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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to 2016! This is the time of year when many of us, including me, are making New Year's resolutions to get fit, to eat healthier, or to make more time to relax and destress. But have you made a professional resolution for the New Year? What do you want to do this year to help your career or strengthen Missouri libraries? Here are some ideas to help you develop a professional resolution.

Resolve to learn. Save the date for the MLA Annual Conference in Springfield, MO on October 5-7. Erin Gray and Renee Brumett have already begun the enormous task of putting together a great conference full of presentations, pre-conferences, poster sessions, round tables, and plenty of networking opportunities. More details about the conference can be found at <http://molib.org/conference/2016-conference/>.

In addition to the conference, I assembled a small task force that will be looking at developing more professional development and networking opportunities outside of conferences. We are working on a virtual New Leader Orientation in February for our new committee and Communities of Interest chairs, as well as anyone else who may be interested in becoming more involved with MLA. Once the orientation details are finalized, we will be sending out more information on the MLA and CI listservs, so please stay tuned. The group will also be exploring other opportunities such as webinars, unconferences, and more, but if you have ideas for a professional development or networking opportunity, email me at mlapresident@molib.org.

Resolve to become more involved. MLA is a volunteer driven organization so we cannot do the great things we do without your help. If you are interested in becoming more involved with MLA, we still have committees and Communities of Interest that are looking for members. If you are interested or would like more information about ways to become involved please visit <http://molib.org/get-involved/involvement-faq/> or email me at mlapresident@molib.org.

Lastly, now is the time to renew your membership or join MLA if you are not already a member. Memberships run from January 1 – December 31 so you can enjoy a full year of member benefits by renewing or joining today. Membership dues are as low as \$10 and are available to library science students and new graduates, trustees and friends, retirees, institutions, friends groups, vendors, and of course all library employees, including paraprofessionals. You can renew or join online at <http://molib.org/join-mla/>.

Resolve to become an advocate for Missouri libraries. The past couple years have been hard on Missouri libraries with decreased funding from the state but a huge increase in demand for the services we provide. Even though we have a strong voice advocating for libraries with the MLA Legislative Committee and our professional lobbyist,

Randy Scherr, our message can only get louder and more vocal with your help. Join us on February 9th in Jefferson City for MLA's annual Library Advocacy Day. Registration is now open (www.mla2016lad.ezregister.com) for the chance to meet your senators and representatives and tell them why Missouri libraries matter. Learn more about Library Advocacy Day at <http://molib.org/get-involved/library-advocacy-day/>.

Last year, we coordinated a Library Snapshot Day to showcase a day in the life of libraries around Missouri (<https://storify.com/MOLibraries>). Based on the positive feedback and media coverage we received, we will be doing it again this year. Not only is Library Snapshot Day a great way to showcase what goes on your libraries, but it is a great advocacy tool to show to your legislators when talking to them about exactly what we do to serve our patrons and communities.

Good luck with your professional and personal resolutions. Have a great 2016!

Yours in service,

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Happy New Year to All,

As we embark on the new year, we find ourselves still being challenged by the Governor and Legislators when it comes to funding for Libraries.

Our MLA legislative priorities for 2016 include

- fighting for the restoration of funding for the REAL program,
- restoring state aid to the FY2015 budget level and
- full funding of the non-resident professional athletes & entertainers tax.

All of these efforts are counter to current budget recommendations for the coming year. We must persuade the legislature to oppose the Governor and to do more for us than they did last year. This will be a significant challenge.

We have a very strong voice in Jefferson City through Randy Scherr, who is also our eyes and ears there. However, it is time for all of us to assist Randy by bringing the personal side of the message to our Legislators. To do that, we have to work together as one unit, in one voice, carrying the same message, to the Governor, Secretary of State, and our Legislators. Randy and his team are very good. But no one is better at telling YOUR story, than YOU. All libraries need to tell how decreases in funding have a direct impact on your ability to serve your community.

Why do we need to do this? This is what is expected of us as an organization by the thousands of Librarians, Library workers, and Library Supporters across the State who depend on us to watch out for them in Jefferson City and Washington D.C. Did you know (according to some that I have spoken with) that their Legislators believe only the Libraries in their districts are doing exceptional work and none of the others are? So they question why they should support other Libraries outside their district. We have to work to change this way of thinking.

I am asking all of you to get more involved in the fight for our funding. Here are some ways that you can do that:

- Build a relationship with your Legislators so they will talk or meet with you outside of Advocacy Day. Call or visit more than once a year.

- Attend Advocacy Day in Jefferson City on Tuesday, February 9.
- Get the public involved. Bring one or two constituents with you when you visit your Legislators in Jefferson City.
- If you can't bring constituents, create short video vignettes of the public from their district testifying how important their support is for all Libraries. Don't worry about production quality, record it on a smartphone. The message is much more important than the video quality.
- Help those who have never visited Legislators before learn how to talk about their Library (create standing talking points).
- Attend National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) in Washington D.C. on Monday and Tuesday, May 2nd and 3rd.

This is just the beginning with more to come. Please let me know if you have any questions or other ideas on how to better inform our Legislators. Thanks.

Gerald Brooks
Chair, MLA Legislative Committee GBrooks@slpl.org

Library and Marketing Communications Conference – You had to be there!

How can you be in the library profession since the last century and attend a library conference where you are inspired, educated, and motivated to try new things? The *Library and Marketing Communications Conference* in Dallas, TX in early November did just that! With an expected 60 registrants, the LMCC had the challenge of accommodating 200 attendees and a wait list exceeding 25% of their total. Every conference should have this problem.

Balancing a mix of professional communications/marketing folks with a mass of “accidental” library marketers -- librarians who are assigned the task of promoting the library along with their other hats -- the conference provided a variety of sessions focusing on promotions, outreach and (real) marketing in libraries. Yes, there is a difference. Marketing is part of the strategic planning process, where promotions and publicity (which most of us do) are just the tools of a marketing plan.

It was inspiring to visit with so many who are eager to promote their libraries and to learn more about how to do it right. Two unique features of the conference included 30-minute breaks between sessions so that attendees had more time to connect with each other (none of us knew one another), and a topical buffet lunch where one could sit at any table labelled with an area of interest to them. Examples included social media, marketing plans, partnerships, target markets, branding, and even a table for dataheads – using data to measure the value of your marketing efforts – to name a few.

In only its fifth year, this conference has apparently struck a chord with 21st century librarians. To read more about the LMCC, visit <https://www.facebook.com/LMCCConference/> on Facebook.

-Karen Robinson, Assistant Teaching Professor, The iSchool at the University of Missouri and Reference Librarian, UMSL



Attendees at one of the dozen dine-arounds held on the first evening of the conference made great connections and friends around wine and pasta.

Amigos Updates

Amigos eShelfSM Service update: upcoming conferences, webinars

The Amigos eShelfSM Service has been available to libraries since the beginning of November. Since then, we have been getting the word out by attending conferences and posting to social media. Just this fall, we exhibited and presented at the Missouri/Kansas, Arkansas, New Mexico, and Arizona Library Association conferences, and also attended the Charleston and LITA conferences.

Did we miss you? This spring we'll be:

- Attending ALA Midwinter and DPLA Fest
- Exhibiting at the Oklahoma and Texas Library Association conferences, the Electronic Resources & Libraries Conference, the Public Library Association conference, and possibly BookExpo America

Still missing you? Attend this free webinar for details on the service:

The Amigos eShelfSM Service: Up and Running

January 4-6, 14-15, 18-22, 25-29

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. CST

<http://amigos.adobeconnect.com/eshelf/>

Have you been waiting for us? Well, your wait is over!

The Amigos eShelfSM service, now available to libraries, is an e-book platform that allows libraries to enhance their current e-book collections, or it can function as a library's sole e-book collection. Advantages include perpetual rights, interlibrary loan privileges from most publishers, options for patron display, and a low cost.

In this session, Amigos eShelfSM Service Manager Christine Peterson will provide an overview and a demonstration of the service. Bring your questions and your interest. No registration is necessary. Amigos members and non-members are welcome.

David Shumaker to kick off February 11 Amigos Online Conference

Join us February 11, 2016, for the next Amigos Online Conference, "Going Out of Bounds with Reference Services." During this conference, we will be hearing from librarians across the country regarding innovative reference outreach, programming, and integration with other departments in the library.

Kicking off the conference, David Shumaker will deliver the keynote address, "The New Rules of Library Services." Shumaker is Clinical Associate Professor of Library and Information Science at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. His 2012 book, [The Embedded Librarian: Innovative Strategies for Taking Knowledge Where It's Needed](#), was termed "a must read for every librarian" by Maureen Sullivan, immediate past president of the American Library Association and past president of ACRL and LLAMA. In his keynote, he will outline the nature of the changes taking place and share some ideas about what we'll need to include in the new rules for the next era of library services. Check out Shumaker's blog, [The Embedded Librarian](#), for more information on this leading thinker in the reference community.

Registration is coming soon, so please keep an eye on the [conference page](#) for the session titles, speakers and pricing.

For more information about this conference, contact Kyla Hunt, hunt@amigos.org or 800-843-8482, ext. 2867.

Consulting and Education Services update

At Amigos Library Services, we are proud of the valuable opportunities that we provide for ongoing training for information professionals. Check out some of our upcoming online course offerings and Know & Go updates. You don't want to miss them!

- *Balancing and Embracing Change: Strategies for Preparing Staff in the Library*
January 27, 2016, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. CST
Early Bird Deadline: January 5

Libraries are constantly changing and adapting for many reasons. Managers, however, are not always sure how to help their staffs understand and embrace the upcoming changes. This two hour course is designed to help managers and supervisors learn strategies for a successful transition, identify potential pitfalls, and anticipate staff response to a pending change in the library.

- *After Teen Services: Library Programming and Outreach for the New Adult*
January 28, 2016, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. CST
Early Bird Deadline: January 6

According to the Pew Research Center's 2015 Libraries at the Crossroads report, 52% of people between the ages of 16 and 29 visited a bookmobile or library within the past year. However, libraries often omit this new adult population from dedicated programming and outreach.

During this two-hour session, we will identify services and programming initiatives created with these new adults' needs and interests in mind, comparing such programs to separate teen and adult initiatives. We will also design outreach plans directed to new adults in public and academic libraries.

Check out these upcoming Know & Go sessions

Know & Go updates are one-hour sessions held twice per month, on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. CST. They are quick snapshot trainings that offer incredibly relevant and timely information. Know & Go sessions are available to everyone and always free to Amigos members!

Upcoming Know & Go topics:

- Cataloging Audiovisual Materials with RDA: Helpful Supplements
- Targeting a New Audience – The Small Business Owner
- Catching Up with Technology

Look over our complete [Class Schedule](#), including all of our online courses and Know & Go sessions.

To find out more about the many consulting and education services available at Amigos, contact Christina Pryor, pryor@amigos.org or 800-843-8482, ext. 2897.

Nominating Committee seeks Amigos board candidates

The Amigos Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to serve on the Amigos Board of Directors. At the May 11, 2016 election conducted during the annual Amigos Member Business Meeting, those designated as Voting Representatives of Amigos member libraries will elect three librarians and one independent director to serve three-year terms on the Board.

The Nominating Committee is chaired by Amigos Director Liz MacDonald, Lindenwood University. Liz invites those interested in serving or wishing to nominate a colleague to contact her by January 22, 2016, at 636-949-4396 or emacdonald@lindenwood.edu.

-Larry Godwin, Communications Specialist, godwin@amigos.org

Mid-Continent Public Library Celebrates 50 Years of Service

How does a library party like it is 1965? Ask anyone from Mid-Continent Public Library's staff, but be prepared, the answer won't be a short one! The Library celebrated its 50th anniversary with four major event days throughout 2015.

The first was held on Sunday, May 31 at the Arrowhead Stadium Club in Kansas City where more than 8,000 current and former employees were welcomed to the **MCPL Employee Family Reunion**. The event featured a history exhibit, interactive games, visits by KC Wolf, stadium tours and a short program that included former Library directors.

On Thursday, June 18, nearly 200 guests including customers, retirees, and local officials attended the **Legacy Luncheon** at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center in Independence, MO to honor outstanding library employees and MCPL retirees. The luncheon included Kansas City native and author of *Hope: Entertainer of the Century*, Richard Zoglin, who delivered a keynote speech on legacy and literature and a "State of the Library" address by Library Director Steven V. Potter.

"The world is changing quickly, and this library system is running at full speed to keep pace," said Potter during the luncheon. "I am proud to say that this library continues to become a more integrated and valuable part of our communities."

Library customers traded comfy reading attire for taffeta and bow ties as nearly 400 gathered for the sold-out **Library Lovers Gala: A 50th Anniversary Event**, a special fundraising event, on Saturday, October 3 at the Courtyard Kansas City at Briarcliff. Guests were greeted by actors portraying great lovers from literary history, and the evening's program included guest of honor, Kansas City native **Gillian Flynn**, author of the runaway best seller *Gone Girl*. The event also launched MCPL's **Library Lovers membership program**, which has levels for children and adults. The final official day of the celebration was November 10 - the actual day in 1965 when Jackson and

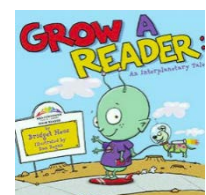
Clay Counties came together to form Mid-Continent Public Library.

More than 90 functions were held as part of a system-wide **Branch Birthday Party**, including morning business mixers, storytimes, family programs, ceremonies and open houses drawing over 19,000 customers.

MCPL announced the launch of its new early literacy program "Grow A Reader," unveiled The Reading Rocket, an early literacy mobile unit, and a new mascot, Marty the Martian. Marty was the main character in *Grow A Reader: An Interplanetary Tale* by Bridget



Heos, author of the *Mustache Baby* series. MCPL commissioned the book for the anniversary



and was able to distribute thousands of copies to children attending programs that day thanks to a generous donation.

“Since 1965, MCPL has grown and evolved into a community cornerstone that connects customers with information and each other,” said Potter. “November 10 was a great chance to celebrate this tremendous milestone with the community and imagine the changes and innovations that will happen in the next 50 years.”

MCPL Branch Birthday Party Tale of the Tape

- 10,500 Kansas City Star 50th anniversary special sections
- 10,000 new *Grow A Reader* books
- 5,246 napkins
- 3,792 cookies
- 3,840 bottles of water
- 3,600 feet of pennant streamers
- 3,101 servings of cake
- 2,736 juice boxes
- 2,560 balloons
- 900+ MCPL staff members
- 186 Family Four packs of attraction and event tickets
- 90+ functions and open houses
- 21 special family programs
- 6 appearances by MCPL mascot Marty the Martian
- 4 book signings by author Bridget Heos and illustrator Dan Regan
- 1 brand new Reading Rocket early literacy vehicle



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Poplar Bluff Municipal Library Celebrates Its Centennial in 2016

The Poplar Bluff Municipal Library Board of Trustees and staff invite Missouri librarians and citizens to join us in celebrating our Centennial in 2016. Multiple events are a part of our commemoration.

Our library began when community leader Annie (Mrs. M. C.) Horton called a meeting at her home in 1915 to organize a public library. Our Centennial celebration began when we honored the vision, planning, and work of our Poplar Bluff Library pioneers starting with the first event in April 2015. Much like the early years, community leaders, board members and the Friends of the Library were a part of the “Chamber after Hours.” During the summer of 2015, the Centennial Committee hosted an ice cream social with Ragtime music played by pianist Bill Traxel. Over 175 adults and children attended. In September, the library recognized fundamental rights using National Library Card Registration month, Constitution Day, National Voter Registration Week, and Banned Books Week to underscore the importance of libraries in a democratic society. October through December, a traveling photographic exhibit made its way through the community. Pictures of the library, people, and places illustrate the services and ties to the community over the past 100 years.

Patrons paid \$1 per year to participate in the new library 100 years ago. Opening its doors to the public in the Criterion Theater in April of 1916, the library was staffed briefly by volunteers until Mrs. Horton’s adult daughter, Lucy Horton, was hired for \$10 per month. Miss Horton was succeeded in 1918 by Mae (Mrs. J. L.) Lindsay, who led the library through moves to three more temporary locations over 17 years. In that period, she also helped many neighboring communities establish their own libraries. After leading the successful campaign to pass a bond issue and build the permanent (now expanded) building still in use, Mrs. Lindsay retired in 1935. Her assistant, the able Helen Cain, was named librarian in 1936 and became the iconic face of the library for the next 28 years. The current children’s library is named after Mrs. Cain. Since that time, the librarians have included Dewayne Beckemier (1973-1998) and Jackie Thomas (1998-2012). The longevity of these librarians provided a firm foundation for library services and earned the long term trust of the community.

Beginning in January, the library will continue its year-long celebration with events involving the local and regional community as well as celebrating the long-term relationships with libraries in the state.

January 24—Community-wide Celebration at Tinnin Arts Center, Three Rivers College

The library along with Three Rivers College (50 years), Wappapello Lake and Dam (75 years), Sacred Heart Church (125 years), and Sacred Heart School (100 years) come together and invite our community to open a year of celebration for all of us with significant birthdays.

March through April—Golden Legacy: Original Art From 65 Years of the Golden Books

This spring will bring a national exhibition exclusively to Poplar Bluff! The display presents the most extensive public showing ever of children’s illustration art reflected in the beloved series, the Little Golden Books. This exhibition is not scheduled to appear anywhere else in Missouri, nor in any of the states bordering us. This event is organized by the National Center for Illustrated Children’s Literature, Abilene, Texas.



March 19, Kay Porter Theater—Leonard Marcus, author of Golden Legacy: How Golden Books Won Children's Hearts, Changed Publishing Forever, and became an American Icon Along the Way

Mr. Marcus gives an engaging and personal account of his interactions with Golden Book illustrators within the historical context of their publication. Audiences rave over his presentation and knowledge of the Golden Books.

June 2-3, 2016—Missouri Public Library Directors Semi-Annual Meeting

To commemorate the Missouri Library Association meeting in 1936 and the 80th year of the original library building, the Missouri Public Library Directors will convene in Poplar Bluff. Featured speaker for the event is the Honorable Todd Richardson (R—Poplar Bluff), Speaker of the Missouri House of Representatives.

October 14, 2016—A book event --TBA

December 2016 (Day to be announced)—Sing Happy Birthday to the library with cake, balloons, and confetti.

Happy Birthday to Poplar Bluff Municipal Library, and here's to 100 more years of service to the community and Missouri.

-Sue Crites Szostak szostak@poplarbluff.org

University of Missouri SISLT News

Full 7-Year Accreditation Decision for MU's LIS Program

The School of Information Science & Learning Technologies (iSchool at University of Missouri) is pleased to announce that the Committee on Accreditation (COA) of the American Library Association (ALA) has granted full accreditation for the Library Science master's degree program (MA Information Science and Learning

Technologies). A review for the next accreditation cycle is scheduled for Fall 2022.

We thank our students, alumni, community partners, faculty, and professional staff who provided support throughout the accreditation process.

Sincerely,

-Joi Moore, Ph.D., SISLT Director

E-Learning Information Specialization Introduced in 2016

Students will have the option of pursuing a program specialization in e-learning for information professionals, beginning in Spring 2016.

Today's librarians are being tasked to learn and use many new technologies, bridging information resources and instructional design. The E-Learning Information Professional specialization meets that need, drawing from the entirety of SISLT's curriculum.

Courses in the specialization will be 100% online.

Graduates will be prepared to work in environments across the entire range of librarianship:

- K-12, public, academic, and special libraries
- Corporate
- Nonprofit
- Government
- Military

MU's Library and Information Science program is fully accredited by the American Library Association (ALA), and is the only accredited LIS program in the state of Missouri.

For more information on the E-Learning Information Professional specialization within the LIS program, email Jenny Bossaller (bossallerj@missouri.edu).

-Andrea Smolanovich (smolanovicha@missouri.edu)

Mizzou LIS Students Compile Diversity Resources

Students from the University of Missouri's LIS program have compiled a list of helpful diversity resources as a project for their fall 2015 Leadership for Diversity in Public Libraries course, instructed by Dr. Denice Adkins.

Vanessa Adams, Julie Blatt, Tammie Busch, Meagan Hicks, Beth Loecke, Jessica O'Dowd, Patrick Ploch, Jodi Rethmeier, Michael Schaefer, Aubrey Seavey, and Sara Wagner worked together to survey Missouri public library staff and administrators, research a number of diversity-related issues and create a Web-based resource for use by Missouri public libraries.

The completed website, along with additional information, can be found at <http://libraryleaders.missouri.edu/classes-in-the-pull-program/leadership-for-diversity/diversity-in-public-libraries/>.

-Julie Blatt (jbvxf@mail.missouri.edu) PuLL Fellow, University of Missouri

Did You Know? Wolfner Library Edition, Part I

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library provides leisure reading braille and audio books to Missouri's visually impaired citizens. Often overlooked is the fact that Wolfner Library also provides reading material for those with physical disabilities, such as paralysis or rheumatoid arthritis, and neurological-based learning disabilities, such as dyslexia. To qualify, a patron does not have to have a long-term disability; the disability can be temporary, such as undergoing chemotherapy or a broken arm.

Wolfner Library offers more than just braille and talking books. Other services include:

- **BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download):** BARD is the audio download website for the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS). Patrons can download books directly to a blank cartridge provided by Wolfner Library for their talking book machine or use the Apple or Android app to download audio books directly to their mobile device.
- **Large Print Books:** Wolfner Library has offered children and young adult large print materials for many years and is debuting an adult large print collection this winter.
- **Locally Recorded Books:** Wolfner Library records books about Missouri, with a Missouri setting and/or by a Missouri author. The studio also records the MLA and MASL award book nominees.
- **Print/Braille Books:** Print/Braille children's picture books allow a visually impaired child or adult to read with a sighted individual. They are great for story times!
- **Reading Programs:** Wolfner Library offers a youth summer reading program using the Collaborative Summer Library Program theme for that year. An adult winter reading program also occurs each year, from January to March.

Follow Wolfner Library on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/wolfnerlibrary>) to learn about new services, changes in services and to sample the titles offered.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Wolfner Library at wolfner@sos.mo.gov or (800) 392-2614.

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State Historical Society of Missouri News

Missouri Digital Newspaper Project Surpasses Goal of One Million Online Pages

The Missouri Digital Newspaper Project, started seven years ago to coordinate digitization of the state's historic newspapers, exceeded one million pages of content in November 2015.

The keyword-searchable pages are online and available free to the public at <http://shs.umsystem.edu/mdnp> newspaper thanks to support from the National Endowment for the Humanities and through Library Services and

Technology Act grants to public libraries in Missouri.

“This milestone is the perfect reason to celebrate what an invaluable resource digitized newspapers are for researchers, while continuing to advocate for our progress toward the long-term goal of an online database of newspapers from every Missouri county,” SHSMO associate director Gerald Hirsch said.

The project applies innovative modern technology to historic newspaper content, producing pages that meet National Digital Newspaper Program specifications - the highest standard. Many of Missouri's digital newspapers are also available through the Library of Congress's Chronicling America site (<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov>), which ultimately aims to include newspaper pages from all states and US territories in its collection. The national site has reached a milestone of its own, surpassing 10 million digital pages in October. “We are proud that the State Historical Society of Missouri was a significant partner in the national project's success to date,” SHSMO executive director Gary Kremer said. “Our staff works extremely hard to increase the resources available to all our patrons - whether they visit us in person or online.”



One Thousandth Oral History Interview Submitted by Missouri Veterans History Project

The Missouri Veterans History Project marked a milestone in October 2015 when the organization submitted its interview of Katy Kilroy to the Library of Congress. Kilroy, who currently serves with the Missouri Army National Guard and fought in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, was the project's one thousandth interview subject. Her grandfather, Joseph Frank Mica II, brought the total to 1,001. Mica served as a machinist in the Navy during World War II. “At MVHP

we are preserving history one story at a time,” said Audrey Mack, the organization's executive director. “It was an honor to record and share Katy's story. Hearing about the family history of service from grandfather to granddaughter brought a unique opportunity to our mission.”

The Missouri Veterans History Project provides a forum for veterans to tell their stories, share firsthand recollections, and add rich personal context to historical events. A copy of the recording is given to the veteran free

of charge. The interview is then archived through a partnership with the State Historical Society of Missouri, the Library of Congress, and other organizations.



***The African American Experience in Missouri* Lecture Series Announced**

A new lecture series, *The African American Experience in Missouri*, will begin in 2016. Cosponsored by the University of Missouri and the State Historical Society of Missouri's Center for Missouri Studies, the series will offer the MU community, as well as the public, an opportunity to learn about the African American experience in Missouri from the earliest period of statehood to the present.

"The richness that diversity brings to a community can only be truly appreciated when you understand its heritage," said Chuck Henson, interim vice chancellor for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity. "We believe this look into the past is essential as we work together to write the next chapter of our shared history."

MU history professor Keona K. Ervin and SHSMO executive director Gary Kremer, both Center for Missouri Studies fellows known for research on African American history, are working together to ensure the top scholars in the field are a part of the 12 anticipated lectures that are slated to begin in January.

Over the next year and a half we will host more than a dozen scholars and subject-matter experts on campus," Ervin said. "Their presentations on everything from slavery and the meaning of race to urban decline and the rise of jazz culture are an essential step in continuing the dialogue that began this fall."

Stay up-to-date on *The African American Experience in Missouri* lecture series details at <http://diversity.missouri.edu> or <http://shs.umssystem.edu>.

Congratulations to the 2016 Center for Missouri Studies Fellowship Recipients

The Center for Missouri Studies has awarded its 2016 fellowships to scholars in Columbia, St. Louis, and Troy, Alabama. The fellowships are intended to encourage scholarship in new or underexplored areas of Missouri history. Each award includes a \$5,000 stipend to complete a study that may be published in the *Missouri Historical Review* and presented at a public event within the state.

-Sarah Lirley McCune, a PhD candidate in history at the University of Missouri in Columbia, will receive the Center's fellowship in the History of Women in Missouri Politics for her proposal, "The Personal Is Political: Gendered Conflicts and Early Death by Suicide, Alcoholism, Abortion, and Homicide in St. Louis, 1875-1885." McCune intends to study how women both shaped and were shaped by the politics surrounding social issues such as domestic violence, alcoholism, and suicide as resolutions to these problems were sought within the court system, reform movements, and other settings.

-Diane Everman, an archivist at the St. Louis Jewish Community Archives and the Taylor Family Archives/Enterprise Holdings, Inc. Corporate Archives, has won the Missouri Jewish History fellowship for her proposal, "The Preventorium: Fighting Tuberculosis in St. Louis." Everman plans to study the contributions to public health efforts in the 1920s to 1940s of a children's camp, founded by the Jewish Sanatorium and sponsored by the Jewish Federation of St. Louis, which was intended to help prevent the spread of tuberculosis.

-Luke Ritter, a lecturer in history at Troy University in Alabama, will receive the Center's fellowship in the Environment in Missouri History for his proposal, "The Maternal Politics of Air and Water Pollution in St. Louis." Ritter will examine the prominent role of St. Louis women as leaders of environmental protection causes in the 1950s and 1960s, considering the impact of these leaders on environmental activism and women's general involvement in politics.

The Center for Missouri Studies extends the State Historical Society's mission to promote and disseminate the study of the state's past. In addition to the fellowship program, the Center's initiatives include the Show-Me Missouri Speakers' Bureau and National History Day in Missouri, both products of a partnership with the Missouri Humanities Council. The Center also supports *Historic Missourians*, a biographical series published on the State Historical Society's website.

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Springfield-Greene News



Friends of the Library Hit Record Sales of \$147,337.21

The Friends of the Springfield-Greene County Library District hit a new record in sales at its 2015 Fall Book Sale Oct. 19-25 at Remington's, in Springfield. That's 13 percent higher than the last record of \$129,940.14 set in the previous sale in spring 2015. The sale typically draws pleasure readers, researchers, and book

dealers from four states. With Remington's event center closing, the Friends Spring 2016 Book Sale will be April 26-May 1 in a larger space at the E-Plex, at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds.

Library Launches Service on Mercy Hospital Campus

Mercy Hospital campus co-workers and visitors can now access Springfield-Greene County Library services at the Van K. Smith Community Health Library on the Mercy Hospital campus. The health library is open to the public. Mercy workers and the public can place holds on public library items through the library's online catalog and pick them up or drop them off at the health library. Deliveries are twice weekly. Mercy workers can also sign up for a public library card at the health library and pay public library fines.

Latino Americans Series Brings Dance, Film and Scholar

The Library invited the public to celebrate the culture of Latin Americans through a series of events in November at the Library Center funded through a grant provided in partnership with the Missouri Humanities Council and the Missouri Immigrant & Refugee Advocates, and funded through the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. Events included colorful dances by Grupo Latinoamericano Dance Troupe, a film about Cesar Chavez, the screening of a PBS segment, "Latino Americans: 500 Years of History," and a discussion by Dr. Indira Palacios-Valladares, of Missouri State University.



Youth Services Reach Out to English Language Learners

Youth Services Coordinator Nancee Dahms-Stinson and several staff members are working with non-English-speaking families through the Springfield Public Schools' English Language Learners program. While instructors meet with immigrant families to connect them with reliable resources, Nancee and staff share information about library services including Tumblebooks with Spanish language conversion, library cards, bilingual storytimes and Hoopla movies.



Murder Mystery Draws Amateur Sleuths

On Oct 24, nearly 60 amateur sleuths of all ages participated in Midtown Carnegie Branch's second after-hours murder mystery game, "One-Way Ticket to Murderville," written by librarian Ingrid Bohnenkamp. Library staff portrayed wacky characters in the mystery including Mallory Leicht as a cat-loving cozy mystery writer, while Ingrid got into character as Eve Mayhew, the nutty fan girl of a murdered author.



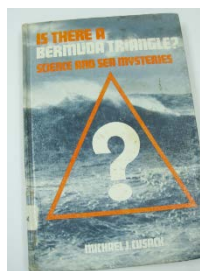
Teens Fill Bins for "Hunger is Not a Game" Food Drive

Teens across the library district donated 228 pounds of food items for Ozarks Food Harvest during the youth-led "Hunger is Not a Game" food drive to provide 190 meals. The event coincided with the district's teen programming around the release of the new Hunger Games motion picture.

Library Receives \$39,684 Grant for Death and Dying Series

The Library District is one of 12 nonprofit and health care organizations to receive a grant for end-of-life education or services from The Hospice Foundation of the Ozarks. The Library will use the grant for an October 2016 series, Death & Dying: Conversations on End-of-Life Matters. Speakers will include Dr. Angelo Volandes, Harvard Medical School physician and author of "The Conversation: A Revolutionary Plan for End-of-Life Care;" presentations by New Yorker cartoonist Roz Chast, author of "Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?" and Thomas Lynch, poet, author and undertaker; and a Skype session with Caitlin Doughty, author of "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes: And Other Lessons from the Crematory."

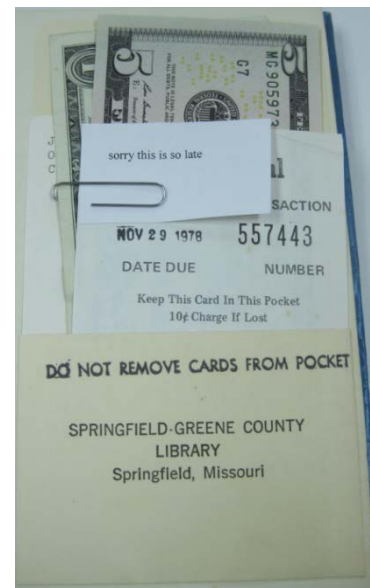
Library Book is Returned – 37 Years Later, with Fine



A book 37 years overdue was returned anonymously in early December to the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library outdoor book drop. The patron clipped \$6 inside the book to cover the maximum \$5 overdue fine, and a small typed note: sorry this is so late. The long-overdue return and the irony of the book title captured local, state and national media attention as far away as David Green of NPR. "Is There A Bermuda Triangle? Science and Sea Mysteries," by Michael J. Cusack, was last checked out when librarians still

stamped due dates on index cards tucked in little manila pockets that were glued inside book covers. Library records don't go back far enough to know who checked out the book or if the person was billed for a lost book. The Library district doesn't own a copy of that 1976 book, but it does own nine different titles about the Bermuda Triangle. The book is too old to return to the collection, so it likely will be sold at the Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale April 26-May 1, 2016

-Kathleen O'Dell, Community Relations Director, Springfield-Greene County Library District



Renovation Gives Kirkwood Teens a Space of Their Own

Kirkwood Public Library underwent minor construction in early November – we moved our Technical Services Department upstairs to the main floor workroom from its office space on the lower level. We then revamped the lower level space, adding a window in the room divider and a



glass door that leads directly into the children's workroom. We painted the room in grey and chalkboard paint, and then moved the teen room down there. Now the teens have a separate area for gaming and making noise, more room for books, tables for studying and a fun space to call their own – away from patrons on the main floor who like their library a little quieter. By giving teens more workable space where they can work on computers, spread out textbooks and collaborate on group projects, we hope to become their



preferred location for studying, gaming, and reading!



-Lisa Henry, Director of Operations, Kirkwood Library lhenny@kirkwoodpubliclibrary.org

St. Louis County Library Branch Updates

Renovated Jamestown Bluffs branch

St. Louis County Library will open the renovated Jamestown Bluffs Branch on Nov. 12 at 9:00 a.m. as part of the Your Library Renewed campaign. Construction on the Jamestown Bluffs Branch began in the spring of 2015 and is part of a multi-year campaign of over \$120 million to renovate or replace 19 branches within the Library District. Four additional locations will reopen in November–January.

The renovated Jamestown Bluffs Branch is located in north St. Louis County at 4153 N. Highway 67 in Florissant.

Community input helped determine many of the amenities included in the renovated Jamestown Bluffs Branch such as an expanded children's area; a business center with fax, copy and scanning machines; two community meeting rooms; a café area with vending machines and tables; two private study rooms; a quiet reading area called the "living room;" and an expanded, colorful teen area.

The renovated Jamestown Bluffs Branch was designed by Bond Architects. The project's budget was \$1.6 million and was funded by proceeds from a 2012 tax initiative.

Renovated Indian Trails branch

St. Louis County Library will open the renovated Indian Trails Branch on Nov. 20 at 9:00 a.m. as part of the *Your Library Renewed* campaign. Construction on the Indian Trails Branch began in the spring of 2015 and is part of a multi-year campaign of over \$120 million to renovate or replace 19 branches within the Library District. Additional new and renovated buildings will reopen in December and January.

The renovated Indian Trails Branch is located in north St. Louis County at 8400 Delport Drive in Vinita Park.

Visitors to the renovated branch will immediately notice the new entrance, which features a plaza with plants and greenery. Inside the branch, LED lighting and new windows help the space feel brighter. Community input helped determine many of the amenities included in the renovated Indian Trails Branch including an expanded children's area; a business center with fax, copy and scanning machines; a large community meeting room; a café area with vending machines and tables; two private study rooms; a quiet reading area called the "living room;" and a dedicated teen area.

The renovated Indian Trails Branch was designed by Bond Architects. The project's budget was \$2.1 million and was funded by proceeds from a 2012 tax initiative.

Renovated Weber Road branch

St. Louis County Library will open the renovated Weber Road Branch on Dec. 18 at 9:00 a.m. as part of the Your Library Renewed campaign. Construction on the Weber Road Branch began in the spring of 2015 and is part of a multi-year campaign of over \$120 million to renovate or replace 19 branches within the Library District.

The renovated Weber Road Branch is located in south St. Louis County at 4444 Bayless Road in Affton.

Patrons will enter the renovated Weber Road Branch slightly north of the old entrance. Once inside the building, visitors will see the sleek new café area with tables, a laptop bar, and vending machines. A glass enclosed computer lab will offer training on a variety of technology related topics. A colorful archway of blue and green leads into the expanded children's area, where kids and parents can enjoy interactive learning activities. Teens have their own space too, which is decorated in bold shades of red and grey. The new floor plan takes advantage of the branch's many large windows, the quiet reading room features comfortable chairs and abundant natural light. Other highlights of the renovated branch include a business center with fax, copy, and scanning machines; a large community meeting room; and two private study rooms

The renovated Weber Road Branch was designed by Bond Architects. The project's budget was \$2.3 million and was funded by proceeds from a 2012 tax initiative.

All renovated locations will also receive new computers, furniture, and carpeting and the addition of comfortable seating areas throughout the branches.

Construction on all of the new and renovated buildings in Phase One of the Your Library Renewed campaign is expected to be complete by the end of 2016. The timeline is subject to change based on weather conditions and other factors. More details about the construction projects can be found at www.slcl.org/your-library-renewed. Please contact Jennifer McBride, Communications Manager at 314-994-3300 ext. 2250 for media inquiries about the Your Library Renewed campaign.

Jennifer McBride jmcbride@slcl.org

St. Louis County Library Waives Fines on Children's Materials

St. Louis County Library will no longer charge fees on overdue children's items as of January 1, 2016. Eliminating fines will allow children greater access to all of the resources available at the library. Currently, 19% of juvenile cardholders cannot use the library due to overdue fines.

Library Director Kristen Sorth said, "We are always looking for ways to remove barriers and increase access to library materials and services particularly for children. Removing overdue charges for children's materials helps make the library's resources more accessible and supports literacy efforts for our youngest patrons."

The library's Board of Trustees approved the new policy at their November meeting. Items exempt from overdue fees must be designated "juvenile" in the library's catalog; the age of the person checking out the item will not matter. The library will continue to charge overdue fines on items cataloged as teen or adult.

Although no overdue fines will be assessed on items cataloged as juvenile, overdue notices will still be sent when the item is kept beyond its due date. Items not returned within 45 days of their due date are considered lost, and the full cost of the item will appear on the patron's account. The library's policy regarding lost items has not changed. (For more information about borrowing items from St. Louis County Library, visit www.slcl.org/using-the-library/borrowing).

Despite this policy change, St. Louis County Library continues to encourage patrons to return items on time. The library's collection of books, DVDs, CDs, magazines, videogames, and other items are used by thousands of people in our area. Assuring that those items are available for all is an important function of the library. Rather than allowing something to become overdue, the library encourages patrons to renew items. Items can be renewed in the library, via the [online catalog](#), using the SLCL mobile app or by calling Customer Connect at 314-994-3300.

-Jennifer McBride jmcbride@slcl.org

Missouri Evergreen News

De Soto and Salem Public Libraries both recently joined Missouri Evergreen. De Soto will go live on the Evergreen system in late January 2016, and Salem in the spring of 2016. Regional refresher trainings on Evergreen were held at Carrollton Public Library and Carthage Public Library in November and December, and attended by about 14 people at each location.

Missouri Evergreen held its biannual in-person membership meeting on December 3 before the Missouri Public Library Directors' Meeting at Lake of the Ozarks. Members discussed a variety of topics, including: the recently completed deduplication of the catalog, some updates from the circulation committee—including some changes to the consortium's circulation policy, and the idea of sharing book club kits between members of the consortium.

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.

-Debbie Luchenbill deborah@mobiusteam.org

Anna Mattonen Is a 2016 ALA Emerging Leader

Anna Mattonen, Reference Associate at the Library Center Branch of the Springfield-Greene County Library District, has been selected as a 2016 American Library Association Emerging Leader, and her participation in the program will be sponsored by the MLA. The Missouri Library Association sponsors one Emerging Leader each year by reimbursing costs associated with attending the ALA Midwinter and ALA Annual Conference.

To learn more about the ALA Emerging Leader program, visit <http://www.ala.org/educationcareers/leadership/emergingleaders>.

-Maureen Willmann, Awards Committee Chair, <mailto:mwillmann@slcl.org>

Welcome to Timothy Perry



The MU Libraries are pleased to announce that Timothy Perry has been hired as the new Special Collections Librarian. He began work during the fall semester. Tim recently completed a Master of Information at the University of Toronto, with specializations in Library and Information Science and in Book History and Print Culture. He also holds a bachelor's degree in Classics and French from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, a master's degree in Classics from the University of Canterbury, and a doctorate in Classics from the University of Toronto.

-Shannon Cary carysn@missouri.edu

April Roy Awarded the I Love My Librarian Award

The American Library Association has recognized **April Roy**'s role in building the Kansas City Public Library's **Bluford Branch** into a community haven, honoring her with its coveted [I Love My Librarian Award](#).

Roy, who has managed the Bluford Branch for a little more than three years, traveled to New York City to accept the award Thursday night, December 3, 2015. It celebrates the accomplishments of exceptional public, school, college, community college, and university librarians nationwide, drawing nominations from library users.

This year's 10 recipients were selected from more than 1,300 nominees, according to the ALA. Roy receives a \$5,000 cash prize, a plaque, and a \$500 travel stipend to attend the awards reception, and a separate plaque is awarded to the Kansas City Public Library.

"I am a librarian because I love it. So to win an award with 'love' in the title is perfect for me," says Roy, who recently marked her 10th year overall with the Library. "It gives validity to some of the 'outside the box' thinking that has made my work such a success and a joy."

She was nominated by Kansas City children's author and Bluford Branch patron Christine Taylor-Butler, who noted, "Once April transferred to Bluford (in August 2012), the library blossomed."

"Where I used to walk into a mostly unused space, the library now buzzes with activity," Taylor-Butler wrote. "... For adults and children, Bluford has become the place for homework help, job search assistance, refuge, or to find a passion for reading. She knows many of the visitors by name, and they've responded by putting out the word that Bluford is a place where people can feel welcome."

The Bluford Branch has seen circulation of books and other materials increase as Roy has increasingly tailored its collection to the Prospect Avenue corridor it serves. Beyond that, it has emerged as a hub for community activity, featuring a far-reaching health and fitness initiative that includes free evening exercise classes, health fairs, and chronic disease self-management workshops. The lineup complements a permanent Health and Wellness Center that the branch houses in partnership with Truman Medical Centers.

Taylor-Butler also pointed to the Bluford Branch's distribution of some 800 children's books each month through community events and festivals. And she cited Roy's efforts in arranging a surprise appearance by novelist George R.R. Martin – author of the *A Song of Ice and Fire* series, adapted by HBO into *Game of Thrones* – for a science fiction workshop.

"I would invite you to Kansas City to see what 'gold' April has spun from the limited resources she was given to work with when she first arrived," Taylor-Butler wrote in nominating Roy for the I Love My Librarian Award. "She turned the Bluford library into an oasis for a community that has little else to claim as its own."

Roy joined the Library as an assistant children's librarian at the Plaza Branch when it opened in 2005, and later served as children's services supervisor. A graduate of the University of Missouri, she worked previously with the Mid-Continent Public Library.

The I Love My Librarian Award is administered by the Chicago-based American Library Association and co-sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the New York Public Library. The Carnegie Corporation hosts the awards reception.

"I just have to decide," Roy says, "if it is in poor taste to mention the Royals while I give my acceptance speech in New York."

2015 Community of Interest Report

Submitted by Jennifer Peters, Community of Interest Council Chair

Access Services (ASCI)

All Access Services Community of Interest (ASCI) activity this year revolved around the conference and the email distribution list. The MLA/KLA conference this year did not include sponsorships by CIs but there were a number of sessions with topics related to access services. ASCI's role in MLA for the past few years has been minimal and this conference deepened that trend. ASCI did participate in the Meet and Greet for MLA/KLA committees and CIs. Those who attended this event enjoyed the games and conversation.

The ASCI had a small turnout at the meeting this year. It was speculated that the conference seemed to be very public-library focused, and the name Access Services may be a bit too exclusionary, as it does seem to have an academic library focus. We discussed a name change but decided not to change it this year. We also discussed the very real issue of Access Services attendance consistently being low because AS staff are on the front line, and one of the least likely to be available to attend a conference. AS staff are more likely to be part-time assistants, which is also a barrier to professional development activities like ASCI. We discussed alternative methods to include more participation in the meetings, including meeting online, recording the meetings, or including a live broadcast from the conference. We continued by discussing what sessions we could encourage people to give for the 2016 conference that would attract the attention of access services staff.

The 2016 ASCI officers will be: Katherine Bohnenkamper, Chair; Ellie Kohler, Vice Chair, Jackie Burns, Recorder.

-Joshua Lambert, CHAIR

Computer and Information Technology CI (CITCI)

Attending: Shannon Mawhiney (Chair), Josh Welker (Vice Chair), Robert Hallis (Recorder and Past Chair)

CITCI at a Glance

Members	126
MLACITSIG-L subscribers (as of 10/7/15)	124

The committee began a discussion about how to participate in the MLA conference in the future. There was a consensus that a hands-on technology demonstration would work best. The first idea was a 3D printing demonstration featuring libraries that have implemented 3D printing. The second idea was to put together a technology "petting zoo" consisting of devices and applications featured in conference sessions, in partnership with the presenters of those sessions.

Shannon Mawhiney wrote an article for *MO Info* describing the CITCI group. The article also mentioned that we are actively seeking new members.

-Shannon Mawhiney, Chair

Genealogy and Local History (Gene)

We sponsored the Genealogy Resources in the Heartland preconference at the 2015 MLA-KLA conference. We are

planning a preconference for next year. So far we've approached an oral historian but he will be unable to participate. We are looking for an expert in local history writing as a possibility.

-Dean Hargett, Chair

MACRL

2015 Representatives

Chair, Stephanie Tolson	Vice-Chair, Robert Hallis
Recorder, Kimberly Moeller	

The annual business meeting was held during the MLA/KLA Joint Conference in Kansas City on October 2, 2015. Seven members were in attendance who voted to appoint Tensy Marcos-Bodker as the recorder effective January 2016. Also approved was the donation of the ACRL allotment of \$183 to the Ronald G. Bohley Scholarship Fund.

On October 1, 2015 MACRL held a successful joint luncheon which allowed Missouri and Kansas academic libraries to network and hear from Trevor Dawes, former ACRL President and Associate University Librarian at Washington University in St. Louis who spoke on the topic *Sustaining Excellence: The Libraries Role in Building Institutional Community Relationships*. There were 61 librarians in attendance.

MACRL was not asked to sponsor conference programs this year, but both Missouri and Kansas chapters played an active role in soliciting academic conference program proposals. Some academic program that were offered included:

- They're Not Where They Need to Be - Now What? Scaffolding Information Literacy and Using Assessment Data Successfully
- Tooting Our Own Horn: Developing a Brand Message
- MARC Record Bestiary: RDA Cataloging and Non-Book Materials
- My First Year as an Academic Library Director: Lessons Learned

MACRL is planning to offer two ACRL webinars in 2016:

- *Introduction to Critical Library Pedagogy*, webinar will be held on to April 1st from 10:30 am at Library at the University of Central Missouri (Warrensburg).
- A webinar will be held as a post-conference session on June 8th during the MOBIUS Annual Users Conference. Attendees will be able to sign up for the post-session during your MOBIUS Conference registration.

2016 Representatives

*Chair, Robert Hallis

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*Recorder, Tensy Marcos-Bodker

*Past-chair, Stephanie Tolson

*ACRL Representative, Susan Kromrie

-Stephanie Tolson, CHAIR

Professionalism, Education, Employment, and Recruitment (PEER)

The Professionalism, Education, Employment, and Recruitment (PEER) Community of Interest selected Jack Meyer as the 2015 recipient of the Ronald G. Bohley Scholarship. The steering committee met on October 2, 2015 at the Missouri Library Association and Kansas Library Association joint conference to plan for the coming year. Activities in 2016 will center on the sponsorship of the Ronald G. Bohley Scholarship.

-Jamie Emery, Vice-Chair

Public Libraries

In 2015, the PLCI developed talking points for outreach to rural libraries in conjunction with MLA Board Member Eric Petersen. We also continued to use and to promote the PLCI Facebook page.

In 2016, the Public Libraries Community of Interest plans to develop a mentoring program for staff of public libraries in Missouri, so that people new to the field, or students interested in public libraries, would be able to connect with mentors in their region and areas of specialization.

In 2016, the PLCI is planning to propose to sponsor a Community Partnership Award to celebrate an effective partnership between a library and a community organization or business.

-Laura Kirk, Vice-Chair

Reference and Government Information (RGI)

At the annual CI meeting at MLA/KLA conference we brainstormed ways to get the CI could generate more involvement. We decided to try to write blurbs on reference and government document resources for the MO Info.

-Tiffany Davis, Chair

Technical Services (Tech Services):

During the MLA/KLA Joint Conference, representatives from the Technical Services Community of Interest participated in the Member Meet & Greet event held on Wednesday, September 30. They provided informational flyers to attendees and hosted a ring toss/duck pond game.

The Technical Services Community of Interest held a meeting during the MLA/KLA Joint Conference on Friday, October 2. In attendance were Melanie Church, Chair; Dawn Mackey, Vice-Chair; Kate Coleman; Ruth Lord; Liz Pfeiffer; and Angela Scott.

Ideas for the upcoming year were discussed including

- Topics to send to the list-serv
 - ILL
 - RDA
- Setting up a website or wiki that contains resources for technical services librarians in MO with small training budgets.

- Applying for conference funding to set up a pre-conference session for 2016's MLA. Suggestions for session topics to invite speakers on included:
 - MarcEdit
 - RDA
 - ILL
 - Digitization
 - Networking for introverts
 - The changing nature of technical services
- The possibility of setting up a scholarship for a small library to attend the MLA conference. Things to determine in order to apply for funding:
 - What the criteria would be for eligibility.
 - How would applications be submitted?
 - How would applications be reviewed and selected?
- The possibility of having an additional meeting outside of the annual MLA conference, possibly in April at the half-way point to the conference time in October.

Dawn Mackey will be moving from Vice-Chair to Chair in 2016 and Liz Pfeiffer was elected to be the Vice-Chair for 2016.

-Melanie Church, CHAIR

Youth Services CI (YSCI)

- YSCI Awarded the Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award to Mustache Baby by Bridget Heos.
- The Show Me Youth Services Award was given to Jennifer Haldi, St Louis County Library
- The Schmidt Scholarship was awarded to Jessica Gould, St. Joseph Public Library, to attend the YALSA Symposium
- YSCI hosted Bridget Heos, winning author of the Building Block Award, at the MLA/KLA Joint Conference for the Children's Literature Luncheon
- YSCI sponsored several sessions at MLA/KLA as well as Performer's Showcase

-Sarah Bean Thompson, CHAIR

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Children's Workshop – STEAM Up Your Library

Save the date! MALA's annual Children's Workshop will be held March 22, 2016, at Colonial Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, MO. The theme, *STEAM Up Your Library*, refers to science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics. Watch the MALA website and events calendar for more information.

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- *Library/Legislator Relationship Building*
- *What is a MARC Record? MARC 21 Bibliographic Records*
- *Mobile Circulation*
- *What You Should Say to an Angry Customer*
- *Telling Stories with Data* (for Missouri Public Libraries)
- *Book Munch for Lunch Bunch*



-Kirsten Myers, Special Projects Coordinator and Courier Services, Mid-America Library Alliance

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-Donna Church, Chair, MO Info Subcommittee



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