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President's Message

Greetings MO Library Association Membership!

Summer is finally here! I know most libraries across the state are in the process of reopening to their communities, and I wish you all good luck and much grace as you undertake these activities. Re-envisioning the services that we provide, and which our patrons hold dear, is a daunting but vital task, and I know we are all doing our best to keep staff and patrons safe while creating paths to access.

We are halfway through 2020, and it has been a year of challenges, some of which were unexpected, and some that have been fomenting for some time.

The Missouri Library Association Board approved the statement I issued recently in regards to the protests surrounding the Black Lives Matter Movement. I want to reaffirm that our association will always stand behind those susceptible to acts of prejudice and violence. Libraries serve as a conduit for all who seek knowledge, and excel at removing barriers to access. We will continue to support communities through representation in collections and providing services aimed at education and growth.

June was also Pride Month, and I celebrate the Supreme Court's decision regarding gender-identity and sexuality-based discrimination in the workplace. We support all those who suffer from prejudice and discrimination. Exclusion has no place in libraries.

I am looking forward to our first ever MLA Virtual Symposium this fall, "Together Apart." President-Elect Cindy Thompson and I are working on an exciting, engaging event for the membership, with invited speakers, discussion rooms, and rewarding content. We hope that by limiting costs and providing flexibility, our members will be able to attend the event, no matter what situation we might find ourselves in this fall. I can't wait to see you all again, even if we aren't in the same room!

I wish you all love and light as we navigate through these challenging times!

As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, ideas or concerns.



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How MO INFO Can Provide You Relief From the Summer Heat!

MO INFO is produced by the MLA Publications Committee. You can not only read this issue online, but it’s easy to print out and share with a friend. But there’s more! A little-known benefit is being able to use that printed copy as a fan when the air conditioner is not quite getting the job done. The MO INFO Subcommittee has also helped make this long enough that you can share pages with your staff and *all* feel a little cooler!

Submission Guidelines

MO INFO is published *six times each year*, on the 15th of January, March, May, July, September, and November. We collect, edit, and publish this newsletter; all you need to do is share your news, events, successes, and resources here! Submission deadlines are the 15th of the preceding months, submitted by email to the committee at moinfonews@gmail.com (include MO INFO in the subject line). **Our next deadline gives you a few extra days – Monday, August 17.**

To facilitate the 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

Use the links below for event details including any pricing and schedule changes. A variety of events awaits you!

Date	Time CT	Event	Sponsor
July 16	2-3 p.m.	From (A)ddiction to (Z)its: Supporting Teens with Health Information	National Network of Libraries of Medicine
July 20	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Collaborating with Faculty	Amigos Library Services
July 21	1-2 p.m.	Fall YA Announcements	Booklist
	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Protecting Your Assets: Managing Legacy Materials for Performing Arts Organizations	Lyrisis
July 22	10-11 a.m.	Facebook and Your Library: The Do's and Don'ts	Mid-America Library Alliance
	10-11 a.m.	Creating Accessible Materials for Library Instruction	Nebraska Library Commission
	1-2 p.m.	A Virtual Shout-N-Share Showdown	Booklist
	1-2 p.m.	Transition Planned In-Person Adult Programs to a Virtual Environment	Public Library Association
	2-3 p.m.	Custom Curriculum Creation and Copyright: The Basics	edWeb.net
	2-3 p.m.	Finding Your Social Media Sweet Spot	Nonprofit Hub
July 23	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Using Imagery in PowerPoint Like a PRO	Training Magazine
	12-12:45 p.m.	How to Build Your Major Donor Portfolio	Charity How To
	1-2 p.m.	Podcasting Using Government Documents	FDLP
July 24	1-2 p.m.	Making Difficult Conversations Easy	Effectiveness Institute
July 27	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Stand out Librarianship for the Sandwich Generation	Amigos Library Services
July 28	12-12:45 p.m.	Beyond Virtual Facilitation: How to Maximize Engagement and Tackle Wicked Problems in Your Virtual Meetings	Charity How To
	12-1 p.m.	Is It an Allergy, Cold, or COVID? Finding Answers with Federal Health Resources	FDLP
	1-2 p.m.	How to Avoid the Email Delete Barrier and Get More Replies	Training Magazine
	1:30-2:30 p.m.	How to Avoid Fundraising's Quiet Killer: Donor Attrition	Firespring
	2-3 p.m.	Whose Turn Is It, Anyway? Online Board Gaming and Libraries	WebJunction
July 29	9-10 a.m.	Social Media: How Many Accounts Do I Really Need?	Indiana State Library
	12-1 p.m.	Sponsors: How to Find Them & Create a Win-Win	Productive Fundraising
Aug. 3	1:30-2:30 p.m.	How to Spot Predatory Journals	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 3-7	1-3 p.m.	Basic SQL	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 4	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Listen Up! An Audiobook Webinar	Mid-America Library Alliance
Aug. 5	2-3 p.m.	Managers: Stop Asking "How's it Going?" and Start Getting Quick Results	Training Magazine
	2-4 p.m.	Library Management for Beginners: Managing Personnel	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 6	2-3 p.m.	Opportunity Out of Adversity: Digital Access in Rural and Small Libraries	WebJunction
Aug. 7	1-2 p.m.	Three Steps to Thriving in Chaos	Effectiveness Institute
Aug. 10	9-10 a.m.	The Many Hats of the Library Director	Indiana State Library
	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Getting Started with Application Profiles	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 11	1-2 p.m.	The Public Library's Role in Elections: Voter Education in a Post-Truth Era	Infopeople
Aug. 12-14	1-3 p.m.	Beyond the Basics: Next Level Readers' Advisory	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 15	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Tech for Teens Club : LEGO Stop Motion Videos	PACER Center
Aug. 18-20	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Event Planning 101	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 18-27	1-3 p.m.	Cataloging & Classification Basics	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 25-27	1-3 p.m.	Introduction to Storytimes and Early Literacy Programming	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 26	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Step Away from the Desk: Embedded and Roving Reference Services	Amigos Library Services
	1:30-3 p.m.	Intermediate Genealogy	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 27	1-2 p.m.	Receptive to Race: Normalizing the Discussion of Race with Children in Libraries	Colorado State Library
Aug. 31	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Drones and Libraries	Amigos Library Services
Sept. 2-4	1-3 p.m.	Dealing with Difficult Patrons	Amigos Library Services
Sept. 9	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	25 Ways to Build the Bridge Between Your School and Library	ALSC
Sept. 9-11	10 a.m.-12 pm.	Creating a Library Marketing Plan	Amigos Library Services
Sept. 23		Like the Ceiling Can't Hold Us: Sharing Innovations in Libraries	Amigos Online Conference
Sept. 28,30 Oct. 2		MLA 2020: Envision, Engage, Empower	Missouri Library Association

Featured Library Employee for the Missouri Library Association: *Kat Wright!*



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

My name is Kat Wright and I am the Assistant Manager at the Smithville Branch of the Mid-Continent Public Library.

What originally got you interested in working at a library?

My love of books and reading spurred me to study English in college. When my children were little, I would bring them to Storytime at the Library. I really enjoyed the atmosphere and the connection the library made with the families and the community. Storytime was a lot of fun for everyone with great books, music, and activities for kids to enjoy. I knew it was the place for me! I was able to find a position working as a storytime librarian and loved every minute of it!

What keeps you coming back every day?

The wide range of customers we see and the great co-workers I get to work with! Libraries make an impact in so many areas of the community – that keeps the job interesting and fun. It is so rewarding to make connections with individuals and groups and see how those partnerships develop into projects that make an impact in the community. Seeing how each staff member has a niche and connects with various groups and customers is really inspiring to me.

What's challenging about your work?

I was promoted last year to Assistant Manager and moved to the Smithville Branch from the Parkville Branch. Learning about a new community and a new job can be challenging and fun. I miss working with the little kids and families at storytime but learning new skills for my position has been exciting. Being as flexible as possible and open to change has been important, especially as we have been working through the pandemic.

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

I think my passion for Early Literacy has continued to grow over the years. I have seen the important role that libraries play in providing materials and programs for young children and their families. Libraries can often be a bridge to literacy for families by providing them with a social space to experience books and music. I have had many parents tell me that they don't have the first idea of how to help their children learn to read. But after coming to storytime events they begin to get more comfortable with Early Literacy and their confidence inspires them to be great teachers to their children. These experiences inspire me to try and find unique ways to promote other services to the broader community and find ways to reach the people who need our services the most.

Who is one of your mentors?

My current mentor is probably my boss, Stacey Franklin. She has been very supportive of me in my new role, while being honest with me about my strengths and weaknesses. Stacey has helped me to embrace new technologies as well as evaluate every aspect of my job. Her kindness and sense of humor has helped me get through many different situations. We have worked together since last August and I have learned so much from her!

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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!

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

I am currently reading *Barkskins* by Annie Proulx. Spanning 300 years, it tells the story of the settlers of New France in 1693 and the treacherous mysteries that occur when French and English trappers live alongside the Iroquois and attempt to dominate the land. It's also a National Geographic miniseries.

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

I am taking my final class this summer to complete my MLIS from the University of Missouri. I am so excited to be finishing this goal and look forward to focusing on my family and career in the coming months!

SAVE THE DATE!

Together Apart: MLA 2020 Symposium Sept. 28, 30, & Oct. 2 2020



Instead of the in-person 2020 conference, the Missouri Library Association will offer a streamlined, virtual experience focused on connection, ideas, and inspiration as we navigate a new normal. As an association, we must be cognizant of the challenges (and possible opportunities) library workers will face as we adjust services and spaces to deal with the COVID pandemic and begin to plan for our futures beyond COVID-19. To meet the need for flexibility while also providing the engaging professional development that our members demand, the MO Library Association is pleased to announce a virtual symposium:

This event will:

- Provide focused, thematic content for all types of libraries and library employees
- Provide a distributed format for flexibility
- Feature invited speakers and professional event production
- Include a registration fee of \$25 for MLA Members
- Include a roundtable and networking activities
- Include opportunities for sponsorship

While we will all miss our traditional conference, we hope to provide an engaging, meaningful experience for our membership!

We plan to resume our regular conference format in 2021 in St. Louis.

Mid-America Library Alliance



MALA's upcoming webinar: Facebook and Your Library: The Do's and Don'ts

with Hanna Taylor, MBA, Square One Small Business Specialist, Mid-Continent Public Library
Wednesday, July 22, 10-11 a.m.

Small and medium-sized libraries are just as likely as larger libraries to use Facebook to share events and pictures, educate patrons about services, and highlight their collections. This informative one-hour webinar will give you step-by-step directions on how to get the most from Facebook – even with limited staff and time. [Click here](#) for more information.

Upcoming MALA Training: Audiobook Readers' Advisory Webinar - August 4, 2020

2020 marks a reboot of MALA's in-person and online professional development training for library staff and professionals. [MALA's new Professional Development Series](#) has been devised to answer your training needs. Core topics include Youth Services, Academic Track, Management & Supervision, Human Resources & Personnel, Readers' Advisory, and Customer Service.

Katherine Glenn, Training & Professional Development Coordinator, kglenn@mid-americalibraryalliance.org (816) 521-7266



MOLIB2GO Receives Grant from the Missouri State Library to Expand Access to eBooks and Audiobooks

As part of a Missouri State Library grant program, Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft announced that Amigos Library Services (facilitator of Missouri Libraries 2 Go (MOLIB2GO), a digital eBook and audiobook access program for 106 Missouri libraries) was awarded \$74,000 to expand access.



“Early on, as libraries were closing due to the coronavirus, we immediately recognized that demand for eBooks and similar resources would increase rapidly and because of its convenience, that the demand may never subside,” Ashcroft said. “State library staff worked quickly to make these funds available ... Providing digital access to all types of materials to library patrons, in light of COVID-19 disruptions, has become priority number one for Missouri libraries.” More details and [full release here](#).

Amigos Board Announces Election Results, Selects Officers for 2020 – 2021

Amigos Library Services is pleased to announce the following individuals have been elected to three-year terms on the Amigos Board of Directors ([View returning Board members](#)):

- Dr. Lea Briggs, Director, B.D. Owens Library, Northwest Missouri State University (MO)
- Ms. Kathleen Brittain Luther, Executive Director, Seminary Support, Concordia Seminary (MO)
- Ms. Tracey E. Mendoza, Dean of Libraries, Mabee Library, University of the Incarnate Word (TX)
- Ms. Mary JS Moroney, Executive Director, Eastern Oklahoma Library System (OK)

Board Officers for 2020-21 are:

- Ms. LeBeau, Chair
- Dr. Walsh, Vice Chair
- Ms. Nye, Secretary
- Dr. Lafrado, Treasurer

Over 80 Libraries Choose SimplyE and Amigos!



We are hearing wonderful things from libraries that had SimplyE up and running in Spring. Patrons are finding titles that do not normally circulate, resulting in more titles being discovered and read. This is [a win for libraries and patrons](#), a win for eBook and audiobook platform vendors, and a win for authors! Public libraries who do not have the service yet are invited to try it out for [3 months of free access](#), including a waived set-up fee. Join us on July 23 or August 24 for an [overview and demonstration](#) of SimplyE.

Amigos Library Services COVID-19 Membership Relief Discount

While we continue to closely monitor this situation, Amigos Library Services is actively taking steps to make sure we can provide you with the service you need. To help deliver support during COVID-19, we are giving our members a 20% discount on your FY 2021 membership dues.

The Amigos Board recognizes the impact of and concerns about the pandemic on members and has voted to implement the [Amigos COVID-19 Membership Relief Discount](#). All renewing members will see a 20% discount on their upcoming FY 2021 membership dues invoice.

No action is needed on your part as the discount will be applied automatically for all renewals. Be on the lookout for your renewal in July.

We appreciate your continued support of Amigos and thank you for your continued service to your communities.

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Watch for Membership Invoices This Month

Membership invoices will be sent in mid-July for the 2020-2021 year. If you need an early invoice or would like to know what your membership fee will be, contact us at membership@amigos.org. For an overview of all Amigos services, please attend one of our upcoming membership webinars.

Remember that, thanks to the recent decision of the Amigos Board, all membership fees for the upcoming fiscal year will be discounted by 20% in recognition of the toll the pandemic is taking on libraries. Learn more about how Amigos has [supported our members during COVID-19](#).

Like the Ceiling Can't Hold Us: Sharing Innovations in Libraries



Amigos Online Conference - September 23, 2020

Like the Ceiling Can't Hold Us: Sharing Innovations in Libraries - September 23

Are you an innovator? Taking challenges head on and adapting? Are you establishing, retooling, or redefining programs and initiatives in your organization? We want to hear from you. [Submit your proposal](#) by July 29.

In times of adversity, libraries and information professionals have been drivers of innovation in their organizations and communities. By collaborating and initiating outward, libraries are adapting and creating new services, programs, experiences, and platforms for users. You're invited to [join us online](#) September 23rd for our one-day online conference and learn how libraries are innovating in the current landscape. Registration is open and – as always – free for members! Early-bird discount ends September 11.

3 Free Months of Mobile Printing With Princh

Princh is supporting libraries throughout the COVID-19 crisis by offering their [mobile printing and electronic payment solution for free](#).

Princh's mobile printing solution with integrated electronic payment means that visitors can print and pay electronically from their own devices. This reduces the handling of cash at the desk and the use of your public PCs which allows staff and visitors to respect social distance measures in your library.

SpringerNature Shines a Spotlight on Textbooks

Did you know that Springer Nature's [Computer Science](#) eBook collection includes textbooks? Springer Nature publishes textbooks at all levels, supporting students from undergraduate through to post-graduate and to support professionals, across a broad range of topics. Institutions worldwide are utilizing the textbooks found in licensed Springer Nature eBook subject collections to support faculty with their course planning and to help reduce textbook costs for students.

As with all Springer Nature eBook collection titles, textbooks are available on springer.com with no Digital Rights Management, allowing for unlimited usage by simultaneous users 24/7.

Continuing Education Opportunities

New! - Basic SQL

Assignments build on previous assignments, [leaving you equipped and ready](#) to design a small database and write SQL statements, demonstrate ability to add/delete data from database, understand how PHP works with MySQL, and much more.

New! - Know & Go: Stand out Librarianship for the Sandwich Generation

Free for Amigos members, this brand-new course offers fresh insight into a challenge many of us are facing. [Do you belong](#) to the Sandwich Generation?

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. CDT.

- [Collaborating with Faculty](#) July 20

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- [Stand Out Librarianship for the Sandwich Generation](#) July 27
- [How to Spot Predatory Journals](#) August 3
- [Getting Started with Application Profiles](#) August 10
- [Drones and Libraries](#) August 31
- [The Accidental Cataloger: Tips and Tools to Help You Use the Rules](#) September 28

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.

- [Basic SQL](#) August 3-7, 1-3 p.m.
- [Library Management for Beginners: Managing Personnel](#) August 5, 2-4 p.m.
- [Beyond the Basics: Next Level Readers' Advisory](#) August 12-14, 1-3 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 7/22*
- [Event Planning 101](#) August 18-20, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 7/28*
- [Cataloging & Classification Basics](#) August 18-27, 1-3 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 7/28*
- [Introduction to Storytimes and Early Literacy Programming](#) August 25-27, 1-3 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 8/4*
- [Step Away from the Desk: Embedded and Roving Reference Services](#) August 26, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 8/5*
- [Intermediate Genealogy](#) August 26, 1:30 -3 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 8/5*



Joplin Public Library



Library users queue up in front of the Joplin Public Library to pick up items.

New Curbside Pickup Service Proves Popular

On May 14, Joplin Public Library began offering a new service: Curbside Pickup! This new service has been well-received by the community and on average 225 items are being picked up daily during the 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. timeframe, Monday through Saturday.

Joplin Public Library Building Reopens to the Public

With new procedures and safety precautions in place, Joplin Public Library opened its doors to patrons again on Monday, June 8. The opening was well-received with almost 300 Library users through the door on day one and 1,760 in throughout the first week.

Some of the changes include a reduction in hours, an occupancy limit of 75 people and study and meeting room closures. Much of the furniture had been stored or rearranged, the Children's Department's popular play spaces are bare and public computers have been spaced out to accommodate social distancing recommendations.

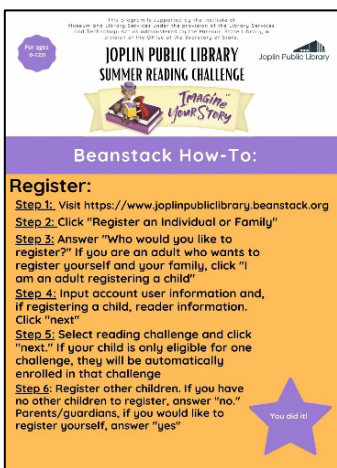
Beanstack & Virtual Program Offerings Make Summer Reading Accessible

When JPL signed a contract with Beanstack in Nov. 2019, it was with the intention of utilizing it as a secondary option for logging Summer Reading and activities. With the Library's March closure due to COVID-19, Beanstack has become the most accessible way for users to sign up for Summer Reading challenges and track their reading progress without needing to come into



Library staff providing users with an informational handout as they enter the building.

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Beanstack "How-To" promotional materials.

the building. Since it is a new platform, marketing materials on several of its features have been created. Thus far, 414 Library users have registered, which is on par with previous Summer Reading statistics.

As part of a pivot due to COVID-19, virtual programs are also being offered for all age groups. The Children's Department is hosting Mad Science of Greater Kansas City's "Energy Burst" workshop; Circus Kaput's "Homemade Magic Workshop" with OMG Josh; Jay and Leslie's Laughing Matters' "Five Minutes of Fun: Preschool Edition"; and Jim Cosgrove's "Imagine Your Song: Musical Stories with Mr. Stinky Feet." Plus, weekly virtual staff storytimes are published each Tuesday morning. The first two posts have garnered over 200 views, and families have been sending in photos of their little ones enjoying the storytimes!

The Teen Department's virtual offerings include a Game Night; a "Sketch Along" program courtesy of Joplin High School Art Department Chair Seth Wolfshorndl; and a Harry Potter Party that features crafts, trivia, and a virtual cosplay parade. Plus, the Teen Department is partnering with the Joplin High



Two young Library users enjoy a virtual storytime.

School Life Skills classes to provide outreach activities to students with developmental and intellectual disabilities. Library staff meet weekly with the classes, using a virtual format, to make connections and to reinforce social and academic skills. Activities include students creating a "Franken Fairy Tale," a "Deserted Island Playlist" of their favorite books, songs, games, and movies, STEM crafts and a behind-the-scenes Library tour.

Adult participants have not been forgotten! They have the opportunity to virtually attend a book discussion, featuring Nguyen Pahn Que Mai's "The Mountains Sing," two Library staff-led cooking demonstrations and a Dungeons and Dragons workshop.

DIY Journals Provide Opportunity for All Ages to Create

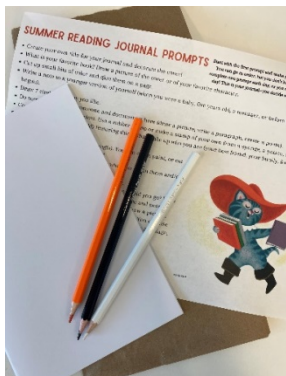
Library staff wanted to encourage creativity on-the-go, so they were inspired to create "Imagine Your Own Story: DIY Journals." These all-ages journal kits contain one blank journal, colored pencils and a month's worth of writing/art prompts.

Sample writing/art prompts include:

- Create a title for your journal and decorate the cover!
- Draw 7 circles any way you like.
- Do something kind for someone and document it.

The kits can be picked up in the Library or requested at curbside and are available to the first 300 participants.

Jeana Gockley, Library Director, Joplin Public Library, jgockley@joplinpubliclibrary.org



A sample of the journal kit contents.

Looking for an Opportunity?

This newsletter is put together by volunteers who share their time and expertise to edit your submissions in each issue. They make this newsletter possible. And it really *does* take very little time to do – plus there's a lot of social distancing!

With some recent departures by two of our editors (*see page 16*) we thought now would be a good time to invite those that may be interested in joining our editors for next year to contact Ken Satterfield at moinfonews@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!



News from SISLT



Congratulations to Dr. Denice Adkins, associate professor, for being selected as the 2020 recipient of the Outstanding Library Advocacy Award. Adkins has served for three years on the Library Committee, a standing campus committee that makes recommendations to the provost concerning the continued improvement of the library collection and library services.

Each year, the University Libraries Student Advisory Council (ULSAC) selects a member of the Mizzou community who has shown strong leadership in advocating on behalf of the University Libraries.

Adkin's passionate promotion of the University Libraries has been inspiring to many student leaders and is why ULSAC unanimously voted to present this award to her. Former ULSAC Chair Mathew Swan said, "Students who have served on the Library Committee remain impressed by her passion and thoughtfulness as the committee addresses issues relating to the Libraries. Her service on the Library Committee has been a force for positive change on Mizzou's campus."

Online Graduation

While we were not able to send our new grads off through a traditional ceremony this year, we were able to have online graduation celebrations at MU. SISLT's online students from across the United States participated in a special Zoom graduation celebration during the COVID-19 quarantine. Many wore their cap and gown with dogs and cats photobombing and family cheering as each MU-SISLT graduate's name was read. Several had their homes decorated for the ceremony.

Graduates, families, and friends were invited to express congratulations, what the program meant to them, their future plans, and more via chat or the Zoom room microphone.

We look forward to continuing similar fun and successful celebrations in the future!

MOBIUS News

MOBIUS Awarded Digitization Grant

We are excited to announce that MOBIUS has been awarded an IMLS grant from the Missouri State Library for a digitization project using Innovative Interfaces' Vital platform. We are very grateful to IMLS and the Missouri State Library for their support in the first phase of this project!

The MOBIUS Missouri libraries that plan to adopt Vital as their digitization platform have special collections related to the history of their campus which are difficult to access and much in demand by institutional stakeholders (students, faculty, staff, and alumni). These materials may also include documentation of the communities where these campuses are located: large and small towns across the state of Missouri. Digitized and searchable as a group, these special collections would satisfy demand from current constituents while also supporting broader research on topics such as youth culture and the history and demographics of higher education in Missouri.



MOBIUS Annual Conference Recap

MOBIUS hosted its first virtual conference June 1-3. Despite not being able to gather in person this year, there was no shortage of opportunity to connect and learn from one another: 360 attendees had the opportunity to choose from 30 sessions, all presented by MOBIUS members, visit 16 vendor booths, attend a special Innovative update session from Tom Jacobson, Vice President, Executive Library Advocate and Strategist, and attend a keynote session with Lorcan Dempsey, Vice President, Membership and Research, Chief Strategist, OCLC.

In conjunction with the conference, the MOBIUS Board of Directors welcomed three new members with terms beginning July 1, 2020:

- Nathan James, Deputy Executive Director for Technology and Collection Innovation, Central Arkansas Library System (Public Library Representative 2020-2023)
- Sarah Smith, Dean of Libraries, St. Louis Community College (At Large Member 2020-2023)
- Courtney Trautweiler, Library Director, Cottey College (At Large Member 2020-2023)

MOBIUS Offers ArchivesSpace Hosting

MOBIUS is happy to announce that we are now offering hosting and management of ArchivesSpace at very affordable pricing. ArchivesSpace is an open-source web application for managing archives information. It supports core functions such as accessioning, description and arrangement of processed materials, to name a few, and also functions as a metadata authoring tool.

Hosting will be on the Google Cloud Platform, managed by MOBIUS. Interested libraries do **not** need to be MOBIUS members to take advantage of this service! For more information, contact Donna Bacon, Executive Director, MOBIUS: donna@mobiusteam.org.

MOBIUS Libraries and COVID-19 Recovery

MOBIUS library directors have met weekly this summer via Zoom to discuss how their institutions are reacting to the evolving COVID-19 situation and how they are approaching reopening strategies. These informal discussions have covered topics such as timelines for reopening, possible policies for quarantining physical materials, protective gear for staff, and reopening physical spaces in their buildings, such as study rooms.

MOBIUS Open Source Solutions (MOSS) and Evergreen News

It has also been a busy summer for MOSS, with three new libraries/systems migrating to the MOSS hosting service: North Texas Library Consortium, previously a self-hosted Evergreen instance; and two libraries migrated into the NC Cardinal Consortium (North Carolina), which is hosted by MOSS - Rutherford County Library and Transylvania County Library.

In addition to the work surrounding those migrations, staff have been busy with many other projects. Due to concerns surrounding COVID-19, the Evergreen community made the difficult decision to cancel its in-person conference in Atlanta in favor of an online conference, which took place June 9-11. The Evergreen Outreach Committee, on which MOBIUS Evergreen Coordinator Debbie Luchenbill serves, sought volunteer organizations from the Evergreen community to act as Zoom hosts for the online conference. MOBIUS was one of four organizations to volunteer and hosted a total of eight hours of the conference. For those hours, Debbie introduced the presenters and sessions, monitored the chat/Q&A, and ensured the sessions were recorded.

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Blake Graham-Henderson, Senior Development Engineer at MOBIUS, also presented at the conference. His session, titled “Antora! Antora! Antora! – An Evergreen Documentation Bombshell” covered writing documentation in ASCIIDoc and Antora, an open-source website generator for tech writers. The Evergreen community is moving its documentation to Antora, and Blake has been largely responsible for presenting it to the Evergreen Documentation Interest Group and the subsequent implementation.

Debbie Luchenbill has also been elected to serve on the Evergreen Project Board. The Board represents the interests of the Evergreen Project and the Evergreen user community, working with issues of strategic importance, legal and personnel issues, and issues requiring consensus at a higher level than committees or sub-groups.



Missouri State Library – Library Development Team Update

The Missouri State Library is pleased to announce several staff changes on the Library Development team:

Janet Caruthers assumed the Technology and Resource Sharing Consultant position in November 2019. Janet has a strong library and technology background, having served as the Director of Stafford Library at Columbia College where she oversaw the acquisition and development of library and archives resources, services and technology. She can be contacted by email at Janet.Caruthers@sos.mo.gov or by telephone at (573) 526-1087.

Terry Blauvelt was promoted to the Grants Officer position in December 2019. Terry is well acquainted with Missouri’s library landscape through his work as Statistical Research Consultant and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new position. Terry can still be reached at Terry.Blauvelt@sos.mo.gov and (417) 895-6670.

Merideth Johnson became the team’s Adult Services Consultant in January 2020. Merideth has a Master’s in Educational Theory and Research and most recently has worked for the Jefferson City School District and the Missouri Department of Transportation. She is no stranger to the Secretary of State’s Office, having been on the Library Development technical team early in her career. Merideth can be reached at Merideth.Johnson@sos.mo.gov and (573) 751-1822.

Cory Mihalik, the new Statistical Research Consultant, has his Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He most recently served as the Medical Librarian at Mercy Hospital and the Health Librarian and Branch Assistant at Springfield-Greene County Library. He started in this position in February 2020, works out of the Springfield Office, and can be reached at (417) 895-5000 or Cory.Mihalik@sos.mo.gov.

Lysha Thompson started her role as the Youth Services Consultant for Library Development in June 2020. She has her Masters in Library and Information Science with a Teaching Certification from the University of Central Missouri and 12+ years of experience as the K-12 Library Media Specialist at Miller County R-3 Schools. She is a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association’s Reading Circle Committee, and is the current past chair of the Missouri Association of School Librarians’ Legislative Advocacy Committee. She can be reached at (573) 522-9564 or lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov.

Springfield-Greene County Libraries

Library Captures “Enduring COVID-19 in the Ozarks”



We’re asking the community: “How are you enduring COVID-19 these days?” The Library is inviting everyone to take photographs and help create a historical archive called “Enduring COVID-19 in the Ozarks.” All ages and stages of life are invited to document, in photos, scenes of life in the Ozarks as we practice self-distancing and staying at home during the coronavirus pandemic.

The photo collection and submission form are online at <https://thelibrary.org/enduringcovid19>.

The collection will also be saved on the [Library District's Digital Archive](#).

Branches Reopen in Stages for Drive-up, Walk-in Service

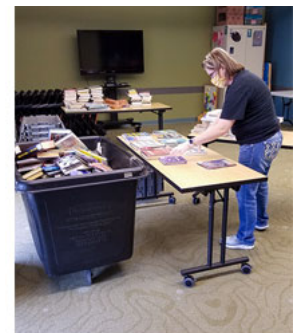
With acrylic shields in place at drive-up windows, gloves, sanitizer, and a rehearsed list of safety measures to handle, quarantine, and clean returned items, the library district reopened in stages after the long closure, starting with drive-up window service on May 7. The first weeks saw lines of 10 or more cars at larger branches and patrons eager to pick up holds. Separate outdoor boxes were reserved for returns. On May 26, eight of the 10 branches reopened; the Park Central and Fair Grove branches needed public floor space for quarantined materials, so they continue to offer walk-up door service only. While the branches monitored city occupancy limits to prevent the spread of COVID-19, no branch reached its limit in the early weeks of reopening.

Through Aug. 31, the library district canceled all in-person programs for virtual events; canceled use of all meeting, conference and study room use; and adopted shorter summer hours and no Sunday hours.

Our Virtual Stars Continue to Shine

With KOLR Channel 10 closing its studio to live interviews, Library staff members who provide monthly reviews during Joy’s Book Club were invited to record their own reviews for replay on the Wednesday segment. Local History Associate Konrad Stump suggested a few reads available on the Library’s digital platforms in [this segment](#) that aired on April 29. Library Center Reference Librarian Miranda Eudaly recommended a few romance reads in a [segment](#) that aired on April 23.

The Library’s other virtual stars appear on Facebook Live (and some are added to YouTube at SpringfieldGreene). Schweitzer Brentwood Youth Services Associate Charity Jordan gave a rousing vocal [performance](#) of “Ram Sam Sam,” then played her ukulele and sang “Itsy, Bitsy Spider.” Hers and other staffs’ stories and songs are also added to thelibrary.org/kids. Youth Services and other librarians present a Storytime and More with the Library at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays on the Library’s Facebook page.



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Library Provides Library Guide for National Summer Scares

As a programming consultant for the national Summer Scares, Local History Associate Konrad Stump worked with Library Art Director Danny Dye to produce a 14-page Summer Scares readers' advisory guide for book discussions and programming. It will be made available online to all librarians wanting guidance to produce a Summer Scares program. Summer Scares is sponsored by The Horror Writers Association in partnership with United for Libraries, Book Riot and Library Journal/School Library Journal. It provides libraries and schools with an annual list of recommended horror titles for adult, young adult (teen), and middle grade readers. It introduces readers and librarians to new authors and helps start conversations extending beyond the books from each list and promotes reading for years to come.

Poetry Pals with Library Staff Launches on KSMU

Ozarks Public Radio station KSMU just launched "Poetry Pals," an on-air program of poems aimed at elementary school children in the region. The collaboration brings together the Library, KSMU and Springfield children's author and poet David L. Harrison. The five-minute program airs each Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. on KSMU, 91.1 FM. The segments focus on children's poems. The program tentatively will run through

July 1. "Poetry Pals" is a radio-only series. (KSMU will not post the actual poems or audio on social media or website to archive, in sticking with the publishers' wishes). "I'm particularly proud that this appears to be a one-of-its-kind project — and also that it will reach many children who do not have internet access in our extensive listening area," said KSMU News Director and project leader Jennifer Moore. "This is especially important at a time when there's so much emphasis on 'virtual' learning."

The image shows three smartphones displaying the cloudLibrary app. The first phone shows a search results page with book covers. The second phone shows a library card for "Tara's Library Card" with a barcode. The third phone shows a book cover for "JOURNEY LILIAN" by Central Public Library. To the right of the phones is a large text graphic that says "Download cloudLibrary" and lists three steps: 1. Download the app (via Apple App Store or Google Play), 2. Log into your library (select state and library, enter ID/PIN), and 3. Access your account (manage borrowed items, reading history, holds and more!).

Friends Approve Funding for "Touchless Checkout"

The Friends of the Library Board voted to fund the Library's purchase of the mobile checkout app, cloudLibrary. The gift totaled \$11,780. The app offers "touchless checkout" on the user's own mobile device in the library branches. CloudLibrary is a product of Bibliotheca. Because users can borrow materials directly with their own devices, it can reduce the fear or anxiety for library users looking for no-contact interactions. Patrons can download cloudLibrary from the app via the Apple App Store or Google Play.

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

Mid-Continent Public Library

Summer Library Program, Read and Feed, and Dial-A-Story

On May 26, Mid-Continent Public Library (MCPL) kicked off its annual Summer Library Program (SLP) for all ages, encouraging participants to sign up online or through paper logs available through the Library's recently launched curbside service. This year, kids and teens can earn points for free books and the chance to win prizes from the Library's community partners, including the Kansas City Royals, Kansas City Chiefs, the Kansas City Symphony, and Science City, by:



1. READING! (Reading is required to complete the program.)
2. Completing fun, age-appropriate, educational activities at home (A complete list of learning activities is available online or on paper logs available at each branch.)
3. Attending virtual programs on the Library's [MCPL360 Facebook page](#)

In addition to virtual programs, SLP participants can also earn points for listening to stories through MCPL's newly launched Dial-A-Story, a phone-based storytime experience with recordings of MCPL staff members reading children's books. The new service, which can be accessed at 816-701-6904, will be updated weekly with new recordings. Visit [mymcpl.org/Story](#) for more information about Dial-A-Story or to listen online.

The Library is using this year's theme, "Imagine Your Story" to invite participants to use their imaginations to explore new places and stories, allowing them to discover new worlds and perhaps gain inspiration for the future! More information about MCPL's 2020 Summer Library Program can be found at [mymcpl.org/Dream](#).

As kids stop by certain Library branches to pick up materials for the Summer Library Program, they will also have the opportunity to get a free meal. Once again, MCPL has partnered with Harvesters—The Community Food Network to combat childhood hunger with its [Read and Feed program](#). Three MCPL branches are offering shelf-stable, nutritious meals in a "grab and go" style service Monday through Friday to those 18 and younger:



- Excelsior Springs Branch, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- Grandview Branch, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Riverside Branch, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Capital Improvements

As the Library executes its phased approach to reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic, progress also continues on the Capital Improvement Plan, which calls for the renovation or replacement of all MCPL branches by the end of 2022.

Most recently, the Library's Colbern Road Branch in Lee's Summit was demolished as a brand new building, which will be twice the size of the old, is built in its place.

During construction, customers are encouraged to use the new East Lee's Summit Branch, which was completed earlier this year.

More information on the Library's construction projects can be found at [mymcpl.org/Community](#).



East Lee Summit Branch



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