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## Message from MLA President Vicky Baker



Perhaps many of you aren't old enough to remember the "[High Hopes](#)" song, (thank you to YouTube for having everything in the whole world) but it seems particularly fitting for my expectations for this year. I do have "apple pie in the sky" hopes!

My first expectation is that a committee drawn together last year by Past-President Jodie Borgeing will continue to work on a strategic plan for the association. I don't know if the association has ever had a strategic plan, but we need to think about how to more thoroughly meet the needs of our members and try to attract new members. I would like to see higher membership, more attendance at association events like Library Advocacy Day and MLA Annual Conference, and a more active association with members feeling they have a role to play.

Speaking of Library Advocacy Day and having a role to play in the association, LAD is coming up soon. Save the date, Feb. 7, 2017, to meet us in Jefferson City. We have a lot of new legislators, a new governor and a new secretary of state. That means we need to be out in full force this year. The legislators do like to hear from your constituents instead of just the same contingent, so consider taking some of your library supporters along with you.

I would also like to issue the invitation to any library that does not feel it has enough staff to get away for the day to Jefferson City to contact me. We have already lined up a few volunteers who love the idea of doing a "job exchange" to your library and keep the doors open while you are away. Also, if you are interested in volunteering to cover the desk for one of your colleagues, let me know that, as well. We need to make this a full-state effort and bring in smaller libraries that know the real impact of lost funding. Everyone who attends should have a pocketful of library stories that you know made a significant impact on your customer. Sometimes the impacts that we make don't seem like a big deal to us, but they really made an impact on that individual.

The strategic planning team will study the results of surveys we intend to conduct for members and non-members. We will identify the main points and build strategies for achieving what our membership wants.

Last year, the MLA Board and the Bylaws & Handbook Committee worked hard on the Association Handbook. It is in its final stages before being posted. One thing that we didn't complete was an Annual Conference Handbook. That is something else we hope to complete this year.

I think we are off to the races to make this a fantastic year! Our annual conference will be in St. Louis Oct. 4-6 at the Sheraton Westport Lake Chalet, but hopefully I'll see some of you before that!

Thank you for all you do to make the library a peaceful place to be.

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## 2016 President's Annual Report – Jodie Borgerding

- After reviewing five platforms (WebEx, Adobe Connect, GoToMeeting, Zoom, FreeConferenceCall.com), the Webinar Platform Taskforce recommends MLA acquire a subscription to GoToMeeting through a discount program offered by TechSoup. The subscription should go live early 2017.
- Completed contract negotiations and signed a contract for the 2018 Annual Conference at Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO October 10-12, 2018
- Met with the Budget & Finance Committee to develop a draft budget for 2017 and begin work on a fiscal policy manual
- Worked with MLA Archivist, Stacy Hisle-Chaudri to begin a review of documents in the MLA archives housed at the State Historical Society.
- Participated in the Chapter Advocacy Exchange webinar hosted by the ALA Chapter Relations Office. The recording can be found at: <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/chapter-advocacy-exchange>.
- Worked with PEERCI to host a trivia night fundraiser at the conference with proceeds benefiting the Bohley auction.
- Worked with the Social Media SubCommittee, MPLD, and MASL to put on Library Snapshot Day on September 14<sup>th</sup> (<https://storify.com/MOLibraries/2016snapshot>). Presented “Simple Steps to a Great Presentation” with Judy Geczi on July 12<sup>th</sup> and “Taking Your Visuals to the Next Level” with Tiffany Davis on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. These webinars were part of the Presentation Academy series.
- Attended the MASL conference on behalf of the Membership Committee. Attended National Library Legislative Day in Washington, DC as part of the Missouri contingent. This was a great experience and one that I highly recommend to anyone who has an interest in library advocacy.
- Worked with the Social Media Subcommittee with creating a formal social media policy.
- Gave opening remarks at Library Advocacy Day and met with legislatures from Scenic Regional Library and Washington Public Library’s districts (my home library).
- Worked with the Bylaws & Handbook Committee and other MLA units to do an extensive review and update of the MLA Handbook.
- Hosted the MLA Legislative Update on March 25<sup>th</sup>. 42 people attended the webinar. The next one will be April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Because of connectivity issues with Barbara and her staff, the April update will be hosted by the State Library on their GoToMeeting platform.
- Created a new organizational chart that takes into consideration new structures and roles (ie. Amigos, Membership Chair/Member-At-Large, etc.) that have been developed or changed since the previous chart was drafted.
- Met with Jennifer Peters and Tiffany Davis to plan two MLA 101 orientation webinars for new committee and COI chairs.

Jodie Borgerding  
MLA Past-President

## 2016 Community of Interest Annual Reports

The Community of Interest Council agenda for 2016 focused on building knowledge of MLA structure and processes by current leadership and providing opportunities for potential leaders to gain insight into our organization. An MLA 101 webinar was developed in partnership with the MLA president, and two sessions were held in 2016. Community of Interest leadership was encouraged to review their CI bylaws (if applicable) and make any needed changes either to practice or their bylaws.

Community of Interest membership by MLA members for 2016:

Access Services	65
Computer and Information Technology	115
Genealogy and Local History	76
Missouri Association of College and Research Libraries	128
Professionalism, Education, Employment, and Recruitment	128
Public Libraries	300
Reference and Government Information	137
Technical Services	87
Youth Services	142

### Access Services – submitted by Jackie Burns, Recorder

#### Summary of Year

June 2016

- ASCI edited formatting, not content, of their Bylaws.

July 2016

- ASCI made decisions on MLA sessions to sponsor

September 2016

- ASCI discussion/action emails on recruitment of officers

October 2016

- MLA conference Meet & Greet (won best decorated; runner-up for friendliest)
- ASCI Annual Meeting
- Election of Recorder
- Jeff Berkbigler, University of Missouri – St. Louis
- Community decided not to seek non-conference funding

#### Plans for 2017

To Be Determined

#### Officers 2017

**Chair:**

Ellie Kohler

**Vice Chair:**

Jackie Burns

**Recorder:**

Jeff Berkbigler

**Past Chair:**

Katherine Bohnenkamper

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## 2016 Community of Interest Annual Reports

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### Computer and Information Technology – submitted by Josh Welker, chair

CI Members	115
MLACITSIG-L subscribers	131

Early in the year, the community discussed how it would like to participate in the MLA Annual Conference. It was decided that the group would host a Technology Petting Zoo event where presenters at the conference could showcase their technology.

Once conference presenters were finalized, the community solicited volunteers from among the presenters to participate in the petting zoo event. Discussing the logistics of this event and finding presenters encompassed most of the committee's time.

The Technology Petting Zoo event took place on the second day of the conference. The main display was accessibility equipment from Wolfner Library. There was also a display of a digitized World War I collection from Springfield-Greene. Several dozen people attended the event.

After the conference, the committee discussed the outcome of the event. It was deemed a success and something worth doing again next year. The committee discussed the issue of succession and selected new leadership.

#### Officers for 2017

Robert Hallis (Chair)  
Lucy Wang (Vice Chair)  
Josh Welker (Past Chair)

### Genealogy and Local History – submitted by Brian Grubbs, chair

On May 19, 2016, Charlotte McIntosh resigned as Chair of the Genealogy and Local History Community of Interest. McIntosh retired from her position at Mid-Continent Public Library / Midwest Genealogy Center on June 17. Brian Grubbs, (previous Vice-Chair) and Local History & Genealogy Department Manager at the Springfield-Greene County Library District, became Chair of the Community of Interest.

The Genealogy and Local History Community of Interest hosted a pre-conference program for the 2016 annual meeting in Springfield, Mo. The session will feature three topics: Patti Hobbs presented *DNA for Genealogy Librarians*; Emily Jaycox presented *Maps for Genealogists*; Ben Divin and Gary Larsen presented *Memory and Legacy: Missouri in the Great War*. *The pre-conference program had twenty-five attendees, several of which expressed their appreciation for an interesting and diverse set of program topics.*

CI officers were present at the Meet and Greet event during the annual meeting. Officers invited individuals to write their name on a leaf sticky-note and place it on the poster board tree. The tree represented our connection as a community of Missouri librarians, while incorporating the meeting's theme of "Rooted in Community" and genealogical family trees.

The CI also held an in-person meeting in Springfield. Attendees discussed future plans and goals. The CI plans to organize an offsite tour of a local history and genealogy library in the St. Louis area for 2017 MLA conference attendees. The tour will help promote regional resources and connections for other librarians throughout the state. Furthermore, the CI would like to develop a Genealogy and Local History Award that recognizes excellence in the field. The CI will submit an award proposal to the MLA Award Committee for consideration.

During the annual meeting, nominations were taken from the floor for the CI's 2017 slate of officers with the following results:

Past-Chair    Empty position  
Chair        Brian Grubbs  
Vice-Chair   Cheryl Lang  
Recorder    Emily Jaycox

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## 2016 Community of Interest Annual Reports

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### Missouri Association of College and Research Libraries (MACRL) – submitted by Kimberly Moeller, vice-chair

#### 2016 Representatives

Past-Chair, Stephanie Tolson

Chair, Robert Hallis

Vice-Chair, Kimberly Moeller

Recorder, Tensy Marcos-Bodker

The annual business meeting was held during the MLA Conference in Springfield, MO on October 7, 2016. Six members were in attendance who voted to appoint Noël Kopriva as the Recorder effective January 2017. Also approved was the donation of the ACRL allotment of \$96 to the Ronald G. Bohley Scholarship Fund. With the help of funding from MLA, MACRL's Chapter Councilor attended numerous board and membership meetings at both the ALA Annual and Midwinter Conferences.

On April 1, 2016 MACRL hosted its first day long workshop, focusing on the ACRL webcast, *Introduction to Critical Library Pedagogy*. The workshop was located at the University of Central Missouri, and included a tour of the James C. Kirkpatrick Library, collaboration between academic librarians from around Missouri, an ACRL webcast, and subsequent moderated discussion.

On June 8, 2016 MACRL hosted an ACRL webcast, *A Library for the Whole Student: Creating a Culture of Health & Wellness at your Library at the annual MOBIUS Conference*.

On October 5, 2016, during the MLA Annual Conference, MACRL held a luncheon which allowed Missouri academic libraries to network and hear from Ann Campion Riley. As the ACRL Past-President and Acting Director of MU Libraries at the University of Missouri – Columbia, Ann Riley spoke on the *Opportunities and Challenges Facing Libraries in Higher Education*.

MACRL sponsored a number of conference programs at the MLA Annual Conference. Some of the academic programs that were offered included:

- Helping Patrons Navigate GIS (Geographic Information Systems)
- Game On – Partnering with Student Activities to Host a Library Game Night: Create Library Buy-In Through Innovative Events & Partnerships
- Give the People What They Want: Using LibGuides Analytics to Understand Patron Research Needs
- Building Community with Freshmen: An Embedded Librarian Experiment
- Smartphones and Scavenger Hunts: A Mobile Introduction to the Library
- Rooted in Campus Community: Aligning Your Institution's Mission, Planning, and Assessment Models with ACRL Standards for Libraries in Higher Education
- Make Your LibGuides a HIT!
- Listening to Your Patrons: How to Design and Conduct a Student Drawing Exercise to Seek Their Vision of the Ideal Library Space
- Seeding Your Institutional Repository Community
- Course Reserves: Piloting a New Organization
- Sharing Managerial Wisdom in the Library
- Spiva Library's Solution for Effectively Assessing and Managing Its Collections
- Avanzando: The Impact of Mentoring

MACRL is planning to offer two ACRL webinars in 2017:

- MACRL will host a workshop Rockhurst University (Kansas City) in April, featuring the ACRL webcast *Improving Communication Through Visual Design*.
- A webinar will be held as a post-conference session during the June 2017 MOBIUS Annual Users Conference. Attendees will be able to sign up for the post-session during MOBIUS Conference registration.

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## UMKC Libraries

### UMKC Librarian Receives Excellence Award



Tracey Hughes, middle, receiving the Bernice M. Hezner Award for Excellence in Academic Health Sciences

On October 24, 2016 Tracey Hughes (middle), the Library Instruction and Reference Librarian at the UMKC Dental Library, received the Bernice M. Hetzner Award for Excellence in Academic Health Sciences Librarianship. The award was given to Hughes for her high level of professional accomplishment. Lisa Traditi, Chair of the Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Association, writes:

[Hughes'] letters of recommendation for the award all mentioned her dedication to her academic community and her work with MCMLA. She is committed to evidence-based practice and to continually improving her work with health care professionals, students, and researchers.

### UMKC Professor to Display Exhibition in Library

Dr. Adrienne Walker Hoard, Professor of Fine Art and Black Studies at UMKC, will exhibit her photography, original paintings, and beaded jewelry in the UMKC Miller Nichols Library from January 26, 2017–May 19, 2017. Beyond her life as a professor at UMKC, Hoard is an accomplished painter, photographer, and jewelry maker. Her paintings and photographs have been exhibited in over 900 national and international solo and group exhibitions.

Her gallery opening, sponsored by the UMKC Friends of the Library, will be on January 25 from 4:30-7pm in the Miller Nichols Library. For more information on the artist and to RSVP for the gallery opening please visit <http://library.umkc.edu/blog/news-blog/node/250>

Inside the  
Art Life of  
**Adrienne Walker Hoard**

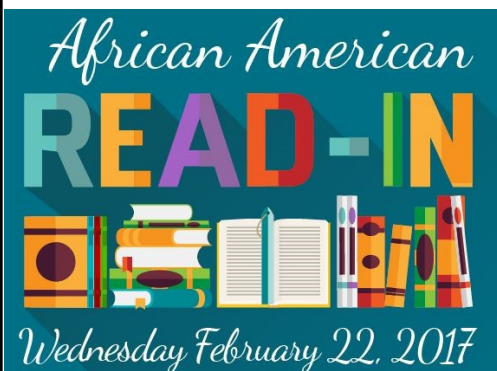
**Gallery Opening:**  
Wed, January 25, 2017  
4:30pm-7:00pm  
Miller Nichols Library  
Dean's Gallery | 4th Floor

Paintings, photography, and jewelry from  
Dr. Adrienne Walker Hoard, Professor of  
Fine Art and Black Studies at UMKC

Exhibit on display  
through May 19, 2017




### 2017 UMKC African American Read-In



The eighth annual African American Read-In (AARI) at UMKC will be held on February 22, 2017 from 3:30-5pm at the UMKC Miller Nichols Library. This program, created by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English, celebrates literature and literacy through the presentation of literary contributions by African American authors and artists.

Through the sharing of published and unpublished literary works by local, regional, and national authors and artists, this library event provides our community with exposure to content that evokes thought, feeling, and discussion about race, culture, and many other important social issues. To RSVP please visit <https://library.umkc.edu/read-in-2017>

## MOBIUS News

### MOBIUS Welcomes New IT Manager

The MOBIUS team has a new member in its ranks: Petar Datsov has been named the new IT Manager. Petar holds a master's degree in Electronics Engineering as well as an MBA in Information Technology. He brings a wide range of experience, including 15 years' experience in higher education and private industry working in IT departments. Early in his career, he was an Adjunct Professor of Finance and for several years he managed small businesses. Petar's duties at MOBIUS involve overseeing the organization's information technology, including its websites, databases, and networks. When he is not busy working, Petar builds websites and mobile applications, and spends his free time outdoors with his family.

### New MOBIUS Member Library

MOBIUS is pleased to announce that its first member library using the Polaris ILS platform is live and sharing materials via INN-Reach! Altoona (Iowa) Public Library serves both an urban/suburban and rural population adjacent to the Des Moines metro area with an annual circulation of nearly 200,000 items (physical and virtual) per year. Altoona participates in the State Library of Iowa's Open Access project, which allows any Iowan to receive a card and use most of APL's services (excluding virtual items and special loans, such as ILL/MOBIUS), and their patrons can do the same at other participating Iowa libraries. Kim Kietzman, Library Director for Altoona, says her staff is "excited about what [MOBIUS] means for our citizens for borrowing" The MOBIUS community is equally excited to have APL on board!

### MOBIUS Prepares to Implement New Service

In January 2017, the SWAN cluster and West Des Moines Public Library will begin testing ArticleReach Direct. A cloud-based service offered by Innovative Interfaces, it will allow all participating libraries to share articles seamlessly. Articles are delivered directly to users' library accounts without staff intervention, saving library staff time and money while providing quick and easy access for users.

MOBIUS is the first consortium in the United States to implement the service. It will be sharing resources with a consortium in Australia, with several additional consortia slated to implement after MOBIUS goes live with the service in early February. MOBIUS is proud to expand unmediated resource sharing beyond print books and ebooks to include electronic journals to all of our member libraries.

## St. Louis County Library Introduces New Program for Children on Autism Spectrum

St. Louis County Library (SLCL) will introduce a new program for families this January at two branches. Sensory Story Time is geared towards families with children ages 3-9 who are on the autism spectrum or who have multi-sensory needs. The program will provide a soothing environment for children to enjoy a story and other fun activities.

The programs will take place at the following locations:

- Library Headquarters (1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.) on the first and third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
- Weber Road Branch (4444 Weber Rd.) on the second and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of kids diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder is rising, from 1 in 80 kids in 2010 to 1 in 45 kids in 2015. As a result, parents and librarians across the U.S. are working together to help make the library a place where children on the autism spectrum are welcome.

Sandy Anderson, SLCL's Early Literacy Coordinator said, "We want our library to be more welcoming, inclusive, and comfortable for all of our patrons. Sensory Story Time allows the library to work with families that might not attend library story times otherwise."

Sensory Story Time will use props, toys and tactile objects, to offer children a variety of ways to process the information being presented.

In an effort to help kids feel more comfortable, SLCL will provide noise canceling headphones and blue light covers to mitigate sensory stimulation such as fluorescent lighting and loud noises.

SLCL staff have put together a slideshow for each branch hosting Sensory Story Time, outlining the various activities that will take place. Parents report that providing a visual road map helps children with autism transition from one activity to the next.

To register or to learn more about Sensory Story Time, please call 314-994-3300.

## Mid-America Library Alliance

### Save the Date – Children’s Workshop

- March 21, 2017: Children’s Workshop – Colonial Presbyterian Church

### 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, the Library Espresso Shot Access Pass, or as a Group Viewing. Our library includes nearly 70 webcasts and nearly 60 Library Espresso Shots.

Newest Library Espresso Shots:

- *20 Children’s Books All About the Library*
- *Children’s Books on Unity.Kindness.Peace*
- *Duty to Act: Harassment Awareness for Supervisors & Managers*
- *Motivating Different Generations in the Workforce*
- *Responding to Disruptive, Threatening or Violent Behavior in the Library*
- *Strategies for Working with the Talkative Patron*

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 one-two business days from pickup within full service area (up to three 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-americanlibraryalliance.org](mailto:kirstenmyers@mid-americanlibraryalliance.org).

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## Amigos Updates

### **SAVE THE DATE: February 16 Online Conference, Library Space for All Ages!**

Join Amigos for our online conference, *Library Space for All Ages*, on *Thursday, February 16, 2017*.

The physical spaces of library have evolved tremendously in recent years. While some libraries exist in small spaces as small as one room, other have room to have children's, senior, teen, and even new adult spaces. The interpretations of how a library responds to patrons' needs within their physical space varies to a nearly infinite degree.

Has your library recently remodeled or reimagined its library space? Does your library respond to your populations by creating specific spaces for varying purposes, such as a community room or quiet space? Has your library had success in creating age-specific spaces for teens, children, or seniors? Is your library creating unique virtual spaces for patrons to access remotely?

Check [our website](https://www.amigos.org/libraryspaces) (<https://www.amigos.org/libraryspaces>) regularly for updated details. For more information about this conference, contact Kyla Hunt, [hunt@amigos.org](mailto:hunt@amigos.org) or 800-843-8482.

### **Amigos eShelf<sup>SM</sup> Service Update**

We continue to add functionality to the Amigos eShelf<sup>SM</sup> Service. If you haven't seen it lately, please stop by – there's a lot going on:

#### **Indie E-book Titles**

Our partnership with eBooksAreForever.com brings you vetted, indie titles for your collections. Check out their website and see what is available for use through the Amigos eShelf<sup>SM</sup> Service.

#### **Credit Card Payment**

Amigos encourages libraries to use credit cards to purchase e-books through us. Deposit accounts are also still available.

#### **What's Coming**

- Science and technology titles from Elsevier are almost all loaded! These will be licensed for unlimited use.
- Watch for our next group of over 90 publishers, distributed through Ingram, including content of interest for all libraries.
- The next large development project will be to support consortial use, e.g., sharing titles within a consortia or group of libraries.

### **Discounts for IGI Global Perpetual Purchases**

Do you have year-end funds for perpetual purchases? IGI Global is offering an additional 10% discount for custom databases and single title purchases for your year-end library needs. With up-to-date content in 11 subject areas, the emerging technology research is a great addition to your library.

IGI Global's 2017 copyright year is well underway and features over 400 e-books and 166+ e-journals, many of which are available to your institution for immediate inclusion in your university's library. The peer-reviewed research is published in collaboration with prestigious academics and industry leaders worldwide.

All research is available for pick-and-choose custom databases, allowing institutions to receive the titles they need with the Amigos Consortia discount pricing. View the IGI Global offer for Amigos members [here](http://www.amigos.org/node/1625) (<http://www.amigos.org/node/1625>). IGI Global e-resources are offered as PDF and XML, no DRM and unlimited users.

For more information, contact Megan Bryant at [bryant@amigos.org](mailto:bryant@amigos.org) or 800-843-8482, ext. 2896.

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## Amigos Updates

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### Oxford Launches *The New Oxford Shakespeare*

Crowning the Shakespeare 400th-anniversary year, Oxford University Press is launching [The New Oxford Shakespeare](http://www.oxfordscholarlyeditions.com/nos) (<http://www.oxfordscholarlyeditions.com/nos>). Presenting an entirely new consideration of all of Shakespeare's works, this resource is edited from first principles of the base-texts themselves, drawing on the latest textual and theatrical scholarship.

The New Oxford Shakespeare comprises the *Modern Critical Edition*, the *Critical Reference Edition*, and the *Authorship Companion*, integrating all of this material on Oxford University Press's scholarly editions platform: *Oxford Scholarly Editions Online*.

For more information, contact Megan Bryant at [bryant@amigos.org](mailto:bryant@amigos.org) or 800-843-8482, ext. 2896.

### Help Your Health Care Students with Ovid

Now is a great time for Amigos members to save on [Ovid's](http://www.ovid.com/site/index.js) Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (LWW) products (<http://www.ovid.com/site/index.js>).

Discounts are available for:

- All LWW Books and new editions
- [LWW Doody's 2016 Core Collection](#) (220 books)
- [LWW JBI Book Collection](#) – Purchase only (23 books)
- [LWW Comprehensive Archive Collection](#)

For more information, contact Megan Bryant at [bryant@amigos.org](mailto:bryant@amigos.org) or 800-843-8482, ext. 2896.

### Time to Purchase or Renew Your ASME Digital Collection

Amigos is currently renewing the [American Society of Mechanical Engineer's \(ASME\) Digital Collection](https://www.asme.org/) (<https://www.asme.org/>). If you have the collection and would like to renew through Amigos or to purchase the collection for 2017, we are here to help you.

The ASME Digital Collection offers online journals, conference proceedings, and eBook packages. It is ASME's repository of current and archival literature, featuring ASME's 28 journals, Applied Mechanics Review from 1960-present, ASME's Conference Proceedings from 2002 to present and ASME Press eBooks from 1993 to present. The ASME Digital Collection has COUNTER-compliant usage statistics, advanced search functionality and user accounts for alerts.

For more information, contact Ashley Brizeula at [brizeula@amigos.org](mailto:brizeula@amigos.org) or 800-843-8482, ext. 2805.

### Take a Look at eBrary's Databases

ProQuest's [eBrary](#) offers a unique set of online database collections, combining more than 30,000 authoritative books and other documents from over 220 leading publishers.

Academic disciplines covered by eBrary include:

- Business
- Marketing and Economics
- Computers and Information Technology
- Technology and Engineering
- Humanities
- Life and Physical Sciences
- Social and Behavior Sciences
- Education
- Medical Sciences
- Reference and Maps

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## New Managers at DBRL

Recognize these librarians? They co-chaired the 2014 MLA Conference held in Columbia, MO. Now they're sharing the responsibilities of managing the Adult and Community Services team at the Columbia Public Library.



Angela Scott

After joining DBRL in 2005, Lauren Williams discovered her interest in library science while working as DBRL Director Melissa Carr's assistant, and completed her MLS while in that position. She was hired as a full-time librarian in 2010. Angela Scott joined DBRL in 1998. She started in the administrative office and completed her MLS after joining the Children's team. After her earning her master's, she worked as a children's librarian and most recently as the Technical Services manager.



Lauren Williams

Mitzi St. John  
Public Relations Manager  
Daniel Boone Regional Library

## Missouri Evergreen News

The Missouri Evergreen welcomed two new members to the consortium, Festus Public Library and Trails Regional Library. They are scheduled to migrate onto the Evergreen ILS in the first half of 2017. On December 1, the membership held an in-person meeting at the Missouri Public Library Directors' meeting to discuss the regular business of the consortium. The Cataloging and Circulation Committees continue to meet on a monthly basis to share and develop new processes in their related areas.

In November, MOBIUS shifted the Missouri Evergreen servers to use Google container technology and upgraded to Evergreen version 2.11. The container technology is faster and more reliable than the traditional ownership of physical servers and allows the ILS service to be more flexible in terms of hardware in order to meet future demand. Missouri Evergreen is the first Evergreen consortium to adopt this technology.

The Missouri Evergreen website, <http://libraries.missourievergreen.org>, contains more information about the consortium, including member libraries and borrowing/lending statistics. The mission of Missouri Evergreen is to provide a shared integrated library system to increase resource sharing among Missouri public libraries. Administered by MOBIUS, it is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as Administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

## Springfield-Greene County Library Updates

### Jeana Gockley is New Manager of Schweitzer Brentwood Branch

The renovated Brentwood Branch Library will have a new look when it reopens on Jan. 7, a new name and, now, a new manager -- Jeana Gockley. Jeana is a familiar face among her fellow MLA members on the Library staff, and an Ozarks resident. Jeana comes to Springfield after serving as manager of the McDonald County Library District since February 2016. Before that, she worked at the Joplin Public Library as a children's assistant and later children's librarian since January 2001. She has a Master of Arts in Information Science & Learning Technologies from the University of Missouri -- Columbia; and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Missouri Southern State University, Joplin. The Brentwood Branch, which closed in April 2016 for a major renovation, reopens Jan. 7, 2017, as the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch in honor of a major donor, Jewell Schweitzer.

### Libraries Try Bluubeam Technology

The Library Center invites staff and patrons to try out the new beacon technology that allows us to send information to visitors on their smartphones. BluuBeam's technology includes beams—lightweight, hockey puck-sized iBeacons—strategically placed in different locations around the building. They are programmed with messages related to specific departments, and send the messages to Bluetooth-enabled Android and iOS smartphones when the app has been downloaded. Patrons get alerts about library offers and events as they pass through the building. For example, if you're at a storytime in the Children's Department, you may hear a "ping" on your phone and receive a message about an upcoming toddler and preschool STEAM program. The beacons will be moved to the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch in early 2017 to explain the new LEED design elements.

### Library Welcomes Refugees with Family Event

Springfield Welcome Home, a local nonprofit formed to help refugees settling in Springfield, hosted a playdate at the Library Center, Nov. 19. The auditorium was filled with 20–25 families from mostly African countries and at least that many volunteer families bearing clothing and household items, said Youth Services Librarian Phyllis Davis. "Through a translator," says Davis, "I was able to introduce the families to library services and inform them of translating services we have available at our service desks. I also brought in music and bubbles to entertain the children while their parents looked at the items brought. I was even able to practice my Spanish with a young mother from Colombia!"

### Six Branches Make Shopping Affordable at Holiday Store for Kids

Children of all ages found affordable gifts for family members, friends and teachers at the annual Holiday Store for kids at six library branches on Dec. 3. Staff of the Between Friends Gift Shop purchased items all year for the stores so children could buy jewelry, cups, keychains, picture frames and more for 25 cents to \$6. Family members and library volunteers helped children select the just-right gifts for everyone on their lists, then wrap and tag each item. Each branch planned a holiday open house during the store event, and featured country singers, Santa Claus and a ukulele performing group. Proceeds from the sales will go to library programming for all ages.

Kathleen O'Dell  
Springfield-Greene County Library

## Scenic Regional Library Forms Sister Relationship with Reykjavik City Library

While vacationing in Iceland in April 2016, Diane Disbro met with Palina Magnusdottir in Reykjavik. Diane is circulation coordinator and Union Branch manager of Scenic Regional Library. Palina is the director of the Reykjavik City Library. With the approval of Scenic's director, Steven Campbell, a sister library relationship was formed between the two libraries.

A dozen staff members in Reykjavik have been matched with a dozen at Scenic to share information about their jobs. Icelandic law requires that every community have a library. All libraries, public, university and school, belong to one consortium.

The Reykjavik City Library is supported by taxes and by annual dues amounting to approximately \$15 per library patron. The City Library has six branches, a bookmobile and an event mobile. There are bookmobile stops for all communities that are farther than one kilometer (walking distance) from a brick-and-mortar branch. A new branch is planned. It will be housed in a library/school/swimming pool complex. The Icelandic Sagas contain the history of the Viking settlement of Iceland, an island that had no indigenous people. The first settlers arrived in the 10th century. The tradition of storytelling continues today in this country that publishes more books per capita than any other in the world. Palina said that all Icelanders have a story inside them. She hopes to one day write about her mother.

The branches of the Reykjavik City Library are replacing the word Library with Culture House. They want to be seen as keepers of culture, not just books. Their programming, art exhibits and borrowed art all support the rebranding of the library. American libraries could do the same!

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## State Historical Society of Missouri

### Missouri Conference on History Registration Opens January 12

Reserve your space at the 59th annual Missouri Conference on History this March 22–24 to explore diverse historical topics, including public history and historic preservation. Hosted by the Missouri State University History Department at the University Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield, the packed program will highlight new scholarship ranging from the American Civil War to 20<sup>th</sup> century politics. Early registration is \$45; standard registration, which will begin in February, is \$55. For additional information, please visit <http://shsmo.org/mch>.



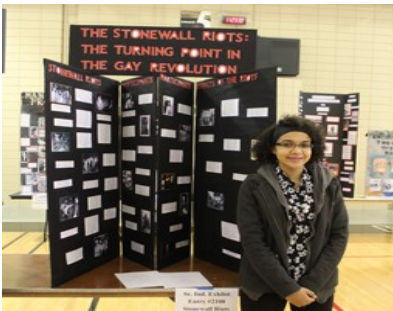
### African American Experience in Missouri Lecture Series Continues in February



Author Clarence Lang

At 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 7, Clarence Lang, the author of *Grassroots at the Gateway: Class Politics and Black Freedom Struggle in St. Louis, 1936–75*, will present a talk examining how current events such as the recent protests in Ferguson, Missouri, bring change to interpretations of past struggles for black freedom. Lang, the chair of African and African American Studies at the University of Kansas, will also discuss ways that contemporary historical framing can inform (or misinform) present-day movements. The event will be held in Columbia at Jesse Wrench Auditorium in the University of Missouri's Memorial Student Union. The talk is part of the African American Experience in Missouri lecture series, a collaboration between the State Historical Society of Missouri's Center for Missouri Studies and the University of Missouri's Division of Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity.

### Help Students Explore History through National History Day!



Ciara Pate with her National History Day project on the Stonewall riots in New York in 1969.

National History Day in Missouri is looking for volunteers to serve as judges at the state contest on April 29 at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Judges can expect to spend the day interacting with students from across the state in grades six 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](http://nhdmo.org/judges) or call 573.882.7083.

### Bluegrass Pickin' One More Time

Save the date of April 30 to join SHSMO and Mid-Missouri public radio station KMST in honoring Mona Jones, Missouri's "First Lady of Bluegrass Music;" Jim Orchard, distinguished Shannon County fiddler and mandolin player; and Jimmie Allison and the Ozark Rounders for an afternoon of live bluegrass at the Havener Center on the Missouri University of Science and Technology campus in Rolla. Watch for more information at <http://shsmo.org/events>.



Bill Jones and the Bluegrass Travelers in the 1970s. The band was one of the first bluegrass groups in the state. They were known, like most in their genre, for a gospel component and also a tradition of unscripted and open-ended jams. Photo courtesy of the State Historical Society of Missouri.

## Mid-Continent Public Library News

### MARC Partnership for KC Degrees Program

Launched this fall as a new initiative of the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), the KC Degrees program seeks to reconnect adults with their deferred higher education goals. Mid-Continent Public Library is among numerous institutions collaborating with MARC to offer this new program, which provides adults who have completed some college credit (but never graduated) the tools and guidance they need to finish their degrees.



Any adult with a high school credential (diploma, GED, or HiSet) is eligible for the program, as well as adults with no college credits previously earned. During their meetings, KC Degrees navigators will help prospective students evaluate available degree options, set career goals, apply for enrollment, and seek financial aid. MCPL was selected in part for the Library's involvement in the [Career Online High School](#) program, which offers adults the opportunity to earn an accredited high school diploma and career certificate, as well as its presence in key regions of the metro with higher percentages of adults who have not finished their college degrees.

According to MARC, more than 40 percent of jobs now require at least a bachelor's degree. Additionally, individuals with a bachelor's degree are estimated to make 66 percent more during their careers than those with only a high school diploma. By supporting the education and growth of Kansas City-area adults, the KC Degrees program ultimately aims to stimulate the local economy by equipping people with the skills they need to obtain better paying jobs and attract more companies to the Kansas City metro. To learn more about the KC Degrees program, visit [kcdegrees.org](http://kcdegrees.org).

## Proposition L

Thanks to the voters of Clay, Jackson, and Platte Counties for your support!



### Library's Proposition L Passes

Mid-Continent Public Library is pleased to announce the approval of Proposition L by voters in the Library's district, which encompasses the majority of Jackson, Clay, and Platte Counties. Passing with a total of 62.3% in favor, and support from the majority of voters in all three counties in the Library's district, Prop L was put before the voters on November 8 as a means to maintain and expand the Library's current operations—from programs and services to renovating or replacing aging facilities.

will be spent in each individual community. Following this, MCPL will increase its investment in its physical and digital collections at the launch of its next fiscal year—July 2017—as well as begin the process of renovating and replacing aging facilities.

The Library will soon begin meeting with residents to get additional input on how tax dollars from Prop L

Although Prop L has now passed with voter approval, the Library will not collect the approved levy amount until the end of 2017 based on the standard property tax cycle. MCPL coordinated with [EveryLibrary](#) as it worked on its information campaign for Prop L, which started in July. For more information about Prop L, visit the Library's website at [mymcpl.org/election](http://mymcpl.org/election).

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## Mid-Continent Public Library News

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### Gerald Dickens and David zum Brunnen Return to MCPL for Performances

The great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens returned to Mid-Continent Public Library for four special performances of *A Christmas Carol* on Nov. 21 and 22. A professional actor in England, the energetic Gerald Dickens leapt, laughed and sobbed as he portrayed the voices of his famous ancestor's beloved story.

On Nov. 28, David zum Brunnen offered a similarly captivating performance as he gave his portrayal of the 17 unique characters in *A Christmas Carol* and Charles Dickens himself during the very special night in 1843 when he created the timeless classic. Zum Brunnen is best known for his work acting and writing for public television, including "The Night Before Christmas Carol." Zum Brunnen's performance has earned high praise from many, including the Dickens family.



Gerald Dickens performs *A Christmas Carol* at Mid-Continent Public Library.

The programs by Dickens and zum Brunnen were an overwhelming success, drawing in more than 1,200 attendees. In addition, MCPL offered a plethora of other unique holiday programs at its branches this holiday season, ranging in format and topic – from Christmas and Kwanzaa to Chinese New Year.



Ritchie Momon, MCPL Chief Customer Experience Officer

### Staff Changes at MCPL

Over the past several months, Mid-Continent Public Library has welcomed a number of experienced professionals to its leadership team. In August, Ritchie Momon joined the MCPL team as chief customer experience officer – a position in which he oversees the operations and staff of the Library's 31 branches. Prior to MCPL, Momon served as the director of branch operations and events at Kansas City Public Library.

In the fall, Dylan Little took the reins as MCPL's community programming manager. Little formerly served as the assistant branch manager at the Library's Lee's Summit Branch and will now use his years of in-branch experience to lead a team of five in scheduling and organizing the Library system's more than 9,500 annual community programs.

In addition to staff changes on the Library's administrative team, MCPL has promoted several assistant managers to branch managers including:

Peyton Jenkins (Buckner Branch)  
Kara Drury (Claycomo Branch)  
Katie Gregory (Liberty Branch)  
Amy Barclay (North Oak Branch)

New assistant branch managers include:  
Michael Engelman (Buckner Branch)  
Linda Hopkins (Claycomo Branch)  
Amanda Rhodes at (Lee's Summit Branch)  
Sherron Bridges (Liberty Branch)  
Andrew Phillips (Midwest Genealogy Center)  
Leighton Hallenberg (North Independence Branch)  
Brynne Street (Excelsior Springs Branch)  
Carol Nolte (Grain Valley Branch)  
LynnDee Wathen (Oak Grove Branch)

## 2016 Community of Interest Annual Reports

### Missouri Association of College and Research Libraries (MACRL) – submitted by Kimberly Moeller, vice-chair

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#### 2017 Representatives

Chair, Kimberly Moeller	Vice-Chair, Tensy Marcos-Bodker	Recorder, Noël Kopriva
Past-Chair 2016, Robert Hallis	ACRL Councilor, Christina Prucha	

### Reference and Government Information (RGICI), submitted by Tiffany Davis, chair

For the 2016 year, RGICI sponsored four presentations at the MLA 2016 Annual Conference and also participated in the Meet and Greet. The Meet and Greet was a great opportunity to promote the Community of Interest and hopefully boost interest. There were no funds requested for the 2016 year.

Alanna Sablotny, a reference librarian, will be taking over as Chair for 2017.

### Professionalism, Education, Employment, and Recruitment, submitted by Jamie Emery, chair

In 2016, leadership of the Professionalism, Education, Employment, and Recruitment (PEER) Community of Interest selected Allison Repping (Ferguson Municipal Public Library) and Sergio González (Pius XII Memorial Library, Saint Louis University) as the 2016 recipients of the Ronald G. Bohley Scholarship.

The PEER CI sponsored a busy slate of activities at the Missouri Library Association annual conference in Springfield, MO in October, including a Trivia Night fundraiser that raised \$1,400 for the Ronald G. Bohley Scholarship fund, a CV/Resume Review service, seven conference break-out sessions, and the PEER CI annual meeting. At this meeting, PEER CI members participated in a joint discussion with Public Libraries CI members about the possibility of collaborating on a state-wide mentoring initiative and elected Amanda Albert, Instructional Services Librarian at Saint Louis University as PEER CI Recorder for 2017.

In 2016, The PEER CI requested and was granted \$300.00 in non-conference funds from MLA to be used for a formal Ronald G. Bohley Scholarship fundraising appeal to the MLA membership. Upon further reflection, we determined to keep the initial appeal electronic only to determine the feasibility of this practice moving forward, and have requested the funds for 2017 to conduct a mailing if the electronic pilot is successful.

In 2017, PEER CI leadership will be Brent Husher, Mid-Continent Public Library (Chair), Cindy Thompson, University of Missouri/Kansas City (Vice-Chair), and Amanda Albert, Saint Louis University (Recorder).

### Public Libraries (PLCI), submitted by Laura Kirk, chair

In 2016, the PLCI requested the creation of the Community Partnership Award to celebrate an effective partnership between a library and a community organization or business. The award was approved by the MLA board, and the first year that nominations will be entertained for this award is 2017. The wording for the award is as follows: “The Community Partnership Award recognizes a Missouri library and one or more community organizations for developing a partnership that benefits members of their shared community.”

The PLCI continued to encourage use of its Facebook page to promote an exchange of information and ideas about issues pertaining to public library staff in Missouri.

The Public Libraries Community of Interest, in conjunction with the Professionalism, Education, Employment, and Recruitment Community of Interest (PEER), developed a subcommittee under PLCI for the development of a statewide mentorship program for library staff. PLCI and PEER met together on October 7 for part of their annual meetings for both groups to discuss the formation of the ad-hoc committee and the development of the mentorship program.

In 2017, the Public Libraries Community of Interest plans to continue the development of a mentoring program for staff of public libraries in Missouri under the mentoring subcommittee in conjunction with PEER, so that students and public library staff at all levels would be able to connect with mentors.

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### Technical Services, submitted by Liz Pfeiffer, vice-chair

#### 2016 Activities

During the MLA Annual Conference the Technical Services Community of Interest (TSCI) participated in the Meet & Greet session by staffing a table and providing information about the CI to passers-by. TSCI also held a table discussion during the Community of Interest meetings on the morning of Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

TSCI sponsored the four following breakout sessions during the MLA Conference:

- *How a Centralized Programming Support Collection Can Help Your Library Reach Its Goals*
- *Maps, Timelines, Colors, and Cats: Can DPLA Help My Patrons? Can My Library Participate?*
- *eGO and LEAP: A Statewide Library E-Book Platform and a Library Content Exchange*
- *Spiva Library's Solution for Effectively Assessing and Managing Its Collections*

At the TSCI meeting held during the MLA Conference, Fiona Holly was nominated and selected as the 2017 Vice Chair. The following goals were also set forth, with tentative deadlines and identified volunteers for each goal.

- Scholarship fund request and research
- Compose a draft for TSCI Bylaws
- Develop a cataloging/technical services resources list
- Research potential mentorship program (contact Peer-CI for potential collaboration)

After the conference, the TSCI submitted an Award Proposal and Budget Request for the creation of a Technical Services Call-to-Conference Award. The proposal and budget request were both approved during the November MLA Board Meeting.

#### Plans for 2017

- Develop a TSCI Call-to-Conference Award Team (end of 2016/beginning of 2017); review applications and submit an award recipient nomination to the MLA Board
- Compose a draft for TSCI Bylaws
- Develop a cataloging/technical services resource list to share with the Missouri Technical Services community
- Research the PEER-CI mentorship program which is under development (contact PEER-CI for potential collaboration)

#### Officers for 2017

**Chair:**

Liz Pfeiffer

**Vice Chair:**

Fiona Holly

### Youth Services (YSCI), submitted by Johnathan Shoff, chair

The past year was all about improving communication both within YSCI and with the rest of MLA. Early in 2016, YSCI members worked with MLA board members to secure MLA conference guests. YSCI also worked with MLA to rework the time/day of Performer Showcase at MLA to best fit the schedule and attendees' needs. YSCI revised both the Building Blocks Award by-laws and the overall YSCI by-laws. We also recommitted ourselves to attending MASL meetings and building our relationship with school librarians. We will continue to build on relationships with MLA and all library staff in Youth Services in 2017. While we did not pull together to get the Unconference off the ground in 2016, we are planning a YSCI-sponsored Unconference tentatively in April of 2017 and requested funding for food.

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### Youth Services (YSCI), submitted by Johnathan Shoff, chair

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In addition to above, YSCI issued numerous awards/scholarships in 2016.

- Awarded the Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award to *Naked* by Michael Ian Black and Debbie Ridpath Ohi.
- The Thusnelda Schmidt Scholarship was awarded to Valerie Jankowski, a Library Media Specialist at Washington Middle School, to attend this year's ALA conference.
- The Show Me Youth Services Award was given to Sandy Anderson, the Early Literacy Coordinator for St Louis County Library.
- YSCI hosted Debbie Ridpath Ohi, illustrator for the 2016 Building Block Award winner *Naked*, at the MLA Conference for the Thusnelda Schmidt Luncheon.
- YSCI hosted popular YA author Jay Asher, writer of the hit *Thirteen Reasons Why*, at the MLA Conference YA Breakfast. Jay spoke about his writing experiences and his newest book, *What Light*.

YSCI enjoyed sponsoring numerous sessions at MLA, including the Performer Showcase. We met with many wonderful Youth Services staff at our annual meeting, and we determined the 2017 Committee, with members listed below.

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#### **Past Chair**

Johnathan Shoff

Submitted by Jennifer Peters

Community of Interest Council Chair

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**Library Advocacy Day**

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**Tuesday, February 7, 2017**

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