

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Once again, libraries across Missouri are facing another year of aid cuts from the state. Let's put it in perspective. For FY15, Governor Nixon proposed and the Legislature approved a state budget that appropriated over \$3.5 million in state aid to Missouri's 166 public library districts. After equalization and other factors, this breaks down to roughly \$0.50 for every one of the 5,476,144 Missourians who live within those districts. For FY16, Governor Nixon proposed and the Legislature approved a state budget that cut over \$2.7 million in state aid to public libraries. That left a little over \$723,000 for 166 library districts. That is roughly \$0.13 for every Missourian who lives within those districts. \$0.13. To compare, last week I ordered a 192-count box of Huggies

Snug and Dry size 4 diapers for \$27, or \$0.14 per diaper.

Last month, it was announced that Governor Nixon is recommending the same amount in state aid for public libraries in FY17. If we do not take action, we run the risk of another year that our state will be spending less per resident for library services than the price of a diaper. Another year in which our public libraries may have to cut services, hours, materials budgets, and possibly more, just to keep the doors open for their patrons who will be coming in to use the computers to fill out job applications, print out tax forms, and sign up for healthcare benefits. For their patrons who will be researching their family's history or who want information on how to start a small business. For their patrons who will be giving their children a head start in school by introducing them to early literacy skills through the magic of story time. The state is giving these libraries \$0.13 per Missouri library district resident to do all this and more. Of course these cuts to state aid for public libraries are just part of the overall reduction in money Missouri provides to libraries. The REAL program has seen significant reductions since FY15 resulting in some libraries facing Internet costs that are double or triple from what they were paying.

Think about how the actions proposed and taken by our Governor and legislators have affected our libraries. If you were unable to meet with your local legislators last month at Library Advocacy Day, you can still write, call, or visit them and tell them about how these cuts have not only affected your library, but also to talk with them about the great impact your library has on your community. Tell them your success stories. Tell them about the services you provide beyond books. Tell them about how your patrons value their library. Give them the [Library Snapshot Day cards](#) that were posted on the MLA website or invite them to visit your library in person so they can see for themselves the good things libraries are doing. After all, this is Missouri, so let's show them the awesome things libraries do for everyone in the community.

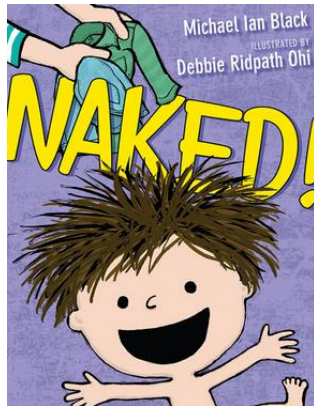
Yours in service,
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Legislative Updates

To remain current on legislative issues consider tuning into the legislative updates webinars. Each webinar is approx. 45 minutes. Recent good news is the House Amendment to return funding to FY 2015 levels. The next sessions will be March 25 and April 28, both at 11am. For more information, see the [Legislative Committee](#) page.

-Gerald Brooks, Legislative Committee Chair

Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award



Over 20,000 preschoolers and kindergarteners participated in the Missouri Building Block award in 2015, overwhelmingly selecting “Naked!” as the winning book. “Naked!” written by Michael Ian Black and illustrated by Debbie Ridpath Ohi is a joyous, playful look at a child’s activities after his nightly bath. Our hero runs around the house naked, then runs around the house wearing only a cape (frequently detouring into the kitchen to sneak cookies), before finally succumbing to exhaustion and bed.

The Building Block Award has been administered by the Missouri Library Association since 1996. A major purpose of this award is to encourage parents, teachers and caregivers to read to children. Nominated titles are selected because they are considered to be high-quality, read-aloud books.

Here are the nominees for the 2016 Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award:

“Simon's New Bed” written by Christian Trimmer; illustrated by Melissa van der Paardt

“Vincent Paints His House” by Ted Arnold

“Bunnies!!!” by Kevan Atteberry

“Little Penguin Gets the Hiccups” by Tadgh Bentley

“Rex Wrecks It!” by Ben Clanton

“Ragweed's Farm Dog Handbook” by Anne Vittur Kennedy

“I Don't Want to Be a Frog” written by Dev Petty; illustrated by Moke Boldt

“Get Out of My Bath!” by Britta Teckentrup

“The Whale in My Swimming Pool” by Joyce Wan

“Dad's First Day” by Mike Wohnoutka

Voting will take place from Sept. 1 through Dec. 31, 2016.



The Missouri Building Block committee wants to thank all of the teachers, librarians, parents and caregivers who read to their kids and helped them vote. Your support is what made this such a successful event. For more information about the Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award program, go to our website at <http://molib.org/awards/building-block-award/>.

-Ron Freeman, Awards Chair



Wanted: A Few Good Candidates

The MLA Nominating Committee invites those who would like to run for either 2017 MLA President-elect, MLA Member-at-Large, or ALA Councilor to put their name in the hat. Both self-nominations and nominating others are encouraged. (If nominating someone else, please get their permission first.)

Qualifications for these positions include:

- Being an MLA individual member in good standing – in other words, make sure those dues are paid!
- Providing a candidate statement and bio. (Here are a couple of [examples](#).)

Please submit your nomination along with a headshot (a jpg file is acceptable) to Nominating Committee Chair Christina Prucha by April 8, 2016. Direct questions to Christina Prucha at christina.prucha@statetechmo.edu

-Christina Prucha, MLA Nominating Chair



Outstanding Library Employee Award

Recognizing the contribution of library staff members who do not have MLS degrees.

Look to your left. Now look to your right. Do you see your coworkers who show up every day, eager to find new and better ways to serve library patrons? The Outstanding Library Employee Award recognizes a library employee who has made a significant contribution to the improvement and advancement of library and information services. Nominate one of your coworkers for this award!

Nomination forms are on the MLA website <http://molib.org/awards/outstanding-library-employee-award/nomination-form/>. The deadline for nominations is July 1.

Diane Disbro, Awards Committee Chair

Amigos Updates

Project management course for libraries coming March 17-18

"Project Management in Libraries: An Introductory Course" is scheduled for Mar. 17 & 18, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. CDT.

Implementing a systematic approach to project management can drastically improve the outcomes for an initiative as well as create a more efficient workflow in information organizations. This course is designed to provide an introduction to project management strategies and implementation for the information professional. The primary focus of the course will be on the core values of project management. This course is not specific to technology project management. [Register Now](#)

April Know & Go Update to look at "Making the Most of Your Membership"

Are you a new staff member in an Amigos member library? Or perhaps considering Amigos membership for your library? Attend this informational Know & Go Update session and learn about the wide array of services and programs offered by Amigos for its members.

Tracy Byerly, Chief Communications, Education and Membership Officer for Amigos, will conduct "Making the Most of Your Membership" in April. In this jam-packed one-hour presentation, Tracy will provide an overview of Amigos member benefits and offer in-depth looks at the Trans-Amigos Express courier service, Member Discount Services and our Discount Direct program, and the many continuing education opportunities available through our Consulting & Education Services. Beneficial to all types and sizes of libraries, this session will let you know all about the opportunities and advantages of Amigos membership and help you make the most of it!

The specific date and registration information for this session will be posted to the Amigos website as soon as they are confirmed.

Know & Go Updates are one-hour sessions held twice per month on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. CT. They are quick snapshot trainings that take just an hour of your time but can offer incredibly relevant and timely information.

Know & Go Update to look at library signage

Effective library signage can bring new patrons into the library and assist patrons in finding the information they need. Often, however, library signage is unclear, cluttered, and ineffective. In this course we will show examples of effective library signage. We will evaluate the wording and appearance of library signs, contrasting signage that works from signage that confuses. When: Apr. 4, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. CDT. [Register Now](#)

Amigos eShelfSM Service January webinar video now available

Did you miss these webinars in January? We posted a recording of "[The Amigos eShelfSM Service: Up and Running](#)" on the Support page of our website. During this 45-minute webinar, you will learn:

- goals of this service
- current functionality
- functionality to be developed in the near-term
- how we develop internally
- an explanation of how the pricing model works

Also, if you are headed to the Public Library Association Conference, Apr. 5-9 in Denver, and would like to talk to us face-to-face about the Amigos eShelfSM Service, let us know. We will be exhibiting and would love to see if we can be a fit with your other e-book services.

Kids love Sesame Street! Purchase their e-books at a discount

Delight the kids at your library with the enchanting characters of Sesame Street as they teach them the alphabet and numbers. Designed to give children exposure to an enhanced learning experience, the [Sesame Street eBook collection](#) is developed by Sesame Workshop and hosted by Impelsys to incorporate fun into learning.

Key features:

- more than 186 classic and brand new books
- e-books available in English and Spanish
- round-the-clock access anytime, anywhere
- addition of new books on a regular basis
- download the e-books onto your iPad to access offline
- enjoy e-books in animated, interactive, audio and read-along book formats

For more information or pricing on the content, contact Christopher Burke, burke@amigos.org or 800-843-8482, ext. 2805.

Don't miss special Amigos member pricing from Infobase Learning

Infobase Learning has announced a new promotion for Amigos members. Save 30 percent on a new subscription to any Films on Demand, Facts on File, or Academic Collection eBook Subscription database.

All Infobase Learning products feature:

- award-winning, critically-acclaimed titles
- unlimited access
- regularly-updated content free of charge
- user-friendly interfaces

This special discount is available until Jun. 30. For more information on any of these collections or a free trial, contact Liz Stringer, stringer@amigos.org or 800-843-8482, ext. 2802.

Kirkwood Public Library Music in the Library Series



The Kirkwood Public Library received a grant from the Missouri Arts Council and additional funding from the Friends of the Kirkwood Public Library for our Music in the Library series. Strengthening our Music in the Library series reminds the community that KPL is a place to not only find musical recordings or books, but also a community gathering place where all can enjoy and benefit from an engaging afternoon listening to the diverse range of musicians from the St. Louis area. Each performance has brought in about 80 attendees. We have hosted a classical guitar society and Scandinavian fiddlers; and we are looking forward to upcoming performances featuring music from Africa, a quartet of Irish singers, and a group of young guitarists. Members of the community have been very supportive of the series, one recent comment left for us was, "Melodies, harmonies, and the rhythms stretched my ears and feet. Thanks for the taste of different cultures."

Did You Know? Wolfner Library Edition, Part II

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library does more than simply provide patrons with books to read. The following materials are available to Missouri's visually and physically impaired citizens of all ages, including those with temporary impairments.

Additional services provided by Wolfner Library include:

- **Descriptive DVDs:** These DVDs feature an additional audio track that adds narration during breaks in dialogue to help visually impaired patrons understand what is occurring on screen.

- **Foreign Language Material:** Wolfner Library offers foreign language reading material, mainly Spanish. In conjunction with the NLS, material in other languages are provided.
- **Magazines:** Many national magazines are available on audio cartridge or from BARD. Local magazines, such as the *Missouri Conservationist*, are recorded for patron enjoyment.
- **NFB Newslines:** Newslines is a toll-free service that allows patrons to call in and have major Missouri and national newspapers read to them via the telephone.
- **Print/Braille Games:** These games have braille overlays on the traditional print games to allow visually impaired patrons to play together or with sighted individuals. Our collection contains more than 20 games, including Apples to Apples, Scrabble, Uno and Hi-Ho! Cherry-O.
- **Sheet Music:** In conjunction with the NLS, Wolfner Library is able to offer large print and Braille music scores.

Wolfner Library has an active Facebook page. Please consider following Wolfner Library (<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.

-Amy Nickless, Special Services Librarian

Special Edition Peanuts-Themed Library Cards in 2016

Starting January 2 and running through December 30, 2016 all new library card applicants at Jefferson County Library have the option to select a Special Edition Peanuts-themed library card, featuring Charlie Brown and Snoopy reading books.

The Peanuts-themed card is available free to new cardholders living within the Library's two active sub-districts of Fox-Windsor and Northwest. Nonresidents who live outside the two active sub-districts may apply for a family membership for \$60 per year.

Current cardholders (both resident and nonresident) who want to switch to a Peanuts card can do so for a processing charge of one dollar per card, says JCL director Pam Klipsch. Jefferson County Library is offering the Special Edition Peanuts-themed cards as part of the library's yearlong celebration of 25 years of service.

"The first branch libraries opened in June of 1991," Klipsch explained. Longtime library cardholders will remember those two small libraries, one on the lower level of the Arnold City Hall, and one in a storefront on High Ridge Boulevard.

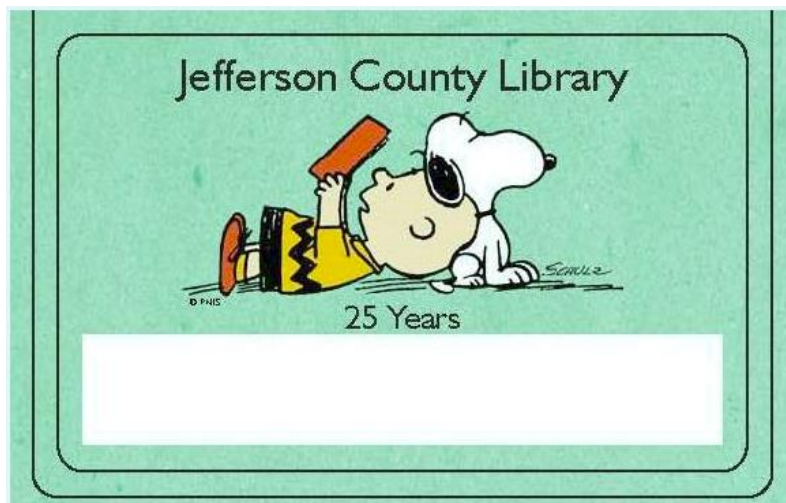
Library Offers Peanuts-Themed Cards

In June 1998 JCL opened the Windsor Branch on Metropolitan Boulevard in Barnhart. And in 2005 the library district opened the current Arnold Branch on Missouri State Road, and the Northwest Branch on State Road PP in High Ridge.

"As we prepared to celebrate this milestone in the history of our community," Klipsch said, "we decided we wanted to have a series of events throughout the year, but we also wanted something that could become a permanent memento."

The opportunity to provide a Special Edition library card occurred when the American Library Association negotiated a deal with Charles M. Schulz Creative Associates, and set up a program that allowed local public libraries limited rights to use the Peanuts copyrighted image to promote library cards. Jefferson County applied to participate, and the Friends of the Library at Arnold, Windsor and Northwest provided funding to have the cards printed.

During the month of January, everyone who signed up for a Peanuts card was entered in a drawing for a set of ten Peanuts figurines, featuring Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the rest of the gang. The drawings were held on Saturday, January 30 at the Arnold, Windsor and Northwest Branch Libraries. There was one prize winner at each location. All three branches officially kicked off the 25th anniversary celebration on that day, with special activities for adults, teens and children.



“We hope to greet old friends and make many new ones this year,” Klipsch said. “There are still a lot of people in our active service area who have never set foot in the library. We want them to come and see for themselves how much libraries have changed in the past 25 years. People tell us all the time they never realized how much the library has on offer: the interactive programs for all ages from seniors to preschoolers, community meeting spaces, ebooks and media, health and exercise kits, local history and genealogy, DIY projects, voter registration, notary service, public fax service and Passport Acceptance service as well as the books. We want to ask people what else they would like to see happening at their library.”

-Pam Klipsch, JCL Central Services Office

Quick-Crafts Carts



For libraries that lack space for programming and events, activities that can be done quickly can be offered to patrons. Central Express is one of three “mini-branches” in the St. Louis Public Library system. Designed like a bookstore, its collection is shelved face-out which makes it easy for patrons to come in and easily see what they want. Most of Express’ patrons are in and out very quickly, though they linger *longer* if they are offered a short and fun activity on their way out the door. “Quick-Craft Carts” have been set up and have proven quite popular among patrons who want to make and take something home with them. Supplies for making bookmarks and holiday cards are provided on a book cart, along with an example of the craft, and Express plans on setting these up around the year for its patrons. It costs little money and takes up the room of a single book cart. Perfect for a smaller and bustling library!

-Rachel Brooks, Manager, Central Express, SLPL

The Missouri Library Association Archival Collection

Did you know that the Missouri Library Association has an archive? The Missouri Library Association has contributed to an archival collection housed at The State Historical Society of Missouri since 1912. This collection contains items related to the organizational structure, awards, events, annual conferences, board members and general history of the association.

Our Association's archival collection is an invaluable resource for us to access information regarding past events, policies and members. The Executive Board can utilize the information in the archives to answer questions regarding the history of a policy or to obtain a better understanding of a past Board decision. Committees and Communities of Interest can deposit documents pertaining to their meetings and goals for the year, for use by future leadership and members. Members can access documents in the archives either by contacting the MLA Archivist or by visiting one of [The State Historical Society of Missouri's locations](#).

By contributing documents to the archives, members and officers will be taking an active role in the history of the Missouri Library Association. The MLA Handbook dictates that certain types of information should be submitted to our archives each year. These items include the following:

- Executive Board correspondence related to activities and policies of the Association.
- Executive Board agendas, minutes, reports, organization charts, resolutions, position papers, or other materials related to the activities or policies of the Association.
- Monthly and annual financial statements, budgets, audits, tax reports, and ledgers.
- Correspondence related to financial activities or policies.
- Annual Membership Directory.
- All correspondence and membership lists relating to the activities or policies of the Communities of Interest, Communities of Interest Council, and Standing Committees.
- All materials related to censorship in the state.
- All correspondence relating to planning and executing the Annual Conference.
- List of conference attendees, official program, items distributed at the Conference, publicity materials, and final financial report from the Annual Conference.
- MO Info or any other serial and non-serial publications.
- Copies of Standing Committee and Communities of Interest correspondence and meeting minutes.
- Annual reports for Standing Committees and Communities of Interest Council.
- Award press releases.
- Copies of the bylaws and handbook
- Any public relations or marketing materials

You can contribute to the MLA archives by submitting items to the MLA Archivist. If you would like more information on our Association's archives, please see [the finding aid](#) for our collection at The State Historical Society of Missouri.

-Stacy Hisle-Chaudri, MLA Archivist

Missouri Evergreen News

Missouri Evergreen is pleased to welcome Polk County and Pulaski County Libraries --- our newest members -- bring the consortium's membership to 29 libraries! At the beginning of February, Missouri Evergreen had almost 1.5 million items accessible by the membership, with almost 256,000 patrons throughout Missouri.

De Soto Public Library went live on the Evergreen system February 1, 2016, and Salem Public Library is scheduled to go live in late March.

In 2016, Missouri Evergreen upgraded to version 2.9.1, which added some new features and fixes, a few of which were developed by the MOBIUS Missouri Evergreen staff. The Missouri Evergreen website (<http://libraries.missourievergreen.org>) features additions and modifications providing information about the consortium and items of interest to both current and potential member systems.

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, Missouri Evergreen Coordinator

State Historical Society of Missouri

Among 75 Best Websites for Genealogy Research

In November, Family Tree Magazine named the State Historical Society of Missouri one of the 75 Best Websites for U.S. State Genealogy in 2015. Top sites from across the country were recognized for providing exceptional access to records, transcriptions and indexes. “This list honors the best websites that specialize in genealogy research for one of the 50 U.S. states,” said Diane Haddad, the magazine’s managing editor. “The 75 websites represent the go-to online destinations for tracing American ancestors, state by state.” Intent on providing access to an ever-growing number of photographs, oral histories, newspapers, letters, diaries and journals, the State Historical Society of Missouri devotes significant resources to digitizing materials for researchers. “This year we crossed the milestone of one million digital newspaper pages and are continuing to add page after page of new keyword-searchable content online,” said Gerald Hirsch, SHSMO associate director. “None of that progress would be possible without a coordinated strategy for digitization and dedicated staff members executing that plan. It is an honor to be recognized for this hard work.” To access SHSMO’s digital collections, visit <http://statehistoricalsocietyofmissouri.org>. Help continue this work by making a gift to support the society and its collections. Contact SHSMO at 573-882-7083 or shsofmo@umsystem.edu, or donate online at <http://shsofmo.org/store/priority-donation.html>.





Help Students Explore History through National History Day!

Judge at NHDMO on April 30

National History Day is looking for volunteers to serve as judges at the state contest on April 30 at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Judges can expect to spend the day interacting with students from across the state in grades 6 through 12 as they express their passion for history through five diverse presentation categories: documentary, exhibit, paper, performance and website. A free catered lunch will be provided. Roughly 150 volunteers are needed. Thank you in advance for sharing your time with Missouri students as you provide constructive comments on their work and help prepare top finishers for the national contest in

June. For more details or to sign up, visit nhdmo.org/judges or call 573-882-0189.

March Event to Celebrate The Call's "One-Shot Fambrough"

Kansas City photographer William L. Fambrough Sr. will be featured in a program presented by the State Historical Society of Missouri on March 19. Fambrough (1916–1983) chronicled the city's African-American community from the 1940s to the 1970s. A staff photographer for Kansas City's leading African-American newspaper The Call who also worked as a freelancer, Fambrough became a trusted face behind the camera. He was known as "One-Shot Fambrough" for his speed and skill as a photographer. Fambrough's son, William L. Fambrough Jr., will present the talk on his father's life and work at the historic Second Baptist Church, 3620 E. 39th Street in Kansas City.

The event will begin at 4 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Registration is appreciated but not required. To reserve a seat, please contact the Kansas City Research Center by phone at 816-235-1549 or by email at shsofmo-kc@umsystem.edu. Fambrough's work is also on display as part of the exhibition Through the Lens: Visions of African-American Experience, 1950–1970, which will run until April 3 at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. The exhibition is a collaboration of the State Historical Society of Missouri, the Black Archives of Mid-America and the Nelson-Atkins.

Learn more about Fambrough through his photograph collection (K0642) held at the Research Center–Kansas City. It preserves roughly 100 photographs and 2,100 negatives depicting the people, places and events of the African-American community during his career.



Springfield-Greene County Library District News

Brentwood Branch Prepares for Closure, Renovation

The Brentwood Branch closes for renovations on Saturday, April 16, but patrons can visit Brentwood's temporary home beginning Tuesday, May 3, in the Brentwood Center, 2720 S. Glenstone Ave., across from Battlefield Mall. Hours will be 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Services will include holds pick up and drop offs, free Wi-Fi, laptops for in-library use, study tables, seating, new books, large-print books, magazines and children's toys. Fans of Brentwood have three chances Saturday, April 23, to say farewell to the old branch. They can buy a piece of Brentwood including chairs and study tables from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Proceeds will fund new Brentwood furnishings. At the Farewell Open House from 1-3 p.m., all ages are invited to sign their names on our memory wall, enjoy refreshments, live music, a photo booth, kids' activities, Brentwood/70s trivia challenge and more. At the adults-only Hard Hats & Highballs from 6-8 p.m., friends can enjoy an evening shindig with food, live music, a raffle and "literary libations" to top off the ReNew Brentwood Capital Campaign. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased at the Brentwood Branch or by calling Foundation Director Valerie Richardson at (417) 616-0586 or (417) 883-5366.

Library Foundation Grant Lets Seed Library Flourish

The Heirloom Seed Library at the Library Station and Midtown Carnegie Branch will reopen March 1, thanks to a



\$2,000 grant from the Library Foundation Board. "The board was very impressed with the success of the Heirloom Seed Library Program in 2015, and was enthused about keeping the program going for another year," said Library Foundation Director Valerie Richardson. "The collaborative nature of this program, along with the benefits of organic gardening for the community, really appealed to the Foundation board as a perfect way to add to the Library District's collection in a truly innovative way." The grant serves as the sole source of funding for the 2016 Heirloom Seed Library. The committee plans to buy about 20 different heirloom seed varieties in bulk, packaging and labels. The seed



varieties chosen have been recommended by the local MU Extension horticultural specialist as being best suited for growing conditions in southwest Missouri. Between March 1 and Aug. 1, 2015, the two branches checked out more than 2,000 seed packets to gardeners. **FEMA and SBA Set Up Disaster Recovery Site in**

Library

Teams from FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and SBA, the Small Business Administration Disaster Relief section, are staffing a disaster recovery center inside the Library Center to help people and

businesses affected by the recent Missouri floods. Recovery specialists from both agencies are available to discuss the aid process and help people apply for recovery help. Anyone in the 33 counties included in the Jan. 21 Missouri federal disaster declaration can apply for help at the Library Center site. The teams are at the site Monday through Saturday, and will staff the site for up to 30 days.

Wi-Fi Hot Spots Available for Check Out

Need an Internet connection at home for a project, or to pay bills? Taking a trip and want to stay connected? Beginning Feb. 1, the Library District began checking out 38 Sprint Wi-Fi hot spots to library card holders. The devices allow patrons to connect to the Internet from their computer or mobile devices in areas served by Sprint. The new service is a great money saver for anyone who doesn't have access to the Internet. A person buying his own device would pay about \$120 per month for the Internet service, Information Technology Manager David Patillo said. The devices check out for three weeks at a time, and they are de-activated after their due date but can be renewed if there are no holds. The normal 10 cents-per-day late fees apply.

Librarians Gain a Little STEAM Training

Library Center Youth Services Librarian Phyllis Davis led a dozen staff members in an Incorporating Soft Circuits in Program Activities training session on Thursday, Jan. 21, at the Library Center. "Phyllis provided an outstanding training for youth staff today, which included some history about the development of soft circuitry and textiles, followed by hands-on training for the staff," said Youth Services Coordinator Nancee Dahms-Stinson. "Using materials that were donated to or purchased by the Youth Services Office, staff at the training created felt, LED-lit bookmarks! Phyllis helped staff explore ideas for additional STEAM projects using the materials, including activities to support the summer reading program. Youth staff continue to incorporate activities that support STEAM elements in their programs."

Patrons Can Now Check Out Genealogy Collection

Springfield-Greene County Library card holders can now check out the Ozarks Genealogical Society's materials housed in the Library Center's Local History & Genealogy Department. This expanded access means more people in more communities across the country can use the collection of 2,500-plus historical and genealogical resources. Since the Library began housing OGS materials in 1983, only OGS members could check out their materials. Now anyone can pick up or have the materials delivered to their nearest library branch or the Mobile Library if they want to do their research at home or over several weeks without having to return to the library. The researcher who lives out of town or out of state and needs a family history available only in the OGS collection can now request it through MOBIUS or Interlibrary loan. The collection represents significant genealogical data and family histories from almost every state, says Brian Grubbs, Local History & Genealogy Department manager. It includes many counties' histories, marriage, death and divorce records; and census and immigration materials. There's also a significant collection about people who arrived on the Mayflower, and material relating to Revolutionary War veterans.

Three Grants Fuel Summer, Stories and Collection

Thousands of children, teens and adults who can't come to the Library for the Summer Reading Program will still be able to enjoy summer reading and its benefits in 2016, thanks to a \$19,995 Library Services and Technology Act grant the Library received from the Missouri State Library to continue the Summer Reading to Go program. It was the second-largest grant award by the State Library to support summer reading. In 2015, some 10,520 children, teens and adults participated in the program through 146 sites — day camps, summer schools and kids' clubs — across Greene County. The Library's Stories for Life program also received a \$5,000 grant from the Greene County Senior Citizens' Services Fund to expand the program. Stories for Life is an outreach program designed to engage those

affected by Alzheimer's or another form of dementia through discussion and reminiscing. Currently, staff visit seven groups at three facilities in north and northwest Greene County on a monthly basis. Staff members coordinating the program are in discussions with Missouri AARP and the Greater Missouri Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association to develop a partnership and create a volunteer program that will allow for the expansion of this outreach service. Funds from the GCSCSF grant will be used to develop branded thematic kits that would be used by program volunteers offering Stories for Life sessions at care facilities throughout Greene County. Kits will also be cataloged and available for checkout by family, friends and caregivers of community residents diagnosed with Alzheimer's or related dementia. Finally, the Library has received a \$35,000 LSTA collection development grant from the Missouri State Library to buy materials in a variety of formats to help people with life skills. Subject areas include grammar, test prep, resume writing, home repair, money management, nutritional health and gardening. "We selected this area to aid in our work in the Impacting Poverty Collaborative, and the Missouri State Libraries' strategic goals," said Collection Services Manager Lisa Sampley.

TEDxSGLibraryLive Treats All to Live-stream TED Talks

The public was invited to watch a live stream event on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the Library Center featuring the international TED Conference. Fans of the thought-provoking TEDTalks were able to come and go from 10:30 a.m.-8:45 p.m. that day at TEDxSGLibraryCenterLive. This TEDx event offers a TED-like experience, where TEDTalks feature great ideas and a global community of thinkers, artists and storytellers. The theme for the TEDxLive event is "Dream," and it was one day of the three-day TED Conference in Vancouver, Canada. The Library also invited attendees to tweet their thoughts and reactions during the event at #TEDxLibraryCenter.

-Kathleen O'Dell, Communit Relations Director

Pills, Potions & Herbs: Credible Medication Information

"... poisons and medicine are oftentimes the same substance given with different intents" Peter Latham 1789-1875

We are surrounded by swirling testimonials of magical cures for any and all disease or discomfort, whether it be personal stories from our friends and relatives, drug commercials on TV or pop-up ads on the Internet. Where should we look to find factual information that will give us what we need to understand our medication, the correct usage and risk factors associated with it? Where can we go to help our patrons find the same information?

Below are several resources that are terrific starting places for learning more about medications and herbal/supplement treatments.

[MedlinePlus](#)

MedlinePlus is a "powerhouse" consumer health website produced by the National Library of Medicine. All information contained on this site is written at a consumer level, is also completely available in Spanish and partially in over 40 other languages. The "Drugs, Herbs and Supplements" section of the website has information about both prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications, including side effects, dosage information, special precautions and more. Of special interest is the "Herbs and Supplements" section which is one of the few sources of evidence based information on these substances. Each entry contains a bibliography as well as effectiveness ratings for conditions the substance is often used for.

MedlinePlus "Drugs, Herbs and Supplements" can be searched either by entering your terms in the Search Box or by searching alphabetically within the section. If you search alphabetically, you should notice the origin of the

information provided on MedlinePlus, e.g. Acai – National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health. It's a quick way to identify other reliable sources of this type of information!

[Drug Information Portal](#)

Drug Information Portal is a comprehensive entry into the various drug information databases created by the National Library of Medicine. It currently provides information on 63,180 drugs from the time they are in clinical trials, through FDA approval and into the marketplace, and can be searched by either drug name or drug category. (As an added bonus the site lists the top searches by both name and category for the past 7 days.) The site is organized with tabs identifying such features as:

- News and Features,
- NLM Resources (links to other NLM resources),
- NLM Research Resources (links to PubMed, Small Molecules and Pharmacogenomics resources)
- Resources by Audience and Class (Audience includes the public, health professionals, researchers, librarians, student/educators and population groups. Class includes drug classifications – prescription, over-the-counter, dietary supplements, drugs of abuse and investigational drugs.)
- Other Resources (links to other governmental agencies dealing with drug information)

One of the best features on this site for those unfamiliar with searching for drug information is a set of Search Examples. Other helpful features include a common drug names list, a category names list and a generic name stems list.

[DailyMed](#)

DailyMed is the official provider of FDA label information (package inserts). It provides a standard, comprehensive, up-to-date, look-up and download resource of the medication content and labeling found in package inserts. The labeling on this website is the most recent that has been submitted to the Food and Drug Administration and is currently in use. You can search DailyMed for either human or animal drugs. It has an advanced search feature, label archives and a tablet/capsule ID tool. This website also includes FDA Guidances and Information.

[Pillbox](#)

The Pillbox website was developed by the National Library of Medicine to help with the identification of unknown pills. As of March, 2014 there were 5,364 pill images available, which is approximately half of the prescription medications available in the U.S. It combines the images of pills with other information to enable users to visually search for and identify oral, solid dosage form medications. Once the pill is identified, additional information including brand/generic name, ingredients and the National Drug File identification number is provided. This website also provides links to other NLM drug information resources such as DailyMed and the Drug Information Portal.

Searching Pillbox gives you several options of characteristics to search by, including imprint (the letters or numbers on either side of the pill), shape, color size, drug name or ingredient/s, inactive ingredient/s, DEA Schedule and Product Code. You can also access drug label information. As with all NLM resources, there is a strong FAQ section and a mechanism to "Contact Us".

[National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health](#)

NCCIH is the Federal Government's lead agency for research on diverse medical and healthcare systems, practices and products that are not generally considered part of conventional medicine. This span includes such topics as dietary supplements, herbs and botanicals, acupuncture and yoga. Information provided on this site is evidence-

based and is appropriate for both consumers and healthcare providers. Safety and being an informed consumer are stressed on this site: articles include consumer tips, choosing a practitioner understanding health news and safety information as well as information on specific herbs, conditions and treatments.

All of the information on this website is available full text in Spanish. For those who are interested, there is information on news and current events, research projects and clinical trials, grants and funding opportunities, training opportunities and resources.

-Barb Jones, the Missouri Coordinator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine MidContinental Region

MLA Executive Board Summary of Actions, 2015-16

2015.01.16:

- Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2014 by unanimous consent.
- Approved minutes Approved Committee Chairs and Approved Community of Interest Chairs for 2015.
- Approved one membership donation each to MOBIUS and MASL to be used as conference prizes.
- Approved November 2014 Financial Report. (2015 Conference Budget and Audit of 2014 were approved in November).

2015.04.17

- Approved Minutes from January 16, 2015 by unanimous consent.
- Approved amended motion to charge the Handbook Committee to update the handbook to provide Conference Coordinators the option to establish a 2-tiered system on a year-to-year basis.
- Approved motion to follow historical precedent and view the State Archives as within the State Library umbrella for the purposes of Jobline.
- Approved motion to update the list of authorized signers to include the following Executive Board Members:
 - Christina Prucha (President)
 - Seth Hershberger (Treasurer)
 - Eric Petersen (Assistant Treasurer)
 - Tracy Byerly (Business Agent)on the following MLA bank accounts:
 - Commerce checking account ending in 8897
 - Schmidt Fund money market account ending in 1056
 - Board Fund money market account ending in 1134
 - Bohley Fund money market account ending in 1133T
 - Rowe Price account ending in 5140
- Approved motion to allow vendors to participate in program sessions if
 - The session is co-presented by a library
 - The vendor has a booth in the Exhibit Hall
- Approved motion to prohibit vendor sessions, but to offer vendors the option to participate in exhibitor demos and/or the option to sponsor sessions when the requirement of having a booth in the Exhibit Hall is met.
- Approved motion to increase wifi at the conference to 20MB at \$19,000 (\$9500 for MLA), but to pursue sponsorship.

2015.07.24

- Approved motion to accept the *Audited Financial Statements* provided by Beard-Boehmer & Associates, PC.
- Approved amended minutes from April 17, 2015.
- Approved motion to create a task force of 2-5 members to develop and propose a new mission statement as well as a 3 year strategic plan. Task force will be tabled until after election of President-Elect.
- Approved motion that Christina look into MLA's participation/spearheading in declaring the Laura Ingalls Wilder House and Museum in Mansfield as a Literary Landmark.
- (Discussion of Executive Board Tuesday evening meeting. Considering inviting KLA Executive Board officers. Seth will investigate venue possibilities and budgets.)
- (Discussion of possible COI for small libraries: Eric will send an email to the general membership listserv and Rachel will post an announcement on the homepage of the website and on Facebook.)
- (Discussion on Room contracts. Rooms have now been booked at the Aladdin. We will not adjust the contracted rooms further than that already done for Tuesday night at the Crowne Plaza.)
- Approved motion to approve the proposed 2016 Conference budget.
- Approved motion approve MLA's sponsorship of an ALA Emerging Leader.

2015.09.15 (Teleconference—Officially entered into January 2016 Minutes)

- Motion to close the Executive Board List Archive and to summarize Executive Board decisions made extra-meeting at the following Executive Board meeting and to thus be entered in that meeting's official minutes to be publicly shared; approved by majority.
- Motion approved to establish an ad-hock committee to develop and implement a spring online conference for early spring 2016; approved by majority.

2015.09.29:

- Approved minutes from July 24, 2015 meeting.
- Motion to send letter from Missouri Library Association to the President of the United States requesting that the next Librarian of Congress be a librarian approved.
- Mary Beth Revels, as Member at Large, approved as Assistant Treasurer.
- Motion to update Handbook to reflect new Dec. 15 deadline for COI reports approved.
- Motion to have Amigos publish the agenda for the General Membership meeting agenda to the MLA list-serve one week before the meeting approved.

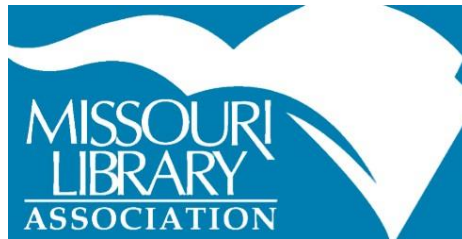
Interim Business (November & December, 2015):

- As a result of the November 2015 Secretary of State's Council meeting, the Legislative Committee proposed the following three motions. Vote held via Survey Monkey completed Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015:
 - Motion to support all requests for funding to be restored to the FY2015 budget levels for REAL which provides Internet connectivity and managed bandwidth for public libraries and statewide information databases for all Missouri libraries; motion approved 8 to 0, 1 abstention. Motion to support an appropriation that will result in 55-cent per capita state aid plus an appropriate amount for equalization as was appropriated in FY 2015; motion approved 8 to 0, 1 abstention.
 - Motion to support Libraries are safe havens for teens, offering organized activities that develop 21st century skills and opportunities for community service; motion approved 8 to 0, 1 abstention.
- Motion made that handbook regarding exhibitor pricing for conference be updated to:
 - Exhibit space fees are recommended to the Executive Board by the Conference Coordinator(s). The Conference Coordinators shall construct their own fee schedule based on the needs of the MLA organization. (Needs include but are not limited to multitier pricing, early bird and late pricing, member and non-member pricing.) Companies that contract for exhibit space shall receive two conference registrations at no cost. Original vote held by Doodle Poll completed on Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015; motion approved 7 to 1; however, a second motion to amend the second statement to from their needs" to "the needs of the MLA organization" was made. Vote held by Doodle Poll completed on Friday, Dec. 4, 2015; motion approved 7 to 0, 2 abstentions.
- Motion made to approve a Conflict of Interest Policy and Form. Vote held via SurveyMonkey completed Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015; motion approved 6 to 0.
- Motion made that MLA shall endorse the National Libraries of Medicine grant funded research project conducted by the Saint Louis University Medical Center Library. (This endorsement means that MLA

agrees to send a recruitment letter to the MLA membership via the MLA listerv on behalf of the project staff.) Vote held via SurveyMonkey completed on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015; motion approved 6 to 1.

- Motion made that MLA renew its memberships in ALA at \$150 and in the Freedom to Read at \$100.00. Vote held via SurveyMonkey completed on Wednesday, Jan, 20; motion approved.

2015 Annual Report



Membership

Individual Membership Registrations

2015	512
2014	535
2013	573
2012	603
2011	535

Institutional Membership Registrations

2015	58
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2014	57
2013	54
2012	50
2011	44

Activities

Snap Shot Day

The Missouri Library Association held its first annual snapshot day on October 14th. All libraries in the state were invited to participate in posting what was happening in their libraries on this one random day in October. You answered our call and because of it, we have a tangible record of the many different kinds of services we provide. From Dewey the cat to library employees hard at work, we have demonstrated that we have not disappeared and we are needed and used by people of every age.

If you have not had a chance to look at the Storify site, please do so. You will see elementary students working on projects in their school library, students using study space, small children using the computer in their public library, many programs being held throughout the day at all kinds of libraries, and pictures of the many people who make the library function behind the scenes. It is all posted at <http://www.storify.com/molibraries>.

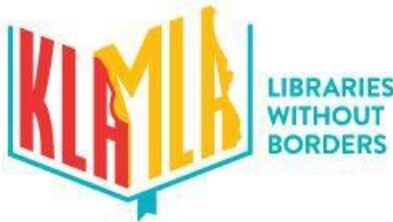


[KCMO Public Library](#)

[MO History Museum](#)

[South Independence Branch](#)

MLA Annual Conference



MLA/KLA 2015

KC Convention Center in Kansas City, MO from September 30th to October 2nd, 2015.

		Vendors/Sponsors
Lake of the Ozarks	2010	53
Kansas City	2011	53
Springfield	2012	58
St. Louis	2013	55
Columbia	2014	58
Kansas City Joint conference	2015	90

		count
Conference Attendee		
Lake of the Ozarks	2010	301
Kansas City	2011	415
Springfield	2012	363
St. Louis	2013	470
Columbia	2014	433
Kansas City Joint conference	2015	907

MLA/KLA attendance
 numbers: Total – 904
 MLA – 351
 KLA – 351
 Non-Members – 139

Comped registrations, award recipients, speakers, extra vendor registrations – 63

MLA 2016

MLA 2016 Conference Dates: October 5–7, 2016

Location: Ramada Plaza Springfield Hotel and Oasis Convention Center 2546 N.
Glenstone Ave., Springfield, MO 65803

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#2016mla)

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Awards and Recognitions

Youth Services Community of Interest

The YSCI awards the Building Block Picture Book Award to the author and illustrator of the picture book voted on by kids in Missouri. This year's winner was *Mustache Baby* by Bridget Heos, illustrated by Joy Ang.

YSCI also awards the Show Me Youth Services Award, for outstanding library service to children and teens. This year's winner was Jennifer Ilardi.

YSCI also offers two scholarships: The Schmidt Scholarship for continuing education. This year we awarded that to Jessica Gould to attend the YALSA Symposium. There is also the Pat Behler Call-To-Conference Award for someone to attend the MLA conference, but it was not awarded this year.

Two Emerging Leaders from Missouri

- Anna Mattonen Sponsored by Missouri Library Association (MLA)
- Tiffany Davis Sponsored by Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA)

News

MO Info

On 8/11, the MO Info Subcommittee created a list of preferred formatting for submitted articles:

1. Article preferences:	Text in 10 pt. Times New Roman (or serif, if Times New Roman not available) Headline in bold 16 pt. Arial Subheadings in bold 12 pt. Arial Captions in 9 pt. Calibri Word (.docx) format.
2. Image preferences:	No larger than 600x600 Lossless format (TIFF, PNG)
3. AP Stylebook to be used.	

Social Media



Facebook Followers: 848



Twitter Followers: 253

Most engaging post was concerning Governor Nixon releasing the withheld funds in April (April 3).

It had 273 likes, 25 shares 3,928 people reached on Facebook and 4,637 Impressions and 79 Engagements on Twitter.



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