

President's Message



This has been a productive year for the Missouri Library Association. We expanded our professional development opportunities outside of the annual conference. The Communities of Interest Council Chair and Vice Chair, Jennifer Peters and Tiffany Davis, joined me in hosting two MLA 101 webinars for those interested in learning more about MLA. A group led by MLA Past-President Christina Prucha developed the Presentation Academy series, which concluded with a well-received pre-conference session at the annual conference. In an effort to continue offering more topical webinars, a task force evaluated a number of webinar platforms and submitted a budget request to the MLA Executive Board for GoToMeeting. If approved at the November board meeting, GoToMeeting will be available early 2017 to any Community of Interest or Committee that would be interested in hosting a webinar or online meeting.

Another large project that is wrapping up is an extensive review and update of our handbook. The Bylaws and Handbook Committee collaborated with the board to make the handbook more streamlined and to reflect the current practices of the association. As a result, bylaws changes were approved at the Annual Membership Meeting on October 6, 2016. This is the first major overhaul of the handbook since it was created in 2010 after the reorganization of MLA. Similarly, the Budget and Finance Committee is developing a fiscal policy to help guide the financial practices of MLA. Both of these projects should be completed by the end of the year.

MLA continues to be an advocate for libraries at the state and national level. Randy Scherr, MLA's lobbyist, has worked tirelessly with the Legislative Committee to keep our members informed of legislative and state issues that may impact libraries. In February 2016, librarians and library staff gathered in Jefferson City for Library Advocacy Day to meet with our state legislators and talk about how budget cuts have affected libraries and our patrons. A contingent led by Legislative Committee Chair Gerald Brooks hit the pavement in Washington, D.C., in May for National Library Legislative Day in order to meet with our national legislators.

MLA has and always will be a strong supporter of libraries and library staff across the state. MLA, in conjunction with the American Library Association, released statements supporting the Kansas City Public Library in its efforts to protect intellectual freedom. We continue to foster the educational development of our future librarians with the Bohley Scholarship. This year, we were able to award \$1,000 scholarships to two strong applicants, and at the annual conference, we raised over \$1,300 at the Bohley Scholarship Trivia Night fundraising event.

As my term comes to a close, I would like to take a moment to thank a few people. I would like to thank Past-President Christina Prucha for taking me under her wing and showing me the ropes of being an MLA president. I would also like to thank my MLA Board, committees, and Communities of Interest for graciously working together on various projects, issues and initiatives I threw at them. In addition, I want to thank my colleagues at Webster University Library for their support during my year as president, especially, Laura Rein, dean of University Libraries and Holly Hubenschmidt, head of Instruction and Liaison Services. Most importantly, I want to thank my husband and my daughter for being understanding with some of my late nights and out-of-town meetings. I could not have been able to take on this role without their support.

I will now pass the gavel to your 2017 Missouri Library Association President Vicky Baker. She has amazing things planned for the association next year, and I am looking forward to seeing her initiatives come to fruition.

Yours in service,
Jodie Borgerding, MLA President

ALA Conference Report for ALA Councilor



ALA Councilor Regina Cooper attended Council meetings in Orlando, Florida, June 23-June 29. Attendance at the ALA Annual was 16,597. A memorial resolution was read honoring among others, Charlie Robinson, long time director of the Baltimore County Library who introduced the concept of “Give em what they want” to public libraries, thus changing significantly the way public libraries operated. Some of the resolutions passed included: Resolution calling upon libraries to build more inclusive communities, Resolution in support of the professional cataloging processes & determinations of the Library of Congress and three resolutions in support of school libraries. The resolution concerning the role of chapters in the American Library Association was referred to a work group. After the close of ALA Annual Conference, I, Stephanie Tolson, became your Councilor. I look forward to serving you in that capacity. ALA membership at the end of July 2016, totaled 57,265. This is 2,800 greater than July 2015.

As of August 19, more than 3,500 libraries and supporters have joined ALA’s *Libraries Transform* campaign. Designed to increase public awareness of the value, impact and services provided by libraries and library professionals, the Libraries Transform campaign will ensure there is one clear, energetic voice for our profession. Showcasing the transformative nature of today’s libraries and elevating the critical role libraries play in the digital age.

<http://www.ilovelibraries.org/librariestransform/>

On September 14, Dr. Carla Hayden was sworn in as the nation’s 14th Librarian of Congress. Dr. Hayden is a past president of the American Library Association and director of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Maryland. She is the first female and the first African American to lead the Library of Congress.

I want to congratulate the University City Public Library and Mid-Continent Public Library for being selected as one of the 50 public libraries that will participate in the *Thinking Money*, a traveling exhibition exploring financial literacy topics in a way that is not only understandable, but fun. Over the next two years, these selected sites will receive the traveling exhibition for a five-to-six-week loan period, a \$1,000 cash allowance, and technical and programming support. *Thinking Money* was created by ALA’s Public Programs Office in partnership with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie D. Tolson, ALA Councilor



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Jodie Borgerding
MLA President

WOLFNER

Wolfner Library's New Early Literacy Program: Racing to Read



Reading is essential to success in life. Early literacy skills prepare young children to learn to read. Wolfner Library has adapted the Racing to Read program model used statewide by Missouri public libraries. The materials and concepts have been enhanced to accommodate blind and visually impaired patrons between birth and six years old. This program will build the following early literacy skills:

Touching and Sensing: A child must explore the world around them to learn how to gather information through touch and other senses.

Rhyming and Singing: Reading stories in rhyme and singing songs helps a child hear how a word is broken up into syllables. These activities help children recognize words that rhyme. Rhyming and singing help a child identify letters and words that sound similar.

Playing with Books: Before a child can start enjoying books, she must first learn how to turn pages, hold a book and know when it is upside down or backwards.

Letters and Dots: Introducing a child to letters, either as braille dots or raised letters, is the first step before learning to put the letters together to make words.

Telling a Story: Talking about a child's day helps them understand that there is a beginning, middle, and end of a story.

Words Everywhere: Everywhere we go, there are words. Describing the world around your child will help build their vocabulary.

Through the course of one year, books and early literacy materials will be sent to children enrolled in the program. These items, which are designed to help children and their caregivers build early literacy skills, will arrive every other month.

There are two main requirements for a child to be enrolled in Wolfner Library's Racing to Read Early Literacy Program:

1. The child must be (or become) a patron of Wolfner Library.
2. The child must be between birth and six years of age.

To learn more about this program or to enroll your child, please contact Wolfner Library.

This program is supported in part by the Friends of Wolfner Library.

MOBIUS Updates

During the last half of October, the MOBIUS Board of Directors, MOBIUS Membership held meetings, as did several standing committees, task forces, and working groups. Here are a few updates:

MERLIN Libraries Transition to Standalone Status

At the MOBIUS Membership meeting on Friday, October 28th, Ann Campion Riley, Interim Director of the University of Missouri-Columbia Libraries, announced that all four members of the MERLIN cluster within the MOBIUS consortium – UMC, UMKC, UMSL, and Missouri S&T – will transition to standalone status on July 1, 2017. This type of membership is a form of full membership where standalone libraries negotiate their own contracts with Innovative. The urgent financial situation throughout the University of Missouri System and the need for improved communication with Innovative were cited as the principal reasons for this transition to a new status, involving substantially reduced direct costs to the MOBIUS consortium. Because the University of Missouri System was the founder and first organizational home of the MOBIUS Consortium, these four libraries look forward to their continued association with MOBIUS and the other member libraries.

West Des Moines Public Library Joins MOBIUS

In October 2017 the West Des Moines Public Library in central Iowa joined MOBIUS as a standalone member. West Des Moines Public is a single branch suburban library serving the city of West Des Moines, with a population of 64,000, 43,000 cardholders, and 650,000 circulations in 2015. West Des Moines is also part of the [Iowa Library Alliance](#), a group of libraries in Iowa that contracts with MOBIUS for courier services. They participate in the Iowa-Missouri line haul that runs between Des Moines and Kansas City three days a week and will also share materials with MOBIUS partner libraries in Colorado and Wyoming. MOBIUS now has 76 full member organizations – academic, public, and special libraries – in four states.

New Contract with Innovative

In anticipation of the transition of the MERLIN cluster libraries to standalone status, MOBIUS, led by Executive Director Donna Bacon, negotiated a new contract with Innovative Interfaces, which will take effect on July 1, 2017. The new contract will enable all clusters to upgrade to the current, fuller suite of Innovative products and services, including ERM with Knowledge Base, Self-Check, Web Access for Staff, Encore Discovery, Analytics (Decision Center), Mobile Patron App (MyLibrary!), WebBridge (link resolver), Web Access Management (proxy server) and many other modules and systems. The new contract also will entail the merger of several MOBIUS clusters.

Review of the Assessment Formula

In light of all the changes and growth in membership, the new contract with Innovative and the changing landscape of needs and opportunities, the MOBIUS Board soon will appoint a task force to review the assessment formula and to recommend any needed changes.

Missouri Evergreen Continues to Grow

- Jefferson County Library has gone live in Missouri Evergreen. The process is anticipated to be complete during Q1 of 2017.
- On September 1 MOBIUS signed a new service agreement with the Missouri State Library to support and provide essential services to the Missouri Evergreen project.
- MOBIUS also is a service provider to the Kansas State Library's Evergreen installation, which recently migrated over to Google Container.
- Missouri Evergreen will migrate to Google Container during the first half of this month.
- Version 2.11 for Evergreen was just released. Two MOBIUS staff members have been very active contributors to the Evergreen community: Blake Graham-Henderson has been very involved in this release's coding; Debbie Luchinbill contributed mightily to the documentation.

Don't Let the Bed Bugs Bite

With an increase in bed bugs in some geographic areas served by MOBIUS member libraries, the MOBIUS Circulation and Courier Standing Committee is working on a best practices document to help MOBIUS member libraries to contain and eradicate bed bugs, which can get into library materials and totes. Worldwide, the prevalence of bed bugs has increased in the last twenty years due to more human travel, resistance by the bugs to pesticides, and bans on certain types of pesticides. Bed bug ovens, which use a dry heat of approximately 120 degrees Fahrenheit to kill the bugs, have been used successfully by some libraries to treat infested materials.

Tom Peters
MOBIUS President
Dean of Library Services at Missouri State University

State Historical Society of Missouri

2017 Missouri Conference on History: Call for Papers, Panels, and Awards

The 59th annual Missouri Conference on History, hosted by the Missouri State University History Department, will be held March 22–24, 2017, at the University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield. Each year the conference features sessions on a wide variety of historical topics, including public history and historic preservation, so please plan on attending.

The conference is currently seeking papers and is particularly interested in proposals for complete sessions, including panelists, chair and commentator. Attendees who are interested in serving as a session chair or commentator are also encouraged to respond. For additional information, please visit <http://shsmo.org/mch>.

The Missouri Conference on History also recognizes outstanding scholarship through a variety of awards including the Book Award, Lawrence O. Christensen Article Award and the Lynn and Kristen Morrow Missouri History Student Prize. See <http://shsmo.org/mch/awards> for details.

Grant to Digitize Northwest Missouri Newspapers

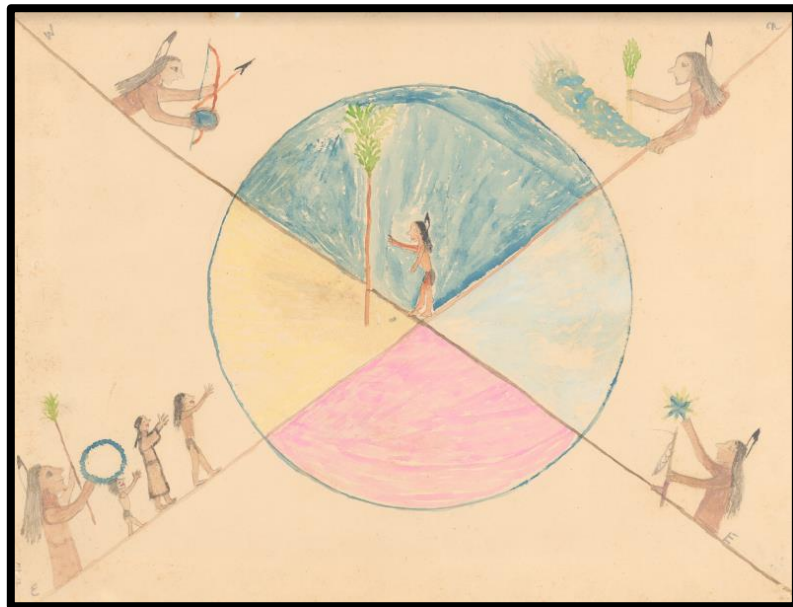
The State Historical Society of Missouri is excited to announce that the Missouri Digital Newspaper Project in partnership with the St. Joseph Public Library, the Gentry County Library and the Shelbina Carnegie Public Library has received a Library Services and Technology Act grant to digitize local historic newspapers. The papers will be added to the more than one million pages of Missouri newspapers freely available online at both [SHSMO's website](#) and the [Library of Congress's Chronicling America site](#).

The grant will provide funding to digitize Buchanan, Gentry, and Shelby County newspapers from 1868-1975, preserving the essential records of local politics, issues, events and people. In addition to holding valuable information for genealogists, the papers also provide an important perspective on national concerns such as the development of the American West, Reconstruction and Western legends such as Jesse James.



The St. Joseph Morning Herald front page from February 14, 1862. The daily paper provided the northwest Missouri town with a connection to the large metropolitan regions in the east by covering local, national, and international news. Photo courtesy of the State Historical Society of Missouri

Smithsonian Loan Inspires Show *From Daniel Boone to Black Elk*



Watercolor illustration by Sioux artist Luther Standing Bear for John Neihardt's book *Black Elk Speaks*, first published in 1932. Photo courtesy of the State Historical Society of Missouri

In conjunction with the arrival of Chester Harding's circa 1820 portrait of Daniel Boone, a new exhibition, "From Daniel Boone to Black Elk: Native and Colonial Experiences in Contested 'Middle Grounds,'" opened in mid-September in the main gallery of the State Historical Society of Missouri's Columbia Research Center. The show explores images reflecting the complex relationships that existed between Native and European Americans in the long nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Harding's painting is on a five-year loan to SHSMO from the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery in Washington, DC. Boone sat for the portrait shortly before his death in Defiance, Missouri, on September 26, 1820.

The section of the exhibit on Boone contains artworks that reflect his mythic status as a white frontiersman who fought Indians for control of western lands. In contrast, watercolor illustrations for John Neihardt's book "Black Elk Speaks," first

published in 1932, represent the point of view of the Sioux artist Luther Standing Bear. Standing Bear's paintings include images of the Battle of the Little Bighorn and the Wounded Knee Massacre. The exhibition will run through February 21, 2017.

SISLT

Happy Birthday!

The LIS Program in the School of Information Science & Learning Technologies is turning 50! We were happy to be able to celebrate this momentous occasion at the MLA Conference with many students, alumni, and friends at the annual SISLT reception.

If you weren't able to join us there, we hope you can still share your own memories with us to fill our "time capsule." In an effort to preserve our past, we are collecting stories and photos about your favorite classes, teachers, and events. Send in your memories to: sislt1966@gmail.com, or via mail to SISLT 50th Anniversary, 303 Townsend Hall, Columbia, MO 65211.

Other News

Jenny Bossaller was recently elected to the MLA Board as Member-at-Large. She will also begin serving as MLA Secretary beginning in January. Chris LeBeau began her tenure as Vice President/President-Elect of the Reference and User Services Association in July of this year. Denice Adkins and Heather Moulaison Sandy were awarded a 2016 OCLC-ALISE Library and Information Science Research Grant for their study of Latino use of social media to gather information. Sanda Erdelez delivered the keynote speech at the Information Seeking and Context conference in Croatia.

Mid-America Library Alliance

Upcoming Fall Workshops

MALA's lineup of in-person workshops is open for registration!

- November 17, 2016: [Not Your Mother's Book Group! Taking Book Groups to a New Level](#) – Mid-Continent Public Library, North Independence Branch
- December 2, 2016: [Inspire, Motivate and Engage Staff While Doing More With Less](#) – Mid-Continent Public Library, Woodneath Library
- December 6, 2016: [Front Line Triage Tech Support](#) – Johnson County Library, Corinth Branch

Newest Library Espresso Shots

MALA has rolled out several new Library Espresso Shot titles, which can be viewed as part of the MALA All-Access Pass for Webcasts or the Library Espresso Shot Access Pass:

New Library Espresso Shots:

- "Libraries in the Cloud"
- "New Overtime Guide"
- "Trending...Aging Advances"
- "Trending...Collective Impact"
- "Trending...Fast Casual"

Are you interested in purchasing an annual pass? The [MALA All-Access Pass for Webcasts](#) is just \$89 for MALA members and \$189 for non-members. The [Library Espresso Shot Training Pass](#) is just \$25 for MALA members and \$50 for non-members.

On-Demand Courier Delivery

Do you need occasional library courier delivery? MALA is now offering on-demand courier service for libraries that are not already participating in our courier delivery!

How it Works: Contact us 48 hours or more in advance, and we can get your item delivered within 1-2 business days from pickup within full service area (up to 3 business days in limited service area).

Where We Go: Our routes include Central Metro and Independence, South Metro, and North Metro (limited service area). Contact us to find out if your stop is available for one of our routes.

Cost: Rates are tiered based on distance from Independence.

- Central Metro and Independence: \$15 per stop
- South and North Metro Routes: \$20 per stop



Get Connected with MALA! Connecting libraries and partners for over 35 years. Contact us at 816-521-7266 or 1-877-600-9699 or kirstenmyers@mid-americalibraryalliance.org.

Kirsten Myers, Special Projects Coordinator and Courier Services, MALA

Missouri Evergreen News

The Missouri Evergreen welcomed newest member, Jefferson County Library, in September. They are scheduled to migrate onto the Evergreen ILS in April 2017. On October 7, the membership held an in-person meeting at the Missouri Library Association conference to discuss the regular business of the consortium.

In November, Missouri Evergreen servers are shifting to Google container technology. This move will allow the ILS service to be more flexible in terms of hardware to meet future demand. The container technology is faster and more reliable than the traditional ownership of physical servers. Missouri Evergreen will also upgrade from Evergreen version 2.9.1 to version 2.11.0 when moving to the cloud servers.

The Missouri Evergreen website, <http://libraries.missourievergreen.org>, contains more information about the consortium, including member libraries and borrowing and 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.

Springfield-Greene County Library



Springfield-Greene librarians and Springfield Public Schools librarians at September's School Library Reception.

School Librarians Discover Rich Resource: the Public Library

The Youth Services staff hosted a School Librarian Reception in September to build partnerships and showcase the Library's useful resources. The 32 school librarians learned about the Library's electronic resources and special circulating collections, but the most popular tables were those featuring program ideas guests could "steal" and samples of programs the Library's staff can bring to classrooms during outreach visits. The school librarians were especially interested

in ways branch staff can assist with book discussions and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) programs.

National Authors Lead Death & Dying Topics Series

Thought-provoking, funny, and sometimes uncomfortable, a series called Death & Dying: Conversations on End-of-Life Care in October gave audiences straight talk and straight answers from national authors, undertakers and hospice caregivers. The series was funded with grants from the Hospice Foundation of the Ozarks and The Library Foundation. The goal of the series was to put aside the taboo of talking about aging and death with honesty and sensitivity, to show people how to make informed choices about end-of-life care, and to remind us to live life to the fullest.



Caitlin Doughty, author of *Smoke Gets in Your Eyes*, interacts with a patron at the October Death & Dying Topics Series.

Among the 19 programs and book discussions were Dr. Angelo Volandes, author of “The Conversation,” YouTube sensation Caitlin Doughty, of “Smoke Gets in Your Eyes,” Michigan undertaker Thomas Lynch, author of “The Good Funeral,” and cartoonist/author Roz Chast, of “Can’t We Talk About Something More Pleasant?” Other programs covered talking with children about death, end-of-life legal issues, suicide prevention and grief, hospice and music therapy, advance directives, documentaries and special photo exhibits throughout the library branches including “Mourning in the Midwest: Living with Death During the Victorian Era” at the Library Center.

LibraryCon Attracts 4,000-plus Comic, Fantasy Lovers

“If you plan it, they will Con! And boy, did they ever!” said Library Center Manager Jessie East. More than 4,000 people of all ages came through the Library Center doors Aug. 27 for LibraryCon. Kids and adults arrived in costumes of their favorite fantasy and sci-fi superheroes, attended panel discussions, learned new games, rubbed elbows with professional ComicCon characters and met and talked with artists and authors of comic book fame. Events included Geeky Reads, a Geeky Storytime, an illustrator panel, a *Game of Thrones* panel discussion, a cosplay panel, and the Teen Cosplay Fashion Show.

It Takes More than Librarians to Run a Library

Five library staff members talked to hundreds of eighth-grade Springfield Public Schools students during a day-long Career Expo about the variety of jobs available at a public library besides being a librarian. Students were surprised to learn about the growing opportunities in Springfield and Greene County for professionals in IT, Web development, human resources, marketing, genealogy research, maintenance, and business operations/accounting.



Library Staff Celebrates 2016 MLA Award at Gala

The 2016 Missouri Library Conference wrapped up Oct. 7 at the Ramada Oasis Convention Center after three days that featured authors, professional development sessions, lots of networking and library award winners. The Library District hosted the event, which drew more than 300 Missouri library colleagues and industry vendors. Co-chairs were Electronic Resources Librarian Renee Brumett and Republic Branch Manager Erin Gray. Visiting authors included Debbie Ridpath Ohi, Gayle Harper, Laura McHugh, Jay Asher and Josh Hanagarne. The Library and staff took several top honors at the Thursday, Oct. 6 Awards Gala at the Library Station, including 2016 Missouri Library of the Year. The event attracted over 280 MLA attendees.

Branch Managers Take New Roles



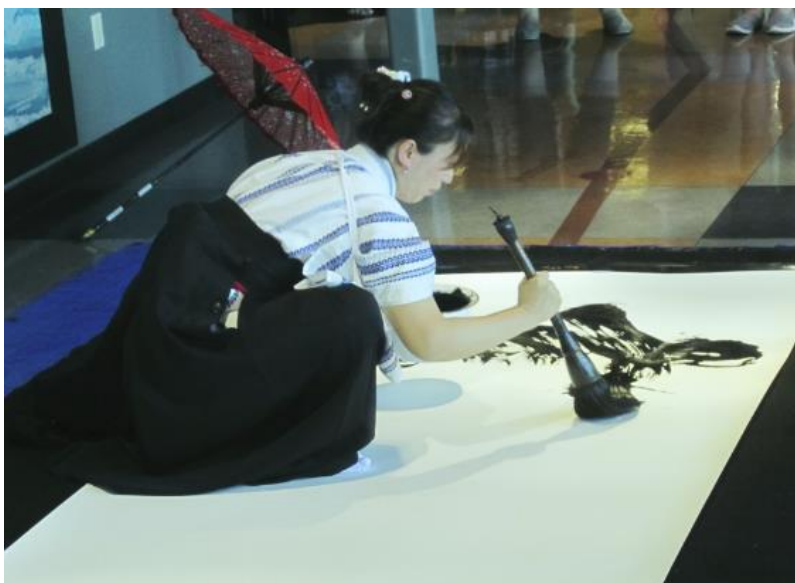
After 10 years as Library Station manager, Melissa "Mel" Davis was ready for another challenge, and is now the Business Office manager for the Springfield-Greene County Library District. Former Brentwood Branch Manager Kim Flores elected to succeed Mel and was named Library Station manager. A new branch manager will be hired soon to reopen the renovated, renamed Schweitzer Brentwood Branch, honoring \$1.2 million project donor and Springfield philanthropist Jewell Schweitzer.

The branch is schedule to reopen Jan. 7, 2017.



Library Station Becomes Public Art Space

Japanese artist Seiran Chiba turned the Library Station into a public art space on Sept. 12, first talking about her style of large-scale calligraphy, and then demonstrating it on a giant piece of art paper. Library staff member Mika Logan provided the translation for Chiba, and conveyed the symbols' meaning: "read," "book," "people," "meeting" and "together." Chiba was in Springfield for the city's annual Japanese Fall Festival.



"Missouri & the Great War" Wins National Award



Brian Grubbs, Local History & Genealogy Manager, accepted the American Association for State and Local History's Award of Merit at the group's annual meeting on Sept. 16 in Detroit, Mich. The award was announced in June to honor work by the Library and multiple partners in creating the website, "Over There: Missouri & the Great War." The partners created www.missourioverthere.org as a single digital archive, unifying the state's World War I resources and telling the stories of Missouri's role in World War I. It was the first statewide digitization project for the war's centennial. The Library's partners include the Missouri History Museum, Museum of Osteopathic Medicine, the National World War I Museum and Memorial, and the State Historical Society of Missouri.

Kathleen O'Dell, Community Relations Director, SGCL

Mid-Continent Public Library

Stocking Pantries during Food for Fines

MCPL collected more than 11,000 items for local food pantries and eliminated over \$8,000 in fines this fall as part of its bi-annual Food for Fines program, which offers customers at all 31 branches the opportunity to clear their overdue fees and replacement card charges by donating non-perishable food items to the Library. The program, which has now run a total of six times, has collected nearly 60,000 items for area charitable organizations.

Offered at the beginning of summer and fall, the program helps eliminate barriers for children and adults who wish to utilize the Library's wide range of resources.

"We're very proud of our Food for Fines program, which not only benefits our customers, but also fills a need in the community at large," said Library Director and CEO Steven Potter.

In addition to donating items toward their own accounts, customers are also encouraged to "pay it forward" and donate extra non-perishable goods that will be put toward another customer's account that might not be able to donate for themselves.



Midwest Genealogy Center Observes Family History Month

In celebration of National Family History Month, Midwest Genealogy Center and 19 other Mid-Continent Public Library branches offered a wide range of programs throughout the month of October for both budding and experienced genealogists on how to get the most out of their family history research. From "Beginning Census Records" to "Discover Your Scottish Ancestry Online," MGC ran the gamut of instructional programs and workshops to help genealogy buffs deepen their search.

Included among MGC's roster of programs was the Falling into Genealogy Lock-In on October 14, which offered the nearly 100 attendees a special evening filled with games, contests, extra research hours, and a featured presentation on DNA by renowned genealogist Kathleen Brandt.



To help families preserve some of their most treasured stories, MGC now also offers Tell Me a Story kits, which preserve oral histories through recorded conversations. Similarly, the Library hosted a four-week course taught by storyteller Jim "Two Crows" Wallen on how to uncover, collect, record, and tell family stories.

All MCPL branches displayed materials about Family History Month and put up signage about the Midwest Genealogy Center to promote the Library resource.

Honoring Veterans, Commemorating Gulf War

Mid-Continent Public Library commemorated the 25th anniversary of the Gulf War at its 2016 Veterans Salute on Saturday, September 10 at the Midwest Genealogy Center. The Library is proud to celebrate the service of members of the U.S. Armed Forces through this interactive program, which it has hosted for more than 20 years. This year's Salute included a keynote speech by Colonel Doug Tystad, retired CEO of Command and General Staff College Foundation.

Throughout the day, there were ongoing exhibits and activities including rare memorabilia at exhibitor booths, a performance by the Kansas City Bettys musical troupe, an interactive veterans' roundtable discussion, and a class by Midwest Genealogy Center staff on researching military records.



In the afternoon, award-winning author Dorinda Nicholson shared her memories and experiences as a child in Hawaii during the bombing of Pearl Harbor in a presentation entitled "Pearl Harbor Child." In total, Veterans Salute drew in more than 800 attendees.

Throughout the months of August and September, MCPL hosted a number of other military-related programs including the film series *Why We Fight: Hollywood and WWII* as well as a program on the Buffalo Soldiers, members of the all African American 10th Cavalry Regiment organized at Fort Leavenworth in 1866, which later included baseball great Jackie Robinson.

Bestselling Authors

Mid-Continent Public Library recently hosted five prominent children's and young adult authors as part of its ongoing Story Center Speaker Series at Woodneath Library Center. Each of the authors gave a presentation about their work followed by a book sale and signing.

Presented in partnership with Rainy Day Books, the Story Center Speaker Series included:

- **Margaret Peterson Haddix**, (Pictured) New York Times bestselling author of "The Missing" and the Shadow Children series
- **Loren Long**, New York Times bestselling author of the Otis children's series
- **Gayle Forman**, New York Times bestselling young adult fiction author
- **Ridley Pearson**, New York Times bestselling author of adventure books for kids and adult suspense novels
- **Nathan Hill**, critically acclaimed author of "The Nix"



The Story Center was developed as an initiative to celebrate the art of the story. Previous speakers in the Speaker Series have included New York Times bestselling authors Gillian Flynn, Sara Paretsky, and Jen Mann, among others.

For those who are inspired by the Speaker Series authors and would like to hone their own writing talents, The Story Center also regularly offers a variety of workshops, including the Story Center Writing Weekend that was hosted on October 15 and 16 and was co-presented by The Writers Place of Kansas City. The free, weekend-long conference explored a range of topics – from genre basics to book cover design and publishing – and was attended by almost 400 people.

More information about The Story Center can be found at mystorycenter.org.

Professional Development Opportunities at the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) World Library and Information Congress 2016

The Mid-Continent Public Library (MCPL) recently sent several representatives to attend the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) World Library and Information Congress Aug. 13-19, 2016 in Columbus, Ohio. The representatives from MCPL were: Susan Wray, Assistant Director & COO; Karen Wickwire, Technical Services Department Manager; Stephanie Bailey, Red Bridge Branch Manager; Amy Barclay, North Oak Branch Manager; Stacy Hisle-Chaudri, Parkville Branch Assistant Manager; and Tim Phillips, Riverside Branch Assistant Manager. The 82nd international conference brought together 4,000 librarians from 145 countries from around the world to discuss current issues in the field and to work on developing standards and guidelines that can be applied globally.

Each Mid-Continent representative took away a different experience and some of them are shared below:

Some of the conference highlights were visits to local libraries, cultural events, and sessions on a variety of topics. For Stacy Hisle-Chaudri, the conference presented an opportunity to meet fellow librarians from around the world and learn how they are fostering information and digital literacy in their communities. One session that was of particular interest was, "Evaluating our Worth: How Can we Quantify the Value of Libraries and Information Centers?" Several presenters spoke on this topic, representing public, academic and national library perspectives from around the world. One of the key takeaways from this presentation was that all types of libraries have identified the significance of outcome measurements and presenting this information to stakeholders is increasingly important.

While Tim Phillips found the sessions to be stimulating and was thrilled to learn new perspectives on how libraries are adapting to servicing refugees, aid those with little or no internet access, and increase early literacy, the cultural events were fulfilling as well. The most memorable was the cultural evening held on the second night of the congress. It was fascinating to see how we represent America to the rest of the world. Such a daunting task to come up with the foods, music, sights, and sounds that represent the United States! A great time was had by all and it was a treat to share our country with the rest of the world.

For Karen Wickwire one of the highlights was talking to many of the presenters during the poster sessions. Meeting people from Thailand, Sweden, Denmark, and China, to name a few, gave her a sense of the greater library community that now has expanded to include countries around world, and not just Kansas City or the United States. To talk about catalog problems with someone from England was amazing, what was similar and what was different. To see new and innovative ideas such as repurposing yurts (tent-like housing) in Kazakhstan into community libraries is beyond inspiring. Karen was able to hear how Sweden is dealing with an ever-increasing refugee population and how the library had taken a central role in this community issue. This once-in-a-lifetime experience will stay with her forever.

The program, "Preparing Library Services 3.0 for Children and Young Adults," was hosted by the Columbus Metropolitan Library in downtown Columbus and was one of Amy Barclay's favorite aspects of the conference. This session offered presentations from the Columbus Metropolitan Library, the United Kingdom, Germany, and local United States library systems. The Columbus Metropolitan Library highlighted their Reading Buddies program, which utilizes the efforts of volunteers in one-on-one sessions with kindergarten through third grade students. Mid-Continent Public Library has outlined in goal one of their 2014-2017 Strategic Plan that it will work to have children reading at grade level. One of Amy's initiatives, as the Branch Manager for the North Oak branch, is to bring this idea back to her branch, and she intends to survey local schools in the community about starting a program modeled after Reading Buddies. The North Oak branch will work in tandem with the Youth Services Department and community partners to create a similar program that will meet the literacy needs of the community.

The International Federation of Library Associations last held the World Library and Information Congress in the United States in 2001, so attendance at this year's conference was a unique experience. Next year the Congress will take place in Wroclaw, Poland and in 2018 it will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. All of the representatives from MCPL enjoyed the opportunities presented at this year's conference to network and learn from colleagues from around the globe. The IFLA conference was the most culturally and content-rich conference that any of the MCPL librarians had attended and all would highly recommend it as an experience that shouldn't be missed!

Susan Wray, Assistant Director & COO, Mid-Continent Public Library
Karen Wickwire, Technical Services Department Manager, Mid-Continent Public Library
Amy Barclay, North Oak Branch Manager, Mid-Continent Public Library
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Tim Phillips, Riverside Branch Assistant Manager, Mid-Continent Public Library

Missouri State University

Meyer Library Makes It Big!



When you name your favorite film stars, does Missouri State University's (MSU) Duane G. Meyer Library come to mind? It soon will! A film crew led by local filmmaker James Kerr recently used Meyer Library as the setting for some of the scenes in an indie horror movie currently in production, "[The Town in the Middle of Nowhere.](#)" One of the film's producers is Springfield, MO native Nathan Shelton, who also worked on the highly acclaimed *Ozarks* film "Winter's Bone" (Feature, 2016). A couple members of the crew and production staff are current students or alums of MSU's Media, Journalism and Film program.

Cast and crew arrived on Friday, Sept. 16, after the library closed for 11 hours of filming. They returned again on the night of Friday, Oct. 7, for a few hours to reshoot some of the scenes in the stacks on the lower level and at a service desk on the first floor. Fortunately, the reshooting was completed before the service desk is slated to be removed in an ongoing remodel of the library. For photos of the library's star turn, check out the film's [website](#), particularly the cast and crew sections. The film also has [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages with some photos of the library. In addition to Springfield, other filming locations included Billings, Fair Grove, Nixa, Rogersville, and Sparta (Holman, 2016).



All right, Mr. DeMille, I'm ready for my close-up



The library steals the scene

The library has thus far declined requests to be interviewed and to sign autographs, but it does offer a date stamp to fans.

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Andrea Miller, Missouri State University

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St. Louis County Library Updates

South African Artist Inaugurates County Library's Newest Speakers' Series

St. Louis County Library is launching a new speaker series in November called New in the Lou. The series will offer an inside look at the innovations and advances in the St. Louis Metro area in all fields from tech to entertainment to local talent.

The first New in the Lou event will feature South African artist Mohau Modisakeng. The event will take place on Wednesday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Library Headquarters, 1640 South Lindbergh, 63131.

The program is free and open to the public, but registration is required by calling 314-994-3300 or visiting <http://www.slcl.org/events>.

In a presentation titled "Examining History through Art," Modisakeng will discuss his work and influences, and give a reading from one of his favorite books. He will also discuss his upcoming multimedia exhibition at the Aronson Fine Arts Center of Laumeier Sculpture Park.

Mohau Modisakeng was born in Soweto in 1986. He completed his undergraduate degree at the Michaelis School of Fine Art, Cape Town, in 2009 and worked toward his Master's degree at the same institution. Modisakeng's work has been exhibited at galleries throughout the world including Galerie Ron Mandos, Amsterdam (2016); Wits Art Museum, Johannesburg (2016); Kunstraum Innsbruck, Austria (2015); VOLTA NY, New York (2014); the Museum of Fine Art, Boston (2014); 21C Museum, Louisville (2014); Saatchi Gallery, London (2012); the Dak'Art Biennale, Dakar (2012); and Stevenson, Cape Town (2010). Modisakeng was awarded the Standard Bank Young Artist Award for Visual Art in 2016 and the SASOL New Signatures Award in 2011.

For more information please call 314-994-3300 or visit www.slcl.org/events.

Program sites are accessible. Upon two weeks' notice, accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Contact St. Louis County Library by phone 314-994-3300, or visit <http://www.slcl.org/events>.

St. Louis County Library Launches Local Music Project



St. Louis County Library will launch a new local music project in October called Listen Up STL. The project invites local musicians to upload their work to the SLCL website, where it will be available for streaming to library patrons. Details about how to participate in the project are available at www.slcl.org/listen-up-stl.

Twice a year, SLCL will solicit music for inclusion in the Listen Up STL collection. Any St. Louis area musician with original music of any genre is encouraged to participate. Music added to Listen Up STL will be available for SLCL patrons to stream. The first submission period will be held from October 1-31, 2016.

SLCL Director Kristen Sorth said, "Listen Up STL is a unique opportunity for local musicians and SLCL patrons. We are proud to celebrate our community's creativity through Listen Up STL by introducing our patrons to talented local musicians in our community. We are also thrilled to assist these musicians in building a bigger audience." Musicians who participate in Listen Up STL will be able to make their music available electronically to SLCL's approximately 355,000 active cardholders.

Additional information about Listen Up STL can be found at www.slcl.org/listen-up-stl or by calling 314-994-3300.

SLCL Announces Next Round of Renovations

St. Louis County Library has completed its first phase renovation projects and will begin another round of upgrades this fall. To date, 11 projects have been completed as part of the Your Library Renewed campaign, a multi-year capital campaign to renovate or replace 19 branches within the Library District. Phase II will begin this fall, when three branches close for construction: Daniel Boone, Bridgeton Trails and Florissant Valley. Details about the projects can be found at www.slcl.org/your-library-renewed or by calling 314-994-3300.

The following locations will close at 5:00 p.m. on the date listed:

Bridgeton Trails—October 22, 2016
Florissant Valley—October 29, 2016
Daniel Boone—November 5, 2016

During construction, patrons will be directed to nearby SLCL locations where they can pick up holds and receive normal library service.

Daniel Boone holds will go to [Grand Glaize](#)
Bridgeton Trails holds will go to [Rock Road](#)
Florissant Valley holds will go to [Jamestown Bluffs](#)

The Bridgeton Trails and Florissant Valley branches will be closed for 6-9 months. The Daniel Boone Branch will be closed for approximately 12 months. This timeline is subject to change.

Several new features will be introduced at the renovated branches, including enhanced children's areas with family restrooms, private study rooms, designated teen spaces and collaborative work areas. The renovated branches will also have a commons area with vending machines and tables. Renovated locations will also receive new furniture and carpeting, new public computers and comfortable seating. Books and other library materials such as magazines, DVDs, audiobooks and video games will still be available.

Construction on all of the new and renovated buildings in Phase II of the Your Library Renewed campaign is expected to be complete by the end of 2018. The timeline is subject to change based on weather conditions and other factors.

Grant's View Branch wins Merit Award from American Institute of Architects

Christner Inc. received a Merit Award for Interior Design from the American Institute of Architects-- St. Louis Chapter for the design of St. Louis County Library's Grant's View Branch, on 9700 Music Road, St. Louis, MO 63123-3935. The award jury commented, "The architects created a transparent and welcoming interior that may enable many great thoughts."



The building was designed to be transparent and welcoming, with floor-to-ceiling windows on the north and east that offer spectacular views of Grant's Farm, located across from Gravois. Visitors appreciate this openness and all the features the new branch has to offer. Since opening in December of 2015, the library has seen a 69% increase in visits and a 40% increase in circulation compared to the previous year. The number of new library card applications exceeds 5,600, an increase of 144%.

Library Director Kristen Sorth and administrative staff worked closely with Christner's architects and designers on the Grant's View project.

Grant's View is the newest branch of St. Louis County Library. Its construction was made possible by voters' approval of Prop L in November 2012. This 39,000 square foot, two-story branch is a busy hub of activity serving broad community needs. The building includes open reading spaces for adults and children, quiet study areas, and separate computer rooms for informal use as well as computer classes. Additional amenities include a large children's area with a program and crafts center, public meeting rooms and a community garden.

St. Louis County Library congratulates Christner Inc. on the Merit Award from AIA and agrees with a comment from the award jury, "This acre-sized neighborhood public library is flooded with daylight and suggests a beacon of knowledge."

Jennifer McBride, Communications Manager, SLCL

CORRECTIONS: Wolfner, p. 3-4 added
MOBIUS updates revised, p. 4
Meyer Library, p. 14 added

Missouri Library Association Board

July 17, 2016

Summary of Action Items

Motions in the full minutes are bolded; information referred to or discussed orally at the meeting are in straight font, written reports only items are italicized.

Summary of Action Items

If Interim Action Items are recorded in the Recording Secretary's report they are labeled IAI; actions with no formal motion are labeled NFM.

- 1) Motion to approve minutes for April 15, 2016 made and seconded; discussion: numbering issue corrected in 3.a. Vote: STL 4, MC 1, KC 2, STJ 1, SPG 2; Motion approved 10 to 0.
- 2) Motion made to NOT hold a joint conference with KLA in 2019, but to reconsider holding such a joint conference for 2023. Vote: STL 4, MC1, KC 2, STJ 1, SPG 2; Motion approved 10 to 0.
- 3) (NFM) Jodie will email MASL and MPLD regarding holding Library Snapshot (Day/Week) during the International "Outside the Lines" campaign, Sept. 11-17, 2016 rather than one day in October.
- 4) Motion made to approve the 2015 Reviewed Financial Statements; seconded; no further discussion. Vote: STL 4, MC 1, KC 2, STJ 1, SPG 2; Motion approved 10 to 0.
- 5) Motion made to approve proceedings from interim teleconferenced business regarding:

- a) ALA Councilor election
- b) Institutional Membership for Ste. Genevieve Public Library
- c) Vendor Conference Rates
- d) Conference Registration Rates
- e) 2017 Slate of Executive Board Nominees

to the official minutes; seconded; no further discussion. Vote: STL 4, MC 1, KC 2, STJ 1, SPG 2.
Motion approved 10 to 0.

- 6) Motion made that MLA should provide a comped booth to the conference host Springfield-Greene County Library. Vote: STL 4 no, MC 1 abstention, KC 2 no, STJ 1 yes, SPG 2 abstentions. Motion fails, 1-6 (3 abstentions).
- 7) Motion made to add the descriptions of the Awards to the Awards webpage; seconded; no further discussion. Vote: STL 4, MC (out of room), KC 2, STJ 1, SPG 2; Motion approved 9 to 0.
- 8) Motion made to approve the slate of the Missouri Author Awards and the MLA Awards; seconded. No further discussion. Vote: STL 4, MC 1, KC 2, STJ 1, SPG 2; Motion approved 10 to 0.
- 9) STL 4, MC 1, KC 2, STJ 1, SPG 2; Motion to return the social media policy to the subcommittee for update/revision approved 10 to 0.
- 10) Adjournment—Motion to adjourn, approved by unanimous consent; meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.



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