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Message from MLA President Vicky Baker



We had a good turnout for Library Advocacy Day in Jefferson City on February 7. Several attendees and I began the day by attending the hearing on the Secretary of State's budget. I was thrilled that Secretary of State Ashcroft began his defense of his budget by saying that he is "passionate about libraries." Secretary Ashcroft said that he grew up in a library and believed in what libraries did. He said the importance of the work libraries do in helping people find jobs and start businesses and helping children read at grade level was too important to cut the library portion of his budget. What a great start to the day! The Secretary then visited the assembled Missouri Library Advocacy Day attendees meeting and repeated what he had said about the budget, showing himself to be a positive advocate for libraries.

However, the state is looking at a \$400 - \$600 million dollar shortfall this year. As library advocates, we have to stay vigilant about responding to the Legislative Committee's call for letters to legislators, and we need to invite our representatives into our libraries. Our public officials need to see for themselves the good work

that is going on in our libraries, and give them a chance to talk to citizens who are using the library. Our representatives in Jefferson City need firsthand stories about the needs for the library from librarians and their customers.

If you enjoy advocating to your legislators, there is another upcoming opportunity! National Library Legislative Day is coming up on May 1-2 in Washington D.C. The information (<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/nlld/schedule>) is linked here. We have a good contingent that goes every year, but we always need more. Please join us if you can.

The Board will soon begin work on our strategic plan. We will be surveying our members and trying to contact non-members as well, to gain insight into identifying our opportunities for development. Our current plan is to present draft of the strategic plan at the Conference Business Meeting. Please share your input by taking the time to fill out the upcoming survey.

Have a great spring!

Vicky Baker
MLA President

American Library Association Chapter Counselor's Mid-Winter Report



ALA Councilors Maria Taesil and Stephanie Tolson

The American Library Association (ALA) Mid-Winter meeting was eye opening. As a newly elected ALA Chapter Councilor, I attended orientation, Council sessions I, II, and III, as well as the evening forums that allowed me to hear the nitty-gritty behind action that would come to the Council floor the next day.

The Council is the governing body of the association that would vote on resolutions that could have wide-reaching effects. Did you know that there are 100 Councilors at Large, 11 Division Councilors, 53 Chapter Councilors, 12 Executive Board Members, and 20 Round Table Councilors? I found it was important to listen and take notes.

The ALA Council approved the [ALA Strategic Plan \(http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org/aboutala/files/content/governance/StrategicPlan/Strategic Directions June 28 2015.pdf\)](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org/aboutala/files/content/governance/StrategicPlan/Strategic%20Directions%20June%2028%202015.pdf) in June 2016, which included three areas of focus:

- Advocacy
- Information Policy
- Professional and Leadership Development

A resolution came before the Council and was approved to add a new area of focus: Equity, Diversity & Inclusion. The summary reads:

The American Library Association recognizes the equity, diversity, and inclusion impacts all aspects of work among members of the Association, within the field of librarianship, and within the communities served by libraries. This work includes addressing, dismantling, and transforming policies, structures, and biases throughout the organization and the field of librarianship. ALA, through its actions and those of its members, is instrumental in creating a more equitable, diverse and inclusive society.

Current ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fields has announced his retirement at the end of the 2017 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. While there were many reports and resolutions, the resolution to change the educational qualification for ALA Executive Director to prefer, but not require, an ALA-accredited Master's Degree or a CAEP-accredited Master's Degree with a specialty in school library media was one of the most discussed resolutions prior to and during the Mid-Winter meeting. Councilors spoke for and against this policy. Good arguments were heard from both sides, but in the end, the Council voted against this resolution. This was the highlight of my attendance and I decided to voice my opinion that "we must retain the degree because it would be the baseline of requirements and candidates for the new ALA Executive Director position to need to come to the table with additional qualifications."

Other tidbits worth sharing include:

- James Neal, President-Elect's overarching theme for external initiatives will be "LIBRARIES TRANSFORM, LIBRARIES LEAD"
- You can sign up for legislative alerts at www.ala.org/takeaction
- Wear red on April 11, 2017 in recognition of National Library Workers Day

You will find many updates from Mid-Winter Meeting reported via email and [ALA publications \(at https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/council-ii-defines-ala-executive-director-search-criteria/\)](https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/council-ii-defines-ala-executive-director-search-criteria/), but I hope this brief report informs you of some of the engagement that occurs during Council sessions.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie D. Tolson,
ALA Chapter Councilor for Missouri

2016 MLA Member at Large Annual Report

Over the course of 2016, I participated in the following activities to support my duties as Member at Large.

1. Worked with past chair Christina Prucha and other members to develop a plan for a series of workshops focused on helping members and non-members develop conference proposals. Designed initially live workshops held in numerous locations, our limited planning time forced us to regroup. The resulting Presentation Academy provided librarians with two well-attended webinars, followed by a four-hour pre-conference at the 2016 MLA Annual Conference.
2. Served as a member of the Strategic Task Force, contributing to teleconferences and online discussions regarding plans for the Task Force.
3. Worked with the MLA board members involved in revising the MLA Handbook; the resulting revisions were provided to the Handbook Committee for final editing.
4. Attended all Board meetings, including the Oct. 2015 orientation meeting held in Kansas City.
5. Agreed to co-chair the Membership Committee with Member at Large Jennifer Peters. We submitted a budget to support the tasks and activities for that Committee.
6. Talked with library staffs around Missouri, mostly in the southwest region, about their membership (or lack of membership) in MLA and discussed what MLA could do for them.

Nancee Dahms-Stinson

Call for 2018 President-Elect and Member-at-Large Candidates

The MLA Nominating Committee invites anyone who would like to run for either 2018 MLA President-elect or MLA Member-at-Large to put their name in the hat. Self-nominations and the nomination of others are both encouraged. If nominating someone else, please get their permission first.

Qualifications:

- Be an MLA individual member in good standing – in other words, make sure those dues are paid!
- Provide a headshot (.jpg is quite acceptable)
- Provide a candidate statement and bio (here are a couple of examples)

Please submit your nomination to Nominating Committee Chair Jodie Borgerding, by April 7, 2016. Direct questions can be sent to Jodie at jlborgerding@gmail.com.

Jodie Borgerding
2017 MLA Nominating Chair
jlborgerding@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

MLA Academy 2017: Grant Writing

Grant writing can be an overwhelming task, especially if you are new to it or wear many hats in your library. If you're curious about the process of grant writing, whether it be where to look for grants, how to write a good application, how to manage a grant effectively, or what to know about grant reporting, this workshop is for you.

This four-hour MLA pre-conference session will be a mix of discussion with presenters Emma DeLooze-Klein (Kirkwood Public Library), Roxanne Dunn (Southeast Missouri State University), Shay Young (Missouri State Library), and Rebecca Maddox (Mid-Continent Public Library) and several grant recipients, as well as an opportunity to bring in your grant applications for feedback.

The session is open to all library employees interested in the grant writing process. Save the date! It's coming soon.

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 8 a.m. – noon
2017 MLA Conference
Sheraton Westport Chalet
St. Louis

2016 Winners and 2017 Nominees Announced for Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award

The children of Missouri have spoken, selecting *Bunnies!!!* by Kevan Atteberry, as the winner of the 2016 Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award. Over 18,000 preschoolers and kindergarteners participated this year, and it's been a heated battle to the end. In fact, we believe this may have been one of the tightest races in Missouri Building Block Award history! At the final hour, *Bunnies!!!* snuck past *Little Penguin Gets the Hiccups* by Tadgh Bentley and *Rex Wrecks It!* by Ben Clanton.

The Missouri Building Block committee wants to thank all of the teachers, librarians, parents, and caregivers who read to their kids and helped them vote. Your support is what made this such a successful event. We also welcome you to join us in the 2017 voting process. The new nominees are:

- **Lion Lessons** by Jon Agee
- **Marta! Big & Small** by Jen Arena and illustrated by Angela Dominguez
- **There's a Giraffe in My Soup** by Ross Burach
- **There's a Bear on My Chair** by Ross Collins
- **Dragon Was Terrible** by Kelly DiPucchio and illustrated by Greg Pizzoli
- **Wolfie the Bunny** by Ame Dyckman and illustrated by Zacariah Ohora
- **Old MacDonald Had a Truck** written by Steve Goetz and illustrated by Eda Kaban
- **Frog on a Log?** by Kes Gray and illustrated by Jim Field
- **Still a Gorilla** by Kim Norman and illustrated by Chad Geran
- **10 Little Ninjas** by Miranda Paul and illustrated by Nate Wragg

We hope you and your youth enjoy this year's selections as much as last year's. For more information about the Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award program, go to our website molib.org/awards/building-block-award.

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Awards Chair
Missouri Building Block Award Committee

University of Missouri Libraries Updates

University of Missouri Libraries by the Numbers

Below are some highlights of the University Libraries in fiscal year 2016. To see a more complete statistical picture of the Libraries, you can visit <http://libraryguides.missouri.edu/staff/stats-and-forms> and click on **Annual Statistical Report FY2016**.



CYCLE OF SUCCESS at the University of Missouri Libraries

Last year the University of Missouri Libraries worked with a group of Missouri Journalism School students through their AdZou program and asked them to create a campaign for the Libraries that would focus on better communication with our faculty. The campaign that was developed is called Cycle of Success.

What is Cycle of Success?

Cycle of Success is the idea that libraries, faculty and students are linked; for one to truly succeed, we must all succeed. The path to success is formed by the connections between University of Missouri Libraries and faculty members, between faculty members and students, and between students and the libraries that serve them. More than just success, this is also a connection of mutual respect, support and commitment to forward-thinking research.

A big part of Cycle of Success is capturing stories that demonstrate the importance of the Libraries in the success of our students and faculty. To learn more about the Cycle of Success and to read some of our stories, visit: <http://library.missouri.edu/news/category/cycle-of-success>.

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Black History Month Events at the University of Missouri Libraries

During February, the University of Missouri celebrated black history and culture. This year's theme was Focus on Black Education. Two Black History Month events took place in Ellis Library.

- On Feb. 8, the University Libraries hosted the lecture "From #BlackLivesMatter to Black Liberation." Activist and scholar Keeanga-Yamatta Taylor spoke on the historical and contemporary ravages of racism and persistence of structural inequality such as mass incarceration and black unemployment.
- On Feb. 28, the University Libraries hosted the third annual Black History Trivia FUNraiser, which was organized by Rachel Brekhus and Paula Roper. It was an evening of fun, facts, food and friendly competition.

The MU Libraries Twitter feed sent out daily **#OnThisDay** tweets about black history that occurred across decades during the month of February: twitter.com/MULibraries.

UMKC

Multiple UMKC Librarians have been fact checkers at recent American Public Square events. Nara Newcomer served as a fact checker for the event "Religion & Race: Chasm or Bridge?" on Jan. 17, 2017. Scott Curtis and Tom Burns (pictured) were fact checkers for the event "Live and Learn: Neighborhoods, Education, and Transformation," held at Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, KS on Jan. 24, 2017. The event was sold-out with 250 attendees!



SISLT News

The School of Information Science & Learning Technologies at the University of Missouri is proud to announce the following:

- o Heather Moulaison Sandy published the second edition of *Digital Preservation for Libraries, Archives, and Museums*, with her co-author Edward M. Corrado. The book is available from Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.
- o Jenny S. Bossaller served as co-editor with Kathleen de la Peña McCook on the third edition of *Introduction to Public Librarianship*, published by ALA Neal-Schuman.
- o Sanda Erdelez co-authored *Incidental Exposure to Online News* with Borchuluun Yadamsuren, available from Morgan & Claypool Publishers in the Synthesis Lectures on Information Concepts, Retrieval, and Services.
- o On April 8th, 2017, the Library and Information Science Graduate Student Association will host its 4th annual research conference, with the theme “Engaging Your Community.” Registration is free and all are welcome.

Denice Adkins

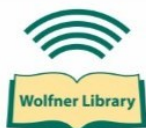
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Wolfner Taking Book and Braille Library Updates



If you are only able to read large print, you may qualify for Wolfner Library services, which include free access by mail to:

- Over 350,000 titles in audio and other formats
- Use of audio playback devices
- DVDs with descriptive narration
- Over 70 magazines



**Wolfner Talking Book
and Braille Library**

Email: Wolfner@sos.mo.gov

Toll free: 800-392-2614 (in Missouri)

Phone: 573-751-8720

Announcement from Wolfner Library

Does your library offer large print materials to youth and/or adults? If so, are you interested in helping to promote Wolfner Library's services? Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library is a free service for Missourians who cannot read standard print materials due to a visual, physical, or reading disability. In addition to providing accessible books, magazines, and movies, Wolfner Library also offers a wealth of programming, including youth and adult reading programs, books clubs by conference call for adults, and an early literacy program.

Wolfner Library is offering Missouri's libraries an opportunity to help promote our unique services. Wolfner Library has stickers designed to be placed on the inside covers of large print books. These stickers read "If you are only able to read large print, you may qualify for Wolfner Library Services" followed by some examples of our services and contact information for Wolfner Library. This is a great way to help promote a service to augment those offered by your library.

If you are interested in participating in this effort, please contact Amy Nickless, Special Services Librarian, at amy.nickless@sos.mo.gov or call 1-800-392-2614 and ask for Amy.

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Wolfner Taking Book and Braille Library Updates

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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.

Amy Nickless
Special Services Librarian
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Missouri Evergreen News

The Missouri Evergreen welcomed three new members to the consortium, Douglas County Library, Livingston County Library, and Texas County Library. Missouri Evergreen now consists of 36 member libraries. The new members are scheduled to migrate onto the Evergreen ILS in summer and fall 2017. The next member to go live on Missouri Evergreen will be Jefferson County Library, in mid-April.

The Evergreen International Conference will take place April 6-8 in Covington, KY. In addition to the MOBIUS Evergreen staff, several Missouri Evergreen libraries will be sending staff to this conference, which is a great opportunity to meet, learn from, and share with other members of the global Evergreen community. MOBIUS also submitted a proposal to the Evergreen community to host the 2018 Evergreen International Conference in Missouri and our proposal was chosen! The conference will take place at the St. Charles Convention Center in the spring of 2018.

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

Debbie Luchenbill
Evergreen Coordinator

MOBIUS News

It's no secret that MOBIUS is all about resource sharing, but the power of the consortium doesn't end with physical borrowing and lending. Our members saved, total, an amazing \$4,066,415.01 on e-resources last year. Christina Virden, E-Resources Coordinator for MOBIUS, works hard on behalf of our members to make sure they have access to a wide variety of quality resources at affordable costs, while handling all of the license negotiations, renewal processing, and acting as member advocate and vendor liaison. MOBIUS currently has a special offer running with Accessible Archives, the Journal of the American Medical Association through EBSCO, and will be adding Ideas Roadshow, Boopsie and Demco Software. New opportunities arise frequently, and Christina is always happy to answer questions: christina@mobiusconsortium.org.

MOBIUS has had the opportunity to welcome Eric Schmeck, who is spending his practicum hours working at the MOBIUS office as he wraps up work on an MLS from the University of Missouri-Columbia during the spring semester. Eric currently works in the outreach department of the Daniel Boone Regional Library, and is working with MOBIUS and Missouri Evergreen to learn about consortia and ILS management and development. In his first few weeks, Eric says, "I have been getting training on how to use Missouri Evergreen on both the public and staff side. I have also been learning about the policies and governance for the Missouri Evergreen Consortium, and the philosophy behind open source library products. It's been very interesting so far and I look forward to learning more."

MOBIUS Annual Conference: Save the date!

Plans are underway for the MOBIUS Annual Conference, which will take place at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, Mo., on June 5 -7. The Annual Conference is a chance for MOBIUS members to come together and swap ideas, network, and receive training. The conference is free for employees of Missouri libraries, and affordable for those coming from outside the state. Look for more details as they become available, including session and keynote speaker information, at <http://2017conf.mobiusconsortium.org>. Mark your calendars. We hope to see you there!

Stephanie Ruhe
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Mid-America Library Alliance Updates

Children's Workshop 2017 – Out of the Box Programming

March 21, 2017: [Children's Workshop – Colonial Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO](#)

Looking to expand your programming beyond story time and book clubs for kids? Check out Out-of-the-Box Programming, this year's all-day MALA Children's Workshop with unique ideas for engaging customers ages birth to elementary school. From Play and Learns for toddlers and preschoolers, to Break Out Kits for tweens, join librarians from across the state as we explore new programming trends for our youngest customers!

Cost:

- MALA Member: \$70.00 (Lunch included)
- Non-Member: \$140.00 (Lunch included)

Security Workshop – Creating a Culture of Safety and Security in Your Library

April 25, 2017: [Creating a Culture of Safety and Security in Your Library – Central Jackson County Fire District Training Center, Blue Springs, MO](#)

Get the tools you need to prepare for safety issues and security emergencies in your library. Session topics include:

- Library Safety & Security Panel: Discuss safety policies, codes of conduct, exclusion policies, and the different security issues your library faces and how they reflect the community you serve.
- Conflict/Conduct Management: How to deal with customers to prevent escalation of an incident, and how to approach problematic behavior.
- "Shots Fired - When Lightning Strikes" video: Provides the library employee with critical guidance on how to recognize and survive an active shooter situation.
- Weapons in Your Library: Explore the laws in Missouri and Kansas, and how they impact libraries.
- Situational Awareness: How to know who is in your building and what is going on, with the idea of preventing security issues in the first place.

Cost:

For Missouri Libraries:

The Missouri State Library through an LSTA grant is funding a very limited number of seats for this workshop for those employed in Missouri libraries. There is a limit of 2 registrations per library. Additional staff registrations will be placed on a waiting list, or they can register and pay through the general registration.

Follow [this link](#) to register for a grant supported seat in this workshop.

General Registration: (open to anyone)

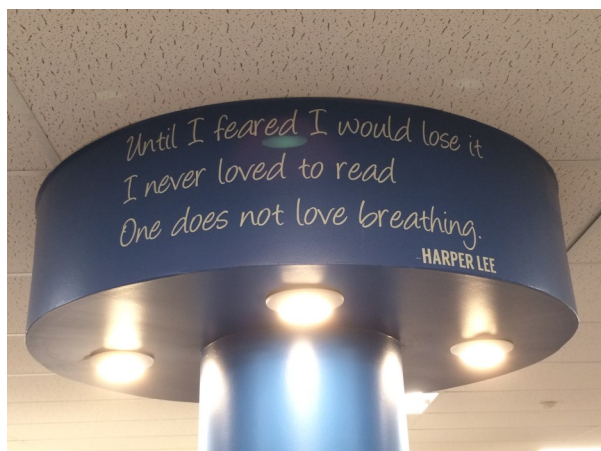
- MALA Member: \$80.00 (includes lunch)
- Non-Member: \$160.00 (includes lunch)

Follow [this link](#) to register for a general registration seat for this workshop. Please scroll to bottom of the page for the registration button.

Rolling Hills Library-Savannah Branch Gets a Facelift

Rolling Hills Library recently engaged in a branch redesign to update and modernize their Savannah Branch. With generous donations from the Margaret Perry and Winifred McCauley estates designated specifically for this branch, and additional funds from the library for replacement LED lighting, the space was redesigned to be more welcoming and open. Seating and collections for adults and children switched places in a “flip-flop” which now allows much more natural light, and teens have their own area now as well. Two study rooms were added, and some additional storage space was added for staff. Last year, an exterior mural was done, and some key furniture pieces purchased which started the process. The branch was closed for 6 weeks, and reopened on Saturday, February 18, 2017, with a ribbon-cutting and refreshments for all. Total project expenses were less than \$230,000, with the library’s share about \$45,000 of that.

Michelle R. Mears
Director
Rolling Hills Consolidated Library



Amigos Updates

Save the Date: Amigos Library Services Member Conference

The 2017 Amigos Library Services Member Conference is coming Wednesday, May 10! This year we're going from two days of programming to one action-packed day. The full schedule promises exciting and innovative information, including meeting our new CEO, Alan Kornblau.

Watch Amigos Now, Facebook, and Twitter for conference updates.

Take a Look at SELF-e's White Paper on Self-Publishing

Are your patrons interested in self-publishing? Now is a great time to learn more about [SELF-e \(http://self-e.libraryjournal.com/\)](http://self-e.libraryjournal.com/) and take advantage of the discounts available to Amigos members.

SELF-e, the author discovery program made possible by BiblioBoard and *Library Journal*, presents "[Five Crucial Mistakes Libraries Should Avoid with Self-Publishing: A SELF-e White Paper](https://biblioboard.com/en/lp-selfwhitepaper/?utm_source=selfeWebsite&utm_medium=button&utm_campaign=SELFeWhitePaper)" (https://biblioboard.com/en/lp-selfwhitepaper/?utm_source=selfeWebsite&utm_medium=button&utm_campaign=SELFeWhitePaper). To learn more about the best practices for supporting local authors, download your complimentary copy now.

For more information or to request a quote, contact Megan Bryant at bryant@amigos.org or 800-843-8482, ext. 2896.

Lexis Nexis Introduces New Platform

Are you a LexisNexis User? Do you want to be a LexisNexis User? We have exciting news! LexisNexis is introducing [Nexis Uni™ \(http://www.lexisnexis.com/en-us/products/nexis-uni/academic-research-tailored-for-each-user.page\)](http://www.lexisnexis.com/en-us/products/nexis-uni/academic-research-tailored-for-each-user.page), the new academic research solutions platform tailored for the needs of each user searching LexisNexis content. Nexis Uni™ features more than 15,000 news, business, and legal sources including U.S. Supreme Court decisions dating back to 1790.

To build the new platform, Lexis took input from university students; it led to a solution that offers an intuitive, engaging research experience on a wide range of devices. Students can create individual user IDs and passwords to enable setting alerts, saving searches, and bookmarking documents of interest. Nexis Uni™ also delivers a collaborative feature designed for group research.

For more information, contact Gerrye McEntire at mcentire@amigos.org or 800-843-8482, ext. 2818.

Look for Docuseek2's Spring Special

Looking to enhance your streaming collection with award-winning films from around the world? Amigos Library Services members can take advantage of [Docuseek2's 2017 Spring Special \(https://www.amigos.org/sites/default/files/docuseek2_2017_spring_sale_15.pdf\)](https://www.amigos.org/sites/default/files/docuseek2_2017_spring_sale_15.pdf), saving 15% on all new orders. Orders may be in the form of multiple single-title licenses or tokens of one year or more, or any of Docuseek2's collection offers. Need to encumber end-of-year money? Tokens are a great way to buy now at Spring Special prices, and select titles later.

[Docuseek2 \(http://www.docuseek2.com\)](http://www.docuseek2.com) streams over 900 essential social-issue and environmental documentaries to colleges and universities, providing exclusive access to content from Bullfrog Films, Icarus Films (including The Fanlight Collection and dGenerate Films), the National Film Board of Canada, KimStim, MediaStorm, Kartemquin Films, and Scorpion TV.

This special runs through June 30. For more information or to request a quote, contact Megan Bryant at bryant@amigos.org, or 800-843-8482, ext. 2896.

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Libraries from all markets using BrowZine

Libraries use [BrowZine](http://thirdiron.com/) (<http://thirdiron.com/>) to provide a visual display of their journals and make it easier for users to read and browse articles on any device.

Use BrowZine as your main point of journal access by integrating with popular discovery services and including durable links to subject areas and unique titles. Users get to journals in fewer clicks, minimizing the frustration/confusion users experience when presented with a list with multiple sources, and increase journal usage.

Features librarians and users especially like include:

- **Articles in Press** - immediate access to articles accepted for publication but not yet assigned a journal volume or issue
- **Personalization** - use *My Bookshelf* to follow and receive alert notifications for favorite journals; use *My Articles* to save articles to read and reference later
- **ILL/Link Resolver Integration** - customized ILL / Link Resolver Integration available
- **BrowZine A-Z** - ingestion of all holdings with an ISSN / eISSN for inclusion in BrowZine results
- **Automatic Updating of Holdings** - work with Third Iron to set-up monthly automatic updating of holdings

Are you interested in seeing examples of how libraries are using BrowZine to better promote use of their journals and meet the needs of a diverse range of users? Contact Ashley Brizuela at brizuela@amigos.org or 800-843-8482, ext. 2805 to request a demo webinar, quote, or trial of BrowZine.

Amigos Members Now Receive Discounts on ACM Books

Guess what? The new series from Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), [ACM Books](http://books.acm.org) (<http://books.acm.org>), is available to Amigos members at a discount!

ACM Books is an all-new series of educational, research, and reference works for the computing community. Inspired by the need for high-quality computer science publishing at the graduate, faculty, and professional levels, ACM Books is affordable, current, and comprehensive in scope.

ACM Books collections are available under an ownership model with archival rights included. For more information or to request a quote, contact Megan Bryant at bryant@amigos.org or 800-843-8482, ext. 2896.

Continuing Education Opportunities

Need a cataloging refresher? Don't worry, we're here for you. Whether it's RDA, EAD, or XSL, here are just a few of the workshops we're offering over the next few months. Register for any of these workshops [here](https://www.amigos.org/node/306) (<https://www.amigos.org/node/306>) including these upcoming events:

EAD2HTML: Transforming Your Finding Aids with XSL

This workshop, for archivists and technical staff, focuses on applying Extensible Stylesheet Language (XSL) to transform Encoded Archival Description (EAD-Version 3) finding aids into valid HTML5 files viewable on the web. During the workshop, students will build a complete stylesheet for EAD and apply it to a supplied finding aid. (Tuesday, March 21-Friday, March 24, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. CST)

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RDA for Video Recordings

Need help understanding RDA for electronic video recordings? This workshop will cover the RDA instructions relevant to cataloging carrier-based and electronic video recordings. Among the topics to be covered: Understanding where the video recordings fit in the FRBR data model, creating bibliographic descriptions of video recordings, creating access points, and more. (Tuesday, May 2-Thursday, May 4, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. CST - *Early Bird Registration Ends 4/10*)

Check out our other upcoming workshops!

Register for these courses [here](https://www.amigos.org/node/306) (<https://www.amigos.org/node/306>):

- ***Clicking the Bait: Helping Patrons Decipher Fake News and Alternative Facts*** March 29, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. CST
- ***Copyright 101: Helping Patrons Understand Copyright*** April 4-April 5, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. CST
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Mid-Continent Public Library Updates

Mid-Continent Public Library Hosts Community Stakeholder Discussions

Beginning on March 2, Mid-Continent Public Library will launch a series of public meetings across its three-county district for community members to gather and learn more about the Library's plans for the future, as well as express their thoughts on what each branch can do to better serve local residents.

The meetings, which will be led by members of MCPL's administrative leadership, were scheduled on the heels of the November 8 general election in which voters approved Proposition L, a proposed increase to the Library's levy for the purposes of building and renovating branches and maintaining or expanding Library collections, services, and programs. The meetings will offer attendees the opportunity to join in a dialogue about how Library services can be customized to their community, including the expansion of branch hours or modification of programming and resources. Those unable to attend the meetings will have the chance to share their thoughts through an online survey that will be emailed to all Library customers in the coming weeks.

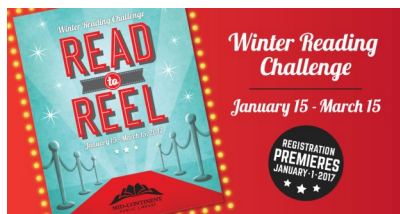


“Community dialogue and feedback are vital parts of our operations at Mid-Continent Public Library,” said Steven V. Potter, Library Director and CEO. “We try very hard to provide the best library experience to our residents, and the way we accomplish that is through open dialogue and public input on what residents want to see from their Library. We’re very grateful to the voters for their approval of Prop L in November, and because of their support, we’re now able to open this exciting new chapter of growth and improvement in the Library’s history.”

Prop L passed with a total of 62.3% approval and support from the majority of voters in all three counties in the Library's district (Jackson, Clay, and Platte). Although the Library will not begin collecting the approved levy amount until the end of 2017 (based on the standard property tax cycle), MCPL leadership will use feedback from the meetings to guide the planning and budgeting process preceding the launch of its next fiscal year (July 2017).

Residents may register to attend a Community Stakeholder Discussion at mymcpl.org/community.

MCPL Celebrates ‘Read to Reel’ During Winter Reading Challenge



Mid-Continent Public Library kicked off its annual Winter Reading Challenge—a competition developed to encourage leisure reading among adults—on January 15. The theme of this year's Challenge is Read to Reel, and the Library is encouraging participants to explore this idea by reading books that have been made into movies and watching their counterparts in film.

“Winter Reading Challenge is the perfect opportunity for adults to take a moment to themselves, especially after the holiday chaos, and reconnect with the timeless hobby of reading for pleasure,” said Amy Fisher, MCPL Information and Reader Services Manager. “This year's theme of Read to Reel offers another dimension to the Challenge—

allowing participants to connect with two different perspectives of the same narrative. We invite all local adults to join us in the 2017 Winter Reading Challenge and to answer the age-old question: which is better? The book or the movie?”

Those who read at least five books during the Challenge, which ends March 15, will earn a limited-edition Winter Reading Challenge mug and the chance to win exclusive prizes from B&B Theatres, including a year of free movies. In addition to independent reading, MCPL is promoting community engagement during the Challenge by hosting film and book discussions, as well as other Read to Reel-themed events at its branches.

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For those who want to join in the conversation without leaving the comfort of their cozy reading nooks, the Library is hosting several virtual discussions on its [Winter Reading Challenge Facebook page](http://bit.ly/2017WRC) (<http://bit.ly/2017WRC>), including one on Sunday, February 26 in celebration of the 89th Academy Awards. MCPL moderators will lead a dialogue about books, movies, Oscar predictions, and give a digital toast to the winners.

Additionally, film critic and enthusiast Robert Butler will host in-branch screenings and discussions of *Murder on the Orient Express*, *The Hundred-Foot Journey*, *Mr. and Mrs. Bridge*, *Winter's Bone*, and *The Big Sleep* during February and March at various MCPL locations as part of the Winter Reading Challenge.

Currently, there are more than 2,700 adults participating in MCPL's Winter Reading Challenge. To learn more, visit mymcpl.org/winterreading.

Mid-Continent Public Library Installs In-Branch Literacy Spaces

Mid-Continent Public Library is proud to announce the installation of Early Literacy Spaces in its branches. The spaces provide designated areas for children and caregivers to interact with each other and work on the essential early literacy practices of playing, talking, singing, reading, and writing. MCPL has introduced these deliberately designed spaces in several of its branches already and plans to integrate them into 30 of its branches.

Each of the spaces is customized to its branch's specific needs and encourages gross and fine motor skill development as well as developmentally appropriate and beneficial play. The spaces incorporate materials such as child-sized seating, felt and magnet boards, activity cubes, and puppet theatres. MCPL initiated the project after receiving feedback from customers about the need for dedicated library space for young children.



Example of an Early Literacy Space.

“The goal of these new initiatives—and for all our early literacy efforts, really—is to provide fun and engaging learning opportunities for young children and their caregivers,” said Naphtali Faris, MCPL Early Literacy Coordinator. “Whether it be through playing with literacy-rich activities in our Early Literacy Spaces or by singing songs during storytime at their local MCPL branch, the Library helps children and their caregivers build a strong foundation of learning and literacy. It is this strong foundation that will enable children to be ready for school and become lifelong learners.”

The Early Literacy Spaces are a component of the Library's Grow A Reader initiative, which strives to prepare children to become strong readers and lifelong learners. Grow A Reader is one of the main beneficiaries of the additional funding approved by voters for the Library last November. The Library is currently working on expansion plans for early literacy initiatives that will begin once that additional funding arrives in 2018.

To learn more about the Library's early literacy programs and services, visit growareader.org.

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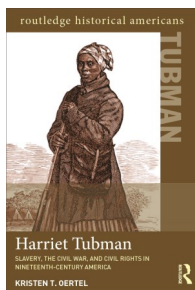
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Mid-Continent Public Library Celebrates Black History Month

February was Black History Month, and in honor of this, Mid-Continent Public Library offered numerous free programs for the public on black history and culture in America, including:

The Life of Harriet Tubman



Harriet Tubman was not only the Underground Railroad's most famous conductor, she also served as a Civil War nurse and spy and fought for women's suffrage. Learn about this remarkable woman from Kristen T. Oertel, author of *Harriet Tubman: Slavery, the Civil War, and Civil Rights in the 19th Century*. For adults.



Author Kristin T. Oertel

Cotton, Rag Dolls, and the Underground Railroad



Kansas City's connections to the Underground Railroad run deep. Hear stories about the people who helped escaped slaves travel to freedom in the North, and discover the importance rag dolls played in the journey. Then make a rag doll with creative touches to make it all your own. Ages 7 and up.

Tales from the Black West

Saddle up for an interactive musical that not only debunks the myths of cow punching, but also explores the life and times of the nearly 10,000 African American cowboys and cowgirls of the Old West. Ages 7 and up.

Underground Railroad: The Who, What, and Where Did It Go

Cultural historian Brother John shares the secret codes, symbols, agents, and songs of the Underground Railroad as well as added insight into this chapter in America's history. Ages 8 and up.

Finding Your Slave Ancestors



Author and librarian Sherri Camp.

In celebration of Black History Month, the Midwest Genealogy Center and the Midwest Afro-American Genealogical Interest Coalition (M.A.G.I.C.) present this workshop on how African Americans can locate their enslaved ancestors. Led by Sherri Camp, a genealogy speaker, author, librarian, and founder and president of the Kansas Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS), participants will learn how to do a survey, determine where their ancestors were enslaved, and find out who their owners were. For adults.

Learn more about MCPL's Black History Month programs and resources at mymcpl.org/blackhistory.

St. Louis County Library Updates

Bernice King at St. Louis County Library Headquarters



Bernice King speaks at SLCL Headquarters on January 27.

Bernice King, daughter of Martin Luther King and Coretta Scott King, gave an inspiring talk to over 700 audience members on Friday, January 27 at St. Louis County Library Headquarters. The event was the kick-off for the library’s Black History Celebration.

Ms. King shared a powerful message of hope, telling the audience, “If you believe you’re supposed to achieve something, do not give up. Keep moving forward.”

Bernice was only five years old when her father was assassinated. She spoke of her mother’s strength and courage in preserving the King legacy. “Coretta Scott King is the architect of the King legacy,” Ms. King recalled. “She cannot be lost in time. This woman was multifaceted.”

Ms. King expressed deep gratitude for her parents and their choices: “Lives have been saved, our nation has been saved because of the decisions my parents made to give their lives to the cause.”

An audience member asked, how do we move forward given the current divisive political climate? Ms. King encouraged honest, transparent conversations: “We’re on this earth together, we must find a common space to coexist and create a healthy humanity.”

County Library and Parents As Teachers Team Up to Promote Early Literacy

St. Louis County Library is partnering with Parents as Teachers (PAT) for a pilot program starting this month at five local school districts. The library is creating early literacy kits for PAT educators to take into the homes of their clients. Each kit contains books and interactive activities around a theme, such as sleep, discipline, nutrition, concepts (shapes, numbers, etc.), animals and more. PAT educators will use the kits to help reinforce the importance of reading and play within the home, as well as the resources available at their local library.

Studies have shown that when caregivers read and play with small children it improves their school readiness. Using resources from the library, PAT educators will promote the importance of early literacy to participating families. In addition, each family visited by a PAT educator will receive a free book to add to their personal library.



An example Early Literacy Kit

The pilot program will take place in the following school districts: Affton, Riverview Gardens, Jennings, Bayless and Hancock.

The program is funded by grants from the Boeing Employee Community Fund and the Allen P. & Josephine B. Green Foundation. The grants will also support special programs and early literacy fairs at the branches near the participating school districts.

To learn more about the County Library’s new pilot program, please contact Jennifer McBride, Communications Manager at 314-994- 3300 ext. 2250 or jmcbride@slcl.org.

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Harry Potter Yoga at Oak Bend Branch

Enter the magical world of Harry Potter through themed yoga poses. All skill levels are welcome to participate. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or towel.



Patrons enjoy Harry Potter yoga at SLCL's Oak Bend Branch.



Patrons wield their wands at Harry Potter yoga at SLCL's Oak Bend Branch.

Jennifer McBride
Communications Manager
St. Louis County Library

Springfield-Greene County Library Updates

***Orange is the New Black* Author Piper Kerman Coming April 22**

Author Piper Kerman, whose memoir of her 13 months in a federal correctional institution became a best-selling book and critically acclaimed Netflix series, will be the guest speaker at a 7 p.m. Saturday, April 22, event at the Springfield Art Museum. Her visit is sponsored by The Library Foundation, and proceeds from the \$30 tickets benefit the Foundation. For tickets or details, contact Valerie Richardson at valerier@thelibrary.org or 417-616-0586.



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Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Reopens to Eager Crowds

The 45-year-old Brentwood Branch neighborhood library reopened January 7 after an eight-month renovation, showing off a new, spacious look with high-tech appeal, plus a new name. The library is now the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch, in honor of Jewell Schweitzer, who donated \$1.2 million toward the \$2.5 million ReNew Brentwood Campaign. Donors and staff attended a sneak preview party December 10, at which staff “topped” a fundraising “book tower” after the final, \$15,000 donation.

The Jan. 7 opening gave the public its first look at the airy, open-ceiling building with a new 1,500-square-foot reading room, conference rooms, two glass mobiles by local artist Gabe Bloodwork of Springfield Hot Glass, Brody WorkLounges, cyber bar and reading room tables wired for electronic devices, larger children’s and teen areas, drive-through window service and an automated materials handling machine.



Library Shares Archives for News-Leader’s 150th



Local History Department staffers are working with the *Springfield News-Leader* to commemorate its 150th anniversary. The paper can trace its origins to the *Springfield Leader*, which debuted April 4, 1867. The Local History Department has an original copy of that newspaper in the archives, and staff is digitizing the front pages so the *News-Leader* can reproduce them. Staff are also scanning photos from library archives, doing research, writing some of the articles for the newspaper, and more. Each Saturday in 2017, the *News-Leader* will print a special wrap on the paper featuring monumental events in Springfield’s history, reproductions of Springfield newspaper pages, and profiles of individuals and businesses.

Patrons Embrace New Online Room Reservation System

A new online reservation system for library meeting rooms throughout the 10-branch system debuted February 1, making the room reservation system easier and faster for hundreds of patrons. “Spaces” allows patrons to request room reservations online, which are overseen and approved by library staff throughout the day, eliminating the large volume of emails and phone calls required under the old system. Frequent meeting room users were notified ahead of time by email, and the transition went so smoothly that a total of 525 reservations were made and approved on “opening” day.

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State Historical Society of Missouri Updates

Volunteer Judges Needed to Help Missouri Students Take a Stand in History

Join National History Day in Missouri as a state contest volunteer judge on April 29! Visit the University of Missouri in Columbia, support creative Missouri students, and check out a variety of exhibits, documentaries, papers, performances, and websites that explore both leaders and everyday people in response to this year's contest theme, Taking a Stand in History.

Judges can expect to spend the day interacting with students from across the state in grades six through twelve and providing constructive comments on their work. This feedback contributes to their learning experience and helps prepare top finishers for the national contest in June.

A free catered lunch will be provided. Roughly 150 volunteers are needed. Thank you in advance for sharing your time with Missouri students! For more details or to sign up, visit nhdmo.org/judges or call 573.882.7083.



Judges interview Kiareu Grimes, Carlie Niederkorn, and McClay Lewis after their NHDMO group performance. The trio represented Clearwater High School in the 2016 state contest.

Rolla Research Center to Host Bluegrass Festival in April, Currently Seeking Event Volunteers



Bill Jones and the Bluegrass Travelers' album "Bluegrass Favorites" featured Carol Jones, left, Ferrell Stowe, Bill Jones, Kirk Brandenberger, Mona Jones, and David Gaines.

Mona Jones, Missouri's "First Lady of Bluegrass Music," and Jim Orchard, distinguished Shannon County fiddler and mandolin player, have created bluegrass music and promoted festivals in Missouri for more than half a century. With the State Historical Society of Missouri, now they are also helping to preserve the genre's photographs, recordings, and programs for future research.

Join SHSMO and Mid-Missouri public radio station KMST in honoring Jones and the Bluegrass Travelers, Orchard and friends, and Jimmie Allison and the Ozark Rounders at an afternoon of live bluegrass at the Havener Center on the Missouri University of Science and Technology campus in Rolla.

In keeping with Bluegrass Pickin' Time tradition, this is a family friendly event. Free and open to the public, a \$5 suggested donation will support the preservation of bluegrass history.

Interested in contributing to the bluegrass festival? Please contact the State Historical Society of Missouri at 573.882.7083 or contact@shsmo.org. Flexible volunteering opportunities are available before and during the April event.

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New Research Guides Connect Patrons to SHSMO Collections and Online Resources



In 1945 Warren Harber of Matthews, Missouri, poses with the Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes/Expeditionary Force Institutes sign in Austria.

to digitize collection materials for online access, please contact the State Historical Society at 573.882.7083 or contact@shsmo.org. Watch the website for updates on available research guides.

Patrons and researchers visiting the SHSMO website have new tools available for investigating Missouri's cultural, political, and genealogical history. Topical research guides, available at shsmo.org/research/guides, gather links to resources on subjects such as African Americans, German Americans, and Jewish Americans, as well as the Vietnam War, World War II, and the Missouri Militia and National Guard.

Additional research guides are under development and will be added to the website as they are completed. Each guide provides subject-specific links to online manuscript collection inventories, *Missouri Historical Review* articles, scanned photographs and illustrations, and other resources such as indexes of SHSMO's newspaper holdings and scans of editorial cartoons.

"Compiling these guides is exciting because we're making our resources more readily available to our patrons," said Heather Richmond, a SHSMO archivist. "It's also a fun project for us because we get to learn more about our own materials while investigating a specific topic in Missouri history."

One of Richmond's most recent projects is the World War II research guide, which includes links to inventories for collections of letters, diaries, and memoirs about wartime military service.

"These records help researchers understand the effects the war had on Missourians fighting overseas as well as those providing strength on the home front," Richmond said.

The guides are intended to help patrons search more efficiently within SHSMO's collections, particularly its expanding online resources. For information on volunteering to work on projects to



Allied forces in Italy in December 1944.

Call for Submissions: Delta Serials Conference, July 27-28 2017



Take part in the inaugural Delta Serials Conference, Thursday, July 27 through Friday, July 28, 2017, on Arkansas State University's Jonesboro campus by submitting a proposal for a regular session or poster session. Share your experience and expertise on any aspect of serials. Possible topics of interest include access, instruction, use, acquisition, cataloging, and licensing of any serial library product. Regular sessions will be 50 minutes long and may either be presentation format or a panel discussion with up to four presenters.

The keynote speaker, noted expert Jeffrey Beall, will discuss open access journals and predatory publishing. This conference will focus on advances, developments, and continuing issues in the management and use of all serial library products.

Proposals will be accepted from November 1, 2016, through March 1, 2017. For more information about submitting a proposal or registering for the conference, email DeltaSerialsConference@astate.edu or visit <http://libguides.astate.edu/DeltaSerialsConference>.

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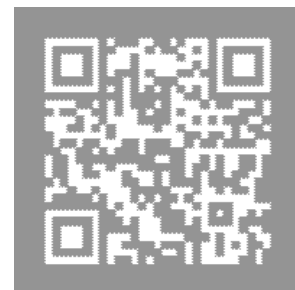
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