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## President's Message

Welcome to a whole new year with MLA!

It should be no surprise that our members were planning for 2019 throughout our October conference meetings and into December. I've enjoyed the opportunity to connect with Committees and Communities of Interest to set our plans and goals. All of this was guided by our fearless leader and Past President, April Roy. I want to thank her for all of her work. April is taking the helm as the Chair of our newly established MLA Access and Innovation Fund Task Force.

And, thanks to our 2018 Conference Coordinators, Kimberly Moeller and Debbie Luchenbill, and their conference team. We had many wonderful sessions, speakers, and spaces for learning and networking. Our 2019 Conference Coordinators, Tiffany Mautino and Katie Gregory, along with their conference team are already finalizing registration details for KCI Expo Center.

In December, our Site Selection Committee toured locations for our 2020 Conference in Springfield. Look for more details soon from 2020 Conference Coordinators Katie Hopkins and Jessie East. There are many ways to be involved throughout the year with MLA. Registration is already open for Library Advocacy Day (LAD) on February 26th. We also have YSCI, MACRL, Membership and also Intellectual Freedom committees hosting events for members throughout the state in 2019. Members can participate in a new mentoring program through our Public Library Community of Interest.

Finally, I want to thank you for being a member of MLA. It is an honor to serve as your President this year. From my library visits in Joplin, Poplar Bluff, Columbia, Kansas City, Cape Girardeau, Sikeston and more, I can see that Missouri library workers are incredible advocates for their library communities.

I encourage you to reach out to your fellow members and neighboring libraries for support and networking. We accomplish big things together!

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# Calendar of Events

National, state, regional, and web calendar events are from the MLA site, and newsletter articles.

Use the links for webcast or event details and if there is any pricing.

Date	Time	Event	Sponsor
Jan. 15	10-11 a.m.	<a href="#">Literacy Behind Bars: Inside the World of Texas Prison Librarians</a>	Texas State Library & Archives Commission
	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">Presenting the 2019 Morris Award Finalists</a>	Booklist
Jan. 16	4-5 p.m.	<a href="#">Elementary Educator's Guide to Primary Sources</a>	School Library Connection
Jan. 17	9-10 a.m.	<a href="#">Innovative Libraries Online Conference: Libraries at the Center of</a>	State Library of Iowa
	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">Do You Speak Possibility?</a>	Colorado State Library
	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">Making the Move from Summer Reading to Summer Learning</a>	Association for Library Services to Children
Jan. 18	12-1 p.m.	<a href="#">Your Guide to Free Tax Prep Services</a>	American Libraries Live
Jan. 22	10-11 a.m.	<a href="#">Providing Great Library Service With Skill and Empathy</a>	Utah State Library
Jan. 22-23	1:30-3:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Planning for Technology</a>	Amigos
Jan. 23	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Navigating the New RDA Toolkit</a>	Amigos
	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	<a href="#">Reclaim Your Success: Lessons from Disrupters - Success</a>	American Management Association
	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">Size Doesn't Matter: Transforming Big Ideas into Small Library</a>	Programming Librarian
	2-3 p.m.	<a href="#">The Future Is Now: Virtual, Augmented, and Mixed Reality in</a>	WebJunction
Jan. 24	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">National Mentoring Month: Strategies for Mentoring Girls in</a>	National Girls Collaborative Project
	2-3 p.m.	<a href="#">I Inherited a Mess! What Do I Do Now?</a>	Texas State Library & Archives Commission
Jan. 25-29		<a href="#">ALA Midwinter Meeting, Seattle Wash.</a>	American Library Association
Jan. 29	10-11 p.m.	<a href="#">Building and Maintaining a Graphic Novel and Comics Collection</a>	Utah State Library
	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">3 Steps to Effective Storytelling to Grow Your Memberships</a>	Wild Apricot
	2-3 p.m.	<a href="#">Footprint Foothold: Helping Students Manage Their Online</a>	edWeb
Jan. 30	6-7 p.m.	<a href="#">Moving Diversity Forward: Using Embedded Diversity Practices</a>	American Association of School Librarians
Jan. 31	2-3 p.m.	<a href="#">Assistive Technology for Reading and Writing: An Overview of</a>	PACER Center
Feb. 4	1:30-2:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Generation Z: Libraries and the Post-Millennial Generation</a>	Amigos
Feb. 5-8	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<a href="#">EAD3: the Basics</a>	Amigos
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Feb. 26		<a href="#">Library Advocacy Day</a>	Missouri Library Association
Feb. 28	TBA	<a href="#">Open Doors: Reaching Underserved Populations</a>	Amigos
Mar. 4	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Library Signage</a>	Amigos
Mar. 5-6	1:30-3:30 p.m.	<a href="#">STEAM at Your Library</a>	Amigos
Mar. 6-7	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<a href="#">RDA for Video Recordings</a>	Amigos
Mar. 6-8		<a href="#">61st Annual Missouri Conference on History</a>	State Historical Society of Missouri
Mar. 11	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Developing Information Literacy Lessons for First-Year College</a>	Amigos
Mar. 13-14	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<a href="#">RDA for Audio Recordings</a>	Amigos
Mar. 17-19		<a href="#">51st Children's Literature Festival</a>	University of Central Missouri
Mar. 18	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<a href="#">The Art of the Reference Interview</a>	Amigos
Mar. 20-21	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<a href="#">RDA for Copy Catalogers</a>	Amigos
Mar. 25	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	<a href="#">IFLA-LRM: a New Conceptual Model</a>	Amigos
Mar. 27	2-4 p.m.	<a href="#">Library Management for Beginners: Managing Personnel</a>	Amigos
Mar. 28	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	<a href="#">Beyond Basics: How to Approach Reader's Advisory</a>	Amigos
Oct. 2-4		<a href="#">2019 MLA - Unconventional: Bold Ideas for Better Libraries</a>	Missouri Library Association

## 2019 MLA Conference

Now that 2019 is here, let's talk about some important dates you're going to want to write on your calendar. The coordinators and planning committee for this year's MLA conference have been hard at work scheduling sessions and making arrangements for a truly spectacular event.

### Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ April 1st – Vendor registration opens
- June 20th - Early bird registration opens for conference attendees
- ✓ August 15th – Early bird registration closes, but you can still register for conference up to the day of the conference!
- ✓ August 30th – Vendor registration closes
- ✓ October 2nd-4th, 2019 - MLA Conference will take place at the KCI Expo Center!

This year's theme is "Unconventional: Bold Ideas for Better Libraries"

Don't just wait for those dates. There is plenty you can do today!

- ✓ Bookmark the [conference homepage](#) on your computer.
- ✓ While you're there, take note of the registration rates so you can prep your 2019 budget. Early bird rates for the full conference start at just \$50 for students and \$120 for members. For three days of awesome!
- ✓ Follow the conference on its [Facebook](#) and [twitter](#) pages so you can keep up to date on all the ongoing developments. Save the hashtags #2019MLA and #UnconMLA
- ✓ Share the [prospectus](#) with vendors who might be interested in joining us. We are always looking for new partners who can help us help our communities.
- ✓ Chart the locations of the [conference center](#) and the two hotels ([Holiday Inn](#), [Fairfield Inn](#)). Special booking rates will be released soon, but you can start lining up which restaurants and entertainments venues you want to visit nearby. Improv, anyone?
- ✓ Are you or your library doing amazing things for your community? Start planning your breakout session now and be on the lookout for more information about submitting a proposal for a breakout session!

Look for more info to come soon!



## Featured Library Employee

Meet this issue's Featured Library Employee for the Missouri Library Association, Jim Coombs!

### What is your name, your library, and your role at the library?

Jim Coombs, Missouri State University Meyer Library, Maps and GIS Librarian

### What originally got you interested in working at a library?

I majored in geography as an undergraduate at Ball state University and used the map library's resources. I decided that working in a map library would be the perfect job for me.

### What keeps you coming back every day?

The reference service is my favorite part of library work. Also, I get to draw maps for professors' books!

### What's challenging about your work?

Keeping up with the changes in computer mapping.

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

Yes, in my computer mapping work, I'm curious about the accuracy of the source data I use.

### Who is one of your mentors?

David Cobb, who was Map Librarian at the University of Illinois when I had a 2-year internship there in 1978-80. It was my first professional library job after getting my Master's in Map Librarianship and he taught and showed me how to manage a map library.

### 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.

Brook Blevins' three volume *A History of the Ozarks* offers a comprehensive history of the region. The first volume came out in summer 2018. Blevins tries to write history books that connect with common folks. He wants people in the Ozarks to know they have a valuable regional history of their own and take pride in it.

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

I went to China in 1985 as the only Maps & GIS specialist in an ALA delegation of 50 librarians. We toured libraries in Beijing, Xian, Chengdu and Shanghai. We also toured the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and the buried army of terra cotta soldiers. It's very hard to describe what we experienced compared to life in China today. Back then, there was a heavy military presence and we experienced travel delays while they scrutinized our documents. We were stared at as the first Caucasian people the Chinese had seen. The only people who had cars were military and Government officials. Everyone else rode bicycles or walked. I described the experience as "I might as well have gone to Mars, because everything in the Chinese cultural experience was so completely different from what I grew up with in the U.S." I still cherish the experience.

Would you like to nominate someone to be our next Featured Library Employee? Examples could be:

- ...a new employee you'd like to introduce
- ...someone with a unique job or on a unique career path
- ...an employee you find inspirational
- ...a coworker whose gifts you wish were more widely known
- ...someone who's "an institution" full of interesting stories
- ...a role that has a new focus or is reaching a new audience
- ...someone you'd like to make more visible to potential employers

Submit name(s) and contact information, along with place of employment, to Shannon Mawhiney at [smawhiney@mmissouristate.edu](mailto:smawhiney@mmissouristate.edu). We'll do all the work of contacting; we just need you to connect us!



## Wolfner Library

### Wolfner Library Offers Customized Online Training

Interested in learning what Wolfner Library offers to complement local library services? Curious about the disability demographics in your library's service area? Does your staff have specific questions about services and programs offered by Wolfner Library? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, sign-up for a virtual meeting with Wolfner Library staff using the GoToMeeting software. To participate, all a library needs is a computer with internet access (conference room with projector recommended for larger groups). For more information, or to schedule a time, contact Adult Services Librarian Amy Nickless at 800-392-2614 or [amy.nickless@sos.mo.gov](mailto:amy.nickless@sos.mo.gov).



### Wolfner Library 2019 Adult Winter Reading Program

This year's program will feature the best of the best in Wolfner Library's collection. No matter what type of fiction or nonfiction patrons enjoy, there is a category for them.

The program Started on January 2 and will run through March 4. The deadline for submitting the number of books read will be March 11, 2019. To qualify for prizes, patrons must read at least 10 titles from the provided reading list.

Patrons may elect to enjoy the program by category or by individual title.

This year's ten categories include:

- Agatha Award Winners
- Christy Award Winners
- Edgar Award Winners
- Gateway Award Winners
- Hugo Awards
- Man Booker Prize
- National Book Awards
- Pulitzer Prize Winners
- RITA Award Winners
- Spur Award Winners

### Wolfner Library Book Club Schedule:

Wolfner Library offers three book club groups for its patrons, one each for fiction, nonfiction, and mild reads titles. Each group meets monthly from February through October via conference call. If your library serves patrons who qualify for Wolfner Library's services, they can call 1-800-392-2614 to register.

#### February:

February 14 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads: *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

February 21 at 2 p.m. Good Books (mild reads): *The Black Count: Revolution, Betrayal, and the Real Count of Monte Cristo* by Tom Reiss

February 28 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern* by Stephen Greenblatt

#### March:

March 14 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads: *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

March 21 at 2 p.m. Good Books: *America's First Daughter* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie

March 28 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: *Elizabeth and Mary: Cousins, Rivals, Queens* by Jane Dunn

#### April:

April 11 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads: *Mrs. Grant and Madame Jule* by Jennifer Chiaverini

April 18 at 2 p.m. Good Books: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austin

April 25 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: *Napoleon and Josephine: A Love Story* by Theo Aronson

## State Historical Society of Missouri

### Our Missouri: SHSMO Launches Podcast Series



The State Historical Society of Missouri launched its newest digital endeavor, “Our Missouri,” a podcast about the state’s people, places, culture, and history in September 2018. Each episode engages with experts and scholars on topics related to the state and its past. New episodes are posted twice a month on SHSMO’s website at [shsmo.org/our-missouri](http://shsmo.org/our-missouri). The podcast can also be accessed by subscribing through Apple iTunes or Google Play. SHSMO oral historian Sean Rost hosts the podcast. Strategic communications associate Brian Austin serves as producer, and staff member Kevin Walsh provides the credit narration.

In the inaugural episode, Rost spoke with SHSMO president Bob Priddy about his book, *The Art of the Missouri Capitol*, coauthored with Jeffrey Ball. Subsequent episodes have featured conversations with Caroline Fraser, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder* as well as a three-part series called “Missouri and The Great War” that commemorated the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I in November 2018. December episodes featured Bill Eddleman, associate director of the Cape Girardeau Research Center, discussing genealogy and his current term as president of the Missouri State Genealogical Association, and Michael Sweeney, SHSMO bicentennial coordinator, explaining the partnerships and programs currently under way in anticipation of Missouri’s bicentennial in 2021. Tune in 2019 for more great episodes!

### Explore *Exodus: Images of Black Migration* Exhibition at February 4 Event in Columbia

Join SHSMO’s Joan Stack and Faith Ordonio at 4 p.m. on February 4 in Room 114A of the University of Missouri’s Ellis Library for a curators’ presentation of *Exodus: Images of Black Migration in Missouri and Beyond, 1866–1940*. Stack and Ordonio will offer their insights on the exhibition, which explores the experiences of thousands of African Americans who came to and through Missouri while seeking greater political, economic, and social opportunity. Images from SHSMO’s collections illustrate the movement of African Americans from their first great exodus out of the South after the Civil War to subsequent relocations sparked by violence, repression, natural disasters, and the turmoil of the Great Depression. The artwork includes fine art prints by George Caleb Bingham and Thomas Hart Benton. The exhibition will be on display in the Ellis Library Colonnade from January 11 to February 28 as part of MU’s commemoration of Black History Month. This event is possible thanks to sponsorship from the University of Missouri Libraries and the MU Black History Month Committee.



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## Missouri Conference on History Planned for March 6–8 in Kansas City

The sixty-first annual Missouri Conference on History, hosted by the University of Missouri–Kansas City and Park University and sponsored by the State Historical Society of Missouri, will be held March 6–8 at the Holiday Inn Country Club Plaza in Kansas City. Register now to attend and enjoy presentations of new research on a wide variety of topics from all fields of history. In 2019 the Missouri Humanities Council is offering a new program of financial assistance to both undergraduate and graduate students: travel grants will cover the conference registration fee, lodging at the conference hotel, and up to \$150 of additional related expenses. Learn more about the Missouri Conference on History at [shsmo.org/mch](http://shsmo.org/mch).



## New Exhibition at St. Louis Research Center Celebrates *Marlin Perkins: Wild Life*



Missouri native Marlin Perkins lived a truly wild life. In addition to serving as the director of the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago and then the St. Louis Zoo, Perkins also hosted two popular television programs: *Zoo Parade* (1949–1957) and the award-winning *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom*, which ran for twenty-six seasons starting in 1961. A new exhibition, *Marlin Perkins: Wild Life*, draws from more than two thousand photographs within Perkins's personal papers at SHSMO's St. Louis Research Center. The show explores legendary, dangerous, funny, and touching moments captured on camera and in writing that highlight Perkins's life and his contributions to wildlife conservation. The exhibition will run throughout 2019 at the St. Louis Research Center, located in the Thomas Jefferson Library on the University of Missouri–St. Louis campus.

## See Missouri Students Shine: Volunteer as a National History Day in Missouri Judge

Save the date of April 27 to join SHSMO as a volunteer judge at the National History Day in Missouri state contest in Columbia. No experience is necessary; the only requirements are your time and a willingness to offer constructive feedback on student projects. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided to contest judges, and a travel stipend is also available for those who qualify.

During your full-day or half-day shift, you will witness how the National History Day program transforms Missouri students. By exploring this year's theme of Triumph and Tragedy in History, students will learn about their world and themselves while creating hands-on research projects and competing in local, state, and national contests. Learn more at [nhdmo.org/judges](http://nhdmo.org/judges). If you are unavailable to volunteer but would like to support the program, please consider helping Missouri students through a financial gift. Donate by visiting [shsmo.org/support](http://shsmo.org/support) or calling 573.882.7083.





## **MOBIUS Renames Scholarship to Honor Robin Kespohl and Selects 2019 Recipient**

Each year, MOBIUS invites staff from member libraries to apply for a scholarship to attend the annual Innovative Users Group (IUG) Conference. The scholarship funds conference registration, transportation, and accommodation costs for one individual each year.

Beginning in 2019, the scholarship will officially be renamed the Robin Kespohl IUG Conference Scholarship, in recognition of her invaluable contribution to the success of MOBIUS. Robin passed away in early 2018, and MOBIUS honors her hard work and dedication by renaming this scholarship in her memory.

Robin worked for MOBIUS for seven years, and during her tenure, played an integral role in its initial success. According to George Rickerson, the first Executive Director of MOBIUS, “Robin was responsible for getting the initial clusters up and running and it was due to her amazing intelligence, energy, grace, wisdom, and determination that it was so successful. It is not hyperbole to say that it would not have happened without her, at least not on time and certainly not as smoothly.”

The 2019 recipient of the Robin Kespohl IUG Conference Scholarship is Paula Albers, the Electronic Resources Librarian at Webster University. Paula will attend her first IUG Conference in this May in Phoenix, Arizona.

### **Missouri Evergreen News**

Missouri Evergreen welcomed some new members recently! Ray County Library and Heartland Regional Library joined the resource-sharing consortium, bringing the total member libraries to 45. Camden County Library began the migration process in December and will migrate in February 2019, followed by Ray County in April, Seymour Community Library in June, and Heartland Regional Library in July. Missouri Evergreen is still accepting new members and hopes you will join this wonderful resource-sharing consortium!

Missouri Evergreen’s Circulation Committee held a workshop on November 16<sup>th</sup> at Scenic Regional Library’s St. Clair branch, to discuss circulation functionality in the web-based staff client. The workshop drew 14 people from 9 different libraries in the consortium. Missouri Evergreen also held its December membership meeting in-person before the Missouri Public Library Director’s meeting.

Missouri Evergreen is in its seventh year and comprises 45 member systems--41 live on Evergreen--representing over 100 locations, containing more than 3 million items, over 1.4 million bibliographic records, and over 600,000 patrons.

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.



# Amigos Library Services

## Amigos Member Spotlight

We're proud of our Amigos Library Services members and want to recognize the work that they do in their communities. Each month we will be showcasing an Amigos member library or institution. It's a great way for Amigos member, and non-members alike, to learn from and meet colleagues and peers.

Would you like your institution to be featured in our spotlight? Send us a message at [communications@amigos.org](mailto:communications@amigos.org)

## SAVE THE DATE! 2019 Online Conference - Open Doors: Reaching Underserved Populations

Save Thursday, February 28, for our upcoming online conference, "[Open Doors: Reaching Underserved Populations](#)". Details are currently being finalized, so check our website regularly for updates.

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

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## More for Your School or Library from DEMCO

### **Top Design Trends to Refresh Your Learning Space**

Are your learning spaces in need of a refresh? Before starting any makeovers, you may want to consider the latest trends in educational design. [Check out the top trends](#) Demco's design team has identified while creating contemporary learning environments in schools and libraries.

### **Support Collaboration with Flexible Furniture**

Create learning spaces that meet students' changing needs with multifunctional, mobile furniture. With the [Smith System™ Interchange™ Squiggle Tables](#), flexible table shapes and stackable chairs make it easy to rearrange your space to meet any need. [Shop today](#).

### **Save Up to 25% on School and Library Supplies**

[Shop today](#) save up to 25% off on all your school and library supply needs.

For the special Amigos discount code, contact Susie Thompson, [thompson@amigos.org](mailto:thompson@amigos.org) or 800-843-8482, ext. 2880.

## Trying to find the right data for your research? Check out our vendor partner, PolicyMap!

[PolicyMap](#) provides simple yet powerful online mapping with data on demographics, real estate, health, jobs and more in communities across the United States. PolicyMap is used by public libraries for community projects, reference, grant applications, needs assessments and to upload their community data.

They recently held a webinar on Easy Data Visualization for Public Libraries. Find the link to the webinar [here](#).

For more information, or to set up a free trial, contact Ashley Brizuela at 800-843-8482, ext. 2805 or [brizuela@amigos.org](mailto:brizuela@amigos.org).

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## Continuing Education Opportunities

### Catalogers – have questions about EAD3 or XSL?

Check out our latest courses covering [Encoded Archival Description \(EAD\)](#) and [Extensible Stylesheet Language \(XSL\)](#)!

#### **EAD3: the Basics**

The Encoded Archival Description (EAD) is an internationally recognized XML-based standard for encoding archival finding aids. This live, online workshop will provide a solid introduction to EAD3 and include a history of EAD, introduction to XML, the structure of an EAD document, factors to consider when deciding to implement EAD at your institution, and more.

[Register Now](#) – February 5-8 (TU-FR), 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

#### **EAD2HTML: Transforming your Finding Aids with XSL**

Extensible Stylesheet Language (XSL) is a powerful tool for transforming XML documents into other formats. This workshop focuses on applying XSL to transform Encoded Archival Description (EAD) finding aids into valid HTML5 files viewable on the web.

[Register Now](#) – February 12-14 (TU-TH), 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. *Early bird registration ends 1/21*

### 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. [Register today!](#)

- [Generation Z: Libraries and the Post-Millennial Generation](#) February 4
- [New MARC 21 Authority Format Fields for Encoding RDA Authority Data](#) February 11
- [Resume and Cover Letters for New Graduates and Job Hunters](#) February 25
- [Library Signage](#) March 4
- [Developing Information Literacy Lessons for First-Year College Students](#) March 11
- [The Art of the Reference Interview](#) March 18
- [IFLA-LRM: a New Conceptual Model](#) March 25
- [Family Literacy – Creating Ready Readers](#) April 1

### 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!](#)

- [Planning for Technology](#) January 22-23, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- [Navigating the New RDA Toolkit](#) January 23, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- [EAD3: the Basics](#) February 5-8, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- [Healthy Habits: Wellness Initiatives in Your Library](#) February 6, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
*Early bird registration ends 1/15*
- [Library Management for Beginners: Managing from the Middle](#) February 7, 2-4:00 p.m.  
*Early bird registration ends 1/16*
- [EAD2HTML: Transforming your Finding Aids with XSL](#) February 12-14, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
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- [Cataloging eBooks: RDA and Provider-Neutral Guidelines](#) February 20, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
*Early bird registration ends 1/29*
- [STEAM at Your Library](#) March 5-6, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. *Early bird registration ends 2/11*
- [RDA for Video Recordings](#) March 6-7, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. *Early bird registration ends 2/13*
- [RDA for Audio Recordings](#) March 13-14, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. *Early bird registration ends 2/19*
- [RDA for Copy Catalogers](#) March 20-21, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. *Early bird registration ends 2/26*
- [Library Management for Beginners: Managing Personnel](#) March 27, 2-4 p.m. *Early bird registration ends 3/5*
- [Beyond Basics: How to Approach Reader's Advisory](#) March 28, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. *Early bird registration ends 3/6*

## MALA Welcomes New Executive Director



Hi. I'm Mickey Coalwell, and I am pleased to be working once again with Missouri libraries as the new Executive Director of the Mid-America Library Alliance (MALA), formerly known as the Kansas City Metropolitan Library & Information Network. After a quarter century of service, Susan Burton is retiring, and I will be stepping into her role as of January 2019.

Over the past four years, in my role as Regional Director for Library Systems & Services, I have been supervising libraries in Finney County, KS, Farmers Branch, Red Oak, and Leander in Texas, Germantown, Millington, Arlington and Collegedale in Tennessee, and Sumter and Osceola Counties in Florida. Prior to LS&S, I was the Library Development Consultant at the Northeast Kansas Library System in Lawrence for ten years.

I've been an MLA member since enrolling in library school at the University of Missouri, and I'm a proud SISLT graduate. I got my start working at the circ desk of my neighborhood Waldo branch of the Kansas City (MO) Public Library, and my first professional position was as the Adult Services Supervisor at North Kansas City Public Library. I spent my early teen years in the St. Louis area, and used various St. Louis County Libraries. I attended UMSL for a semester before heading across the state to UMKC in Kansas City, where I received my undergraduate.

I am excited about coming to MALA to continue bringing Missouri librarians reliable statewide and regional courier delivery service, as well as top-flight professional development training and education. MALA will continue pursuing this dual mission

under my leadership. I welcome and invite your input and ideas on how our organization can better serve you in your work.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the MPLD meeting in early December, and was able to meet a number of Missouri library directors at that time. I look forward to re-engaging with MLA and contributing to our great state association in the coming year.

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### University of Central Missouri News

The 51st Children's Literature Festival at the University of Central Missouri will be held from March 17-19, 2019. Award-winning illustrator E.B. Lewis will be speaking at the Sunday Luncheon as part of the Sadler-Gilbert Speaker Series. Lewis has illustrated over seventy books for children, including Jacqueline Woodson's *Coming on Home Soon*, the 2005 Caldecott Honor Book; Alice Schertle's *Down the Road*, an ALA Notable Book; Tolowa M. Mollel's *My Rows and Piles of Coins*, an ALA Notable Book and a Coretta Scott King Honor Book; and Jacqueline Woodson's *The Other Side*, a 2002 Notable Book for the Language Arts. He was the featured artist at the new Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center Museum which opened in March of 2018. The watercolor paintings from this series were scanned and printed in large scale to hang from the ceiling of the museum, and were even digitally animated into a movie documenting the many escapes through the Niagara area. Lewis is a wonderful speaker and teacher, and joins the festival in Warrensburg for the third time.

Missouri and Kansas authors in the 2019 line-up include Christine Taylor-Butler (Kansas City), Roderick Townley (Leawood, KS), Antony John (St. Louis), Stephen Johnson (Lawrence, KS), Dorinda Nicholson (Kansas City) and Angela Cervantes (Shawnee, KS), as well new authors Adib Khorram (Kansas City), and Ray Anthony Shepard, a native of Sedalia. Also new this year: a student bookmark contest and a photo scavenger hunt. For the full presenter line-up, more information, or to register, please see the CLF website: <https://clf.ucmo.edu>. Director Maya Kucij can be reached at [kucij@ucmo.edu](mailto:kucij@ucmo.edu) or 660-543-4306.

## A.T. Still University Library News

### Jean Sidwell announces retirement from A.T. Still Memorial Library



I have spent the majority of my career at A.T. Still University (ATSU) and am fortunate to have worked with so many talented and wonderful colleagues over the years. When I began as a library clerk in November 1986, we were just a small medical library with one computer that supported ATSU's Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine students, faculty, staff, and administration. To think, we now support ATSU's print and electronic resources for six colleges, including two campus locations, and online!

The goal of A.T. Still Memorial Library is to support the training of future healthcare professionals to effectively access and use the best evidence and information available to enable them to provide the highest quality of healthcare possible. I continue to be amazed and am blessed to be a part of this effort to provide information and education resources for so many students, faculty and staff.

Though I will miss all my colleagues and friends, I am eager for the opportunity to spend more time with family, participate in church and community activities, and for the chance to travel. My last day at work is Jan. 2, 2019.

*by Jean L Sidwell, MALS, library director, and ATSU-KCOM liaison librarian*

## Joplin Public Library

Christina Matekel-Gibson was promoted from Children's Assistant to Children's Senior Assistant. Christina obtained her MS in library science in 2018. This fall she attended the Family Place Institute in Long Island, New York.

### Conscious Connections Training

Early this month, I had the opportunity to travel to Saint Joseph to attend the Conscious Connections training from Saroj Ghoting. The training focused on ensuring library staff working with very young children understand their role in helping build the early literacy skills of our youngest patrons. Early literacy skills, or components were examined through the Talk, Sing, Read, Write, and Play strategies. Then, participants tried their hand at practicing the development of programming to support skill development. Ideas for using Dialogic Reading to share books with young children were shared, acknowledging the importance of adult/child interactions for language development.

During this event I was again struck by the importance of the information being shared and the necessity of professional development in order to confidently and effectively promote and build early literacy. Work in early childhood takes a unique skill set, is taxing, and demanding. Background knowledge of child development and the reasons certain techniques are used is vital to success. Developmentally appropriate practices, best practices, family engagement, these are all areas that should be explored when working with young children and families alongside collection development, information retrieval, and research strategies. Knowing, valuing, and understanding the importance of the early years, where all our patrons begin, should be the building blocks of our profession.

Saroj's training was effective in helping build the skills of staff working with young children. The creativity of librarians is continuously astounding and the ideas presented not only by Saroj but the attendees of this event were remarkable. Thank you to Saint Joseph Public Library for hosting this important event.

## Daniel Boone Regional Library

The Daniel Boone Regional Library will be opening a library facility in Holts Summit in 2019. Plans have been in the works for several months and were finalized with the signing of an agreement for the library to occupy a 7,200 square foot space in the Summit Plaza in Holts Summit.

“The bookmobile stop in Holts Summit has been our busiest stop for many years,” said Margaret Conroy, DBRL Executive Director. “We added the Library-To-Go lockers and a book drop at Holts Summit City Hall in 2013 as a way to expand services to this area; so when local developer Marty Wilson approached us about opening a library facility in the Summit Plaza, we seriously considered his proposal. This new location will improve access to library services in this part of the county, and we think people will use the library even more than they do now.” Conroy expects that the facility will be ready to open sometime in February after the computer networking, library materials and all the furnishings are in place.

Like the other DBRL locations, people with a library card will be able to check out books in a variety of formats (eBooks, audiobooks and large print), movies, TV shows and music CDs. People can also use internet-enabled computers and free wireless access, as well as attend classes for adults and children.

The Holts Summit Public Library will have a larger collection of materials than what is available on the bookmobile. DBRL is ordering new books, using \$35,000 from the DBRL Foundation, monies that a donor requested be used to buy new materials for Callaway County. The rest of the collection will be duplicate copies from other DBRL facilities and donated materials.

The bookmobile will continue making its regular visits and the Library-To-Go lockers and the book drop will remain at the Holts Summit City Hall until the new facility opens.

## Mid-Continent Public Library

### Mid-Continent Public Library's Story Center Hosts '1,000 Footsteps' Exhibit

From November through January, MCPL's Woodneath Library Center will house a special new exhibit called **1,000 Footsteps Tell the Story**. Each month, the exhibit—located across from the Barista de Casa Café in the Library—will feature a unique quilt that depicts the creator's journey from her home country to the United States.

Created by students of the [Once We Were Refugees](#) program, a Kansas City-area organization that offers vocational classes to resettled refugees, each quilt serves as a visual representation of the family's flight from home—often to refugee camps in other countries before arriving in the U.S.

"We're honored to bring this exhibit to Library customers and local residents," said Mark Livengood, Director of MCPL's Story Center. "Not only is each quilt a testament to the strength and perseverance of the person who created it; it is also an inspiring form of storytelling that focuses on the bonds of family."

The quilts in the 1,000 Footsteps exhibit share stories of families from South Sudan, Iraq, and Syria. Alongside each quilt, there is an explanation of the journey and a photo of the artist. In addition to the exhibit, The Story Center hosted a conversation on November 28 at the Woodneath Library Center where attendees learned more about the artists' journeys, the exhibit, and Once We Were Refugees.

Funded by a grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, The Story Center at Mid-Continent Public Library was developed to help people create and share their own stories and connect with the stories of others. To learn more about the programs, services, and resources offered by The Story Center, visit [mystorycenter.org](http://mystorycenter.org).

### MCPL Now Offers Civics and Citizenship Toolkits

Mid-Continent Public Library recently added a new resource to its collection called the [Civics and Citizenship Toolkit](#), which contains flash cards and study guides on a variety of topics related to the history and government of the United States, including:

- Preparing for the Naturalization Test Pocket Study Guide
- Civics Flash Cards
- Expanding ESL, Civics, and Citizenship Education Start-Up Guide
- Quick Start Guide
- Preparación para el examen de naturalización (**all Spanish**)
- Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution
- The Citizen's Almanac
- Learn About the United States
- Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants
- Bienvenido a los Estados Unidos de América (**all Spanish**)

Currently, the Library has 30 Civics and Citizenship Toolkits in its collection. Two pieces of each kit are available in Spanish. The kits can be reserved through MCPL's online catalog and are available to customers at all 31 branches for a checkout period of 28 days, looking to brush up on their civics knowledge.



### MCPL Upgrades Branches as Capital Plan Continues

As part of Mid-Continent Public Library's five-year Capital Improvement Plan, which launched in spring 2018, six Library branches have been renovated (Weston, Oak Grove, Platte City, Excelsior Springs, Antioch, and Blue Springs South), and several others are currently closed for construction (Lone Jack, Camden Point, Dearborn, Edgerton, Kearney, and Claycomo). Design work for the five-year Capital Plan is being completed by Sapp Design Architects and Helix Architecture + Design with JE Dunn assuming responsibility for construction contractor management.

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While the upgrades at each branch have varied based on community needs and building conditions, the Library has focused on creating more intentional spaces and upgrading essential technology throughout. In particular, many of the renovated branches now offer devoted areas for children and teens as well as enclosed programming and meeting rooms that can be used by the Library or reserved by customers.

Following the reopening of each renovated branch, MCPL has held ribbon-cutting ceremonies with local elected officials and Library leadership as well as open house events for the public with live entertainment, refreshments, and a mobile scavenger hunt through the free GooseChase app. In addition, at both the ribbon-cutting events and open houses, Library staff are giving away special commemorative tokens (one per person) that can be used one time to clear all Library fines and fees up to \$10.



Along with upgrading each of its 31 existing branches, the Library will add two new locations by 2022. One of these new branches will be a 18,500-square-foot branch located in Lee's Summit at Blue Parkway and Battery Road just east of Todd George Road (just north of 50 Highway). The Library purchased a piece of land for this purpose in fall 2018. The second new location will be added in Independence, bringing MCPL's total number of branches to 33.

MCPL's Capital Improvement Plan was made possible by the passage of Proposition L by voters in November 2016, which gave the Library its first increase in funding in 33 years. In addition to upgrading its facilities, Prop L has allowed the Library to expand branch hours, enhance special services, augment early literacy efforts, and buy more materials.

To get the latest information regarding MCPL's Capital Improvement Plan, visit [mymcpl.org/Community](http://mymcpl.org/Community).





## Springfield-Greene County Libraries

### MagicBox® Opens a New Exhibit Experience



The Library's newest acquisition promises to make the patron experience of our exhibits far better, and a little magic. The MagicBox® is on display in the Library Center concourse with on-screen displays and artifacts related to the Library's recent World War I series. The \$35,000 unit was made possible by a gift to The Library Foundation from Springfield lawyer and history buff David H. Jones. MagicBox® is an innovative display cabinet that combines the physical and the digital, giving people an intriguing way to see original and animated content in the same space. MagicBox® allows us to combine physical objects with video or interactive 3-D renderings so visitors can study it, manipulate it and experience it more fully with their fingertips using a touch-screen in the front glass of the display case.

### Death & Dying Series Draws People Eager to Learn and Talk

The Library's second Death & Dying: Conversations on End-of-Life Matters series reached more than 750 people during eight programs Nov. 1–6. The series kicked off on Nov. 1 at Relics Event Center, where 420 people of all ages filled every chair in the building to hear L.A.-based mortician and author Caitlin Doughty talk about death customs from around the world. Attendees traveled from as far away as Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Little Rock, Arkansas, to hear the YouTube personality, who commented that the event was the biggest of its type during her three-week nationwide tour. More than 200 people attended a trio of events on Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Library Center, including an End-of-Life Legal Matters workshop; a Hospice Resource Fair with representatives from a dozen area hospices; and a Día de los Muertos Community Celebration featuring performances by Grupo Latinoamericano dance troupe.



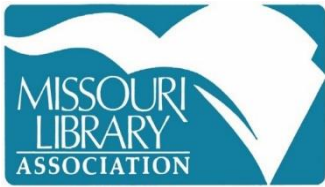
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## Springfield Symphony Pays Musical Tribute to WWI



The Library Center's main floor was turned into a concert hall when the Springfield Symphony performed a musical tribute to World War I on Sunday, Nov. 11. The event coincided with the exact time, date and month of the centennial anniversary of the 1918 Armistice Day. The WWI-era music was mixed with readings of letters from soldiers and civilians who served. After the concert, attendees visited the Missouri and the Great War exhibit, and attended a reception sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The concert was part of a series that concluded Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Library Center with a talk by Michael Neiberg, a nationally recognized scholar on war studies.

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