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## Conference Time Awaits!

It's mid-September and conference time is just around the corner. The conference committee is busy with last minute details for a conference that will hold eight pre-conference sessions, nearly 100 main conference presentations, poster sessions and table talks, a mentor/mentee program, two keynote speakers, opportunities to have professional head shots taken, a new member meet & greet, an exhibitor's bash, an opening ceremony at the Kansas City Public Library Central Branch, an awards reception, the vendor breakfast and vendor demonstrations, the CULS/MACRL luncheon, the Children's Literature luncheon, section meetings, the Performers Showcase, the State Librarians' Luncheons with State Librarians Barbara Reading of Missouri and Jo Budler of Kansas, the annual business meetings, Trivia Night and a Pub Crawl! Whew! And that's just an overview. Check out the conference's website at <http://mlakla2015.weebly.com/>. If you aren't already registered, do so today.



As I noted above, we'll have the chance to hear not one, but two keynotes during our time together. (Good things really do happen when you decide to shake things up and tear down borders.) Don't miss our opening keynote with Peter Morville, one of the founders of the discipline of information architecture. His work has been covered by news outlets such as Business Week, The Economist, Fortune, and NPR. He promises to be an outstanding way to launch our conference. And stay around for the end of the conference for our closing keynote speaker, William Ottens, creator of "Librarian Problems." Ottens graduated in 2010 with his MLA from Emporia State and is currently the director at the Oskaloosa Public Library in Oskaloosa, Iowa. His talk promises to be an enthralling close for our conference.



Peter Morville, Opening Keynote

If you're looking for things to do in the evenings, you won't be disappointed. Wednesday, we start at 4 pm with the exhibitor's bash, followed by the opening reception at the Kansas City Public Library Central Branch at 7 pm. We will wrap up Wednesday evening with a downtown Pub Crawl starting at 9 pm. We'll start near the Central Branch and make our way back to the conference hotels. Thursday night, be sure to attend the awards reception at 5 pm followed by our first ever Trivia Night at 7 pm. Sign up for Trivia when you register! With a room full of librarians, it's bound to be a good time.

Last, don't miss the State Librarians' luncheon with Barbara Reading on Friday afternoon followed by the MLA annual Business Meeting. You'll have the opportunity to hear the State of Missouri Libraries from our State Librarian herself and then head into the annual meeting of MLA where we'll learn the results of the 2016 elections and Bylaws vote.

Whatever you decide to do at the 2016 Conference, the Libraries Without Borders Conference will be memorable. Come meet our Kansas counterparts and join us September 30 through October 2 for Libraries Without Borders in downtown Kansas City, Missouri.

Christina Prucha  
MLA President



William Ottens, Closing Keynote



## 2015 KLA/MLA Joint Conference Update

*Libraries Without Borders* is just weeks away! If you haven't registered, there's still time! Visit [mlakla2015.weebly.com](http://mlakla2015.weebly.com) to find full conference information and to register. Don't miss the chance to see beautiful downtown Kansas City and meet new librarians from Kansas, Missouri and beyond!

### Opening Reception

We invite you to an opening reception at the Central Branch of Kansas City Public Library at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30. Sponsored by the University of Missouri's School of Information Science and Learning Technologies, this event will bring you inside one of America's most beautiful libraries. During the event, different floors will offer a wide variety of KC's food and entertainment. From jazz to spoken word, and BBQ to sliders, we hope to offer something for everyone. End the reception on the rooftop terrace overlooking the city at night.

### Member Meet & Greet

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 3-4 p.m., join us on the Convention Center's south lawn for this year's Member Meet & Greet. Mingle with librarians from both sides of the border! Tap into the wisdom of longtime librarians or inspire and encourage new members. Attendees can win prizes and drink tickets to be used at the Exhibitors Bash immediately following in the Exhibit Hall.

### Professional Headshots

Need a professional headshot taken? Sign up onsite to take a 10-minute break and have one done for the discounted rate of \$20. Refresh your online profile with a new photo from 2-4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30, or 1-5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1. Stop by Room 2500B to reserve your spot.

### Session Tracks

This year, navigate the 100-plus sessions by examining their tracks. We are offering sessions in nine full tracks that include many aspects of library service: Academic, Career, Leadership, Programming and Outreach, Readers' Advisory, Technical Services, User Services, Youth Services and, of course, a General Interest track.

See you all in September! Until then, follow us at [@KLAML2015](https://twitter.com/KLAML2015) and tweet us using [#mokanlib15!](https://twitter.com/mokanlib15)

Your 2015 Joint Conference Co-coordinators,  
Dan Brower and Kelly Fann

## An Announcement from MACRL

Calling all academic librarians! The MACRL business meeting is scheduled for 9:00am on October 2. We need a recorder for next year. Please consider serving in this role. Also, it is not too soon to begin thinking of speaker for next year's conference.

Looking forward to seeing you in Kansas City.

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## Missouri Building Block Call for Nominees

The Missouri Building Block Award Committee is seeking nominations for the 2016 Building Block Picture Book Award. The Building Block Award, administered by the Youth Services Community of Interest of the Missouri Library Association, is presented annually to the author and illustrator of the picture book voted most popular by preschool children in Missouri's public libraries. We need your input to ensure that we continue to have high quality, enjoyable picture books on our list of nominees.

Here are some of the criteria:

- Must be an original picture book, age appropriate (birth through first grade) with child appeal.
- Copyright must be within the last two years (2014-2015).
- Must be a great read-aloud: rich vocabulary, flowing language and accurate grammar.
- May be fiction or nonfiction.
- Cannot be a holiday book.

Everyone is encouraged to nominate picture books. Please submit the titles directly to me at: [haid@dbrl.org](mailto:haid@dbrl.org). I would really appreciate it if you would send the title, author, illustrator, publisher and publication date.

If you would like to know more about the Building Block Award, please visit the Missouri Library Association's handbook starting on page 169: [http://molib.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Handbook-REVISION-2\\_2015.pdf](http://molib.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Handbook-REVISION-2_2015.pdf)

Deadline for submissions is November 30.

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## 2015 Ronald Bohley Scholarship Recipient Announced

The Professionalism, Education, Employment, and Recruitment (PEER) CI is pleased to announce that Jack Meyer from the University of Missouri has been chosen as the 2015 recipient of the Ronald G. Bohley Scholarship.

Jack has been working in libraries since 2011 and has gained experience in both public and academic institutions. He currently works as a Graduate Reference Assistant in Ellis Library at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Throughout his library experience, Jack has learned the value of collaboration and serving the members of his community, which he is excited to continue in his future library career.

Jack is currently enrolled in the School of Information Science and Learning Technologies at the University of Missouri. When he was notified that he won the scholarship, Jack said, "Thank you so much for choosing me for this scholarship. It is a great honor and I hope I can prove myself worthy of it by continuing to learn and grow in the field of library and information science!"

The PEER CI congratulates Jack on all of his accomplishments and wishes him the best for the future.

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Jack Meyer, University of Missouri

## Sullivan Library Board Votes to Join Scenic Regional Library

The Sullivan Public Library Board of Trustees voted at their July 20 meeting to merge with the Scenic Regional Library effective October 1, 2015. The Scenic Regional Library Board accepted the request to merge at their meeting the following evening. The Sullivan Library will become the eighth branch of the Scenic Regional system.

The Sullivan Library Board took this initiative to guarantee expanded library services to the greater Sullivan community for years into the future. Sullivan Library's tax base, even with the recently-increased tax rate, provides adequate operational revenue, but no funds for a much-needed larger facility. The merger with Scenic Regional will provide a larger library building in the future that will be able to serve far more patrons in a wider variety of capacities.

The library agreed to the merger in an effort to better serve residents in southern Franklin County. In addition to Sullivan, the branch will allow Scenic Regional to serve residents of Spring Bluff, Oak Grove Village, Japan, Stanton, and other communities in the area.

Scenic Regional Library plans to move the Sullivan branch into a substantially larger building within the next four or five years. The new facility will allow for a meeting room for library staff and community use, programming space (for events such as meetings, classes, and story time), an enhanced children's area, and additional public computers.

The merger will result in more new books, CDs, DVDs, e-books, and e-audiobooks for Sullivan library users. They will also have access to Scenic Regional Library's new digital magazines, songs, videos, and online databases. These databases include Ancestry.com (genealogy), ChiltonLibrary.com (auto repair manuals), Mango Languages, and Tutor.com (free online tutoring for students K-12). Sullivan residents will be able to access all these digital resources and databases from home with their library card beginning October 1.

Scenic Regional will retain all the existing Sullivan Library staff. Current Sullivan Library director, Mark Smith, will be the new Sullivan branch manager. Both libraries already share the Missouri Evergreen library catalog, so patrons will have access to the same materials they already enjoy.

The Sullivan Library District currently serves approximately 6,880 residents in Franklin and Crawford counties. Because Scenic Regional has a tax rate less than that of Sullivan (20.08¢ versus 20.21¢ for tax year 2014), taxpayers in the Sullivan Library District will see their library property taxes decrease slightly with this merger.

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### Kits for Parents and Kids at Kirkwood Public Library

We love kits at Kirkwood Public Library. They give patrons a quick way to grab what they're looking for in a convenient way, which can be especially helpful for parents on the go. To address the youngest of our patrons this summer we introduced two new kits into our collection geared towards early literacy development. Our Baby Time kits provide parents of 0-2 year olds with five board books, a developmentally appropriate toy, and a parenting book selected from a variety of topics. Each kit also contains an early literacy calendar that gives parents a number of fun things to do with their babies at home to promote early literacy. We also introduced circulating Early Literacy iPad kits geared towards children from 2-5 years of age. Each kit contains an iPad in a sturdy case, preloaded with 55+ fun and educational apps, a list of resources on screen time for young children, and a list of all the apps on the iPad. We created these kits to provide children with a multi-sensory learning experience at home, and to impress the importance of active rather than passive screen time for families with young children. It is exciting to see the new ways you can promote early literacy practices at home, and the response of parents so far has been great!

This project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions 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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## St. Louis County Library Director Chosen for YWCA Academy of Leaders



Kristen Sorth, YWCA Academy of Leaders, Class of 2015

St. Louis County Library District is proud to announce that Library Director Kristen Sorth has been chosen as a member of the YWCA Academy of Leaders, Class of 2015. She is one of ten selected from a wide array of St. Louis' most accomplished women in corporate, government, educational, nonprofit and entrepreneurial positions. The 2015 honorees will be recognized at the YWCA Leader Lunch on December 5.

In her role as Library Director, Kristen Sorth oversees the workings of the 20 branch, 600+ employee library system which, in 2014, saw its second consecutive year circulating more than 14 million items. The District's annual budget exceeds \$50 million dollars, and it is currently conducting an ambitious multimillion-dollar renovation program to transform 19 branches into state of the art library facilities. Ms. Sorth has been director since 2013.

Before her appointment as director, Kristen Sorth served 15 years as head of St. Louis County Library's (SLCL's) human resources functions. In 2012, she was appointed Assistant Director of Administration where she added building systems and facilities, finance, procurement, transportation and security to her human resources responsibilities. In late 2013, the library's Board of Trustees appointed her Interim Director, and shortly thereafter, Director of the St. Louis County Library. She is the first woman director in the library's 69-year history.

Under Ms. Sorth's leadership, the Library District has received numerous accolades—including an invitation to participate in President Obama's Library ConnectED Challenge; an award from the Urban Libraries Council for the summer lunch program; consecutive years as a Top Place to Work by the St. Louis Post Dispatch; and being named the 2014 Missouri Library of the Year by the Missouri Library Association.

In her role as director, Sorth has stressed the importance of community outreach and has initiated several partnerships with community organizations including Operation Food Search, Mid-East Area Agency on Aging and Byte Works. Such partnerships have allowed the library to improve the lives of thousands and to reinforce the value of having a strong public library. One such example is the library's partnership with Operation Food Search. In 2014, the two organizations offered programming and lunches to over 8,500 area children at three library branches. The program was so successful it's been expanded to four SLCL branches in 2015.

Kristen Sorth is a collaborative, hard-working community leader. Because of her dedication to excellence, Kristen was also selected to participate in FOCUS St. Louis' 38th Leadership class as well as the Coro Women in Leadership Program. She earned a Masters of Public Administration degree from University of Missouri--Columbia. A resident of the City of St. Louis, Sorth volunteers for several organizations including Gateway Greening, the Tilles Park Neighborhood Association and Kennard Classical Jr. Academy. She serves on two boards: Big Brothers/ Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri and the Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs' Alumni Advisory Board.

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## Missouri Evergreen News

The Missouri Evergreen consortium now contains 1,449,346 items, 988,917 bibs, and 243,613 registered patrons.

Recent statistics from the Missouri State Library show that among all Missouri public libraries and public library consortia, Missouri Evergreen is currently:

- **Third** in number of registered borrowers
- **Third** in legal service area represented (almost 500,000 LSA population)
- **Fourth** among all Missouri public libraries and public library consortia in collection size

Missouri Evergreen libraries have found that their requests for traditional interlibrary loan have decreased dramatically as requests for consortium borrowing and lending have increased. In the three fiscal years of its existence, Missouri Evergreen borrowing and lending has increased from 183% of traditional OCLC interlibrary loan to 221%. In terms of staff time and money, this growth translates into savings!

We welcome Schuyler County Library, which marked the end of their automation process by going live in Missouri Evergreen on August 18. Dulany Memorial Library in Salisbury joined the consortium in July and will migrate in the fall.

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.

More information about the consortium, member libraries, and borrowing/lending statistics can be found at the Missouri Evergreen website, <http://libraries.missourievergreen.org>.

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## Ozark Christian College Joins MOBIUS

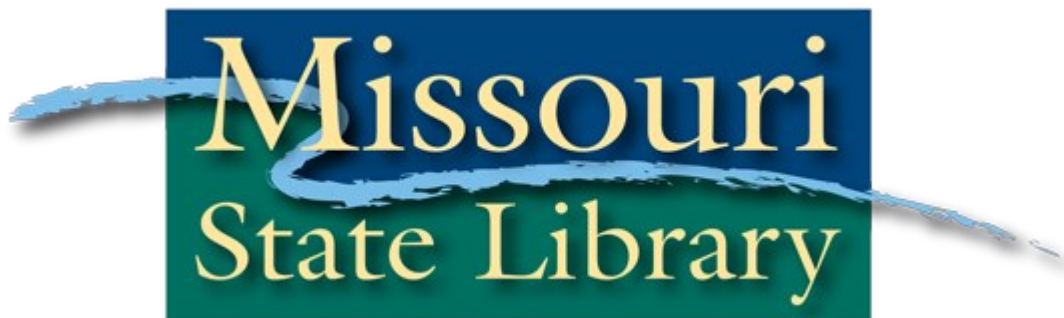
MOBIUS would like to welcome Ozark Christian College in Joplin, as a new member library. OCC went live with MOBIUS the week of July 27.

Ozark Christian College is a privately funded, four-year Bible college that trains young men and women for Christian service. The Seth Wilson Library is named for its first academic dean. Since 1942, OCC has been an academic island unto itself.

According to John Hunter, library director at Ozark Christian College, "MOBIUS has opened up new doors that we are learning to walk through! We will take some time to catch up with our SWAN Cluster and hope that we can be an asset to our region with helpful service. We have four full-time library staff, one part-time, with about nine student assistants during the school year. The courier system is much busier than I anticipated but it will be increased access for many of our patrons!"

We are proud to add another library from southwest Missouri. OCC joined our SWAN Cluster, which is now a group of 10 libraries sharing a Sierra system.

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## News from the Reference Services Division of the Missouri State Library

### Missouri State Government Publications in Internet Archive Tops 5,100

The Reference Services Division of the Missouri State Library in Jefferson City has over 5,100 Missouri state government publications housed in Internet Archive and continues to grow each week.

Every executive department is represented, as well as all six statewide-elected offices and the General Assembly. Individual titles in Internet Archive are indexed by Google, and can be viewed by desktop, or in PDF, EPUB, Kindle, Daisy, and plain text formats. A small collection of print state government publications are also maintained.

The Missouri State Publications collection, part of the [State Publications Access Program](#), can be found at <https://archive.org/details/missouristatepublications>. Questions about the program may be directed to Annie Moots, Government Documents Librarian, at [annie.moots@sos.mo.gov](mailto:annie.moots@sos.mo.gov).

### New Additions to the Missouriiana Collection

The Missouriiana collection is also growing, with over 100 additions since April 1, 2015. Containing culturally and historically significant publications about Missouri, all items in the collection circulate.

The collection consists of:

- City and county histories
- Folklore
- Biographies of distinguished Missourians
- Missouri-related Civil War texts
- Missouri-based Indian tribes histories
- Natural history and geography of Missouri
- and much more

For more information, contact Reference Services at [libref@sos.mo.gov](mailto:libref@sos.mo.gov) or 573.751.3615. Recent additions include:

- [Independence, Jackson County, Missouri Centennial, 1827-1927: One Hundred Years of Progress](#) (1927)
- [Stories of Old Ste. Genevieve: Proud Guardian of Historic Days, Brave Leader for Our Future Ways](#) (1933)
- [Facts About El Dorado Springs and Community](#) (1948)
- [A Brief History of the Missouri State Teachers Association Issued on the Occasion of Its Centennial Anniversary, 1856-1956](#) (1956)
- [Vignettes of Sweet Springs, Missouri](#) (1957)
- [Saluting Turney, Missouri, In Its Centennial Year](#) (1968)
- [Bunceton Centennial, 1868-1968](#) (1968)
- [One Woman, Three Prisons: The Rise Within the Ranks, June 1966-June 2000](#) (2013)
- [The Scars of Project 459: The Environmental Story of the Lake of the Ozarks](#) (2014)
- [A Refuge in the Woodlands: A History of the Springfield Federal Transient Camp in Springfield, Missouri](#) (2015)

## State Historical Society of Missouri News

### Center for Missouri Studies Event Featuring Little-Known Side of Legendary Explorer William Clark

When attorney and historian Jo Ann Trogdon first read William Clark's notebook detailing his journey in 1798 from Ohio to New Orleans, she knew she was on to something. She spent the next several years delving into Clark's little-known and perhaps unsavory activities before he embarked for the Pacific Northwest with the Corps of Discovery in 1804.

What she discovered will be the center of discussion at the inaugural presentation in the Center for Missouri Studies Speaker Series. The event will coincide with the State Historical Society of Missouri's 2015 annual meeting on Saturday, October 17 at The Broadway hotel in downtown Columbia.

Years of extensive research culminated in Trogdon's forthcoming book, *The Unknown Travels and Dubious Pursuits of William Clark*, published by the University of Missouri Press. To help analyze the whispered stories in Clark's past, William E. (Bill) Foley, professor emeritus of history at the University of Central Missouri and a Clark biographer, will join Trogdon for a discussion that is sure to leave attendees questioning the life and legacy of one of America's most celebrated explorers.

The program is a fitting topic for the Center for Missouri Studies Speaker Series as the catalyst for Trogdon's investigation, Clark's notebook with his personal notes and a map of the Mississippi River, has been in the State Historical Society of Missouri's collections since 1928 (C1075).

Registration is now open for the luncheon at <http://shs.umsystem.edu/annualmeeting> or by phone at 573.882.7083. Please reserve a place by October 9 for the luncheon: \$35 members, \$40 nonmembers. All other events are free and open to the public, including the 11:00 a.m. business meeting, which will provide a presentation of highlights from the past year made possible by contributions from members of the State Historical Society of Missouri.

A silent auction will also be held to support the James W. Goodrich Graduate Research Assistantship, National History Day in Missouri, and the Oral History program.

Watch the *Missouri Times* and the State Historical Society of Missouri's website for dates of future Center for Missouri Studies Speaker Series presentations.

### Rare Artwork Completes Only US Public Collection of Bingham's Engravings and Lithographs

The State Historical Society of Missouri recently acquired a lithograph by Claude Regnier of George Caleb Bingham's *The Emigration of Daniel Boone*. The print was published in both Europe and America in 1852 by Goupil and Company of Paris, France. The new acquisition is an unusual uncolored example of this extremely rare nineteenth-century print. In April the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees voted to purchase the lithograph, which completes the State Historical Society of Missouri's collection of George Caleb Bingham prints. The State Historical Society now is home to the only public collection in the nation with examples of all of Bingham's lifetime engravings and lithographs. The print of Boone is on display in the Main Gallery of the State Historical Society of Missouri's Research Center—Columbia.

### Your Genealogy, Your History Workshop September 26, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., St. Joseph

This free workshop sponsored by the State Historical Society of Missouri and the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society will provide an introduction to SHSMO and its holdings on Missouri's northwestern counties. Attendees will also learn about useful physical and electronic resources found at other Missouri repositories and participate in a discussion about the relationship between genealogy and local history. This class is suitable for beginning to advanced genealogists, as well as those who want to learn more about their family's place in history. It will be held at the East Hills Library at 502 N. Woodbine Road in St. Joseph. Registration is encouraged by September 18, but not required. Contact the Northwest Missouri Genealogical Society library at 816.233.0524 or email [admin@nwmogenealogy.com](mailto:admin@nwmogenealogy.com) to secure your spot.

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## Politics in the Age of Term Limits and Other Turmoil

**November 12 10:30 a.m. St. Louis**

P. Wayne Goode Jr. and Bob Priddy each spent more than 40 years working in the Missouri capitol. Goode helped shape the Show-Me State as a legislator, while Priddy ensured government transparency as the dean of Missouri political reporters. Through a public exchange they will share behind-the-scenes stories that reveal how the Missouri we know today came to be, illuminating the state's politics as they have unfolded from the 1960s to the present. This session will be at the Missouri History Museum at Lindell and DeBaliviere in Forest Park, St. Louis.

## University of Missouri SISLT Updates

### Congratulations to SISLT's Library and Information Science Student, Alejandra (Alex) De Santiago, recipient of ALA Spectrum Scholarship

The School of Information Science and Learning Technologies at the University of Missouri is very proud to announce the American Library Association Office for Diversity has awarded Alex De Santiago with a 2015-2016 Spectrum Scholarship. Spectrum Scholars are selected "based on their commitment to diversity, commitment to entering the library profession, demonstrated community outreach, academic ability and achievements and leadership potential."

Alex commented, "It's very exciting to have been awarded the Spectrum Scholarship! It's even more gratifying to know that it was *the* American Library Association who has recognized me and 59 other graduate students who are all pursuing the same big dream. I feel like my fellow scholarship honorees and myself can together change and diversify the field of library and information studies, so I'm incredibly thankful to be given the opportunity to begin to do so. I will be a full-time student completing my first year of courses online while I remain in St. Louis. In the meanwhile, I will be working at one of the branches of the St. Louis County Library. My ultimate goal is to become an elementary school librarian since it's so important to encourage our youth at the very start to be curious and to be driven to self-educate. I truly thank the ALA for giving me the chance to take this first step."



Alejandra De Santiago,  
ALA Spectrum Scholar

Learn more about the ALA Spectrum Scholarship and the 2015-2016 Scholars:

<http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2015/07/ala-awards-60-spectrum-scholarships-2015-2016>

### MU's LIS Student and Oral Historian Jeff Corrigan and Mary Larson (Oklahoma) to Host Webinar, "Oral History @ Your Library: A Beginner's Guide"

Are you interested in fitting oral history into your library's repertoire, but don't know where to start? This one-hour webinar will provide an introduction to the ways in which libraries can use oral history for everything from collection development and programming to community engagement. We will begin with the basics — what is oral history? What does it contribute? — and also offer programming ideas for all ages, information about related technology (what type of equipment to use in which circumstances), and a wide range of resources for those who would like to follow up on the topic. At the end of the webinar, participants should have a better idea of how they might be able to utilize oral history in their libraries, and they will have a basic sense of what steps they would need to take to implement that vision.

Title: Oral History @ Your Library: A Beginner's Guide

Presenters: Mary Larson, Associate Dean for Special Collections, Oklahoma State University, and Jeff D. Corrigan, Oral Historian, State Historical Society of Missouri/SIST Grad Student

Date: Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

Time: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. (Central Time)

<http://www.ala.org/onlinelearning/oral-history-your-library-beginner's-guide>

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## Presenters



Mary A. Larson, Associate Dean For Special Collections, OSU

serving on the Publications and Nominating Committee. He hold a BS in agricultural and environmental communications and educations from the University of Illinois, an MA in US and world history from Eastern Illinois University, and is currently working on his MLIS degree at the University of Missouri.

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Mary A. Larson is the associate dean for special collections at the Oklahoma State University Library, where she joined the faculty in July 2009 as director of the Oklahoma Oral History Research Program. She has been conducting oral histories for 25 years, having previously worked with the programs at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks, and the University of Nevada, Reno. Larson is a past president of the Oral History Association (US) and has also served on that organization's council as well as on the board of the Southwest Oral History Association and the editorial board of the H-Oralhist listserv. Larson holds a bachelor's degree from Harvard and an MA and PhD in anthropology from Brown University.

Jeff D. Corrigan has been the oral historian for the State Historical Society of Missouri at the University of Missouri since 2008. He oversees all aspects of the oral history program, from interviewing to final processing, and conducts numerous public outreach programs and workshops each year. He has served on two OHA program committees, served as the workshop chair, and is currently



Jeff D. Corrigan, Oral Historian, State Historical Society of MO

## Care and Feeding of Book Groups: Maintaining, Sustaining, and Rejuvenating

On Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m., Kaite Stover will be presenting *Care and Feeding of Book Groups: Maintaining, Sustaining and Rejuvenating*. At this session, learn a little history of the book group, how to make good book selections, how to formulate discussion topics (especially when none can be found online), good internet resources for book group leaders, and how to handle difficult book group members. Share ideas for making a book discussion special, titles that were a hit, and titles that were not. Come prepared to talk about your book club experiences and get ideas for creating new ones.

Kaite Stover is the Director of Readers' Services for the Kansas City Public Library. She is the co-editor of *The Readers' Advisory Handbook* (2010) with Jessica E. Moyer, and currently writes the "He Reads, She Reads" column for [Booklist](#) with David Wright and "Under the Radar" for [Public Libraries](#) with Jessica E. Moyer. Additionally, she is a regular blogger for *Booklist's* "[Book Group Buzz](#)" blog.

The program will be from 9:00 – 11:00 am in the Central Library's Auditorium. We would like to encourage you, and anyone you think may be interested, to attend. *Please note:* Registration is required. You may sign up via our online calendar at <http://www.slpl.org/events/calendar.asp> or call the Library and staff can register you.

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## Springfield-Green County Library Updates

### It's All-in, Hands-on During Kids' Maker Camp

The first of six programs in the Library's Maker Camp series started not with a bang, but a growl — from the 8- to 12-year-olds who got into character after learning to make zombie skin. The July 7 session at the Library Center was "Make:believe." Fifteen kids learned the makeup magic behind movies by slathering their arms or faces with glue, single-ply tissue, liquid makeup and red, green and black theater makeup for a fleshy, zombie look. The Library District was accepted to participate in the nationwide Maker Camp offered at some 1,000 other



sites. The parent company is Maker Media, a global platform for connecting makers to their products and services. San Francisco, Calif., Maker Media serves a growing community of Makers who bring a DIY mindset to technology. At the Fun & Games session at the Brentwood Branch, the kids made candy mazes and carnival rides with Strawbees and craft sticks. At Maker Camp: Flight at the Brentwood Branch on Aug. 4, kids chose to create catapults, parachutes, paper airplanes or straw rockets. "By far the most popular were the balloon rockets, which flew along a zip line! Each camper went home with instructions and Strawbees to make a Shoemerang Boomerang," said Youth Services Associate Sherry Norman.



### LibraryCon Draws 400 Pop Culture Fans and Geeks

The Library's first LibraryCon on July 24–25 drew some 400 children, teens and adults who were eager to show off their geek-dom or rub elbows with the likes of Storm Troopers and superheroes. Library Center Youth Services Manager Sarah Bean Thompson described it: "We had 400 people attend our event and they loved the fact that the Library was putting on an event for fans of all types of pop culture. We had multiple comments about how positive an event it was, and it was a wonderful community builder. We had many attendees in costume, and they loved hearing from our panelists and talking to all of the groups, authors and illustrators that had booths."



Ghostbusters Cosplay



Jack Sparrow and Chewbacca Cosplay

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## **New Heirloom Seed Library Taps Into City Trend**

The Heirloom Seed Library that Midtown Carnegie Branch and Library Station staffers have cultivated since March 1, 2015, has yielded a bumper crop of checkouts. Some 2,020 packets were checked out by patrons between the two branches to date, which the seed library committee declared “a great first-year success.” The free service, made possible with donations from area seed and gardening companies, tapped into the community garden movement growing in the Springfield area. Midtown Carnegie Branch Manager, Eva Pelkey said that the new addition this year generated a lot of patron enthusiasm, and several groups interested in the concept have invited Library staff to talk about it. The seed libraries in both branches have ended for the season and will celebrate with an Heirloom Seed Festival and Seed Swap on Sept. 12 at the Library Station.

## **State Legislators Are the Teachers at Summer Storytimes**

Seven Springfield-area state legislators rubbed elbows with their future constituents during the Stories with Your Legislators this summer at several branches. Rep. Sonya Anderson read twice at the Library Station, her “home” library branch. “This is the first year Sen. Dixon accepted our invitation, and he was pretty excited when he saw the train in the Story Hour Room at the Library Station,” said Library Center Manager Jessie East, who coordinates the summer series. “He asked to read in front of the train...” Sen. Jay Wasson told Ash Grove Branch librarians how impressed he was with what we do in storytime and the impact we make as a library. “Each summer, we invite our state representatives and senators to be a storytime guest during summer reading. We know it's a good promotional opportunity for them, but it's a priceless advocacy opportunity for us,” Jessie East says. “In the storytime, we can introduce them to our Racing to Read early literacy program and show them how we are working to improve the number of kids who are ready to learn when they start kindergarten.”

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## **Amigos Updates**

### **Early release program readies Amigos eShelf<sup>SM</sup> Service for launch**

Amigos Library Services is in the final stages of testing the Amigos eShelf<sup>SM</sup> Service e-book platform. Planned to launch this fall, the service is an affordable, flexible option for libraries seeking to capitalize on their patrons' growing use of electronic books, known as e-books.

An early release program is underway. Participating libraries are offering e-books to their patrons via the eShelf<sup>SM</sup> Service as the final step before full rollout. Early release libraries use the Amigos eShelf<sup>SM</sup> Service with no service fees, paying only for e-books they purchase from participating publishers.

The Amigos eShelf<sup>SM</sup> Service offers libraries an online platform utilizing Amigos' infrastructure to host and circulate e-books. Other benefits of this service are that Amigos negotiates agreements with e-book publishers, and libraries are able to integrate titles they have purchased into their existing catalogs. Future enhancements will include the ability for libraries to load already-owned e-books and assist local patrons to self-publish.

To date, the Amigos eShelf<sup>SM</sup> Service has completed agreements with nine publishers representing over 60 imprints and 25,000 titles, and expects to double that number in the coming months.

Amigos began work on the project two years ago with a start-up grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. In July 2013, Amigos invited 18 public and academic librarians to a brainstorming session to learn what they wanted from an e-book platform. Amigos placed the needs and values of libraries first in designing both system functionality and publisher partnering structures for the eShelf<sup>SM</sup> Service.

For more information about the Amigos eShelf<sup>SM</sup> Service, contact Christine Peterson, [eShelf@amigos.org](mailto:eShelf@amigos.org), [peterson@amigos.org](mailto:peterson@amigos.org) or 800-843-8482, ext. 2891. This program is funded (in part) by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and Texas State Library and Archives Commission. (2015)

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## **Register now for Amigos September 17 online conference, “Open Source Software and Tools for the Library and Archive”**

Registration is now open our September 17 online conference, “Open Source Software and Tools for the Library and Archive.” The conference will explore various success stories concerning open source software or tools used in a recent or current project.

The conference will kick off with Nicole Engard’s presentation, “Open Your Mind: Open Source and Libraries.” Engard will introduce open source and explain why it’s a great option for libraries and archives. Additionally, she will speak about her own experiences with open source and the importance of going into the community to increase awareness of open source offerings for libraries.

Three concurrent sessions will run throughout the day. The variety of programming will interest staff from all library types.

Remember, as a benefit of membership, Amigos members always attend our online conferences free of charge. Non-members should register by September 4 for Early Bird discount pricing. Visit the [conference website](#) for complete registration information, schedules, and session descriptions.

## **Internet Librarian 2015 conference offers discount to Amigos members**

Attending the *Internet Librarian* 2015 conference October 26-28 in Monterey, CA? Register through Amigos and save over \$100! For a limited time, Amigos members are eligible for a registration discount. To receive this discount, members must register by September 25. Complete discount and registration details are available on the [Amigos website](#). For more information, contact Chris Brown at Amigos, 800-843-8482, ext. 2843, or [brown@amigos.org](mailto:brown@amigos.org).

## **Amigos partners with NoodleTools**

Amigos is happy to announce our new partnership with [NoodleTools](#), a web-based student research service that helps students correctly cite sources in MLA, APA, and Chicago/Turabian citation styles.

This online resource facilitates the research process by providing tools for:

- citation
- source evaluation
- note-taking
- outlining
- document annotation/archiving
- online collaboration with classmates
- assisting in formatting and printing bibliographies

The design of NoodleTools is user-friendly and a powerful tool for recording, organizing, and citing research. Students have the option to receive and review other student’s papers online and export source lists, notecards and outlines to Word.

Already have NoodleTools? Save and time and money by renewing through Amigos. For more information, contact Erica Owusu, [owusu@amigos.org](mailto:owusu@amigos.org) or 800-843-8482, ext. 2850.

## **Alexander Street Press launches new database**

Alexander Street Press recently launched [Counseling and Therapy Online: Current Practices](#), a powerful resource for both undergraduate and graduate-level counseling curriculum. Features of this new database include:

- 300 hours of video, most of which has been created since 2012, mapped to the most crucial topics in counseling today
- 400 anonymous transcripts from real therapy sessions
- 1,200 hours of conference presentations, lectures, and workshops from renowned counselors, psychologists, and practitioners
- 45,000 pages of eBooks and periodicals, including the American Counseling Association’s *Counseling Today*
- New titles added through 2017, so this collection will stay up to date for many years

For more information or a free trial, contact Liz Wardlaw, [wardlaw@amigos.org](mailto:wardlaw@amigos.org) or 800-843-8482, ext. 2802.

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## **Training classes coming in September**

Here's a quick look at classes scheduled in September

- [Cataloging & Classification Basics](#)  
September 1-3 and 8-10, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- [Cataloging with RDA](#)  
September 22-25, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- [Introduction to Preservation: Issues and Practices](#)  
September 22-24, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- [Creating a Successful Disaster Plan](#)  
September 24, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- [RDA for Audio Recordings](#)  
September 30-October 1, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Don't forget to email us at [learning@amigos.org](mailto:learning@amigos.org) if you have a suggestion for a class topic.



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### MO INFO Submission Guidelines

**MO INFO** (ISSN 0884-2205) is published six times/year (January, March, May, July, September, and November).

The most recent issue as well as back issues of MO INFO can be viewed on the MLA membership webpage at <http://molib.org/about/mo-info-newsletter>.

MO INFO is produced by the Publications Committee. To facilitate the Committee's production process, please follow the submission suggestions below.

Article format:

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

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

Article copy submitted by email to Jennifer Parsons at [parsons.jm@gmail.com](mailto:parsons.jm@gmail.com).

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