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Prepare to be Unconventional: Attend the 2019 MLA Conference

Kansas City will host this year's Missouri Library Association's Annual Conference from October 2-4 at the KCI Expo Center.

MLA 2019 offers sessions for all brands of librarians — public, academic, children's, YA, programming, and more. Even special libraries will be represented, so remember to invite your colleagues from diverse fields and check the conference homepage for more info (molib.org/conference/mla2019/). Our opening keynote includes a panel exploring ways to bring social workers into public libraries, and on Friday we will wrap up with a talk from Kathi Kromer from the ALA Office of Advocacy. Even current ALA President Wanda Brown will visit on Thursday!

Do you like to meet and speak with writers? You will have plenty of chances to meet local and nationally-recognized authors at MLA 2019. Sue Lowell Gallion (creator of *Pug Meets Pig*) will be speaking at the Thusnelda Schmidt Children's Luncheon, and Sarah Jude (*The May Queen Murders*) will be at the YA breakfast. Remember to buy your tickets to reserve a seat at these meals! Even more authors will be discussing their work on the LibraryLand Stage throughout the conference. Drop in for any of these quick 20-minute interviews to learn about new books and authors to add your collection.

Of course, that's all in addition to our stellar preconference sessions, the performers' showcase, trivia night, and a behind-the-scenes celebration at [The Rabbit Hole](#)—an immersive storybook wonderland.

Want to make the most of this bold, unconventional conference? First, register today at molib.org/conference/mla2019/! Then, follow our conference accounts on social media. This is where you can interact with others at MLA 2019, share all of our latest up-to-date information, and have some special content: maps for places to eat, recommended activities in the area, inspiration about being unconventional, and much more.

Use #Uncon2019 and #2019MLA to share your thoughts and experiences about MLA 2019 both during and in advance of the conference. We would love to hear from you! Remember to follow us on Facebook as [@molibraries](#), on Twitter as [@molibraries](#) and [@Uncon2019](#), and on Instagram as [@Uncon2019](#).

See you in Kansas City, you unconventional people!

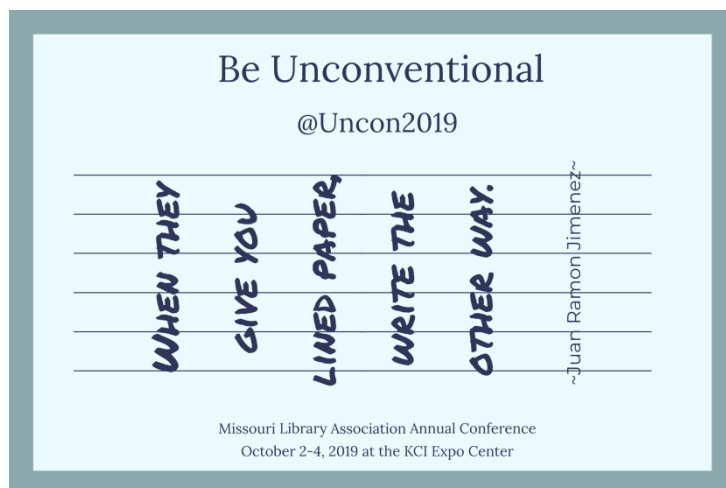


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Calendar of Events

National, state, regional, and web calendar events from the MLA site, and other sources.

Use the links for webcast or event details, any pricing information, and schedule changes..

Date	Time (CT)	Event	Sponsor
Sept. 17	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Healthy Aging at Your Library: Connecting Older Adults to Health Information	Nebraska Library Commission
	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Become a Master Trainer	Training Magazine Network
	1-1:30 p.m.	Community Engagement as a Mindset	WebJunction
	2-3 p.m.	Reading Life Between the Lines: Using Children's Literature for Tough Conversations About Diversity	Association for Library Service to Children
	3-4 p.m.	Sexual Harassment of Library Staff	Library 2.0
Sept. 18	12-1 p.m.	It's Never Too Early: Media Literacy in Children's Programming	Programming Librarian
	1-3 p.m.	Designing for Human Behavior	LLAMA
Sept. 19	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Social Media Close-up: Pinterest	Amigos Library Services
	1:30-2:30 p.m.	It's a New World: How to Cultivate Your Online Community	Firespring
Sept. 23	1:30-2:30 p.m.	How to Spot Predatory Journals	Amigos Library Services
Sept. 24	10-11 a.m.	The Power of Blogging & Thought Leadership for Nonprofits	Firespring
	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Healthy Habits: Wellness Initiatives in Your Library	Amigos Library Services
	2-3 p.m.	Cooking Classes without a Kitchen	National Network of Libraries of Medicine
Sept. 25	10-11 a.m.	How to Decipher Your Web Analytics (and Use Them to Your Advantage)	Firespring
	1-2 p.m.	Acquisitions Work: From Competencies to Competence	ALCTS
	2-4 p.m.	Step Away from the Desk: Embedded and Roving Reference Services	Amigos Library Services
Sept. 26	1-2 p.m.	Tools for Building Digital Skills with Your Patrons and Staff	Public Library Association
	1-2:30 p.m.	Plan Your Best #GivingTuesday Campaign	Grantspace
Oct. 2-4		2019 MLA - Unconventional: Bold Ideas for Better	Missouri Library Association
Oct. 4	1-2 p.m.	Three Steps to Thriving in Chaos	Effectiveness Institute
Oct. 8	1-2 p.m.	Discover How Amigos Library Services Can Help Your Library!	Amigos Library Services
Oct. 10	10 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Healthy Habits - Cultivating a Culture of Health and Wellness in Libraries and Communities	Amigos Library Services
Oct. 15-17	1-3 p.m.	Regular Expressions	Amigos Library Services
Oct. 16, 23, 30	1-2 p.m.	A Compass for the Digital Frontier	ALCTS
Oct. 17	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Digital Citizenship in Today's Libraries	Amigos Library Services
	2-3 p.m.	Scams, Fraud and Identity Theft: How Libraries Can Help	WebJunction
Oct. 21	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Cultivating Community Partnerships	Amigos Library Services
Oct. 24	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Motivating Your Staff: A Webinar for Managers	Utah State Library
Oct. 28	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Developing Information Literacy Lessons for First-Year College Students	Amigos Library Services
Oct. 29-30	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Utilizing Wikipedia	Amigos Library Services
Oct. 30	2-3 p.m.	Public Libraries Partner to Respond to the Opioid Crisis	WebJunction
	2-5 p.m.	Emerging Technology	Library 2.0
Nov. 1	1-2 p.m.	Making Difficult Conversations Easy	Effectiveness Institute

MLA – Legislative Priorities

Note from the Committee Chair

Every year, MLA membership discusses and approves Legislative Priorities for the upcoming year. These are presented by the Legislative Committee and will be discussed at the Annual Business Meeting. This year, we would like to present these priorities early so that membership can have input on them or ask questions. Any suggestions, comments, or questions can be sent to Dan Brower, Legislative Chair at dbrower620@gmail.com.

I hope that we have a productive year in 2020, just as we did in 2019, and I welcome all your thoughts. In 2020, we will still focus on funding, but we want to bring attention to other issues that may affect libraries in the future, and how MLA stands on those issues.

Dan Brower
Legislative Committee Chair

To ensure that Missouri libraries are dependable and able to provide adequate services to their patrons, the Missouri Library Association will continue to advocate for the restoration of funding for libraries.

The MO Secretary of State has prioritized restoring the REAL Appropriation for libraries. MLA supports this position.

- a. In FY2013, the REAL Appropriation amount was \$3,109,250. We will advocate for the full restoration. For FY2020, the REAL Appropriation is \$2,000,000.
- b. The REAL Appropriation needs to be restored in order to support the Governor's initiative of bringing broadband to academic centers throughout the state of Missouri and to rural Missourians.
- c. Internet access is essential in Missourians' lives. It is essential for connecting with governments, job opportunities, higher education, skill-building opportunities, and the world.

The MO Secretary of State is advocating for the full restoration of A&E funding. MLA supports this position.

- a. The Non-Resident Athletes and Entertainers Income Tax is an income tax on the earnings of professional athletes and entertainers when they perform or play in Missouri. It is collected by the state and, by statute, is to be distributed among:
 - i. **Missouri State Library Networking Fund (10%)**
 - ii. Missouri Humanities Council Trust Fund (10%)
 - iii. Missouri Public Television Broadcasting Corporation Special Fund (10%)
 - iv. Missouri Historic Preservation Revolving Fund (10%)
 - v. Missouri Arts Council Trust Fund (60%)
- b. Since FY2013, a maximum of only 22% of those funds have been distributed to those organizations. In FY2018, Missouri collected nearly \$36 million from this tax, but only distributed \$8.25 million, roughly 23%.
- c. MLA will advocate that the A&E Statute (143.183) be funded and distributed as originally intended by statute.

MLA will advocate that State Aid to Libraries be retained at the current level, and supports returning to a funding level of \$.55 per capita.

MLA will support legislation that affirms the autonomy of libraries and other taxing jurisdictions including control of revenue assigned to those jurisdictions by voters.

MLA supports the revision of incentives and tax abatements that are beneficial to libraries throughout the state.

- a. MLA supports any legislation that allows for libraries and other political subdivisions the option to keep more of their voter-approved revenue on new and existing projects.
- b. MLA encourages libraries to work toward local reform of incentives and tax abatements including proposed legislative changes.

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Working with other local taxing authorities, MLA will support the improvement of the Hancock Amendment (Article X, Sections 16-24) to ensure that political subdivisions can provide adequate services to growing populations.

- a. Due to the Hancock Amendment, tax levels remain stagnant in communities. As property values increase, tax levies decrease, and revenue does not keep up with inflation. This dictates that political subdivisions provide the same amount of services with less revenue.
- b. MLA supports strict annual adherence to mandated reassessment schedules and practices.

Federal Advocacy: Advocate that the Universal Service Fund remains fully funded. This fund is under threat for reduction or elimination, and it provides funding for four essential service initiatives, including e-Rate.

The Universal Service Fund provides funds for the High-Cost program (Connect America Fund for rural broadband), Lifeline program (broadband for low-income households), Schools and Libraries program (E-Rate), and Rural Health Care program (broadband for healthcare needs). Telecommunications providers are required to contribute to this fund to ensure “universal service” of telecommunications.

Ongoing Initiatives

State Level

MLA will monitor property tax legislation, tax abatement & incentive legislation and any legislation that could have negative impact on revenue.

MLA will monitor any legislation regarding the governance of libraries, prioritizing local control.

MLA supports legislation that would provide a diversification of revenue from state and local options.

MLA will continue to build coalitions with other political subdivisions that have similar interests in legislation and funding.

MLA will monitor legislative activities related to firearms in public places. MLA continues to support any addition of public libraries to the list of entities (MO State Statutes 571.107.1) that can restrict firearms or the ability of locally controlled governing bodies to decide what is best for their specific communities.

MLA will monitor legislation affecting “affirmative defense,” protecting librarians and teachers from prosecution when the public views materials that some may find harmful or offensive. MLA will advocate to retain affirmative defense and the educational exemption for schools and libraries.

Federal Level

MLA will continue to work in conjunction with other state library associations and the American Library Association to retain federal funding for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), with a focus on the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), which provides funding for grants at the state level.

MLA will join ALA in support of the protection of patrons’ information, including the defense of due process in acquisition of that information.

MLA will continue to advocate for the retention of the Communications Decency Act. Schools, libraries, and other public services should not be held liable for the content submitted on their social media pages by other users. While entities may curate information; they must not censor that information.

Featured Library Employee: Ginger Allard!

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

Ginger S. Allard
Missouri State University Libraries (Duane G. Meyer Library)
Cataloging Associate

What originally got you interested in working at a library?

As a junior in high school attending a rare Zuni Movie Theatre (New Mexico) outing, I watched Vivien Leigh (Scarlett O'Hara) slap Leslie Howard (Ashley Wilkes) in the most beautiful library that I've ever seen and I fell in love with Cecil B. DeMille's technicolor fanciful libraries of the era and thus wished to work in a library. Also from a very early age, I was fascinated with my parent's ornate Family Bible (KJV) that my mother would read to our family on Sunday. My favorites as a tiny child that my mother read to we siblings were various Little Golden Books, The Little Red Hen, and a Forest animals book that I've never been able to find the title since but avidly remember the pictures and tiny library in a tree ensconced in that lovely children's read. My mother often took us to the fanciful Ernie Pyle House Library down the street from where we lived in Albuquerque, New Mexico from 1953 to 1968. I loved the typical children's novels of the 1950's particularly those heroes and heroines of Ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome, but also mysteries and fantasy places. The [Ernie Pyle House/Library](#) is a historic house at 900 Girard Boulevard, SE in [Albuquerque, New Mexico](#). Built in 1940, it was the home of famed [war correspondent Ernie Pyle](#) from then until his untimely death in 1945 during [World War II](#). It now serves as a branch of the [Albuquerque Bernalillo County Library](#), containing Pyle memorabilia and a monument to Pyle. It was designated a [National Historic Landmark](#) in 2006.



Given the arrival of Forbidden Planet, Space Rangers, Martian Chronicles, Star Trek, Star Wars, and J.R.R. Tolkien's The Fellowship of the Ring, etc., the science fiction world made an impression on me and there was a fascination with the futuristic library and what it would entail with physical books.

What keeps you coming back every day?

The opportunity to come across a superb read or quote in an unlikely book.

What's challenging about your work?

Creating the proper subject and genre headings for books or theses. Losing the physical book environment and the loss of those items that could have at least been scanned and placed into the cloud library.

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

Yes I have always thought of creating an illustrated only coffee table book with pictures of fanciful libraries in TV shows and commercials, movies, Broadway plays, etc. (i.e. Perry Mason, Star Trek, Bewitched, Harry Potter, etc.) complete with physical books of their genre. (Of course coffee table books along with coffee tables are hard to find except in museums these days)

Who is one of your mentors?

Head Cataloger, Marilyn McCroskey Marilyn's work ethic is fantastic and I've always admired her commitment to the Libraries and the art of reading along with the Cataloging field.

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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.

Music/Dancing: YouTube: I love to watch the best of America's, Britain's and other countries' Got Talent and listen to various one-time artists give it their best and many times it's a one-time experience not to be missed. Very emotional!

In a future Virtual and Augmented Reality Lab (VARL) environment: Just for fun, if I would enjoy viewing simultaneously the brilliant historical performances of [Michael Flatley](#) from [Lord of the Dance](#) and Feet of Flames fame and [Stavros Flatley](#) and son (The father/son Greek Riverdance duo) who performed on Britain's Got Talent (2009). Studying Irish dancing vs British-Greek Cypriot dancing would be quite enlightening and mesmerizing in a visualization studio environment.

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

I'm an avid glimprser of [The Most Beautiful Libraries in the World](#) websites updated annually. Of course I'm particularly in awe of the memorably ornate and fanciful libraries with unique histories and inside/outside wow architectural designs. (i.e. Abbey Library of Saint Gall in St. Gallen, Switzerland and Admont Abbey Library, Admont, Austria)

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@missouristate.edu. We'll do all the work of contacting; we just need you to connect us!

Missouri State Library



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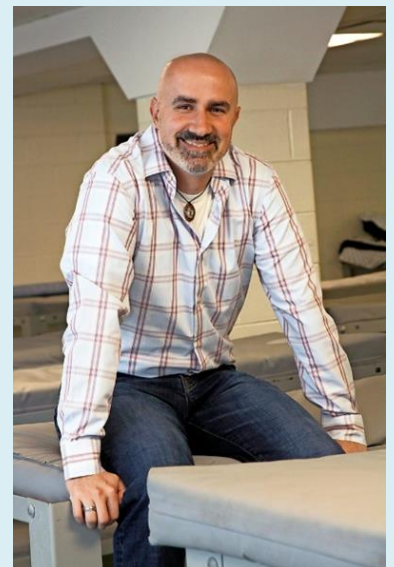
Available for All Public and Academic Libraries!

The Missouri State Library is pleased to offer free access to The Homeless Training Institute (HTI) for all Missouri public and academic libraries. HTI is an online training, which works to teach librarians how to confidently, and compassionately, manage problem behaviors of homeless, addicted, mentally ill and traumatized individuals through empathy-driven enforcement. This approach uses psychology and empathy to increase the likelihood of patron compliance and staff effectiveness.

HTI is divided into easily navigable, general topics, which are further divided into multiple subtopics, making it straightforward for the you to watch the entire training at once, or choose the sections most applicable to your current situation.

Ryan Dowd, Executive Director of a large homeless shelter outside of Chicago, is the lead instructor and creator of the Homeless Training Institute. He is also the author of *The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness* and a respected speaker on the topic of homelessness.

Login instructions will be coming soon, in the meantime, if you would like to sign you or your library up for this valuable resource, please contact Lisa Stock, Adult Services Consultant, at lisa.stock@sos.mo.gov.



Missouri State Library - Wolfner

Wolfner Library Fall Book Club Selections:

September:

Sept. 12 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads: *The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare

Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. Good Books: *"I Am a Man:" Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice* by Joe Starita

Sept. 26 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: *The Assassin's Accomplice: Mary Surratt and the Plot to Kill Abraham Lincoln* by Kate Clifford Larson

October:

Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads: *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis

Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. Good Books: *Orphan Trains to Missouri* by Michael Patrick and Evelyn Trickel

Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: *The Train to Crystal City: FDR's Secret Prisoner Exchange Program and America's Only Family Internment Camp During World War II* by Jan Jarboe Russell

Wolfner Library New Patron Workshop

The next New Patron Workshop is scheduled for Nov. 14 from 2-3:30 p.m. This workshop focuses on WolfPAC (our catalog) and the variants of BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download) and provides an opportunity for questions. Registration is limited to 25 participants. This workshop is offered on a quarterly basis with dates announced in the *Wolfner News* newsletter and online at <https://www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/programming/workshops>. While targeted to new patrons and their caregivers, all patrons are welcome to participate if they are new to using BARD or WolfPAC or are just interested in learning more. Library staff statewide are encouraged to join us and learn more.



Amigos Member Spotlight: St. Louis Public Library's Pollinator Garden Focused Exhibit Extended to September 29

Central Library's summer exhibit, "[The Birds and the Bees: Pollinators & Native Gardens](#)", takes the visitor's experience from the Great Hall to the outdoors with a focus on the Manolo Valdes sculpture, "Mariposas" (Butterflies). The Pollinator Garden was installed under the sculpture in Fall 2018 and features 27 native plant species that are set to bloom throughout the year. A "pollinator drinking fountain" behind the sculpture uses spritzers and uneven paver stones to provide fresh, untreated water to the pollinators. The special exhibit runs through September 29, highlighting SLPL's new pollinator garden and explores the pollination process.

Would you like your institution to be featured in our spotlight? Send us a message at communications@amigos.org.

SimplyE is Now Available

Built by libraries for libraries, SimplyE is an easy-to-use app that combines titles from several e-book providers and makes it easier for patrons to read library e-books and listen to audiobooks. This functionality puts an end to searching multiple apps and makes enjoying a library e-book a "three click experience" – browse, check-out, and read. Currently, the primary audience is public libraries, but related projects are in the works.

Amigos Library Services was one of the first consortia to become involved in the development of this service and is also a hosting provider for libraries that cannot, or prefer not, to host SimplyE themselves. [Contact us for more information about SimplyE](#).

Find us at Booth #401 at MLA 2019

If you are attending this year's Missouri Library Association conference in Kansas City, please stop by the Amigos Library Services booth (#401)! Whether its just to say hi, ask a question, or enter our drawing, we'll be happy to help and/or fill you in on things happening at Amigos.

Internet Librarian 2019 Amigos Discount Offer Ends September 20

Amigos Library Services members who register by September 20 for the Internet Librarian 2019 conference (October 21 – October 23) are eligible to save on the early bird registration fee! Complete discount and registration details are available at www.amigos.org/node/2036.

Register Now! Online Conference – Healthy Habits: Cultivating Health and Wellness in Libraries and Communities

As always, admission to this Amigos online conference is FREE for members! If you're not a member, register by September 27 to take advantage of Early Bird Pricing for the Thursday, October 10 online conference, Healthy Habits: Cultivating Health and Wellness in Libraries and Communities. Visit the [conference website](#) for complete session descriptions and registration information.

A sampling of our exciting and informative sessions:

- *Taking Care of Us: Ergonomic Advice for Library Staff*
- *Feed All the People: Farm-2-Library Food Initiative*
- *Community Collaboration and Capacity Building*
- *Bikes + Libraries: Healthy Communities*

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Free Upgrade and Multiple Renewal Offers from Credo for Amigos Members

Credo prides itself on being responsive to the changing and challenging needs of their customers and has created some offers to help:

- Instruct FREE Upgrade Available – Too often, budget constraints force librarians to choose between two products when their users really need both. As a mindful vendor, Credo recognizes these challenges and helps where they can. To that end, the highly acclaimed [Instruct](#) teaching and assessment platform will now come with both Information Literacy **AND** Critical Thinking content—at no additional cost. Learn more or schedule a free trial [here](#).
- Your Choice of Three Renewal Options – Amigos and Credo have partnered to offer special renewal options for members – current or new! For a limited time, subscription renewal offers range from a 1% increase to a 3% decrease! To take advantage of one of the [three offers](#) contact Susie Thompson at thompson@amigos.org.

Special Bundle Packages and pricing from ICE Publishing

Check out the current journal and e-book collection special offers available for Amigos Members from ICE Publishing. Do not miss out on the savings! The most comprehensive online engineering resources in the world, [ICE Publishing](#) offers international insight and vision at the intersection of scientific disciplines.

ICE Publishing and Amigos Library Services are offering [bundle packages](#) and special pricing for Member Libraries. Pick and choose from archives to top up backfile access. The more journal archives you select, the more you save! The discount increases with each archive when you select two or more archives. [Learn more about ICE Publishing in this video](#). Contact kcoburn@pcgplus.com for more information.

Continuing Education Opportunities

The October – December schedule is now available and more classes being added soon! The schedule offers several revamped and updated courses including: *Reference Management: A New Approach* and *Tech Tools and Apps for the Reference Desk*.

Back by popular demand – Enroll in Regular Expressions

Have you been searching for an introduction to managing and editing data? Finally, back by popular demand, this hands-on course will focus on the syntax and construction of a "regular expression." Upon completion, you will be able to define "regular expression"; detail its appropriate uses; and describe and design format and syntax. *Early bird registration ends 9/23*.

[Register Now](#) – Tuesday, October 15 & Thursday, October 17, 2019 1-3 p.m.

Know & Go Updates

Know & Go's are part of a series of informative web sessions covering topics of current interest. Designed for group participation, FREE for Amigos members and only \$35 for non-members, Know & Go Updates are presented online on Monday afternoons from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. [Register today!](#)

- [How to Spot Predatory Journals](#) September 23
- [Cultivating Community Partnerships](#) October 21
- [Developing Information Literacy Lessons for First-Year College Students](#) October 28
- [Tech Tools and Apps for the Reference Desk](#) November 25

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!](#)

- [Know & Go: How to Spot Predatory Publishers](#) September 23, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- [Digital Citizenship in Today's Libraries](#) October 17, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- [Know & Go: Cultivating Community Partnerships](#) October 21, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

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- [Know & Go: Developing Information Literacy Lessons for First-Year College Students](#) October 28, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- [Utilizing Wikipedia](#) October 29 & 30, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- [Library Management for Beginners: Everyday Negotiations](#) November 6, 2-4 p.m.
- [Reference Management: A New Approach](#) November 18 & 20, 2-4 p.m.
- [Tech Tools and Apps for the Reference Desk](#) November 25, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
- [I Agreed to What?! Privacy and Social Media](#) December 10, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

MOBIUS News

Resource Sharing: Give the People What They Want

We live in a world where nearly everything is at our fingertips, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; resource sharing between MOBIUS member libraries has been that easy since the very beginning. It all happens for library patrons with a simple click of the “Request” button in the union catalog. Patrons at MOBIUS member libraries can select their own materials from a vast and diverse pool of resources anytime, anywhere – and all they need is a library card.

The newest MOBIUS member, St. Louis County Library, began resource sharing via the union catalog in June of 2019. Sarah Brown, Manager, Acquisitions & Collection Development at St. Louis County Library, says:

SLCL patrons have quickly and effortlessly added MOBIUS to their resource searching toolbox. Our patrons requested over 1,800 items in the first full month of service - about double what we were used to seeing with traditional ILL. Often, a quick introduction by a staff member is all patrons need - the service is easy to use and patrons enjoy the self-service aspect of the resource.

Point, click, and get materials from all over the state and beyond, delivered to your library, all with one library card: That’s resource sharing today – but you don’t have to take our word for it! Here are what some MOBIUS member library patrons have to say:

- *“I use MOBIUS when my home library doesn't have a book that I want. I've only used it a few times, but each time I have been VERY pleased with the ease of requesting the item. Thank you very much!”*
- *“I have kept a reading list for years, now approaching 8 pages long, because I could never find those books. MOBIUS is what I've been looking for. Thank you.”*
- *“I enjoy working for a small college but having the library access to a wide variety of materials, that can only be accomplished through the great work of the MOBIUS umbrella. I use this for classwork, research materials for class, personal projects, and my professional work in my field in our community.”*
- *“Without MOBIUS, I would've only had easy access to about half of the books I've needed for my Master's thesis. I could've probably gotten many of them through ILL, but being able to consistently renew books gotten through MOBIUS — instead of being subject to the often short and un-renewable lending periods of ILL — has been enormously helpful.”*

MOBIUS Awarded State-Wide Courier Contract in Iowa

MOBIUS, in partnership with STAT Courier, has been awarded a contract to manage courier services for all of the public libraries in the state of Iowa. The contract is with the State Library of Iowa that is paying for courier service for all 544 public libraries in the state, in all 99 counties. The State Library of Iowa has also established a courier grant for academic libraries to participate in courier service as well, which MOBIUS already manages for the Iowa Academic Library Alliance. MOBIUS additionally manages courier service for the Rivershare Libraries Consortium centered around the city of Davenport.

Iowa libraries served by these courier routes who also participate in resource sharing in the MOBIUS union catalog include Altoona Public Library, Davenport Public Library, West Des Moines Public Library, and Palmer College of Chiropractic. Iowa libraries have

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been great partners with MOBIUS for several years, and we are excited to have partnered again to create a courier network that covers the whole state!

About MOBIUS

Since its inception in 1998, MOBIUS has striven to transform library services for its member organizations through sharing library materials, information, and services using accessible, cost-effective methods. Over the last 21 years, the consortium has grown to include 77 member libraries in Missouri, Oklahoma, Iowa, Kansas, and Texas that enjoy access to over 28 million items via the MOBIUS union catalog, and an additional 33 million items through a partnership with The Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries (Prospector). Materials move between libraries through a courier network, keeping shipping costs low and ensuring efficient delivery.

News from MU's iSchool

SISLT welcomed 21 new students this summer and 119 this fall, so you can expect to see a bumper crop of newly minted librarians in a few years. Welcome to all of our new students!

Dr. Denice Adkins is currently in India completing a Fulbright Specialist grant. Expect to hear more details about her experiences in October's issue.

We have a new faculty member. Welcome to Dr. Hyerim Cho, who came from the University of Washington's iSchool. Dr. Cho's research focuses on "better access for multimedia information users. It includes conducting user studies utilizing information needs and behavior theories and media theories, developing organizational schema, and improving current reference and recommendation services." Read more about Dr. Cho on her webpage: <https://hyerimcho.com/>.

MU-SISLT and MU Health Sciences Library recently received an IMLS grant: Catalysts for Community Health (C4CH). We need your help! Please pass this opportunity on to eligible students and community partner members for our advisory board. This is a completely online, interdisciplinary Master's program, with classes in LIS, Health Sciences, and Medical Informatics. The grant focuses on underserved areas of Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Utah, and Wyoming, the MidContinental Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Students only take two classes per semester, allowing them to continue to work. Read more about the grant here: <https://c4ch.missouri.edu/>. Contact Jenny Bossaller (bossallerj@missouri.edu) if you have questions or would like to serve on our advisory board.

Daniel Boone Regional Library

DBRL Patrons Check Out Telescopes



Now patrons can check out a telescope for one week from any of DBRL's four library locations and the bookmobile. Each Orion Starblast 4.5 Astro Reflector

telescope circulates in a kit with an instruction booklet, a star chart and a few other accessories. DBRL asks patrons to reserve a telescope in advance to make sure that one is available before coming in to pick it up. Currently, all are checked out and several holds have been placed on the kits. Checks outs are limited to patrons age 18 and older due to the nature of the items and the associated replacement costs.

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Jefferson County Library News

Caroline Fraser Presents in Jefferson County

Jefferson County Library and Jefferson College Library are partnering to bring this celebrated Pulitzer Prize winning author to our community on October 16 and 17. All events are free and open to the public. #jcmoprairie

LITTLE HOUSE *on the* PRAIRIE
IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

CAROLINE FRASER
 Pulitzer Prize Winning Author
 of
**"Prairie Fires:
 The American Dreams
 of Laura Ingalls Wilder"**

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<p>WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16 6:30 PM Northwest High School Auditorium 636.677.8186 — CEDAR HILL, MO —</p>	<p>THURSDAY OCTOBER 17 2 PM Jefferson College Library 636.481.3166 — HILLSBORO, MO —</p>	<p>THURSDAY OCTOBER 17 6:30 PM Fox Service Center 636.296.2204 — ARNOLD, MO —</p>
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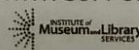
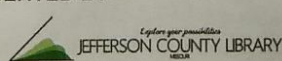
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Mid-Continent Public Library

Buckner, Raytown, and Red Bridge Branches of MCPL Close for Upgrades



Construction rendering of Red Bridge Branch renovation

Following the renovations of 12 other branches, Mid-Continent Public Library recently closed its Buckner and Raytown Branches for upgrades at each of their facilities. The Buckner Branch will be closed through December 2019 and will receive a variety of interior and exterior upgrades, including a new outdoor seating area as well as improved Wi-Fi coverage and access. The Raytown Branch is also slated to reopen in December after undergoing similar enhancements.

MCPL's Red Bridge Branch recently closed as well, as it prepares to move to its new location, a recently renovated building located nearby in the Red Bridge Shopping Center in South Kansas City, Missouri. The new branch location is more than 2,300 square feet larger than the current facility and includes a community room, collaboration rooms, a children's area, new furniture, new public computers, an outdoor seating area, and more.



Construction rendering of Red Bridge Branch renovation

More information about all of Mid-Continent Public Library's construction projects can be found at mymcpl.org/Community.

Trails Regional Library Welcomes New Director



Tanya Shelton-Council

Trails Regional Library is pleased to announce the appointment of its new Director, Tanya Shelton-Council, who began her duties on July 1. Library staff is excited to welcome her to both our library system and to the state of Missouri!

Ms. Shelton-Council began her library career in 2005 at the Cecil County Public Library (MD) as a branch manager.

Ms. Shelton-Council shared: "There are many things I'm excited to do at Trails, but I think number one would be to help foster an atmosphere of system unity and cohesion while allowing library branch locations to retain their community personalities."

We hope you'll welcome her to Missouri and the Missouri Library Association at this year's MLA Conference in Kansas City.

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Springfield-Greene County Library District News

Itsy Bitsy Science Club Hooks Curious Kids Early



Itsy Bitsy Science Club at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch took science fun to the moon and back this summer. Preschoolers were treated to the sensory experience of being an astronaut and trying to use their hands while wearing “space gloves,” trying to bust a watermelon with rubber bands, colorgraph painting and foil moon painting.

Binge Boxes Debut at the Library



Now everyone can binge watch an entire collection of movies on a specific theme — in one checkout — with our new Binge Boxes. Midwest Tape makes them available in specific genres including comedy, drama and horror. The Library is offering them on a trial basis.

Checkouts are for two weeks. Each box includes four to six movies and are available in a wide variety of themes. Our Binge Boxes include: Dude, Where’s My Comedy? with “Dude, Where’s My Car?” “Pineapple Express,” “Super Troopers,” “Half Baked,” “The Big Lebowski,” and “Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle.” Other box themes are Mob Hits; Pasta Cowboys; Didn’t See That Coming (includes “Fight Club” and “Atomic Blonde”); Somethin’ Sappy (includes “The Notebook”); and ’80s Imagination Movies (“The Goonies,” “Beetlejuice” and “Ghostbusters”).

Storytime with Your Legislators: Mixing It Up with the Kids



Springfield Rep. Crystal Quade was among fellow area legislators who provided storytimes with children at library branches during the annual Storytime with Your Legislators series. Quade and others shared stories with children and parents while they also spent time talking with staff and learning how the library serves their constituents.

Horror Author Daniel Kraus: It All Began with Serling and Barker



Horror author Daniel Kraus credits his mother for inspiring his knack for horror writing. He told his audience Thursday, July 18, at the Library Center, that his mother was a big horror fan and would let him, as a young child, stay up late with her to watch “The Twilight Zone.” “It was scary stuff.” He started writing stories in first grade, and later was inspired by “Night of the Living Dead” and horror author Clive Barker. Kraus, who has a master’s degree in library science and worked as a librarian for a short time, also worked as a TV cameraman in North Carolina, where hurricane devastation one year inspired his popular book, “Rotters,” about a grave-robbing father. That’s what caught the attention of Guillermo del Toro, who collaborated with Kraus on the book version of “The Shape of Water,” which Kraus said was his original idea; and the book “Trollhunters.” Kraus visited as part of the national “Summer Scares” horror genre promotion.

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Christian the Magician Casts a Spell on Summer Audiences



Christian the Magician drew 300 people to his visits to the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch and the Library Center on Saturday, July 13. “His famous floating trick never ceases to amaze folks, several of whom had seen him perform at one of our libraries last year and wanted to see him again!” said Jeannine Birkenfeld, Youth Services Manager of the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch. The St. Louis magician, a favorite at the City Museum, shared some magic ‘secrets,’ got lots of laughs, and even had adults waving their arms to be chosen to participate in his show. As always, his levitation trick was the highlight of the show (although making sugar flow through a \$20 bill was pretty impressive). Emma Guiler had a difficult time keeping a straight face, but reported that while she giggled a lot as Christian set her up for the illusion, she was ‘kind of scared,’ too!



Library Receives Grant for Personal Finance Collection

The Library will be able to expand its personal finance collection with a \$5,000 grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. FINRA stands for Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. The new tools and resources will help ensure that residents have the information they need when making critical money decisions as they repair, rebuild, and clean up following a disaster event. The Library was awarded funding based on the Missouri Severe Storms, Tornado, and Flooding major disaster declaration on July 9, 2019 for individual assistance for Greene County. For more than a decade, the FINRA Foundation has provided funding, staff training and programs to build the capacity of public libraries to address the financial education needs of people nationwide. The FINRA Foundation is also providing the Library with multimedia materials that explain the red flags of financial fraud and what people can do to be vigilant and counter the persuasion tactics that fraudsters use.

Library for Moonlight Madness



Over 200 patrons braved the heat and humidity to join the Library for Moonlight Madness, a Summer Reading Program event held at Sequiota Park in Springfield Friday, July 12. Visitors made lunar-themed crafts in the pavilion, snacked on Moon Pies and snapped family photos in a moon photo booth painted by library staffer Ryan Quigg. Patrons were also excited to view the moon and Jupiter through telescopes provided by the Springfield Astronomical Society and to experience

a bat flight, hosted by the Springfield-Greene County Park Board's Outdoor Initiatives Department.

Reference Librarian to Serve on Readers' Advisory Committee

Library Center Reference Manager Kathi Woodward has been appointed to serve for one year on the RUSA CODES Readers' Advisory Research and Trends Committee. The RUSA CODES Readers' Advisory Research and Trends Committee is charged with tracking research and facilitating learning around RA through topical moderated email conversations, programs at Annual Conference, and original research that we make available to librarians and support staff engaged in RA work.

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Summer Intern Neema Barume Takes Reins with Kids, Teens

Neema Barume didn't waste time practicing her skills and learning about library life when she joined the Library through the summer PLA Inclusive Internship Initiative Program. Neema is among young adults nationwide chosen to participate in the internship program. Her family is from the Democratic Republic of Congo and she was born and she raised in a refugee settlement in Tanzania. Neema spent a week shadowing library departments, and did daily hands-on work at the Library Station. Among her many activities, she worked with families during the Library Station's summer-long Maker Camp. For Friday, Aug. 9, at the Library Station, Neema planned and implemented that week's Teen Night. She worked with library staff to distribute promotional flyers about the event to international student groups in the area. Between random newcomers, the International Institute, and regulars, the program attracted 40 teens. The library showed "Into the Spiderverse," played Find Someone Who..., and some of the teens participated in games. Everyone enjoyed the snacks that Neema planned. She made a point to talk to everyone who attended, making sure the "new" kids felt at home; and led activities.



Neighborhood Group Honors Library Express West



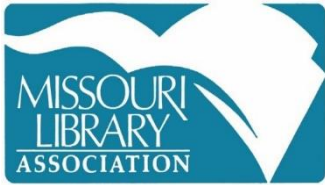
The North Springfield Betterment Association presented the Library with the Betterment Award for installing the Library Express West for area residents. At the group's Thursday, Aug. 8, meeting at the DoubleTree Hotel, association member Brent Gilstrap praised the convenience and ample collection of the 24-hour library kiosk on the city's northwest side. The Friends of the Library funded most of the kiosk, with additional support from a Library Services and Technology Act grant through the State Library.

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Listening Sessions Planned to Shape Library's Course

The Library is inviting Springfield and Greene County residents to provide their thoughts about Library services at a series of upcoming Community Listening Sessions. Executive Director Regina Greer Cooper says the goal is to collect ideas that will help administrators chart the Library's future via the next strategic plan. Sessions are being conducted through the fall at all 10 branches, with online surveys expected through the winter.



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