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President's Message

Happy New Year! I am so excited to be leading the Missouri Library Association into a new year. This year's focus will be on adding value to your MLA membership. We will focus on increased communication, idea sharing, continuing education, and advocacy.



We are off to a good start, with plans in place for a statewide [Library Snapshot Day](#) on January 24. We are asking all types and sizes of Missouri Libraries to blanket social media with pictures, stories, and quips about the great work that is going on in our libraries every day.

Recently, *USA Today* published an article saying that libraries were a dying industry. ALA President Jim Neal was quick to respond and let everyone know that libraries aren't dying. In fact, we are thriving – with library visits topping 1.4 billion! He also reminded readers that libraries transform lives and communities.

These facts, along with the snapshots we gather, will guide our efforts at [Missouri Library Advocacy Day](#) in Jefferson City on February 6, 2018. I encourage everyone to register for Advocacy Day and make appointments to meet with your government officials. It is so important that we learn about the issues that libraries are facing in 2018 and that we send a message that libraries are vital to our communities.

I look forward to seeing you at our state capitol to in February!
And I look forward to an amazing 2018!

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For more information on *Library Snapshot Day* and *Library Advocacy Day* please visit MoLib.org or find us on [Facebook](#).

Save the Date for the 2018 MLA Conference!

A big thank you to Justin Megahan, Anna Strackeljahn, and their crew of volunteers for a great conference in St. Louis this past October! We hope to keep up the enthusiasm as we prepare for the 2018 conference in Columbia at the Holiday Inn Executive Center. Mark your calendars for October 10 - 12, 2018. If you missed our announcement at this year's business meeting, our theme for 2018 is Stronger Together. Plans are underway, we are gathering this year's Conference Planning Committee (CPC) volunteers, and we will keep you posted as the year goes on!

We still welcome volunteers for a number of positions on the CPC, so if you're interested in helping with conference planning, just let us know.

See you in Columbia!

Submitted by your 2018 Conference Co-coordinators: Debbie Luchenbill and Kimberly Moeller, 2018mlacoordinators@gmail.com

2017 MLA Archives Annual Report

Archivist: Stacy Hisle-Chaudri

As Archivist, I participated in many activities to enhance the MLA archival collection. I vetted and submitted records for 2016 to The Missouri State Historical Society for inclusion in our archives. I have continued to promote information and resources regarding our archives, its importance to the organization, and the types of documents that we submit. Furthermore, we have had an increasing number of requests for archival information, which is a positive indicator of greater organizational awareness of this resource.

Other activities in which I have contributed this year include attendance at Executive Board Meetings, attendance at the annual conference, as well as larger projects. Our inventory of MLA archival documents was completed this year. The inventory project began in 2016 with the help of several MLA members who volunteered their time to help sort through all of our collection documents.

Further archival projects have included rewriting our organization's history and beginning to develop a plan for digitizing our archival collection. Our newly revised history is located on our website: <http://molib.org/about/history-and-mission/>. As we look towards 2018, I am continuing to explore avenues that will allow us to digitize our archival holdings with the goal of making them more accessible for members and researchers.

MLA members may review a list of the archival materials available in our collection at the Missouri State Historical Society at: <http://shs.umsystem.edu/manuscripts/invent/6066ca.pdf>.

Respectively submitted,

Stacy Hisle-Chaudri

MLA Archivist

Report from Your ALA Councilor



The following national issues may be of interest to members. In spite of the vote on the educational qualifications of the next Executive Director of the American Library Association, members continue to provide comments. I suspect that ALA Council and others will continue discussions during ALA Mid-Winter scheduled for February 2018. The question that was voted on was “Should the educational qualification for the ALA Executive Director be amended to make an ALA-accredited Master’s Degree or a CAEP-accredited Master’s Degree with a specialty in school library media a preferred but not required educational qualification?” On November 20, 2017, the ALA Council voted to change the educational requirement from “required” to “preferred”. ALA Council vote was 115 for the change and 34 against the change. The total number of votes cast was 149 (115 in the affirmative and 34 in the negative).

Access to the internet may be changing as reported on December 14, 2017. "The majority of the FCC has just dealt a blow to equitable access to online information and services which puts libraries, our patrons, and America's communities at risk," said ALA President Jim Neal. "By rolling back essential and enforceable net neutrality protections, the FCC has enabled commercial interests at the expense of the public who depends on the internet as their primary means of information gathering, learning, and communication. We will continue to fight the FCC's decision and advocate for strong, enforceable net neutrality protections."

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie D. Tolson, Councilor for the Missouri Chapter of the American Library Association

Appendix to ALA Councilor Report

Following the announcement of the Council vote, a petition was posted to put a measure on ALA’s spring 2018 ballot to overturn the Council action. ALA has received the required number of signatures to put this matter on the ballot. To overturn a Council action, 25% (approximately 11,975) of ALA’s voting membership must vote; a simple majority of those voting then determines the outcome. For purposes of determining the 25%, paid membership as of January 31, 2018 will be used. Note that ALA’s “voting membership” includes those who are members in good standing, i.e., have paid their dues by January 31, 2018. The ballot opens on Monday, March 12 and closes Wednesday, April 4. Results will be announced on Wednesday, April 11.

Featured Library Employee

Meet our featured library employee for this issue of *MO Info*, **Deborah Luchenbill!**

1. What is your name, your library, and your role at the library?

Debbie Luchenbill, MOBIUS, Evergreen Coordinator

2. What originally got you interested in working at a library?

I had a work-study job in circulation at a public library in the Boston area one summer when I was in graduate school and really, really enjoyed it. A few years later, when I was figuring out where to go from my job in admissions there, I realized that working in libraries met all of what I was looking for: someplace where I could help people and connect them with information or other things they needed, where I could continue learning, and where it was a good thing to be a generalist.

While my initial focus in libraries was on public libraries and especially youth/teen services and readers' advisory (still interests of mine!), my interest in leadership and administration led me on a more non-traditional library path, to working with the National History Day program at the State Historical Society of Missouri and now at MOBIUS.

3. What keeps you coming back every day?

The people! I have fantastic coworkers at MOBIUS and my favorite part of what I do involves my interactions with the staff at the Missouri Evergreen libraries - especially when I get to visit them in-person for training. Different from a traditional library setting, my "patrons" are the staff members of all the libraries with which we work. It is a joy to be a part of helping the libraries be able to better serve their communities!

MOBIUS also recently launched its new MOSS service (MOBIUS Open Source Solutions) where we are expanding our Evergreen hosting and managing services outside Missouri, and it is very exciting to be a part of a new service from the ground-up!

4. What's challenging about your work?

I love that every day is different, though that also brings its own challenges--my plans for the days are often derailed! That's certainly not unique to my particular work, but is always a challenge. It's also just an exciting time right now, as Missouri Evergreen continues to grow and as we launch MOSS, because there are so many details to keep track of and nurture, and because we work with people with all different skill levels and different levels of comfort/familiarity with technology. It's a challenge, in a good way, to explore and figure out the best ways to communicate and to convey information to people.



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5. Has your work made you either curious, or passionate, or awestruck about something?

My work with the Evergreen ILS has made me passionate about library open-source software and the open-source community. It wasn't something I was familiar with at all before beginning this work. The people involved in the Evergreen project are fantastic - programmers and librarians alike - and are really focused on making a high-quality product that meets the needs of the end users in the libraries (staff and patrons). Because everyone who uses the software is a part of that community, and because there is not a company that owns the software, it's very dynamic, flexible, and customizable. For instance, changes/enhancements that the Missouri Evergreen libraries request and that my colleague, Blake Graham-Henderson, programs, gets contributed back to the larger community, so that everyone in the world who uses Evergreen benefits from the changes Missouri Evergreen requested. And we benefit in the same way from developments other Evergreen libraries make. It's wonderful to be a part of that kind of global community. The Evergreen community is also very focused on the things librarians are passionate about, like protecting patron privacy, equitable and easy access, and doing the best to meet the needs of our patrons.

6. Who is one of your mentors?

I have been lucky to have had many wonderful mentors, both inside and outside of LibraryLand. One has been Kaite Mediatore Stover, Director of Readers' Services at Kansas City Public Library, who encouraged and supported my early interest in readers' advisory, continues to check in with me at conferences, and has helped me be involved in various capacities in RUSA.

7. What book, author, artist, show, or music are you engaging with this week, either personally or professionally? Persuade us in one or two sentences that we should pick this up, too.

I'm in the middle of reading "How to Find Love in a Bookshop" by Veronica Henry. It's about a bookstore in the Cotswolds and all the interconnected stories of the founder of the store, his daughter who comes to run it when he dies, and various patrons and employees of the shop (and the developer who wants to buy it and tear it down). So far, it's a lovely, delightful read and I like how the founder's vision of creating a place for book lovers of all kinds becomes a reality in the little town and how it illustrates the effect that each person can have on those around them.

Also, this week is when the movie, Star Wars: The Last Jedi comes out, and I am so excited! I can't wait to see how the storylines of all the characters progress. It's great to see old friends from the original movies and I love the newer characters we were introduced to in The Force Awakens!

8. Is there anything else you'd like to share with us?

I've loved all the connections I've made to library workers all over the state and nation both through my work and by being involved in MLA and ALA. It's so inspiring to learn from and catch up with what people are doing and passionate about. Keep up the great work!

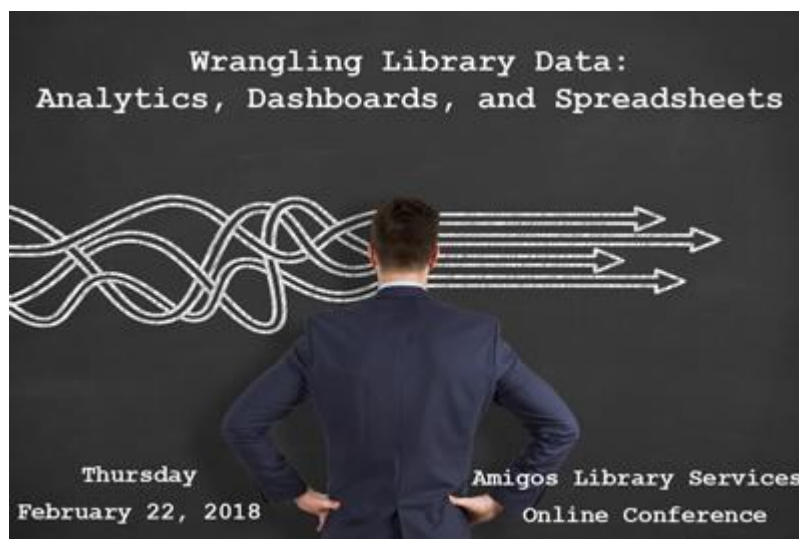
Would you like to be featured in a future issue, or would you like to nominate someone else? Submit name(s) and contact information (preferably email), along with place of employment, to Shannon Mawhiney at smawhiney@missouristate.edu.



SAVE THE DATE! 2018 Online Conference - Wrangling Library Data: Analytics, Dashboards, and Spreadsheets

Save Thursday, February 22, for our upcoming online conference, [Wrangling Library Data: Analytics, Dashboards, and Spreadsheets](#). Details are currently being finalized, so check our website regularly for updates.

Don't miss this important and informative conference. Remember, as one of the many benefits of membership, attendance is free to all Amigos members.



Amigos Welcomes New Vendor FactCite Online

FactCite Online from Lincoln Library Press is a collection of reference databases for researchers in primary grades through adults. Libraries may subscribe to a single resource, or to a bundle. Subscriptions are affordable and include unlimited access at the library or from anywhere. [FactCite Online databases](#) include:

- FactCite 123
- Biography for Beginners
- Sports Champions
- Shapers of Society
- U.S. and World Biography
- Mythology
- American History
- Science
- Essential Information
- Countries and Cultures
- Defining Moments in American History

To take a further look at these databases, contact Ashley Brizuella at brizuella@amigos.org for login information.

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Help Your Patrons with Their Job Search – Try Optimal Resume

Now is a great time for Amigos members to save on [Optimal Resume](#). It's never easy to prepare for a job search. Patrons need to update resumes, write cover letters, and assess their strengths before they even begin searching for job postings! Why direct patrons to countless career resources when your library can offer Optimal Resume instead?

Optimal Resume offers an integrated suite of career tools to help job seekers create resumes and cover letters, assess their professional skills, and practice common interview questions. Going beyond the basics, they also offer E-Portfolio and Video Resume tools to help job seekers stand apart from the crowd. Finished documents can even be integrated into a professional website to share on LinkedIn, by email, or through other electronic media. One website provides every resource a patron could need to prepare for their job search.

Optimal Resume is easy to set up and requires minimal maintenance from libraries. Users have access to a wealth of video and written resources to provide a self-guided experience. Each of their tools offers expert-driven content tailored to a variety of occupations and experience levels. Patrons can even take part in free career preparation webinars hosted by Optimal representatives, allowing them to build essential skills for the road ahead.

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

Need Info on Privately Held Companies? Try PrivCo

Are your students or clients needing private company financial data? Amigos offers [PrivCo.com](#), a proprietary database that sources private company financial data for academic institutions, business schools, and corporate clients.

PrivCo has information on thousands of private companies. Their singular focus on private companies, investors, and deals (venture capital, M&A and private equity) enables them to extract, aggregate, and provide the most accurate and comprehensive private company data available.

PrivCo focuses primarily on U.S.-based companies, but also has a plethora of international companies in its database. Career Centers and Entrepreneurship Centers can utilize PrivCo to perform due diligence, locate investors, and look at start-ups who want to raise funding.

Check out their brochure [here](#).

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

NoodleTools Will Help Students with Their Research

[NoodleTools](#) is an online research management platform that promotes critical thinking and authentic research. Students stay organized as they evaluate information, build accurate citations, archive source material, take notes, outline topics, and prepare to write.

Three differentiated levels support individual students across grades and abilities. The classroom environment allows librarians and teachers to provide feedback, monitor individual contributions to group work, and view statistics about source use.

In contrast to an auto-cite, auto-evaluate product, this product supports students to engage deeply in research and produce original work. NoodleTools is also designed with online student privacy in mind.

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

Get DEMCO at a Discount

Amigos members are eligible for discounts on many [DEMCO](#) products. From everyday supplies to innovative library spaces, their unique family of brands provides the products and services needed to create an imaginative learning environment.

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DEMCO offers a variety of products including office furniture supplies, reading program supplies, and school library furniture. They also specialize in library supplies ranging from audiovisual supplies to library security.

For the special Amigos discount code, contact Susie Thompson, thompson@amigos.org or 800-843-8482, ext. 2880.

Need to Track your ILL Transactions? Check out OBILLSK

[OBILLSK](#) (Online Based Inter-Library Loan Statistical Kit), created by Texas Tech University Libraries, is the first library developed method to track interlibrary loan transactions between libraries within a consortium. It is a shipment tracking system that provides a single web-based portal for inputting, tracking, and assessing all ILL shipments for a given interlibrary loan unit, regardless of shipper chosen.

The OBILLSK Shipment Tracking system can help libraries save thousands of dollars a year in lost book fees and provides the following features:

- Single webpage for scanning all ILL shipped items using existing barcode scanners
- Track ILL shipments across all major shippers: USPS, FEDEX, DHL, UPS
- Unpack a shipped box to determine all contained items
- Dashboard that offers an at-a-glance overview of ILL shipping
- Generate detailed shipping reports within a specified date range
- Send email notifications to other OBILLSK shipping users that items are on the way

For more information, contact Susie Thompson at thompson@amigos.org or 800-843-8482, ext. 2880.

Continuing Education Opportunities

Thinking about adding digital story time to your library?

Digital story times are becoming increasingly popular for children's programming at the library. In our latest course, *Creating and curating digital story times*, participants will learn about existing story time apps and tools that can be adapted to your library, the steps involved in recording your own story time, and the possible challenges of incorporating digital story times to your existing programming.

[Register Now](#) – February 5-6, 10:00 a.m. – noon CST

How accessible is your website?

Providing an accessible website not only makes it easier to use for members of your community, but also makes your website more mobile friendly. Learn how you can analyze your current website for accessibility issues and find out if you're compliant with the web accessibility guidelines in our February 7 course.

[Register Now](#) – February 7-8, 1-3 p.m. CST

Older adults are often a driving force behind library support. Are you doing your best to serve them?

In our course, *Older Adults in the Library*, library staff of all levels will learn how to identify the needs of older adults, develop program ideas tailored to this specific community, and list possible challenges inherent in serving older adult patrons.

[Register Now](#) – Thursday, February 15, 2-4 p.m. CST

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Know & Go Updates

Know & Go's are part of a series of informative web sessions covering topics of current interest. Designed for group participation and FREE for Amigos members, Know & Go Updates are presented online on Monday afternoons from 1:30-2:30 p.m. CDT. [Register today!](#)

- [Getting the Most Out of Amigos Membership](#) January 22
- [Generation Z: Libraries and the Post-Millennial Generation](#) January 29
- [IFLA-LRM: a New Conceptual Model](#) February 5
- [Transferable Skills and the Empowered Employee](#) February 26
- [Market Your Library with Google Ad Grants](#) March 12
- [New MARC 21 Authority Format Fields for Encoding RDA Authority Data](#) March 26

Upcoming Online Classes

Here's a quick look at upcoming online classes. Classes are always being added so be sure to check out our [course schedule!](#) **Note: All times are CST.**

- [Creating a Social Media Policy](#) January 17, 2-4 p.m.
- [Reference and Information Services](#) January 23 – February 1, 2-4 p.m.
- [Regular Expressions](#) January 23-25, 10:00 a.m. – noon
- [Digitizing Analog Audio Resources](#) January 24-25, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- [EAD2HTML: Transforming your Finding Aids with XSL](#) January 30 – February 2, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- [Understanding and Using Library Data](#) January 30 – February 1, 2-4 p.m.
- [Creating and curating digital story times](#) February 5-6, 10:00 a.m. – noon
- [Metadata Principles and Practices 01: Metadata Basics](#) February 6, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- [Checking Your Website for Accessibility Issues](#) February 7-8, 1-3 p.m.
- [Metadata Principles and Practices 02: Metadata Standards and Types](#) February 8, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – *Early bird registration ends 1/17/18*
- [Metadata Principles and Practices 03: Customization and Exchange](#) February 13, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – *Early bird registration ends 1/22/18*
- [Metadata Principles and Practices 04: Metadata Relationships](#) February 15, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – *Early bird registration ends 1/24/18*
- [Older Adults in the Library](#) February 15, 2-4 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 1/24/18*
- [Library Management for Beginners: Managing from the Middle](#) February 28, 2-4 p.m. – *Early bird registration ends 2/6/2018*
- [Cataloging with RDA](#) March 6-9, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – *Early bird registration ends 2/12/18*
- [Communication Planning for Libraries](#) March 13-15, 2-4 p.m. – *Early bird registration ends 2/19/18*
- [RDA for Copy Catalogers](#) March 14-15, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – *Early bird registration ends 2/20/18*
- [Cataloging eBooks: RDA and Provider-Neutral Guidelines](#) March 20, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – *Early bird registration ends 2/26/18*
- [Introduction to Project Management](#) March 20-22, 2-4 p.m. – *Early bird registration ends 2/26/18*
- [Library Management for Beginners: Managing Personnel](#) March 27, 2-4 p.m. – *Early bird registration ends 3/5/18*

Missouri Evergreen News

Missouri Evergreen welcomed several new members recently! Riverside Regional Library, Cass County Library, and Wright County Library all joined the resource-sharing consortium. They will go live on the system in August 2018, October 2018, and February 2019, respectively. Douglas County Library went live on Evergreen October 30 and the next migration will be Mountain View Public Library in February 2018.

Missouri Evergreen upgraded to the newest version of Evergreen, 3.0.2 in December. This new version includes full functionality for a web-based version of the staff client. The consortium is also in the process of adding Authority Control to the system, through a contract with MARCIVE. Missouri Evergreen held an in-person membership meeting at the December Missouri Public Library Directors' meeting.

The Missouri Evergreen website, <http://libraries.missourievergreen.org>, contains more information about the consortium, including member libraries, steps to join, past meeting information, 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.

MOBIUS Launches New Service

MOBIUS has announced the launch of MOBIUS Open Source Solutions (MOSS), offering technical and operational support services for libraries that currently have or are considering an Evergreen open source ILS implementation. MOSS makes Evergreen implementation cost-effective, freeing staff and management time and allowing them to focus on better serving patrons. Unlike other providers who simply offer hosting services, MOSS offers comprehensive hosting, IT, and application support in a single cost-effective solution.

The State Library of Kansas, an early adopter of MOSS, is already realizing its benefits. Cindy Roupe, Interim State Librarian, states, "Subscribing to MOSS takes a big worry out of my management day. Their staff, many of whom are librarians, understand the issues we face and the importance of the Evergreen ILS to our operation." Roupe continues, "With MOSS, my team can focus on serving the libraries and citizens of Kansas."

In addition, NC Cardinal, a growing consortium of over 30 member library systems in the state of North Carolina that serves over a third of North Carolina's public library systems, supporting over 3.3 million North Carolinians, has selected MOSS to provide hosting and managed services to support its Evergreen Open Source ILS implementation. Migration is anticipated to be complete by this March.

Benjamin Murphy, NC Cardinal Program Manager, explains "MOBIUS offered us a solution that exceeded our technical requirements while also providing a great value for the citizens of North Carolina." Murphy adds, "Throughout the selection process, MOBIUS demonstrated their capability to be flexible to our State's needs and that they have the technical and support resources to ensure a successful migration and ongoing support of our Member Libraries."

For more information about MOSS, visit <https://mobiusconsortium.org/node/773>.

Missouri State Library

Regina Anderson Joins Library Development Team

The Missouri State Library is pleased to welcome Regina Anderson to the Library Development Team on November 1, 2017 as the Grants Officer. Regina has a Master's of Business Administration from Lincoln University and has federal grant program experience through the Missouri Department of Economic Development / Workforce Development. She may be contacted at regina.anderson@sos.mo.gov, (800) 325-0131 or (573)526-6734.

SISLT News

Librarian and Professor Chris LeBeau Retires in December, 2017 Interview by Bailey Grim



The School of Information Science & Learning Technologies (SISLT) congratulates Chris LeBeau on her retirement after 14 years as an iSchool faculty member and 15 years in the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Miller Nichols Library. Chris holds a B.A. from Marymount College in New York (now Fordham University), an M.S. in Library Science from Long Island University, and an M.B.A. from Creighton University in neighboring Nebraska.

In her time with SISLT, Chris has become a beloved professor who has offered many challenging and relevant courses such as Copyright, Electronic Resource Management, and Scholarly Communications. She has been incredibly active in the local and national library communities, particularly in the Reference and User Services Association, where she serves as President.

In honor of her retirement, current student and graduate assistant Bailey Grim asked Chris a few questions about her time with us and also asked for words of wisdom for the profession in general and for new professionals in particular.

Bailey Grim: Why did you originally decide to pursue librarianship as a career?

Chris LeBeau: Like many people, I fell into it accidentally. My husband and I had just moved to Penn State University where he was working on his master's degree, and I had to be the breadwinner. After looking all over State College for a job, along with thousands of other spouses, I finally went to the University's HR department. After taking a placement test, I was placed in the library in tech services which was enormous! There were two different levels of catalogers, exotic language subject bibliographers, and a large card catalog maintenance crew. I met so many cool and interesting librarians who were great role models that I decided to pursue librarianship as a career.

B.G.: What surprised you most about being a librarian?

C.L.: The demands of reference work. My first professional job was a job at the reference desk of a very busy, medium sized public library in the New York metropolitan area. Since all I had done prior to that was tech services work, I wasn't ready for the barrage of reference questions that came at me. This was pre-Internet. The phone was ringing off the hook, people stood in line at the desk waiting for our help. We had to process each person quickly, but the questions were hard, like "how many bathrooms are there in the U.S.?" I would go home at night and find scraps of paper with phone numbers in my pocket of patrons waiting for call backs. Although we were well stocked with resources, I was frustrated with the lack of more specialized resources that could help me answer all these questions. I knew then that I wanted to work in a bigger library with even more resources.

B.G.: What are your fondest memories of being a professor at MU?

C.L.: John Budd and John Wedman mapped out a proposal for this unique position, and they were great mentors. They gave me enough leash to develop new courses for the program like the Copyright in Libraries course and the Management of Electronic Resources course. And recently I developed the Budgeting in Libraries course. My role has afforded me the opportunity to delve into so many areas of librarianship. That has made this a stimulating job. I have had so much satisfaction from playing a small role in the lives of so many students. Contributing to the formation of new professionals is incredibly satisfying.

B.G.: What should the library profession be doing to improve its image?

C.L.: This question harks back to that October 2017 article in *USA Today* about jobs that are in danger of extinction with librarian topping the list. Some Syracuse University LIS students pounced on this article, as did the Association of Library and Information Science Educators. I wrote about this *USA Today* piece for my *Reference and User Services Quarterly* article which will appear in the spring issue. The Syracuse students asked this same question about the perception of librarians - call it our stereotype, if you will. And doesn't every profession have a stereotype?

In a nutshell, if our reputation is in the eye of our beholders – our customers, our patrons, our students, our funders— then we must

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earn that positive reputation. I think part of the profession's problem is a lack of the public's understanding about what libraries and librarians do. We need to communicate better about our services and collections and how they are meaningful for peoples' lives. If you offer a good product, people will find you, but promotion helps. We overcome the stereotype by educating and hiring the best and the brightest who will do excellent work which is becoming ever more specialized. Excellence breeds confidence, confidence leads to reputation.

B.G.: What advice would you give to new professionals?

C.L.:

1. Follow your passion.
2. If you find yourself in a library environment that doesn't suit you, move on. Every library is different. The customers are different, the management varies quite a bit, your colleagues will be different. Don't think a library is a library is a library.
3. Look for jobs that offer you the ability to learn. I always tried to work for someone smarter and more experienced than myself to help me grow professionally.
4. And the corollary of 3, keep learning. Acquire new skills every year. You want a quiver full of talent, skills and knowledge. You know that saying - luck is preparation meeting opportunity? It is true.
5. Don't think you are going to stay in the same job forever, so get prepared for that next job.
6. Don't ever not imagine yourself doing something in the future. (good double negative there)
7. Bask in the joy of having a job that is so intellectually stimulating and that does so much social good.

University of Missouri – Kansas City

Conversations About Cuba at UMKC Libraries

On Nov. 8, 2017, the UMKC Miller Nichols Library hosted an event exploring the art, history and political economy of Cuba. This interdisciplinary event brought together professors and alumni from various departments to share their expertise on elements of Cuban life and culture. More than 50 UMKC and greater community members were in attendance. This event was in conjunction with the exhibit [Capturado: Faces of Cuba](#) by Dr. Jimmy Adegoke, UMKC Professor of Geosciences.

Librarians Lead Second Fake News Workshop at UMKC

On Nov. 13, 2017, UMKC Librarians Mardi Mahaffy and Danielle Wellemeyer led an encore performance of their workshop titled [Fake News: Your Role and Responsibility](#) at the Miller Nichols Library. This workshop was first lead by Mahaffy, Wellemeyer and Jessica Williams at the Educate-Organize-Advocate Conference for Civil and Community Engagement at UMKC in October. Attendees enjoyed the workshop so much that there have been a number of requests for more!

UMKC Library Staff Highlights

- UMKC Librarian Scott Curtis was interviewed for a [Kansas City Star article](#) about Open Education Resources and how UMKC is utilizing them to reduce textbook costs for students.
- Marr Sound Archives Curator, Chuck Haddix, was featured by KC Studio as [KC's Premier Connoisseur of American Music](#).

University of Missouri - Columbia

Sharon Gaughan Receives MU Service Champion Award

The MU Service Champion Award is given to employees who go above and beyond the four core values of the University of Missouri: Respect, Responsibility, Discovery and Excellence. The award is given monthly and is given out by the MU Staff Advisory Council based on nominations. The University Libraries were proud to have one of their own employees, Sharon Gaughan, receive the MU Service Champion Award in Dec. 2017.

Sharon works in Physical Processing and Preservation at Ellis Library. During college, Sharon began as an art major but graduated as a computer programmer with some education courses. She has happily found uses for all of her knowledge in Physical Processing where, she says, “there’s always something new to learn or try. It’s great!”

While she didn’t set out to work in library preservation, Sharon has found joy in her work due to the wide variety of tasks and the skills she gets to use and develop. According to Sharon, her favorite parts of the job include, “The parts of the job that made it sound too good not to try for: the wide variety of tasks and the book repair.” Everyone at the University Libraries congratulates Sharon on this great achievement!

Jeannette Pierce Selected as Association of Research Libraries Fellows



Jeannette Pierce, Associate University Librarian for Research, Access and Instructional Services has been named a 2018-2019 Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Leadership Fellow. The ARL Leadership Fellows program facilitates the development of future senior-level leaders in large research libraries and archives. The Association has selected 30 individuals to participate in the 2018–2019 cohort of this executive leadership program.

Pierce stated, “I am honored to be selected as a 2018-2019 ARL Leadership Fellow. This is an outstanding opportunity to join a cohort of peers who are passionate about developing the knowledge and leadership skills needed to ensure that research libraries continue to be vital to the success of our students, faculty and institutions now and in the future. Many thanks to Vice Provost & University Librarian, Ann Campion Riley, and my colleagues at the University of Missouri Libraries for supporting my participation in the program.”

In response to a continued need to develop future leaders of ARL member institutions, the ARL Leadership Fellows program is designed to build on self-assessment, reflection and to explore a personal/professional area of interest in the context of a group setting. During the program, each fellow will construct a learning plan, engage in a customized immersive experience to shadow a library director, participate in three week-long institutes hosted by sponsoring ARL institutions, participate in online synchronous sessions and attend semi-annual Association Meetings.

Ann Campion Riley, vice provost and university librarian, said, “All of us at the Libraries are delighted to hear of Jeannette’s selection for this honor. She’s very deserving and reflective of the excellence of our librarians.”

The [2018–2019 Leadership Fellows](#) applicant pool was highly competitive. The new fellows represent a broad array of backgrounds, experiences and institutions.

University of Central Missouri

Staff News

- Anthony Kaiser, Humanities Faculty Librarian Liaison, has been tenured and promoted to Associate Professor.
- Bill Hume joined the JCKL librarian faculty as Science Faculty Librarian Liaison.
- Janette Klein joined the JCKL librarian faculty as Business Faculty Librarian Liaison.
- Rusty Smith, library assistant, completed his Master's degree in Library & Information Science from the Univ. of Missouri @ Columbia.

UCM to Celebrate 50th Year of the Children's Literature Festival

The University of Central Missouri will celebrate the 50th annual Children's Literature Festival on Mar. 18-20, 2018. Information about authors, schedule, and registration are all available online at: <http://clf.ucmo.edu/>

Missouri State University Libraries

Fiddler's Dream Event a Toe-Tapping Success

Well over 40 people, including Missouri State University President Clif Smart and his wife, Gail, attended the event held Friday evening, November 10, 2017 in the Auditorium of Duane G. Meyer Library celebrating Missouri fiddle music in the twentieth century. Howard Wight Marshall, the author of the new book, *Fiddler's Dream: Old-Time, Swing, and Bluegrass Fiddling in Twentieth-Century Missouri*, provided an overview, with interesting vignettes, of the development and flowering of fiddling in Missouri. Marshall, Gordon McCann, Luke Cormier, Heinrich Leonhard, and others played several representative tunes. After the formal portion of the evening's program, refreshments were served, and sales of Marshall's books, including his previous book, *Play Me Something Quick and Devilish*, were brisk. A few attendees brought their own instruments, and an impromptu jam session developed in the main lobby of Meyer Library. It was a delightful evening.



St. Louis County Library

County Library Wins Award from East-West Gateway Council of Governments

St. Louis County Library is pleased to announce that it has received an Outstanding Local Government Achievement award from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments. Library Director Kristen Sorth accepted the award for Leadership in Planning and Design Innovation at the organization's 52nd Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony on November 17, 2017. The award recognizes the library's ongoing capital improvement campaign, called Your Library Renewed, to renovate or rebuild 19 of the library's 20 branches.

Library Director Kristen Sorth said, "Our goal from the beginning has always been to deliver on the promises made to the residents of the St. Louis County Library District. We believe we are achieving that by providing amazing library facilities that reflect who we are as a library—a system that focuses on literacy and community."

Each year, East-West Gateway Council of Governments presents its Outstanding Local Government Achievement (OLGA) Awards recognizing the extraordinary work of municipal, county, special purpose and school district officials in the St. Louis region. The award is given to acknowledge the highest level of leadership; for projects and partnerships that raise the bar; and for jurisdictions that provide a level of excellence, expertise and service in local government.

St. Louis County Library (SLCL) is especially proud to accept the leadership award from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments because it "honors forward-thinking planning and design efforts for public spaces or community development that challenges the way people think about their surroundings." SLCL thanks the many community partners that have made the campaign successful, including the various municipalities, St. Louis County as well as dozens of architects, construction managers, and contractors.

The Your Library Renewed campaign is funded by proceeds from a 2012 tax initiative. Fourteen of the 19 projects are now complete. Phase II continues this fall and winter, when three branches close for construction: Grand Glaize, Mid-County and Thornhill. Construction on all of the new and renovated buildings in Phase II of the campaign is expected to be complete by the end of 2018. The timeline is subject to change based on weather conditions and other factors.

For more information on Your Library Renewed, visit www.slcl.org/your-library-renewed or contact Jennifer McBride at 314-994-3300, ext. 2250.

Region's Two Largest Library Systems Offer Hotspot Lending

St. Louis County Library and St. Louis Public Library will offer wi-fi hotspots for check-out starting Friday, December 15, 2017. The mobile hotspots will allow people to connect to the Internet, anywhere, any time with a wi-fi enabled device.

St. Louis County Library and St. Louis Public Library are coming together to help close the digital divide in the St. Louis region. According to American FactFinder (2016 American Community Survey), 11% of the households in St. Louis County do not have internet access. In St. Louis City, 22% have no Internet access. Offering mobile internet service to library cardholders will help keep the region connected. The hotspots will be a valuable resource for a variety of people, including students, job seekers, new residents to the area who have not yet set up internet, and to lower income households who cannot afford Internet service.

Kristen Sorth, Director of the St. Louis County Library said, "We are thrilled to partner with St. Louis Public Library on another project that impacts people in the region. Meaningful internet access is essential for economic stability and educational attainment. By addressing the digital divide, we are providing important infrastructure for our community."

Waller McGuire, Executive Director of the St. Louis Public Library said, "Our libraries work together to provide St. Louis with vital connections to the digital world. People throughout the region rely on their library for access to the internet and everything it connects us with: work, school, entertainment, even government. Hotspots allow our patrons to carry that connection home or wherever they need it! "

Any SLCL (county) or SLPL (city) adult cardholder in good standing can check-out a Wi-Fi hotspot just like they check out a book. Patrons can request a hotspot online through the catalogs, at the circulation desk or by calling 314-994-3300 for SLCL or 314-241-2288 for SLPL. The devices can be renewed if no one else has requested one. Each hotspot comes with easy, step-by-step instruc-

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tions.

For more information about hotspots at St. Louis County, visit www.slcl.org/wi-fi-hotspots and at St. Louis Public Library, visit slpl.org.

St. Louis County Library Ranked 4-Stars by Library Journal

St. Louis County Library has been ranked as a four-star library in the Library Journal Index of Public Library Service for the fourth consecutive year. SLCL is the only library in the St. Louis area to be included in the index this year, and one of six in the state of Missouri. The rank of four stars indicates a high per capita use in four major areas of library service: library visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet computer use. The ranking is based on statistics from 2015, when SLCL circulated over 13 million items.

[View the report.](#)

Library Director Kristen Sorth stated, “We are so happy to be named a 4-star library for the fourth year in a row, especially since the designation is based on how much our collection and services are used by the community. A big thanks to our employees for their amazing work.”

To create the index, public libraries are compared to others with similar annual expenditures and ranked accordingly. Star Library ratings of five, four, and three stars are awarded to libraries that generate the highest combined per capita outputs among their peers. SLCL received a four-star rating in the \$30,000,000+ expenditure range for the fourth consecutive year.

The news of SLCL’s accomplishment comes at a time when the library’s capital improvement campaign, Your Library Renewed, has completed 14 new or renovated library branches. Phase two of the campaign is underway, with three branches closed for construction.

St. Charles City-County Library

Board Hires New Director

The St. Charles City-County Library District Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that they have selected a new library director. On Thursday, December 21 the board voted unanimously to offer the position of St. Charles City-County Library Director to Jason Kuhl.

Kuhl began his library career working for St. Louis County Library in 2000. In 2008 he became Information Services Manager at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library in Arlington Heights, IL. He served in three positions there, most recently leading a staff of 240 and overseeing a budget of \$14 million as Executive Director. Kuhl will begin his position as the St. Charles City-County Library Director on Monday, January 29, 2018. His annual salary will be \$139,468.33 plus benefits.

“I saved for the down payment on my first house by working from 2000 to 2002 as a Sunday Librarian at the St. Charles City-County Library Middendorf-Kredell Branch,” said Kuhl. “I am so excited to be coming back to St. Charles County as the new Library Director.”

The Board of Trustees began a nation-wide search for a new



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director in June, 2017 when the District's current Director Jim Brown announced he would be retiring in December, 2017. The search was conducted by the Library Board with help from a professional recruitment firm specializing in libraries. A pool of twenty-three applicants was narrowed to six and then to three finalists. The final three were invited to St. Charles County for in-person interviews and to meet with library staff.

"Jason met or exceeded everything the Board was looking for in a new Director," said Board President Gail Zumwalt. "We had many strong applicants, but in the end we all agreed that Jason was the best candidate to keep our Library District moving forward to even greater things. We are very excited to have Jason as our new director."

The St. Charles City-County Library District's annual budget totals just over \$19 million. Each year St. Charles County residents visit the District's 12 branch locations more than 1.7 million times, more than one million customers visit the Library's website, and nearly 6 million items are circulated. The District continues to change and evolve, offering new services and programs for all ages, expanding the eLibrary collection, and enhancing the customers' Library experience.



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Springfield-Greene County Library District

Local History Tapped for Roots Research-Style Episode



Local History Department Manager Brian Grubbs being interviewed for a genealogy episode for "Ozarks Watch" on KOZK/Channel 21.

Local History Department Manager Brian Grubbs was interviewed by KOZK/Channel 21 "Ozarks Watch" host Dale Moore for a genealogy-themed episode of the Ozarks Public Television series, similar to the popular "Finding Your Roots" series on PBS. The episode is expected to air in January or February 2018 and will highlight the Library's print and database genealogy resources. During the interview, the duo discovered connections in Dale's family history including a great uncle who was the first governor of Tennessee and another ancestor who settled in Jamestown in 1608.

Friends of the Library Fall Sale Hits \$143, 264.64

The Friends reached several sales highs during the Fall Book Sale including a near-record-high sales figure of \$28,263.50 for the Friends Night Preview Sale. The sale ran Oct. 18-22 and grossed \$143,264.64 in sales of used books, CDs, DVDs, audiobook, vinyl records and more. The 2018 Spring Book Sale is scheduled April 25-29, 2018, at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds.

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Library as Reliable Source Leads Community Report

The Library shines as the community's reliable source of information in the new Community Impact Report, thanks to the work of staff reference librarians. ["Uncovering Facts in an age of Information Overload"](#) showcases ways that the average citizen can fact-check sources and information and offers sites for reliable information. The report editors offered the opportunity to promote the Library's role given the timeliness of the ongoing "fake news" issues. Under ["Partnerships Enhance Preschool Efforts,"](#) the Library's early literacy program Racing to Read is applauded as having been adopted by the Missouri State Library as the state model, and how Racing to Read is effective in preparing children to learn and succeed. The report is available online at SpringfieldCommunityFocus.org. Free copies have been distributed to all library branches.

Newspaper/Library Capture City's Tales and Photos



The Springfield News-Leader and Local History staffers recaptured stories and newspaper clippings nearly lost to time at the Saturday, Nov. 4, event News Clips & You at the Library Center. Adults arrived toting boxes and fat envelopes of yellowed news clippings from their past, local events and family members' newsy moments. While News-Leader reporters took down the stories of the visitors, Local History staffers Ben Divin, Landyn Harris and Renee Glass helped people make photocopies of their stories or research missing pieces. Visitors also got to help identify individuals and events in photographs displayed on posters during the event, helping Local History fill in some of the blanks in the vast digital archives from the News-Leader.

Artful Animals Hold Audience Spellbound



Seventy kids and adults watched a box turtle, a blue-tongued skink and a speckled king snake painted during Get Wild with Animal Art on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Library Center. Two representatives with Ozarks AAZK, the local chapter of the American Association of Zookeepers, talked about the enrichment benefits animals experience when they paint while dabbing paint on feet and bellies. The organization also sold eight pieces from Get Wild with Animal Art display in Reading Room after the program. A Facebook Live video captured the painting experience and is archived on the Springfield-Greene County Library District Facebook page.

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Library Partners with City for Holiday Celebrations



storytime librarians. Everyone was tucked into the float's "living room" decked out with curtains, a Christmas tree and a Midtown Carnegie Branch-style fireplace. Best of all, the Library won first place in the parade's nonprofit entry category.

The Library oozed the holiday spirit, with holiday concerts by the Greene County Courthouse Chorale and Springfield Symphony Brass Quintet, and hosted family events to kick off the city's Festival of Lights and Springfield Christmas Parade. Some 300 people of all ages attended each of the three Holiday Storytime readings at the Park Central Branch during the Festival of Lights beginning Nov. 18. Celebrity readers included Mayor Ken McClure and Police Chief Paul Williams. Leading up to the Christmas Parade Dec. 9, the Library Facebook page asked people to name their favorite children's book; winners would be included in the Library's float. The result was over 600 votes, and eight large reproductions of the "winning" book covers decorating the Library van, which pulled the float. On the float was mascot Leo the Library Lion "reading" a giant book to seated children. Drury University professor Rick Maxson also played his banjolele over the soundtrack of a recorded song he wrote and recorded with the children, "Read Me a Downtown Christmas Story." The song included narration by

Holiday Store for Kids Caters to Small Budgets

Children got to do their own shopping for family members and friends at five branches that hosted the annual Holiday Store for Kids on Dec. 2. Items were priced from 25 cents to \$6, and volunteers helped children find items for everyone on their gift list, stay within their budget, wrap and tag each gift. The Library Center store continued through Dec. 10. Between Friends Gift Shop Manager Shelli Kaminski, who with her staff coordinate the Holiday Store for Kids, reported the final sales number was \$12,768.27, topping the last two years of sales events. Proceeds benefit numerous Library programs and services for the same kids and families that shop the stores.

Kathleen O'Dell, community relations director, kathleen@thelibrary.org.



Poplar Bluff Municipal Library District

The Book in the Bluff: Reading News of the World by Paulette Jiles

Poplar Bluff Municipal Library District hosts Paulette Jiles. She presents her bestselling novel News of the World 7 p.m. on March 8, 2018, in the Tinnin Fine Arts Center at Three Rivers Community College.

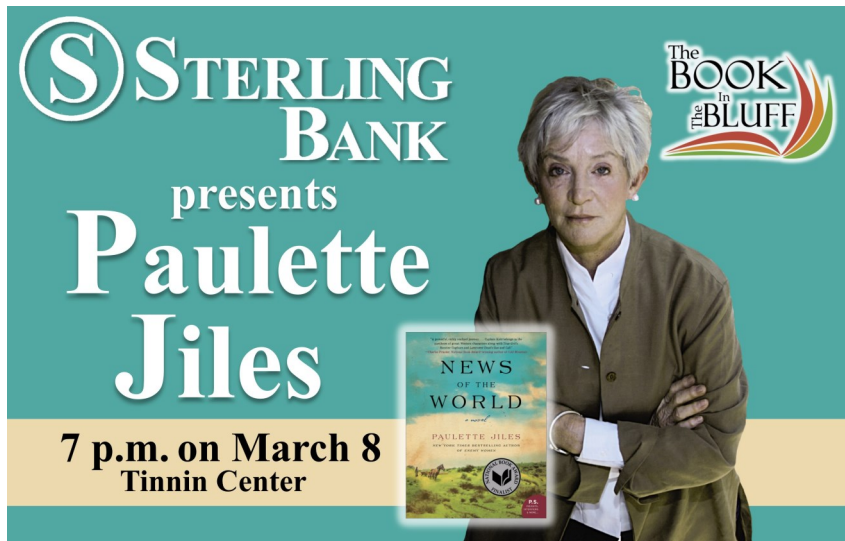
Ms. Jiles, a Salem, Missouri native with deep roots in Butler County, is the featured speaker celebrating the Poplar Bluff Municipal Library community read, News of the World. The Book in The Bluff encourages all of Butler and surrounding counties to develop and grow sparking conversations and community. The Book in The Bluff began with the library's centennial in 2016. The success of this program encouraged us to make this an annual event.

News of the World is a 2016 National Book Award finalist. In addition, the book was chosen as the 2017 Texas' Great Read at the National Festival of Books in Washington, D. C. along with the 2017 Spur Award Nominee for Best Western Traditional Novel, and 2016 Goodreads Choice Award Nominee for Historical Fiction.

"1870, North Texas, rainy and cold. Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels from town to town giving readings from the latest newspapers, bringing the news of the world to isolated towns on the Texas frontier. In Wichita Falls, he is asked to return a captive girl to her relatives near San Antonio, 400 miles to the south. The old man and the ten-year-old start out on a hazardous journey, no less risky because the girl considers herself now a Kiowa and does not have the slightest desire to return. Bandits and Comanche raids and violent weather make as many difficulties as the ten-year old girl who can't speak English, eats with her hands and knows how to use a revolver. In the end, he finds he must return her to relatives who don't want her, even though he and the girl have become trusting friends. A story of courage and honor and the truth that these two things are often the possession of even the unlikeliest people." <http://paulettejiles.com/>

Please join Poplar Bluff in reading the book and joining us on March 8, 2018.

Visit her website and blog, PauletteJiles.com



Mid-Continent Public Library

Library Expands Branch Hours

On Jan. 2, Mid-Continent Public Library implemented new hours of operation at each of its 31 branches across the Kansas City metro in an effort to keep doors open longer for customers. The hours, which were determined by Library leadership following months of community meetings and conversation, are unique to each branch's individual customer needs—whether that means staying open later during the week or providing weekend hours.

Most notable among the scheduling changes is the addition of Sunday hours to 17 branches—bringing the total to 20 MCPL branches that are open that day. Collectively, the Library system will be open an additional 78 hours per week, or 4,000 more each year, with the new schedule.

The new service hours were made possible by an increase to the Library's funding (the first in 33 years), which voters approved with the passage of Proposition L in November 2016. In addition to utilizing these dollars to expand branch hours, the Library increased its collections budget by 13 percent, added staff to its special programming initiatives like Library-By-Mail for homebound customers, and will soon release a construction timeline for its planned improvements to its aging facilities.

Keep updated on MCPL's progress at mymcpl.org/community.

Dickens' Descendant Returns



Gerald Dickens, portraying his famous great-great-grandfather, Charles.

The great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens returned to Mid-Continent Public Library for a special engagement this past holiday season. A professional actor in England, the energetic Gerald Dickens leapt, laughed, and sobbed as he portrayed the voices of *A Christmas Carol* in five performances at MCPL branches during November. Dickens' striking resemblance to his great-great-grandfather and his dramatic rendition of *A Christmas Carol* brought the classic to life.

On Nov. 27 and 28, another performer, David zum Brunnen, offered a similarly captivating performance as he gave his portrayal of the 17 unique characters in *A Christmas Carol*, as well as 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 for public television, including *The Night Before Christmas Carol*. His performance has earned high praise from many, including the Dickens family.

Throughout the holiday season, MCPL offered more than 30 unique programs at 29 of its 31 branches, including:

- Storytimes with Santa and Mrs. Claus
- Holiday music and performances (such as Simple Strings Dulcimers Christmas Concert, The Dickens Carolers, and *A Christmas Carol-LIVE!*, a performance by Hampstead Stage)
- Holiday crafts and entertaining (including Easy-to-Make Holiday Drinks and Beaded Christmas Tree)
- Storytelling about the winter holidays including Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Dongzhi, and Christmas

Winter Reading Challenge Takes a Mysterious Turn

Mid-Continent Public Library is encouraging customers to dust off their magnifying glasses and don their sleuthing caps because the Library's Winter Reading Challenge for adults is back, and this year's theme is "Shelf of Suspects," an investigation into the captivating and diverse mystery genre. From Jan. 15 to March 15, Challenge participants who read any five books (mystery or otherwise) will earn a limited edition Winter Reading Challenge coffee mug and the chance to win exclusive donated prizes from Breakout KC.

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In addition to delving into MCPL's "Shelf of Suspects," Winter Reading Challenge participants can enjoy a variety of free programs and virtual events to connect with fellow armchair detectives, including a kick-off scavenger hunt on Day Two of the Challenge:



Winter Reading Challenge Kick-Off: Scavenger Hunt

Lee's Summit Branch

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Explore the great mystery authors and titles that Mid-Continent Public Library has to offer at a two-hour genre review with branch experts. Then take advantage of the all-day opportunity to complete a scavenger hunt that will test your puzzle-solving abilities, give you a chance to enter the prize drawing, and leave you ready to embark on this year's mystery reading challenge.

Other in-branch programs include Blind Date with a Book at MCPL's Colbern Road Branch on Feb. 12 and Classic Mystery Trivia Night at the Kearney Branch on Feb. 26. For those who'd prefer to remain in the comfort of their homes, the Library's Winter Reading Challenge Facebook page (facebook.com/groups/WRC2018) offers readers the ability to chat with other participants online and engage in numerous virtual events including Mystery Trivia on Feb. 20. Group book discussions will also be held at more than 15 different MCPL branches throughout the Challenge for those seeking more in-depth conversation.

Last year, nearly 3,000 customers participated in the Challenge, reading almost 13,000 books and earning close to 2,000 mugs. To learn more about MCPL's 2018 Winter Reading Challenge, visit mymcpl.org/WinterReading

First Class of Career Online High School Graduate

Mid-Continent Public Library, Kansas City Public Library, and Literacy Kansas City hosted a graduation ceremony on Nov. 9 for the first class of Career Online High School, a program that the three organizations jointly offer to local residents who wish to obtain a high school diploma. The graduation ceremony was held at Kansas City Public Library's Plaza Branch and kicked off with a keynote speech and commencement address, followed by the presentation of diplomas and a reception with refreshments for friends and family of the graduates.

The program, launched by the libraries in partnership with Literacy KC in 2016, provides a flexible, self-paced means of earning an accredited high school diploma as well as a career certificate in as few as six months. To date, 13 students have earned a diploma through Career Online High School, and 41 individuals are currently enrolled in the program. In addition, more than two dozen students have received scholarships from the three founding organizations.

One Career Online High School graduate, Renee Dupree, is a mother of two who enrolled in the program to set a positive example for her kids.

"I did it for my children," said Dupree. "I'm their role model."

Although it was tough juggling her coursework and duties as a mother along with working two jobs, her completion of the program has opened the door to many new education and career opportunities for Dupree. In fact, she now has plans to further her education by attending college and has already been accepted at the University of Texas at Arlington.

To learn more about Career Online High School, visit mymcpl.org/COHS.



Graduates of Career Online High School pose with their newly-earned diplomas in the caps and gowns.

Kansas City Public Library

KCPL Participates in Global Entrepreneurship Week

The Kansas City Public Library has been proud to participate in Global Entrepreneurship Week (<https://genglobal.org/gew>) since its founding in 2008. GEW is a week of public events and learning opportunities each November that inspire entrepreneurship worldwide. Kansas City has been an epicenter of GEW activities since its start, and 2017 was no exception. Held this year at Plexpod Westport Commons, a large coworking space in historic Midtown, our GEW celebration featured more than 150 events. Eric Petersen, Supervisor of Kansas City Public Library's H&R Block Business & Career Center, and Morgan Perry, Manager of Mid-Continent Public Library's Square One Small Business Services, co-moderated a panel discussion, "E-Commerce Tips and Tricks," on Nov. 14th. Featuring four Kansas City entrepreneurs who sell their services via the web, the business owners shared trends, technologies, and best practices for those wanting to try their own hand at starting a web-based business.



Eric Petersen and Morgan Perry (standing)

Eric also co-presented "Grow Your Business! Free Target Market Resources from the Kansas City Public Library" at GEW with Kimberly Beer of Midnight Productions. This session was a great opportunity for the public to learn about the Library's free electronic business resources and services.

Daniel Boone Regional Library

Director Melissa Carr Retires from DBRL

Daniel Boone Regional Library Director Melissa Carr is retiring in January 2018. Carr marked her 45th year with the library last August. She has served as library director for the last 21 years.

“I still truly love my job and am very excited about the future of our library, so this decision was difficult for me. January seems to be the natural transition time for both the library and my family as we start 2018 with a new Strategic Plan and, hopefully, a simplified governance structure,” said Carr. “DBRL has an amazing and talented staff, a dedicated and wonderful board of trustees and a region full of individuals that care deeply about their library. It’s a great combination that has made this job such a joy.”

Carr began her library career at Daniel Boone Regional Library in the Circulation Department while an undergraduate at the University of Missouri. She received her Master’s of Library Science degree from the University of Missouri in 1975 and worked in several leadership roles at the library until her hiring by the Board of Directors as library director in 1996.



“While our mission of promoting literacy has remained constant over the years, how we go about it has changed,” said Elinor Barrett, associate library director. “Melissa has successfully led our organization through these changes. Today we have CDs and streaming music services through our website. We’ve added downloadable audiobooks and eBooks, online classes and other digital research resources. In fact, our website has become the second most heavily used branch in our system. Melissa’s vision and interest in embracing new technologies has enabled this library to keep pace with the different ways our patrons want to receive information.”

During Carr’s tenure as library director, she oversaw a new branch library in Ashland, the renovation of the Callaway County Public Library, the opening of the current Columbia Public Library building, the addition of the Bookmobile, Jr. to better serve children out in our counties, the founding of the One Read program, and the creation of the digital branch (www.dbrl.org).

“Two of the characteristics that have made Melissa such a good leader are her commitment to careful fiscal management of the taxpayers’ dollars and her assembly of an administrative team that share this commitment,” said Susan Daly, president of the Daniel Boone Regional Library Board of Trustees. “We periodically prepare facility management plans that help us anticipate upcoming needs so that we have funds available when we need them. We will miss her. She’s been such a valuable asset to this library system and to the communities we serve.”

New DBRL Director Margaret Conroy

The DBRL Board of Directors is happy to announce the hiring of Margaret Conroy as DBRL’s next director. Conroy’s first day at DBRL is January 18.



Margaret Conroy has spent her library career in Missouri in a variety of leadership positions. She is leaving her current job as the assistant director of the St. Charles City-County Library District in St. Charles, Missouri to return to Mid-Missouri. Before that, she served as the Missouri State Librarian. Conroy previously served as director of both the Missouri River Regional Library and the Little Dixie Regional Library. She earned a Master’s degree of Library and Information Science from Dominican University, a Master’s degree of Public Administration from the University of Missouri, and a Bachelor’s degree in Humanities Interdisciplinary from Quincy University. Conroy is a member of the American Library Association and the Public Library Association. She is a member of the Missouri Library Association and served as its president in 2001.

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Local Authors Open House 2017



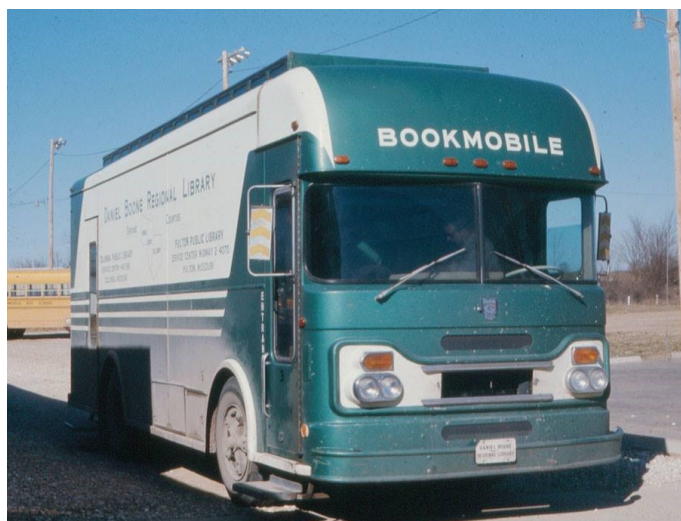
On Saturday, October 28, the Columbia Public Library held its third annual “Local Authors Open House.” Library patrons got to meet some wonderful local and regional authors and hear about their writing and publishing experiences. Thirty-five authors got to show off their work and had books available for purchase and signing. Over 200 people came to discover and chat with them, and the program has been so successful that we plan on hosting another in the fall of 2018.

Bookmobile Service Rolls On for 60 Years

In 1957, a gallon of gas cost only 24 cents, and Dr. Seuss’s “The Cat in the Hat” was first published. It was also the first year Mid-Missourians were able to climb onto a bookmobile and borrow a library book.

That year, the Missouri State Library funded a trial fleet of bookmobiles with one based out of the Columbia Public Library. After two successful years of working together on the bookmobile trial, the library districts of Columbia, Boone, Callaway, and Howard counties formed the Daniel Boone Regional Library with the bookmobile as a regular service to our rural areas.

A second vehicle was added in 1968, and over the years we have upgraded the vehicles and added new collections such as music CDs and DVDs to our rolling libraries. In recent years, the two bookmobiles have accommodated 10,000 visits on average, resulting in 75,000 items borrowed.



In the next few years, we hope to visit more neighborhoods and licensed child care centers, and to add technological maker kits to our lending collection.

DBRL Brings Books to North Callaway School Libraries

After moving to a four-day school week, the North Callaway R-1 school district has decided to open its school libraries on a rotating schedule on Mondays. At each Open Public Library session, area residents have access to the school’s computers, research databases, magazines and reading materials. Students and their families can check out items from the school library on the student’s account. The Daniel Boone Regional Library is partnering with the school district to make available books and other items from its collection for check out.

DBRL also will offer classes at the school libraries on topics such as mobile devices, genealogy research and résumé-writing. All will be free and open to the public.



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