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President's Message

Greetings, MLA Members! I am very excited to serve as your MLA President in 2020! The groundwork laid by Erin Gray and April Roy provides a great base to begin the new decade and hopefully a new phase for MLA. I want to focus on visioning and what MLA needs to be and do to continue as a vibrant, growing organization.

I will be assigning committee roles early in the year, so if you are interested in serving and gaining valuable experience within librarianship, please feel free to contact me. Other initiatives that will be active in 2020 include the newly formalized Access and Innovation Fund Committee, which will oversee a grant process to provide funds to Missouri libraries. I plan to travel around the state as part of a "Blue Sky" initiative to hear all the ideas and activities that librarians wish and want to do for their patrons, be they in academic, public or K-12 environments. We will continue to work with and implement areas of MLA's strategic plan, including moving board meetings to a strategic agenda, to better help the MLA leadership focus on strengthening the organization.

Other upcoming events include MLA Legislative Advocacy Day in March. Consider joining us in Jefferson City on March 11 to speak with your legislators about the importance of Missouri libraries! The Legislative Committee also plans to continue virtual advocacy efforts. The 2020 MLA Conference will be held in Springfield at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Our coordinators, Katie Hopkins and Jessie East, are already hard at work planning a great state conference.

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me at mlapresident@molib.org.

Cynthia Dudenhoffer
MLA President 2020



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What’s Going On?

MO INFO is produced by the Publications Committee. The MO INFO Subcommittee is responsible for collecting, editing, and publishing this newsletter six times each year. It is a great location to share what is happening at your library. Share your news, events, successes, and resources here!

Submission Guidelines

MO INFO is published six times each year: January, March, May, July, September, and November 15th. Submission deadlines are the 15th of the proceeding months, submitted by email to the committee at moinfonews@gmail.com.

To facilitate the Committee’s production process, please follow the submission suggestions below. Article format should be:

- Microsoft Word document
- Include desired headline and your contact email and role in MLA
- Include digital photos (with captions) and graphics with your articles as desired

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
Jan. 16	1-2 p.m.	Civic Technology 101 for Libraries	Public Library Association
	3-4 p.m.	Build Lasting Relationships with Students One Book at a Time	edWeb
Jan. 21	10-11 a.m.	5 Secrets of Email Marketing Geniuses	Firespring
	1-2 p.m.	How to Find Your Professional Voice	GovLoop
Jan. 21-23, 28-30	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Cataloging & Classification Basics	Amigos Library Services
Jan. 22	11-12 a.m.	That's Not Funny! Or Is It?	National Network of Libraries of Medicine
	2-3 p.m.	Hooray for Dissent! Moving Beyond a Culture of Conformity	WebJunction
Jan. 23	10-11 a.m.	Don't Fence Me In: Rethinking Western Reader's Advisory	Texas State Library and Archives Commission
	1-2 p.m.	Serving the Underserved: Tips for Serving the Homeless	Colorado State Library
Jan. 24	2-3 p.m.	Setting the Stage for Early Literacy	edWeb
Jan. 24-28		ALA Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits (Philadelphia, PA)	ALA
Jan. 28	2-3 p.m.	Make Every Read-Aloud Experience Intentional and Instructional	edWeb
Jan. 28-29	1-3 p.m.	Practical Digital Preservation on a Shoestring: Triage for the Underfunded	Lyrasis
Jan. 29	9-10 a.m.	Quick Play Gaming for Teen Outreach	Indiana State Library
	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Cataloging Icky Things	MLA Technical Services Community of Interest
	1-2 p.m.	It's a New World: How to Cultivate Your Online Community	Firespring
Jan. 30	1-2 p.m.	Introduction to OpenRefine: Using Open Software to Weed and Manage your Government Documents Collection	Federal Depository Library Program
Feb. 3	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Tips for Hiring the Right Person	Amigos Library Services
Feb. 3-6	2-4 p.m.	Reference and Information Services	Amigos Library Services
Feb. 4	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Introduction to MarcEdit	Amigos Library Services
Feb. 5	1-2 p.m.	Space Crunch: Tips for Downsizing a Print Collection	ALSC
Feb. 6	2-3 p.m.	What Does the 2020 Census Mean for Libraries	Texas State Library and Archives Commission
Feb. 10	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Discover How Amigos Library Services can Help Your Library!	Amigos Library Services
Feb. 13	10-4 p.m.	Work Smarter, Not Harder: Innovating Technical Services Workflows	Amigos Library Services
	1-2 p.m.	Engaging Teens in the 2020 Census	YALSA
Feb. 14	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	SimplyE @ Amigos: An Overview and Demonstration	Amigos Library Services
Feb. 18 & 20	2-4 p.m.	Dewey Decimal Classification: The Basics	Amigos Library Services
Feb. 24	1:30-2:30 p.m.	ORCID: Helping Your Researchers Connect to Their Work	Amigos Library Services
Feb. 25-29		PLA 2020 Conference (Nashville TN)	Public Library Association
Feb. 26	1-3 p.m.	Creating and Preserving Oral Histories	Lyrasis
Mar. 2	1:30-2:30 p.m.	RDA 3R Update	Amigos Library Services
Mar. 4	2-4 p.m.	Introduction to OpenRefine	Amigos Library Services
Mar. 4-5	2-4 p.m.	The Usable and Accessible Library Space	Amigos Library Services
Mar. 6	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Spotlight on Virtual Storytimes	Amigos Library Services
Mar. 10	2-4 p.m.	Library Management: Managing from the Middle	Amigos Library Services
Mar. 11		MLA Legislative Advocacy Day (Jefferson City, Mo.)	MLA
May 4-5		National Library Legislative Day (Washington, D.C.)	ALA
Sept. 30 - Oct. 2		MLA Conference 20/20 (Springfield, MO)	MLA

Featured Library Employee for the Missouri Library Association: Liz Prewitt

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

I'm Liz and I work at the lovely Prairie Commons Branch. I'm shocked I was nominated because I am just a clerk. Someone once told me to never say you are "just" something. So with that being said, I am a clerk at the library!



Liz Prewitt of Prairie Commons Branch, St. Louis County Library

What originally got you interested in working at a library?

I've been going to Prairie Commons with my mom since I was a baby. However, I wasn't that kid who loved reading. I did however, love books. I loved the art on all of them. I was drawn to how cozy and quiet the library is. So when I was in high school and decided to apply for my first job, I thought, what could be better than the library! The summer I turned 18, I started working here. Fast forward 13 years later and I'm still surrounded by all these beautiful books.

What's challenging about your work?

Working at the library has a lot of great perks. First of all, I have worked and work with some incredible people. It makes me the happiest when I can find that book a parent can't wait to show their child or when I got to go to school assemblies for Summer Reading Club. It's so sweet when a child runs up afterwards telling the YS and I how much they read and they got a joke for us. I remember this one little boy who always came in the library and I would just help him find material or give him a library sticker and one time he told his grown up that I was the coolest person here. Stuff like that makes my day. Lastly, I am really blessed that I get to work at a place where I can use my artistic skills. I have made some really fun interactive displays for all ages. I like to be able to make the library

look welcoming and fun for all. I want books to stay cool!

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

I have grown up at the library. When I started here I was just 18 and naive about a lot. I still can be at times. I think the past few years especially I have been awestruck just to see all the programs we offer and materials we offer now. Like, want to see the moon? We have a telescope you can check out. Have a child with sensory needs? We have a sensory storytime. I am just so proud of the workers here who make so many things possible for everyone. I think we really impact some people's lives in such a great way and that's what makes me passionate about my job.

Who is one of your mentors?

I feel like thinking of a mentor is always a hard question. For instance, my go-to answer would be my mom. But so many people have shaped the way I have grown in my life. I have had and have some incredible bosses and co-workers that have shaped me and taught me so much. Whether it was to help me through hard situations, show me how to have thicker skin, helped me artistically, or just remind me that I got this! With that being said, I have to mention my 4 nieces. They are my little mentors that remind me to always just live in the moment and all the bad things will pass.

What book, author, artist, show, or music are you engaging with this week, either personally or professionally?

One day I was at a bookstore and came across the book, *Notes to Myself* by Hugh Prather. It just explores his daily life thoughts and really hit so many parts of my heart. Anyway, St. Louis County Library didn't have any of his other books. But now that we have access to MOBIUS, I requested many of his other works from various libraries all over. I am super excited for them to come in. If you want to sit by the window this winter and sip a drink while getting into your feelings about life, this is the book.

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

I feel really humbled and honored that I was nominated for this. I love my library and I hope you come out to Prairie Commons and come see some of our unique, crafty displays and grab some materials while your here!

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

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

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!

Christian County Library District Adds Three Staff Members to the Catalyst for Community Health Cohort

The Christian County Library District is excited to report that three of its staff members have been selected to join the Catalyst for Community Health (C4CH) cohort sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the University of Missouri School of Information Science and Learning Technologies. Congratulations to **DeeDee Brashers**, **Charlee Evans**, and **Brandon Jason**.



Charlee Evans,
Programming
Coordinator

DeeDee, Charlee, and Brandon will participate in a fully-funded, three-year graduate degree program at MU which includes a cross-disciplinary curriculum focusing on community health issues and information. Additionally, there will be several opportunities outside the classroom to build local networks for information services in community health literacy while working on projects and practical experiences in health and library settings. A total of twelve students were selected for the C4CH cohort from various states including Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Utah, and Wyoming.

As noted in the grant narrative, there are several contributing factors to poor health, but knowledge of healthy habits and disease management can help. Librarians are in a unique position to support health literacy for their communities. The knowledge and experience DeeDee, Charlee, and Brandon gain will directly benefit the Christian County community, being a rural library district.

For more information about the Catalysts for Community Health program visit: c4ch.missouri.edu.



DeeDee Brashers, Clever
Branch Coordinator



Brandon Jason, Nixa
Branch Manager



Missouri State Library – Wolfner Branch

Two Author Talks Scheduled!

Wolfner Library is proud to announce that two authors will be speaking with patrons via conference call this winter.



Author - Alex George

Jan. 30, 2020 – 7 p.m.

Alex George, author of *A Good American* and *Setting Free the Kites*

Born in England, George calls Columbia, Missouri, his home and is known for his literary, historical, coming-of-age novels.

Feb. 27, 2020 – 7 p.m.

Charlotte Hubbard, author of the *Seasons of the Heart* series

Hubbard, who also penned the *Angels of Mercy* series, writes Christian fiction series and is a former resident of Jefferson City, Missouri.



Author – Charlotte Hubbard

If a patron would like to register for one or both events, contact Amy at wolfner@sos.mo.gov or call 800-392-2614. Registered patrons will be given the conference call phone number. Registration is limited to 25 patrons per session. If needed, a second session may be scheduled.

The iSchool at Mizzou

The LIS Program Congratulates 22 Graduates in December 2019

One of the graduates is Delia Wadlington, who says: “I was attracted to MU SISLT because I knew that Mizzou had high standards and that, even though I lived over 1,000 miles away on the East Coast, I would receive an excellent professional education. I am already using the tools and knowledge gained during my MLIS in my position as a research associate at Boston Consulting Group. I conduct reference interviews multiple times daily to efficiently perform business research across the open web and through databases. I collaborate with colleagues (several of whom also have an MLIS/MLS degree) to provide the best information and service — something I am excited to do every day.”

Library Carpentry Workshop

On Dec. 9 and 10, Denice Adkins co-led a Library Carpentry Workshop with Anna Oates at the Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis. The workshop was hosted by MoHub with funding from Kansas City Public Library. We thank the three amazing assistants as well, including MU LIS student Levi Dolan. This was a fabulous opportunity for people to learn all about Regular Expressions, UNIX, GitHub, and OpenRefine. Read all about The Carpentries here: librarycarpentry.org/. Keep an eye out for future events!



Delia Wadlington, MLIS 2019



Mizzou students, graduates, and faculty at Library Carpentries workshop



Amigos Member Spotlight - North Richland Hills Public Library

Director of Library Services, Cecilia Barham, provides expertly selected collections, exciting events, educational classes, and valuable services. Their library staff, “strive to serve our patrons with excellence in customer service and to show kindness and compassion towards all visitors.” In this heart-warming member spotlight, you will not only meet various library staff but also patrons that are happy to have benefited from the services the library offers. Learn more in their [Member Spotlight Video](#).

Amigos Member Spotlight - Caruthersville Public Library

Caruthersville Public Library serves a population of nearly 6,000 residents in Caruthersville, MO. We sat down with library director, Teresa Tidwell to learn how they gain and use funds to grow the library's offerings to provide it's community - which has been the state's poorest county - resources not easily accessible to many. [Read more and view video](#).

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

Online Conference

Work Smarter, Not Harder: Innovating Technical Services Workflows

Save Thursday, **February 13, 2020**, for our upcoming online conference, [Work Smarter, Not Harder: Innovating Technical Services Workflows](#). This conference will explore ways to make everyone's life easier when it comes to ordering, processing, cataloging, and weeding our libraries' resources.

Work Smarter, Not Harder;
Innovating Technical Services Workflows
Amigos Online Conference - February 13, 2020



Springshare's LibAnswers + 24/7 Cooperative Now Available for Preview

Springshare has announced that the LibAnswers 24/7 Cooperative features are available for preview! If you're a current LibAnswers user, or excited to learn more about LibAnswers + 24/7 Cooperative, [register for a sneak-peek](#) webinar.

PrivCo Announces News and Wishes You a Very Happy New Year!

We are excited to announce that the PrivCo platform will be getting a redesign early this year, including new visualizations, industry leaderboards, a faster search engine and more – all optimized for several browsers. Please email your account manager if you would like early access to the beta version.

Continuing Education Opportunities

Lib Services and Technology: New Trainer and New Course

Meet your new Library Services and Technology Trainer/AskAcademic Coordinator, [Erin Gray](#). Erin will be teaching classes and courses you're familiar with as well as a new one she's designed.

[Identifying, Evaluating and Lifting Barriers to Services in your Library](#), March 26, 2020 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Early bird pricing ends 3/5/20.

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 p.m.-2:30 p.m. CDT. [Register today!](#)

- [ORCID: Helping Your Researchers Connect to Their Work](#) February 24
- [RDA 3R Update](#) March 2
- [Spotlight on Virtual Storytimes](#) March 6
- [Introduction to Authority Control](#) March 16
- [The Art of the Reference Interview](#) March 30

Upcoming Live Online Classes

Here's a quick look at upcoming Live Online classes. Classes are always being added so be sure to check out our full [course schedule!](#)
*All times are listed in the Central Time Zone.

- [Dewey Decimal Classification: The Basics](#) February 18 & 20, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. *Early bird registration ends 1/28*
- [Introduction to OpenRefine](#) March 4, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. – *Early bird registration ends 2/12*
- [The Usable and Accessible Library Space](#) March 4 & 5, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. – *Early bird registration ends 2/12*
- [Library Management: Managing from the Middle](#) March 10, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. – *Early bird registration ends 2/18*
- [Library of Congress Classification: The Basics](#) March 17 & 19, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – *Early bird registration ends 2/25*
- [Augmented, Virtual, and Mixed Realities: The Possibilities and Limitations](#) March 24, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. – *Early bird registration ends 3/3*
- [Identifying, Evaluating and Lifting Barriers to Services in your Library](#) March 26, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. – *Early bird registration ends 3/5*
- [Understanding and Assisting Library Patrons on the Autism Spectrum](#) March 31, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – *Early bird registration ends 3/10*

Emporia State University Adds New Cohort

School of Library and Information Management (SLIM), Emporia State University (ESU) is pleased to announce our new cohort in Conway, Ark., starting in fall 2020. This is the new addition to SLIM's current eight locations of hybrid instruction. Previous additions were Las Vegas, Nev. and Boise, Idaho, which started in fall 2019.

Many MLS programs are strictly online, meaning students participate in discussions, submit assignments, and communicate with professors and other students online only. What makes SLIM unique is our blended classroom approach. This hybrid program allows students the flexibility of the online component combined with an interactive, face-to-face, classroom experience.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the new cohort in Conway, Ark., contact our regional director, Elizabeth Hoffman, at ehoffmal@emporia.edu or 620-412-6453. You may also visit our website at emporia.edu/slim.



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Poplar Bluff Municipal Library and the Magical History Tour

The Magical History Tour, coined from the 1967 song by the Beatles “Magical Mystery Tour,” was hosted by the Poplar Bluff Municipal Library in September. The library took the lead partnering with four historic locations in Poplar Bluff, including: the Poplar Bluff Museum, the Historic Rogers Theater, the Margaret Harwell Art Museum, and the original Poplar Bluff Train Depot. Each participating organization offered a different, unique type of activity for attendees, allowing them to experience the history of Poplar Bluff, what these locations have contributed to the growth of Poplar, and their current significance in our community. The tour brought in more than 100 community members, spanning all ages, to experience the history of the city’s rich past. Our local transit system provided busses to transport attendees from location to location so they could experience the magic that each venue had to offer.



The Poplar Bluff Municipal Library performed a skit called, “Louisa May Alcott With a Twist,” that included two ladies dressed in period costumes presenting the biography of Louisa May Alcott. Library staff hosting the event dressed in post-Civil War period costume.

The Margaret Harwell Art Museum brought a Margaret Harwell impersonator, and also hosted a photography exhibit by a local photographer. The Historic Train Depot held the Smithsonian exhibit, “The Way We Worked,” featuring historic photos of Poplar Bluff and Butler County from the 1910s and 1920s, giving people an idea of railroading, lumbering, farming, and industry. The Rodgers Theater allowed attendees to come into the movie projection room, showing equipment that transported movie goers to the big screen during the late 1940s to the close of the theater in the 1990s. The Poplar Bluff Museum brought refreshments and allowed people to explore local attractions and exhibits found within the museum.

The library, along with its partners, have decided to continue the Magical History Tour as a yearly regional tradition. We will be holding a “2020 Magical Christmas Tour!” This will allow our community members to experience the same fun as the Magical History Tour, but with a holiday theme. Plans are in order to have an even larger event, with more historic locations, making this a truly memorable experience. We are anxiously anticipating our Magical Christmas Tour, and we hope you can celebrate with us!

Sue Crites Szostak, Director, Poplar Bluff Municipal Library

Springfield-Greene County Library District

Tysha Shay Named Republic Branch Manager

Tysha Shay, Reference Department manager of the Library Station, will begin her new job as Library Station manager on Jan. 6. She succeeds Erin Gray, who left the Library for a job at Amigos. Tysha joined the Library as a reference librarian 11 years ago at the Library Station, and was named Library Station Reference Manager in May 2008. Tysha has led the Library's effort to develop programming for Alzheimer's families and the Stories for Life reminiscing outreach programs, and she is past president of the ALA's IGARD committee — Interest Group for Alzheimer's and Related Dementia. She was also named a Library Journal's 2015 Mover and Shaker.



Tysha Shay, Republic Branch Library Manager



Friends Fall 2019 Sale Hits \$159,491.50

The Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale broke an all-time record with sales of \$159,491.50 during the Oct. 15–20 event at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex. The Friends handily beat the previous record of \$154,300.20 set at the fall 2018 sale. Since the first book sale in 1985, the Friends have raised more than \$3 million to benefit the Library. Proceeds from the Friends spring and fall sales help pay for extras that Springfield-Greene County Library patrons enjoy. The Friends spring book sale is scheduled April 29–May 3, 2020.

Grant to Library Will Help Families Affected by Autism

Families of children with autism one day soon will have a more comforting, accessible atmosphere at the Springfield-Greene County Libraries, thanks to an \$11,283 grant from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. The gift was part of CFO's Diversity and Inclusion Grant Program. The grant will allow the Library to provide devices and materials to help families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder and other developmental disabilities prepare for a visit to a library branch. Library Adult Programming Coordinator Katie Hopkins said the noise level of a simple buzzing fluorescent light, a rolling cart and chatter during a library program can be difficult, even debilitating, for a child affected by an Autism Spectrum Disorder. The grant will fund sensory kits for each of the 10 library branches and the Mobile Library. Items such as noise-canceling headphones and wiggle cushions will be available for in-library use.

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Library Receives Anchor Award for Wi-Fi & 24-hour Kiosk

The Library District received an Anchor Award from the Schools Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition at its annual conference on Oct. 18 in Washington, D.C. The award is given to innovative users of Broadband Connections, connecting Anchor organizations to the community. The award highlighted the Library's use of broadband internet connecting the community through its free Wi-Fi service at all facilities including the Library Express West, the 24-hour vending kiosk in west Springfield. IT Manager David Patillo accepted the award for the Library while attending the conference in Washington, D.C.



Dracula (Development Director Melissa Adler) oversees her library staff of trivia night organizers, left to right, Emily Alexander, Taryn Westphale, Konrad Stump, Miranda Eudaly and Katie Hopkins.

Oh, the Horror! Some Won, Some Were Dead Last

Seven adult teams competed for the top prize at the Library Foundation's fundraiser, Flights and Frights Trivia Night, Oct. 18, at Missouri Spirits in Springfield. It was neck and neck (to the delight of Dracula) until the very end when the library team came out on top. The event raised \$2,989 and was part of the Library's Oh, The Horror series devoted to raising awareness and fans of the horror genre. On Oct. 24, horror author Jennifer McMahon capped off the successful third year of the horrorfest. The entire series attracted over 670 attendees. McMahon presented "Haunted Places and Haunted People." The *New York Times* best-selling author sat down with Local History Associate Konrad Stump to discuss her experiences and inspirations as a writer and her love of the horror genre.

Ball Foundation Making Play & Learn Center a Reality

The Stanley and Elaine Ball Charitable Foundation has awarded \$108,000 to the Library Foundation to fund a Play & Learn Center at the Library Station. The center will incorporate durable and interactive furnishings, installations and toys paired with the Library's children's collection and programs. The area, for children birth to 12, will emphasize the significant role of play while promoting interaction and movement. Designers will begin surveying space at the Library Station in Winter 2020 and the center could be completed in early 2020.



Local History Associate Konrad Stump interviewed horror genre author Jennifer McMahon on Oct. 24 to cap off the Library's Oh, the Horror! Series.

Death & Dying Series: Program Attendees Eager for End-of-Life Discussions

The Library's third Death & Dying: Conversations on End-of-Life Matters series ran Nov. 1-10 at the Library Center, featuring author/illustrator Cori Doerrfeld talking about her book, *The Rabbit Listened*. But it was Date Night with a Medical Examiner that drew 120 curious attendees to Chief Forensic Investigator Tom Van De Berg's talk about the work of the Greene County Medical Examiner's office.



Author/illustrator Cori Doerrfeld gave a lesson in understanding sadness and grief aimed at children and adults during her Nov. 9 talk at the Library Center.



Library Station Youth Services Manager Phyllis Davis read a book to visually impaired preschoolers, who also got to "read" the book with their fingers by tracing the picture outlines made by Davis' teens with 3D printing press

Teens Make Readable Books for Visually Impaired Kids

Library Station Youth Services Manager Phyllis Davis brought a project full circle on Dec. 3, when she read the book *Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?* to visually impaired preschoolers at Shining Stars Early Childhood Center. Teens in her Friday night programs had used 3D printing pens — 3D Doodlers — to make raised outlines of the children's book illustrations so the preschoolers could "read" the pictures. Teens benefitted, too, by learning STEM skills with the 3D Doodlers donated by the manufacturer. "3D Doodler's generous donation of a classroom set of pens will give our teens the opportunity to experience what it is like to be an engineer," Phyllis said. "In addition to helping the preschool children at Shining Stars experience the stories adapted, we hope to help our teens develop important 21st-century skills and to inspire them to consider future STEM-related careers."

Konrad Stump Named Summer Scares Library Programming Consultant

Local History Associate Konrad Stump (right) has joined the national Summer Scares committee as its official programming consultant. Summer Scares is a summer reading initiative through the Horror Writers Association, United for Libraries, Book Riot, and Library Journal/School Library Journal to get more readers of all ages engaged with the horror genre and promote reading for years to come. As programming consultant, Konrad will craft, curate, and promote Summer Scares programming ideas for libraries, create discussion guides for the Summer Scares titles, and present at StokerCon's Librarians' Day in May of 2020.



Kathleen O'Dell, community relations director, Springfield-Greene County Libraries. kathleeno@thelibrary.org

Asbury Theological Seminary Migrates to MOBIUS Open Source Solutions (MOSS)

Asbury Theological Seminary (ATS) B.L. Fisher Library, which utilizes the Evergreen ILS, successfully migrated and went live on its MOSS (MOBIUS Open Source Solutions) on December 13, 2019. Previously, the Library was a self-supported Evergreen instance. MOBIUS performed data migration services and also provides data hosting and support to the ATS Library.

About the Asbury Theological Seminary and Library

Asbury Theological Seminary was founded more than 80 years ago “to prepare and send forth a well-trained, sanctified, Spirit-filled, evangelistic ministry” in order to spread scriptural holiness around the world. Asbury Seminary continues to hold to this mission, providing holistic ministerial preparation as an interdenominational institution.

The ATS B.L. Fisher Library exists to support the objectives of the seminary by providing appropriate resources and services. The library (KY and FL) is committed to: Playing a vital role in enhancing the global reputation of the Seminary; supporting teaching, learning, research, and service missions in all disciplines; the transformation of teaching and learning across the Seminary; engagement with patrons to understand their needs, goals, and expectations.

About MOSS

MOSS is an Evergreen hosting and managed service offering that provides complete technical, operational, and administrative support. More information can be found at mobiusconsortium.org/moss.

Christina Virden Presents at Open Education Conference



In October 2019, Christina Virden of MOBIUS (*left*) presented a roundtable discussion with Abbey Elder of Iowa State University and Dr. Tanya Spilovoy of the WICHE Cooperative for Educational Technologies at the 2019 Open Education Conference on her experience serving on the Midwest Higher Education Compact's State OER Action Team for Missouri. The team brings together a diverse group of representatives from the higher education and K-12 worlds to work on developing state level OER infrastructure. The Missouri Team is one of 12 teams across the Midwest.

The presentation focused on the model used in developing these teams, updates on their progress, and providing information to attendees looking to create their own action teams whether they be at an institutional, statewide or even regional level. Attendees left with tools to aid in planning OER summits and tips for keeping their team's work moving forward. Learn more at bit.ly/SumPlan and bit.ly/OERTeams

MOBIUS Libraries Get Inspired

On December 5th, MOBIUS member libraries had the opportunity to attend an in-depth session in Columbia, MO presented by Kathryn Harnish (*right*), Senior Vice President, Product Strategy at Innovative Interfaces, on Inspire Discovery, Innovative's next-generation discovery platform. Kathryn shared information about ongoing and future development for libraries in consortia and addressed issues and questions specific to MOBIUS libraries, along with providing an overview of the experience thus far for the first development partners who have gone live with Inspire and some live demonstration.



Jefferson County Library

Jefferson County Library Cataloger Honored by Evergreen Community

Jefferson County Library's Technical Services Supervisor, Kate Coleman, was the Evergreen Contributor of the Month for November 2019. Kate was selected by the Evergreen Outreach Committee, and the following was excerpted from an article written by Andrea Buntz Neiman. It was published online at evergreen-ils.org on 11/27/2019.



Kate Coleman, Technical Services supervisor for Jefferson County Library is Evergreen Contributor of the Month

“Kate has been a cataloger for 17 years, and when her county joined the Missouri Evergreen Consortium a few years ago she got involved in conversations with other catalogers in the consortium. ‘Working with catalogers all over the state is very fun,’ Kate says, ‘and helping libraries of all sizes with their cataloging issues is rewarding.’

“Kate’s Evergreen community involvement started with her attendance at the Evergreen Conference in 2018, when it was held in St. Charles, Missouri. In her own words, ‘I have been hooked ever since! It’s a great community to be involved in with people who are always willing to help. I have learned so much from Evergreeners across the country.’

“Since then, Kate has joined the [Cataloging Working Group](#), and is now a member of CWG’s Organizing Committee; has presented ‘[Scrubalogs – Formatting and fixing MARC records](#)’ as part of the 2019 Evergreen Conference; and has become involved with [Bug Squashing Week](#) and bug reporting in [Launchpad](#). A pretty impressive stretch for her first 18 months of community work!

“‘Whatever you do in your library and/or whatever you’re interested in, I bet there is an Evergreen committee or interest group pertaining to it!’ Kate tells us. She recommends Bug Squashing Week or the [Documentation Interest Group \(DIG\)](#) as great entry points into the

broader Evergreen community. ‘[DIG] always needs eyes to read and fingers to type ... if you’re new, it’s a great way to learn as you’re reading the documentation, while also helping the community!’

“Kate leaves us with some final thoughts about the openness of our community. ‘I really appreciate how welcoming the Evergreen community is to new people, and always willing to help not only with ideas and issues, but to teach with an open mind.’”

Prairie Fires: Academic and Public Libraries Combine Efforts for Big Impact

Jefferson County Library and Jefferson College Library completed a year-long collaboration that brought 2018 Pulitzer Prize winning biographer, Caroline Fraser, author of *Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder*, to Jefferson County for three appearances. The collaboration also included the three municipal libraries in the county: Crystal City Public Library, De Soto Public Library, and Festus Public Library. Preceding the author’s appearances, a variety of events were offered throughout the county in order to engage participants in questions related to the prairie experience and generate interest in the author events. Children’s events included story times, book discussions, prairie days with activities and crafts, and a countywide art contest for K-12 students. Events for adults



Jefferson College Library. Prairie Days. July 2019.

included presentations by Jefferson College faculty in history, art, and English, a presentation about prairie ecology by the Missouri Prairie Foundation, an exhibit of historic documents and artifacts from Missouri, a farmers' market event and book discussions.

Over a thousand participants attended the series of events including the featured author appearances. Online engagement exceeded 12,000 hits, shares, views and comments and included an [online guide](#), [a digital exhibit](#), social media posts, and an eventual spot on CSPAN-3. The combined efforts of the libraries, a local bookseller, Jefferson College Library and Jefferson County Library created the related events to broaden the impact of Ms. Fraser’s visits and to allow for several opportunities to explore important topics addressed in *Prairie Fires* — American settlement, Native American heritage and displacement, frontier life, the changing ecology and



Prairie Fires in Jefferson County exhibit.



Jefferson College Library. Caroline Fraser's presentation. October 2019.

environment of the plains and Midwest, the role of women, authorship, children's literature and much more. Planners envisioned a countywide conversation about interesting topics that related to Missouri history that could be approached in age appropriate and expansive ways. Whether participants were fans of the television series or sophisticated scholars of Ms. Wilder's work, everyone had the chance to gain new insight into the prairie experience.

Drawing on the combined expertise and the unique knowledge of local communities that each of the libraries brought to the process contributed to over forty successful events that allowed all of the libraries to all shine. Jefferson College faculty and marketing staff, as well as library staff, assisted with the municipal and county library events, and county and municipal library staff provided assistance with story times, the farmers' market event, and through shared marketing and advertising outreach on social media. The three featured events with Ms. Fraser offered attendees three very different experiences: a Q

& A with the local paper's teen advisory board; a presentation by Ms. Fraser of Laura Ingalls Wilder's three distinct periods of life; and a conversation between the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch's* book editor and Caroline Fraser. This final event was filmed by CSPAN-3 and may be viewed on their website.

The related events and the author appearances were very successful and received overwhelmingly positive feedback. The staff at the libraries got to know one another better and collaborated well on shared goals. This type of collaboration takes a lot of planning (this process started about twelve months out with grant application writing); there must be clear processes for communication between all the libraries; and, finally, there must be a good understanding of how the events will take shape and who will assist. Perhaps over forty related events and three author appearances in two days is not something any library will want to do frequently, but for Jefferson County the experience brought out a large community of readers, *Little House* lovers, interested residents and visitors who drove hours to learn more about Missouri's prairie ecology and history, the American frontier and farming experience, and our shared art and literary wealth. The impact of the programming leading up to the featured event was well worth the efforts of so many.



Author Caroline Fraser (far left) with Leader Publications' Teen Advisory Board

Art Contest by Jefferson County Library and Festus and De Soto Public Libraries



Winner, 6-8 year olds: Brianna A.



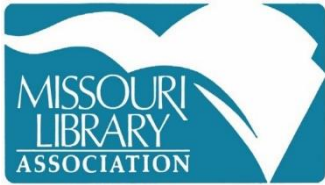
Winner, 9-11 year olds: Lucy L.



Winner, 12-14 year olds: Penelope S.



Winner, 15-18 year olds: Rosemary M.



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