Museum, 1111 E. Brookside Drive. “The Giver” is the district's 2015 selected title for its one book, one community event in April. Other events include authors Ellen Hopkins and Chris Crutcher as guest speakers at the Library Center auditorium continue at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14. Then in May, six winning essays out of 36 entries in the Flash Fiction contest will be given to artist members of the Springfield Regional Arts Council to interpret in visual art for planned displays at the Park Central Branch Library, The Creamery Art Center and at Artsfest.

### KY3's Ozark Life Videographer Offers Library Series

Award-winning freelance video journalist Ed Fillmer continues his series of popular Ozark Life stories at the Springfield-Greene County Libraries through this fall. Ed, currently Journalist in Residence for the History Museum on the Square in Springfield in cooperation with Springfield NBC affiliate KYTV, produced the videos during his 17 years with KY3 to preserve the culture and the people of the Ozarks. His presentations, including “Strangely Named Towns of the Ozarks,” “Grist Mills of the Ozarks” and “Ozarks Ghost Towns,” attract a full house at the libraries. Ed is interested in taking these videos to other Missouri libraries in the state; you may contact him at [edfillmer@gmail.com](mailto:edfillmer@gmail.com).

### First 100 Stories & Songs Lures Young Readers

The Springfield-Greene County Libraries are encouraging parents and their preschoolers to participate in the district's new early literacy program, “First 100 Stories & Songs.” Youth Services Coordinator Nancee Dahms-Stinson says the program's tips for reading and singing to babies and toddlers will get them on the road to reading. Parents can visit any library branch to pick up a First Stories & Songs Track One sheet. After recording the first 25 books and songs shared with their child (repeats are permitted!), it can be returned to the library for the Track Two sheet. Each completed sheet will move a paper race car along the track displayed in the branch. Everyone completing the program will receive a First Stories & Songs certificate for the child's baby book – and their baby is on the way to learning great literacy skills!

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## Corrections

In the January 2015 issue of *MO Info*, there were the following errors for the “2015 MLA Board of Directors.” These have been corrected in this edition:

- Katy Smith is listed as Secretary and Member-at-Large
- Seth Herscheberger is Treasurer and Member-at-Large, not Assistant Treasurer
- Eric Petersen is listed as Assistant Treasurer and Member-at-Large, not just Assistant Treasurer
- Cynthia Dudenhoffer's period as Member-at-Large has expired
- Cindy Stewart-Grant is Dearborn Branch Manager for Mid-Continent Public Library, not Director for Tonganoxie Public Library in Kansas

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- In the “2015 MLA Board of Directors,” Sharla Lair is Senior Licensing Account Manager at LYRASIS
- Also in “2015 MLA Board of Directors,” Cindy Stewart-Grant is, in fact, Director for Tonganoxie Public Library

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