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President's Message

Greetings MLA Membership,

It is suddenly fall and 2020 continues to be a challenging year.

We continue to face fight after fight. Missouri and Missouri library workers are facing daunting challenges created by reduced revenues, changing services, and the ever-present coronavirus. These events affect everyone differently, but we are all feeling the impact.

Please know that MLA Leadership sees you, feels the same struggles, and is always looking for ways to advocate and raise awareness. To quote Buffy the Vampire Slayer, "Strong is fighting! It's hard, and it's painful, and it's every day. It's what we have to do. And we can do it together."

I would encourage everyone to try and attend the first-ever MLA Virtual Symposium: Together Apart, which takes place Sept. 28, 30, and Oct. 2. The cost is just \$25 for the whole event, and we hope the flexible nature and universal topics will appeal to everyone and provide some respite. More information regarding speakers is included in *MO INFO* on pages 4-5 and the entire [at-a-glance schedule](#) now available online. While we will all miss the in-person event, I trust that we can find the time to connect online, compare stories, and find a shared resilience. I hope you all will join me.



By the time you read this the voting deadline for the association leadership for 2021 will have passed. The MO Library Association continues to advocate for libraries and library workers, whatever the circumstances maybe, and it is important that the Board reflect the will of the membership. I appreciate each person who was willing to serve and desire the best for them and those already serving in the year ahead.

I wish everyone my best, and know, as always, that I am ready to listen and learn from each and every one of you. Please feel free to reach out anytime.

Stay safe, be well,

Cynthia Dudenhoffer
MO Library Association President 2020
mlapresident@molib.org

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Show Your Team Spirit with This Issue of MO INFO!

MO INFO is produced by the MLA Publications Committee to be both informative and useful. Read it online (saves paper!), share an interesting idea or upcoming training with a colleague (be a team player!), or take the time to send an encouraging note to someone you’ve read about (and make their day!). That’s showing spirit!

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 with us. Submission deadlines are the 15th of the preceding months, submitted by email to the committee at moinfonews@gmail.com. (Please include MO INFO in the subject line.) Our next deadline is Friday, October 16. If you have questions or a new contact person, just ask!

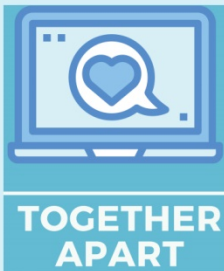
To facilitate the production process, please follow the submission suggestions below. Article format should be:

- 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
Sept. 16	6 p.m.	AASL Town Hall: Leading Learning	AASL
Sept. 17	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Accessibility Tips: How to Create Accessible Learning Content	TRAILS
	12-1 p.m.	How Microaggressions Undermine the Hope for Authenticity at Work	NNLM
	1-2 p.m.	For the Love of Facts: Even More Fall Nonfiction	School Library Journal
	1-2:30 p.m.	Developing a Digital Inclusion Response to COVID-19	Utah State Library
	1-3 p.m.	Volunteers in the Library: Coordinating their Success	Amigos Library Services
	2-3 p.m.	Cooking Virtually: Culinary Literacy Programming Online	National Network of Libraries of
Sept. 17-18		Modern Governance Summit 2020	Diligent
Sept. 21	12-1 p.m.	National Library of Medicine Resources for Citizen Scientists	National Network of Libraries of
	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Graphic Novels in Every Classroom	Idaho Commission for Libraries
	2-3 p.m.	Neurodiversity and STEM Education	Nat'l Girls Collaborative Project
Sept. 21-25		Internet Librarian Connect 2020	Information Today Inc.
Sept. 22	1-2 p.m.	Copyright for Digitization	Lyrasis
	1-2 p.m.	Exceptional Customer Service	State Library of North Carolina
	1-2 p.m.	Secrets of the Super Searchers	FDLP
	2-3 p.m.	Copyright and Creative Commons Resources for Patrons, Students, and Library Workers	Texas State Library and Archives Commission
	2-3 p.m.	Towards a Mindful Practice in Library Work	Infopeople
Sept. 23		Like the Ceiling Can't Hold Us: Sharing Innovations in Libraries	Amigos Online Conference
	10-11 a.m.	It's a New World: How to Cultivate Your Online Community	Firespring
	12-1 p.m.	How the Economy is Impacted by COVID-19	Special Library Association
	12-1 p.m.	Bridging the Past and Present Online: History, Democracy and Civic Engagement in Libraries and Archives	RUSA
	1-2 p.m.	Best Practices for Recruiting Online	VolunteerMatch
	1-2 p.m.	Introduction to Project Budgets	Candid Learning
	1-2 p.m.	Responding to COVID Closures with Digital eCard Access: A County Library Case Study	Public Library Association
Sept. 24	10-11 a.m.	Best Practices for Acquiring and Implementing an eBook Collection	Springer Nature
	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Discover how Amigos Library Services can help your library!	Amigos Library Services
	1-2 p.m.	Engage Families & Staff about COVID-19 Protocols Using Media Literacy	Early Childhood Investigations
Sept. 28	1:30-2:30 p.m.	The Accidental Cataloger: Tips and Tools to Help You Use the Rules	Amigos Library Services
Sept. 28,30		MLA 2020 Virtual Symposium: Together Apart	Missouri Library Association
Oct. 2	9-10 a.m.	Ways to Fill Your Shelves Without Draining Your Budget	Indiana State Library
	12-1 p.m.	Reluctant Fundraiser? Not a Fundraiser? Not a Problem!	Bloomerang
	1-2 p.m.	Virtual Programs for Public Libraries	National Network of Libraries of
Sept. 30	10-11 a.m.	Pretty Sweet Tech: Revamping Your WordPress Website	Nebraska Library Commission
	10-11 a.m.	How to Rebound Digital Marketing After Covid-19	NonProfit Hub
	1-2 p.m.	10 Quick Tips to Super Charge Your Next Fundraising Appeal	Productive Fundraising
Oct. 5	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Performance Improvement Plans	Amigos Library Services
Oct. 6	9-11 a.m.	Understanding and Assisting Library Patrons on the Autism Spectrum	Amigos Library Services
Oct. 6-8	10:30 a.m. -	Regular Expressions	Amigos Library Services
Oct. 7	1-2 p.m.	Accessibility for All: Training Librarians and Auditing Materials for Accessibility Issues	Lyrasis
	1-3 p.m.	Map Cataloging: The Basic	Amigos Library Services
	2-3 p.m.	Virtual Anti-Loneliness Programs in the Time of COVID-19	National Network of Libraries of
Oct. 17	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Tech for Teens Club : Intro to Coding & Video Games	PACER Center
Oct. 19	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Developing Information Literacy Lessons for First-Year College Students	Amigos Library Services
Oct. 20	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Metadata Principles and Practices: Metadata Basics	Amigos Library Services
Oct. 22	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Metadata Principles and Practices: Metadata Standards and Types	Amigos Library Services
	1-3 p.m.	Supporting Self-Care and Healthy Habits in Libraries	Amigos Library Services
Oct. 26	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Cemetery Searching for Genealogical and Local History Research	Amigos Library Services
Oct. 27	10-11 a.m.	An Overview of Wolfner Library Services	Wolfner Library
	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Metadata Principles and Practices: Customization and Exchange, Transformation and Migration	Amigos Library Services
Oct. 28	9-10 a.m.	Civic Literacy & Citizenship: Cultivating Space for Communities to Co-Create Knowledge and Make Change	Indiana State Library
Oct. 29	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Metadata Principles and Practices: Metadata Relationships	Amigos Library Services
Nov. 9	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Wikidata and Libraries	Amigos Library Services



TOGETHER APART

MLA 2020 Symposium

Sept. 28, 30, & Oct. 2, 2020



REGISTER: tinyurl.com/MLA2020-Registration

Monday, September 28 • 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Connecting with Our Communities



- Library Advocacy
- Youth and New Adult Programming
- Connecting and Working with Communities

Keynote

Healing Trauma & Creating the Beloved Community

Ingrid Cockhren, M.Ed.

ACEs Connection Midwest Regional Community Facilitator

Wednesday, September 30 • 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Connecting with Technology



- Data and Decisions
- Technology for Community Engagement
- Digitization and Online Collections

Keynote

Stop Chasing the Hype and Connect with Your Community

Ayyoub Ajmi, Associate Director

Leon E. Bloch Law Library at University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law

Friday, October 2 • 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Leadership and Organizational Development



- Leading Into the Future
- Collaboration and Communication
- Transformation with Self-Compassion

Keynote

We Got This: Surviving and Thriving in a Deeply Weird World

Peter Bromberg, Executive Director

Salt Lake City Public Library in Salt Lake City, Utah

FULL SCHEDULE & COMPLETE BIOS: tinyurl.com/MLA2020-TogetherApart

Together Apart: 2020 Keynote Speakers



Ingrid Cockhren, M.Ed.

specializes in cocreating equitable and inclusive environments within institutions, organizations, collective impacts and grassroots movements.

Utilizing her knowledge of stress, trauma, and human development, Mrs. Cockhren has been able to translate research concerning diversity/equity/inclusion (DEI) and trauma-informed practices into workplace and organizational solutions that can transform culture and heal.

Mrs. Cockhren graduated from Tennessee State University with a B.S. in Psychology and Vanderbilt University's Peabody College with a M.Ed. in Child Studies. Her research areas are Adverse Childhood Experiences, race, historical trauma/intergenerational transmission, brain development, developmental psychology and epigenetics. Mrs. Cockhren's past career experience ranges from juvenile justice, family counseling, early childhood education, professional development & training and community education. In addition to consulting, she is currently an adjunct professor specializing in developmental psychology and African American psychology at Tennessee State University and the TN/Midwest Regional Community Facilitator for ACEs Connection, a social network dedicated to raising awareness of adverse childhood experiences, stress & trauma.

Mrs. Cockhren's clients and affiliates include ACEs Connection, the Mental Health Cooperative, Thistle Farms, Inc., Metro Nashville's Public Schools, Meharry Medical College, Tennessee State University Foundation, Tennessee's Dept. of Children's Services, Tennessee's Office of Child Safety, Vanderbilt Medical Center, Raphah Institute, Indiana Youth Institute, Indiana University and Tuskegee University among others.

Ingrid Cockhren is a Clarksville, TN native who currently resides in Nashville, TN with husband Jurnell Cockhren, founder of Civic Hacker, a software development consulting agency. ([Link](#))



Ayyoub Ajmi serves as the Associate Director of the Leon E. Bloch Law Library at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law where he works closely with the director to oversee the library to ensure its support of the pedagogical, research, and service goals. Ayyoub is a strong advocate of leveraging open and inclusive technologies to support access to justice initiatives. Among

the projects Ayyoub champions is the embedded Self-Help Legal Clinic which provides free limited scope legal representation to over 700 litigants every year. In 2020, the clinic was recognized by the AALL for outstanding achievement in public relations activities ([Excellence in Community Engagement Award](#)). During the Coronavirus Pandemic, Ayyoub successfully moved the entire operation of the clinic to the cloud allowing hundreds of litigants to access legal help despite the lockdown.

From 2013 to 2018, Ayyoub served as the Digital Communications and Learning Initiatives Librarian at UMKC law. During his tenure, he led the implementation of several innovative projects such as an open source intranet, an electronic payment and event management system, and a video streaming platform. Before joining UMKC, Ayyoub served as Library Technology Manager at Tarrant County Community College in Fort Worth, TX where he initiated numerous projects among them a [digital exhibition platforms](#) made out of repurposed laptops.

Before moving to the U.S., Ayyoub worked on various technology companies in his home country Morocco. As a freelance web designer, Ayyoub pioneered several online community platforms promoting culture and democracy. Among the projects that received numerous accolades were [Selwane TV](#), the first online video news platform and [Settatbladi.org](#) a portal dedicated to Folk Music.

Ayyoub received his M.S. in Library and Information Science from the University of North Texas in Denton and a B.A. in Communication Technologies from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is currently enrolled in a Juris Doctor Program at the University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Law on part-time basis with a target graduation date for 2021.

Ayyoub's areas of expertise include emerging education technologies, open source web development, and legal tech. Ayyoub speaks regularly on these topics at national and regional conferences. His personal interests focus on the intersection of law and technology to advance access to justice and to promote privacy and online data protection. ([Link](#))



Peter Bromberg has served as the Executive Director of the Salt Lake City Public Library in Salt Lake City, Utah since Sept. 2016. In his first year he was able to pass a 23.3% budget increase, creating \$1.5 million in new funding for long-term facilities maintenance, while also eliminating all late fees. As a Board Member of EveryLibrary, the first and only national organization dedicated to building voter support for libraries, Peter provides pro bono training and consulting to libraries running ballot measures.

Over his 28 year career, Peter has held numerous leadership roles in regional, state, and national associations, including helping to create and launch ALA's Emerging Leaders program in 2007, and co-creating and delivering a statewide leadership institute for the Oklahoma Library Association.

Peter has written and presented widely on the topics of influence, mindfulness, emotional intelligence, improv, customer experience, and service design. As a personal coach and as a consultant he enjoys helping people and organizations release their potential by making intentional, healthy, and effective choices. ([Link](#))

“Pete exudes more leadership and charisma than just about anyone else I’ve met, but (uniquely!) with a total lack of ego. He’s fearless and insightful about managing change, and it’s never about him – always about what’s best for the organization’s people and goals. I’ve learned as much about leadership just being in the same room with Pete as I have from reading whole books.” – Andromeda Yelton

Missouri Building Block Award Nominations



The Missouri Building Block Award Committee is now seeking nominations for the 2021 Building Block Picture Book Award. The Building Block Award, administered by the Youth Services Community of Interest of the Missouri Library Association, is presented annually to the author and illustrator of the picture book voted most popular by preschool children in Missouri's public libraries. We need YOUR input to ensure that we continue to have high quality, enjoyable picture books on our list of nominees!

Here are some of the criteria:

- Must be an original picture book, age-appropriate (birth through first grade) with child appeal.
- Copyright must be within the last two years (**December 2018 - November 2020**).
- Must be a great read-aloud with rich vocabulary, flowing language and accurate grammar.
- May be fiction or nonfiction.
- Can **not** be a holiday book.

EVERYONE is encouraged to nominate picture books. This year we have a convenient Google form that makes nominating a title easier for everyone. If you come across any picture books that you would like to nominate, just fill out the form completely and click "submit" - it's that easy!

The form can be found on the [Missouri Building Block Award webpage](#) or by clicking [here](#). The deadline for submissions is **Monday, Nov. 30**.

Please share this information with anyone you feel may have a book to submit. We would love to hear from everyone!

We look forward to receiving your nominations!

News from SISLT, the iSchool at Missouri



Levi Dolan

Grads Awarded Fellowships

Two of the four 2020-2021 National Library of Medicine (NLM) Associate Fellowships were awarded to SISLT grads!

Congratulations to Levi Dolan and Brianna Chatmon.

Read more:

www.nlm.nih.gov/news/2020_2021_Associates.html



Brianna Chatmon

Budd, Adkins Receive ALA Honor, Literacy Grant

Congratulations to Dr. John M. Budd, Professor Emeritus, who was selected as the 2020 recipient of the American Library Association's Beta Phi Mu Award. This award is given in recognition of the achievement of a library school faculty member or another individual for distinguished service to education for librarianship. This annual award, which consists of \$1,000 and a citation of achievement, is sponsored by the Beta Phi Mu International Library Science Honor Society.

Read more: www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2020/06/dr-john-m-budd-wins-beta-phi-mu-award

Dr. Denice Adkins, along with colleagues Dr. Maria Cahill (University of Kentucky) and Dr. Bobbie Bushman (Emporia State University, SISLT alumna MALIS '08, Ph.D. '15), have been awarded an Institution of Museum and Library Services grant to investigate public library programming to support early childhood literacy for children with special needs.

Read more: www.ims.gov/grants/awarded/lg-246297-ols-20

Wolfner Library

Overview of Wolfner Library Services Webinar – October 27, 10 a.m.

With more than 155,000 Missourians with visual disabilities and more than 460,000 with physical disabilities, there are individuals in your community who would benefit from Wolfner Library services. Learn how your patrons may qualify for these free services, become shared patrons, and have materials delivered directly to their homes and devices. Learn about the new offerings at Wolfner Library, including programming delivered via Zoom, prerecorded storytimes, and more!

Presented by Adult Services Librarian Amy Nickless and Youth Services Librarian Lisa Hellman.

Register: attendee.gototraining.com/r/8872965786541650946



Wolfner Library Fall Book Club Selections

September:

African American Literature Book Club: New quarterly patron-led book club. The first meeting will discuss *Becoming* by Michelle Obama September 2, 2 p.m.

Novel Reads: *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden September 10, 2 p.m.

Good Books (Mild Reads): *Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two* by Joseph Brushac September 17, 2 p.m.

Big Ideas: *Kangaroo Squadron: American Courage in the Darkest Days of World War II* by Bruce Gamble September 24, 2 p.m.

October:

Novel Reads: *Setting Free the Kites* by Alex George. Alex George will be joining the book club for this event! This session is open to all patrons. October 15, 2 p.m.

Good Books: *Hope Unseen: The Story of the U.S. Army's First Blind Active-Duty Officer* by Scott Smiley with Doug Crandal October 23, 2 p.m.

Big Ideas: *This Land is their Land: The Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth Colony and the Troubled History of Thanksgiving* by David Silverman October 30, 2 p.m.

Workshops Offered for Patrons

“Identifying Fake News” Information Literacy Workshop September 15, 2 p.m.

Wolfner staff will host a workshop that looks at how to analyze information sources and best search for reliable information.

Lockdown Your Digital Life October 20, 2 p.m.

Based on the model from Oasis, a training program for older adults, Wolfner staff will host a workshop that focuses on protecting oneself from scams and other real-life digital issues.

New Patron Workshop November 5, 2 p.m.

Wolfner staff will host a workshop featuring overviews of BARD and WolfPAC. Library staff are also welcome to attend.

Missouri Assistive Technology Workshop November 17, 3:30 p.m.

This workshop will cover programs aimed at increasing access to assistive technologies for disabled Missourians, including the Telecommunications Access Program (TAP) and ICanConnect. This workshop is open to educators, caregivers, and library staff in addition to patrons. More about Missouri Assistive Technology can be located at at.mo.gov/.

For any of the programs or book clubs, contact Wolfner at wolfner@sos.mo.gov or call 800-392-2614 to register and receive your information to join the event!



MOBIUS Resumes Resource Sharing and Welcomes New Member

After COVID-19-related closures during spring 2020 prompted the full suspension of resource sharing for the first time in MOBIUS history, we were thrilled to restart services beginning in late July. MOBIUS library directors had been meeting weekly via Zoom to discuss reopening matters, and as more libraries began resuming local service, the decision was made to make resource sharing available once more for those libraries that were ready.

Courier service resumed a few weeks prior to resource sharing, so that any materials that had been waiting to return home could be processed before resource sharing resumed in full. The first group of libraries to resume resource sharing were brought “live” on July 27, with more following as August progressed. By mid-August, 64 libraries were once again participating in resource sharing.

MOBIUS is also excited to welcome its newest member, Kansas City Kansas Community College! KCKCC joins the KC-Towers cluster, migrating to the Sierra ILS from Alma. Their migration took place in August, with resource sharing beginning soon after. We are thrilled to welcome KCKCC to the MOBIUS family!

MOBIUS Open Source Solutions (MOSS) News

Debbie Luchenbill, formerly the Evergreen coordinator at MOBIUS, has taken on a new role in the organization. Debbie now serves as associate director, open source initiatives. In this role, Debbie is the primary contact for all of the MOBIUS MOSS library services, including hosting and managing the Evergreen ILS, ArchivesSpace, and more. She also supervises the IT team and is always on the lookout for open source projects that might benefit MOBIUS members.

Carteret County Library (NC) Migrates to NC Cardinal Consortium

Carteret County Library successfully migrated and went live as a member of the NC Cardinal consortium, which utilizes the Evergreen ILS, on July 16, 2020. MOBIUS performed data migration services to the Evergreen ILS as part of its MOSS service. MOBIUS also provides data hosting and support to the NC Cardinal consortium. The Carteret County Public Library (<https://carteretcountync.libguides.com/mainpage/home>) is a five-branch county library system that serves a population of nearly 70,000 residents on the Crystal Coast.



We've Moved!

After 10 years in our previous location in the Missouri Credit Union building on Broadway in downtown Columbia, we learned the credit union would not renew our lease at the end of its term this fall, as they plan to expand and needed the additional space. As such, we've relocated a few miles down the road. Our new address is 2511 Broadway Bluffs, Ste 101, Columbia, MO 65201.

Kirkwood Public Library

The KPL Podcast Is Here for Your Listening Enjoyment!

Have you listened to the [KPL Podcast](#)?

Each week hosts Jigisha and Ryan of the Kirkwood Public Library provide book and film reviews, interview authors, host bi-monthly civic conversations, and so much more. We recommend our [library-themed episode](#) released on July 31 with special guests MLA President Cindy Dudenhoffer and author of “The Lions of Fifth Avenue” Fiona Davis.

Then explore our back catalogue for episodes with bestsellers like Erik Larson, Lisa See, Kim Michele Richardson, Mary Kay Andrews, Kevin Kwan and many more! New episodes every Friday! Subscribe wherever you get your podcasts.



KPL Podcast hosts Ryan and Jigisha



Join Us for Our Fall SimplyE Training Sessions



During [SimplyE: Modifying Metadata](#) on October 7, participants will be provided with their own Circulation Manager, pre-loaded with collections to use. Participants will modify metadata, including classification, and discuss how patrons can identify metadata issues for library staff.

In SimplyE, metadata is generated using more than one source. The initial metadata is retrieved from the e-resource vendor in the form of an OPDS feed. After receipt, the

Metadata Wrangler then enhances that data. Library staff can then modify it further within the Circulation Manager.

Both the Library Manager and Librarian roles can modify a title's metadata and its classification. In addition, any questions or concerns about titles can be seen in this section.

Watch for more sessions. All are Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.:

Prerequisite: Familiarity with the SimplyE app.

- October 21: [SimplyE: Lists & Lanes](#)
- November 4: [SimplyE: Troubleshooting](#)
- November 18: [SimplyE: Statistics](#)

Amigos Membership Invoices

Membership invoices for FY2021 [went out in July](#). If you have a question about your invoice or Amigos services, please contact us at membership@amigos.org. All FY2021 membership fees reflect a [20% discount](#) in recognition of the COVID-19 pandemic and its ramifications.

Like the Ceiling Can't Hold Us Conference Registration Closes 9/21! FREE for Members

Don't miss this month's Amigos Library Services online conference, *Like the Ceiling Can't Hold Us: Sharing Innovations in Libraries* on September 23. Registration closes on September 21. In times of adversity, libraries and information professionals have been the 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.

This conference provides space to share these innovations in Reference, Technology & Content. Community Engagement Manager for Broward County Library in Fort Lauderdale, FL., [Dr. Roslyn Dean will present the opening keynote](#). Nationally published writer, art librarian & archivist, and genealogy curator, kYmberly Keeton, will close out the conference with the presentation: The Poetics of Libraries and Innovation and the "Rhyme" of Radical Pedagogy.

Save the Date for our next conference: December 2! Keep an eye out for topic and session announcements.

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



Amigos Online Conference - September 23, 2020
#AmigosInnovations

Computers in Libraries and Internet Librarian Connect 2020 Amigos Discount

The new Internet Librarian Connect 2020 is a week-long virtual event that will run from September 21 – 25. The All Access Virtual Pass to CIL and IL Connect 2020 includes access to all sessions, networking, and the virtual exhibit hall. It also includes access to archived session recordings for later viewing. With an Amigos membership, you can register for the discounted rate of \$149 (regularly \$199). More details are available at www.amigos.org/node/2036.

Mary Ann Liebert, Inc. Joins as the Newest Amigos Member Discount Vendor

We are thrilled to offer Amigos members a special limited-time offer on Liebert's landmark journals.

Mary Ann Liebert, Inc. is a leading independent publisher of scientific, technical, and medical content, known worldwide for identifying and nurturing critical topics and cutting-edge fields by creating first-to-market, specialized publications that play a vital role in advancing research and facilitating collaboration in academia, industry, and government. The company has published many firsts in the market, including AIDS Research and Human Retroviruses, Human Gene Therapy, LGBT Health, and, most recently, The CRISPR Journal.

Upcoming ILLiad Webinar from Atlas Systems

Atlas Systems partners with libraries, archives, museums, and information repositories of all kinds to facilitate and promote collection visibility and access. Together they create products and services that support efficient workflows allowing information professionals to spend more time focusing on the needs of their users. Atlas Systems is offering multiple upcoming webinars.

Tuesday, September 22, 2:00 PM CDT

[ILLiad Innovation Lab: Custom Reports for ILLiad](#)

Continuing Education Opportunities

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!](#)

- [The Accidental Cataloger: Tips and Tools to Help You Use the Rules](#) September 28
- [Performance Improvement Plans](#) October 5
- [Developing Information Literacy Lessons for First-Year College Students](#) October 19
- [Cemetery Searching for Genealogical and Local History Research](#) October 26
- [Wikidata and Libraries](#) November 9
- [Using Canva Quick and Easy](#) November 16

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.

- [Discover how Amigos Library Services can help your library!](#) September 24, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- [Understanding and Assisting Library Patrons on the Autism Spectrum](#) October 6, 9-11 a.m.
- [Regular Expressions](#) October 6 – 8, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- [SimplyE: Modifying Metadata](#) October 7, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- [Map Cataloging: The Basic](#) October 7, 1-3 p.m.
- [SimplyE @ Amigos: An Overview and Demonstration](#) October 13, 9-10 a.m.
- [Metadata Principles and Practices: Metadata Basics](#) October 20, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 9/28*
- [SimplyE: Lists & Lanes](#) October 21, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 9/29*
- [Metadata Principles and Practices: Metadata Standards and Types](#) October 22, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 9/30*
- [Supporting Self-Care and Healthy Habits in Libraries](#) October 22, 1-3 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 9/30*
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- [Metadata Principles and Practices: Customization and Exchange, Transformation and Migration](#) October 27, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 10/5*
- [Metadata Principles and Practices: Metadata Relationships](#) October 29, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 10/7*
- [SimplyE: Troubleshooting](#) November 4, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 10/13*
- [Metadata Management Tools: Introduction to MarcEdit](#) November 10, 1-3 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 10/19*
- [Let It Go: Weeding Your Library's Collection](#) November 10 – 11, 1-3 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 10/19*
- [Metadata Management Tools: Introduction to OpenRefine](#) November 12, 1-3 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 10/21*

Springfield-Greene County Library District



Garden in a Bag Invites All to Refresh, Replant

It's time to plant for fall, and the Heirloom Seed Library storehouse has plenty of seeds. Starting July 1, the seed library gave away Garden in a Bag packs of donated seeds. Patrons could pick up a bag of seeds (no checkout needed) at displays at the Midtown Carnegie Library, Park Central Library, Library Station, Schweitzer Brentwood, Library Center, Mobile Library (van), Republic Library, and Willard Library. Each branch received 50 bags to give away. Each "grab bag" contains several different varieties of seed packets. The seeds were donated by Wickman Gardens and Walmart.

Staff Continues Virtual Content to Connect with Patrons

From promotions to programs, Library staff members continue to create video content to reach our patrons virtually during these pandemic times. Midtown Carnegie Branch Circulation Manager Gina Marie Walden worked with Edge staff to create a video promoting the Library's Heirloom Seed Library and the current Garden in a Bag seed giveaway. The video is posted on the Library's YouTube channel and Facebook page, and shared in the Library's Instagram and Twitter feeds. Midtown Carnegie Branch Youth Services Associate Sarah Allen created a book talk on the Stanley series by William Bee that was shared on YouTube, Facebook and the Kids video page on the Library website. Library Station Youth Services Manager Phyllis Davis and Library Center Youth Services Associate Joe Misterovich have each produced a series of videos this summer for their respective programs, STEAM Challenge and Imagine Your Song. Their videos were also shared on YouTube and the Library website. Youth Services staff are working with Stephanie and Community Relations Copywriter Sarah Rosendahl to transition the weekly Storytime and More events on Facebook from live to recorded content. These videos are also shared on the Library website but only remain on the two platforms for 24 hours due to copyright restrictions.



Passport Service Resumes

Reference staff began accepting passport applications again on Monday, June 26, with appointments to reduce crowding and enable social distancing. Passport services halted when The Library closed in March due to the coronavirus. The public can call either branch 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Saturday to make appointments. Updated information is at thelibrary.org/passport.

All 10 Libraries Adopt Masking Rule Resumes

In compliance with the City of Springfield ordinance, all visitors and staff are required to wear face masks at the 10 branches, including the five branches located in the county and not under the Springfield ordinance. The city's mask rule, which runs through Oct. 14, 2020, is imposed at all the branches for consistency and to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19.





Grab Bags Boost Reading – and Circulation

It's a fact that foot traffic has slowed dramatically at branches since the coronavirus began, which has affected browsing, and circulation. Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Reference Associate Sam Hellmann came up with a way to help patrons find new materials quickly without having to browse: Grab Bags. Each bag contains three to five items and has a tag describing the contents. The branch keeps about 12 bags on the tables near the checkout desk. Since the project began in mid-June, some 30-40 bags have been checked out. The most popular book bags have been thrillers and historical mysteries, while the most popular bags of movies have been action and romantic comedies.

Summer Means StoryWalks® by the Library



The Youth Services, Outreach and Community Relations departments partnered again with Springfield sites to offer outdoor StoryWalks®. Families can enjoy the outdoors and read pages of a storybook as they walk a short path. Partner sites this summer are The Fairbanks, Timmons Temple at Silver Springs Park, the Railroad Historical Museum at Grant Beach Park and the Springfield Conservation Nature Center.

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Joplin Public Library

Grab & Go Craft Kits Provide Valuable Hands-On Component



During summer, the Children's Department staff recognized the need for personal and tangible resources in addition to their many virtual offerings. This need recognition led to the development of four grab and go craft kits that were distributed during June, July and August. Two of the kits were collaborative projects with the Teen Department and were for tweens and young teens. Themes for the kits included fairy tales, underwater creatures, Harry Potter, and "Build Your Own Story" using building materials.

These grab and go kits ended up being the most popular summer reading offering! Staff created between 60 and 90 kits each time, and most were gone in one day. Many parents and caregivers

shared their creations with Library staff and expressed appreciation for the activities.

One mom raved, "My daughter LOVED the last grab & go bag! She made all her sea creatures in one day. Can't wait for the next one!"

In addition to the kits, children's assistants created short craft tutorials that were posted on the Library's Facebook page and YouTube channel, for each kit to showcase some of the more challenging projects and to connect the activities to the Library.



A young patron shows off his creation



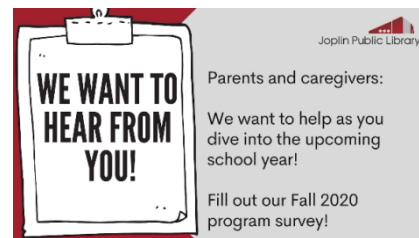
Staff-created tutorials guided project creation

Focus Shifts to "Schooling at Home" Learning Resources

Early on, Library staff guessed this school year would look different for many parents, caregivers and children, so Children's Librarian Christina Matekel-Gibson, Teen Services Librarian Beth Snow, and Children's Library Assistant Becca Gentzler started brainstorming ways the Library could help. Initial ideas included creating a dedicated webpage where legal information, local schooling options, and socialization and networking links could be easily found; offering a curriculum resource catalog for parents/caregivers to browse at the Library; and creating events or programs that would be accessible virtually or in a safe socially distanced manner at the Library - outdoor Storywalks, Grab & Go craft & STEAM kits, and virtual Field Trips.

The next step included getting advice from parents and caregivers about what they needed from the Library, so a survey was released on August 14. According to Matekel-Gibson, "The survey responses have been great!" We are hoping to use them to prioritize the initiatives that we will focus on for the fall and spring semesters."

Surveying will wrap up on August 21, and then staff will compile results, streamline their focus, finish activities, and then share the resources with the public.



National Lock-In Event Provides Teens with End of Summer Finale

The Teen Department wrapped up summer reading by participating in the National Teen Lock-In (NTL), an annual nationwide library event for teens. Organized and presented by librarians serving teens, NTL provides local libraries an opportunity to expand their onsite end-of-summer festivities through an evening of online author chats, contests, games, scavenger hunts, etc., at no cost. Local libraries can incorporate as many of the NTL offerings as they like while tailoring the local activities to the community.

This year, NTL was entirely virtual and offered a variety of fun from 4:00 pm-midnight (Central Time). An enthusiastic group of Joplin teens took part in Jackbox games, author chats, Hunger Games trivia, a digital escape room, and a TikTok dance off. They really enjoyed Candy Art (creations of candy and icing, participants provided their own supplies) and Watercolor Art (a Bob Ross-style koi pond, art kit provided by the library), but the biggest hit was hanging out with each other and meeting new people from across the country. Our local group had both "regulars" and new faces; we had a great time with lots of silly fun. It was a delightful way to round out the summer!

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

Nominations Open for the 'I Love My Librarian' Award



ALA is inviting library users to submit [I Love My Librarian Award](#) through November 9, 2020.

Ten amazing librarians will receive \$5,000 and the honor of a lifetime. We know Missouri librarians have been doing incredible work during the pandemic, so please spread the word in your community about this life-changing opportunity!

Promotional tools including graphics, social media copy, and a sample press release are all available on the [award website](#).

And remember! You can always submit name(s), contact information, and place of employment to be an upcoming Featured Library Employee! Email Shannon Mawhiney at smawhiney@missouristate.edu.

Mid-America Library Alliance



Upcoming MALA webinars:

How to Stop Micromanaging and Start Leading September 16, 10-11 a.m.

Led by Pat Wagner, Principal, Pattern Research

Micromanagers try to control every aspect of how things are done, and it's a trap even the best managers and supervisors have a hard time avoiding.

Pat Wagner will explain how micromanaging wastes valuable time and limits the potential of your most creative employees. This management and supervisory skills webinar will provide you with the tools needed to spot micromanaging behaviors, let go of the right things and learn how to include others' ideas and perceptions constructively -- making you a better and more effective manager. For more information click [here](#).

Turning the Page: Successful Book Clubs in the Post-Pandemic Era October 14, 10-11 a.m.

Led by Jenny Ellis, Librarian, St. Joseph Public Library

Library services have been tremendously challenged since COVID-19, and book clubs have been especially hard hit. Book clubs are a core element of libraries. Book clubs have always helped readers share their experiences while expanding their minds by encountering new people and new viewpoints. Jenny Ellis, a longtime book club moderator and enthusiast, will explore the many ways book clubs can adapt to change and still provide a quality experience for participants. Learn how to make your virtual book club an essential part of your library's service strategy going forward. Book clubs can do more than survive in the new era – they can thrive. For more information click [here](#).

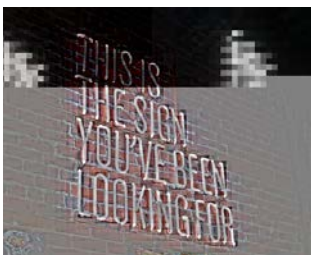
Upcoming MALA Training:

Management and Supervisory Support Webinars - October 21, 2020 and November 19, 2020

Readers' Advisory Webinar - December 9, 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.

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Mid-Continent Public Library

Mid-Continent Public Library Hosts First-Ever Virtual ‘Legacy Luncheon’

Mid-Continent Public Library’s annual Legacy Luncheon, a fundraising event that celebrates the impact of libraries and librarians on their communities, was held virtually this year. The Library’s Development Department launched a special webpage with exclusive video content on Friday, July 17, that can be accessed through the end of this year by purchasing a “ticket” to obtain an access code.

Tickets are \$20 for web content only or \$35 to receive a copy of award-winning and bestselling author Alex George’s newest novel, *The Paris Hours* (mailed to the registrant), and a French recipe card, in addition to the video content. The exclusive video content on the Legacy Luncheon webpage includes:

- A conversation with Mid-Continent Public Library Director and CEO Steven V. Potter
- A keynote address from author Alex George
- Award nomination videos for winners of the John Ferguson Legacy Award, Maggie Jackson Community Spirit Award, and Victor Gragg Library Champion Award
- A musical performance from Kansas City jazz duo A La Mode and a digital download code for their latest album, *C’est si Bon*
- A three-course French cooking lesson from Chefs Ingrid and Guillaume Hanriot of *Café des Amis* in Parkville, Mo.
- An exclusive Library construction update
- Curated reading recommendations

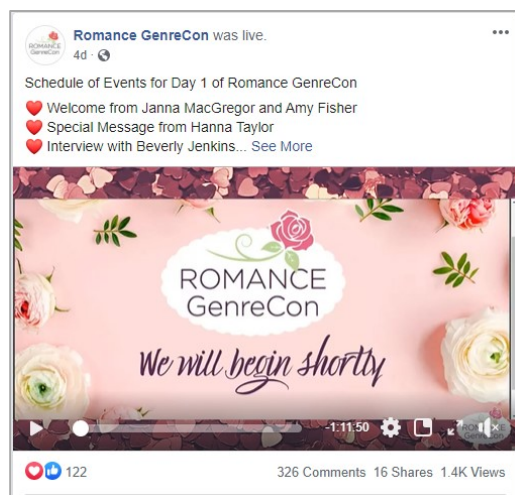
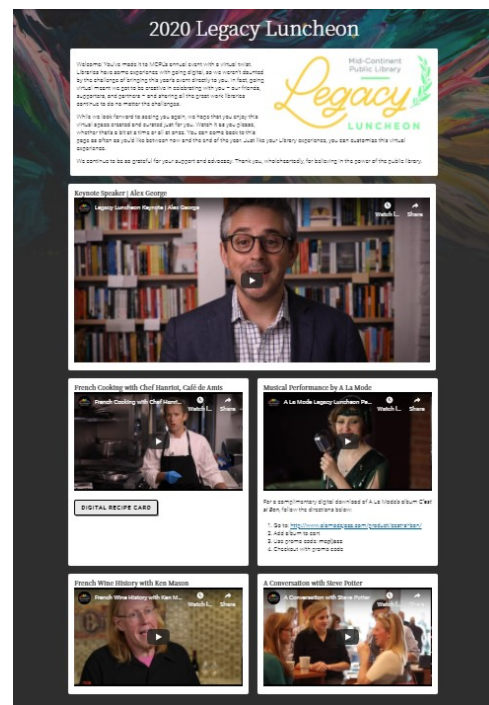
To date, more than 130 “attendees” have purchased tickets at mymcpl.org/Legacy-Luncheon.

The Legacy Luncheon is made possible in part by funding from its sponsors, including JE Dunn Construction, the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Bradley and Karla Hughes, and the Miller-Donnelli Agency.

Library’s Annual Romance Convention Goes Virtual August 7 and 8

The weather wasn’t the only steamy thing in Kansas City this August! Mid-Continent Public Library’s third-annual ‘Romance GenreCon’ was held virtually on August 7 and 8 via the Romance GenreCon Facebook page ([@romancegenrecon](https://www.facebook.com/romancegenrecon)). The free, online festival featured a variety of presentations led by some of the biggest names in romance, including:

- **Beverly Jenkins**, award-winning and *USA Today* bestselling author of historical and contemporary multicultural romance
- **Cathy Maxwell**, *New York Times* bestselling author of historical romance
- **Deb Marlowe**, *USA Today* bestselling author of historical romance
- **Elizabeth Essex**, award-winning author of historical romance
- **Eloisa James**, *New York Times* bestselling author of historical romance
- **Janna MacGregor**, Kansas City resident, attorney, and acclaimed author of historical romance
- **Julia Quinn**, *New York Times* bestselling author of historical romance (Quinn’s *Bridgerton* series is currently being adapted as a Netflix series by Shonda Rhimes)
- **Olivia Waite**, acclaimed author of LGBTQ+ historical and paranormal romance
- **Vanessa Riley**, *New York Times* bestselling author of multicultural Regency and historical romance
- **Virginia Heath**, acclaimed author of historical romance



GenreCon kicked off on Friday evening with a special online session featuring interviews with Eloisa James, Beverly Jenkins, and Julia Quinn. Saturday's online festivities started in the afternoon with an introduction by MCPL's Amy Fisher and author Janna MacGregor, followed by:

- Historical Cooking with Deb Marlowe
- Librarians Talking Romance (Panel of Kansas City librarians, including Kaite Stover of Kansas City Public Library, Beth Atwater of Johnson County Library, Polli Kenn of Lawrence Public Library, and Amy Fisher of Mid-Continent Public Library)
- Author Game Show featuring Janna MacGregor, Virginia Heath, Elizabeth Essex, and Vanessa Riley
- How to Fix a Proper Cup of Tea with Virginia Heath
- Lady KC Reading Salon with Cathy Maxwell featuring Virginia Heath, Elizabeth Essex, Vanessa Riley, and Olivia Waite

Nearly 140 people from across the county and around the globe (including Brazil and Canada!) tuned in to GenreCon on Friday evening, and 94 streamed the event on Saturday. Videos of the sessions remain available on the Romance GenreCon [Facebook page](#).



Prize winners of the "Imagine Your Story" summer library program

MCPL Summer Library Program Crosses Finish Line

Mid-Continent Public Library's annual Summer Library Program ended on Friday, July 31, wrapping up with a total of 9,218 participants who read more than six million minutes! This year's SLP participants were able to earn points by reading, doing educational activities at home, and viewing MCPL's virtual programs. In total, participants earned nearly 8.9 million points!

Although MCPL branches continued to only offer limited in-person services throughout the program, customers were able to pick up books and other physical materials through the Library's new curbside service. Prizes, which were provided by the Library as well as its community partners — including the Kansas City Royals, Kansas City Chiefs, Science City, and the Kansas City Symphony — were mailed directly to winners' homes.

Mid-Continent Public Library's Capital Plan Progresses

Mid-Continent Public Library will open a brand-new building in September called the Withers Branch (1665 S. Withers Road, Liberty, Mo.), which will replace the current Liberty Branch at 1000 Kent Street.

The Withers Branch, named in honor of the Withers family who made the new location possible, is more than 1,000 square feet larger than the current Liberty Branch building. It offers a wide array of amenities, including a drive-up window, enclosed community programming room, collaboration and study rooms, dedicated children and teen areas, and an outdoor seating area.



The Withers Branch is scheduled to open this fall, replacing the current Liberty Branch.

On August 30, MCPL's South Independence Branch closed for renovations, which are estimated to be complete by early 2021. The improvements will include a variety of interior and exterior upgrades.

Both projects are part of the Library's ongoing Capital Improvement Plan, which it launched following the passage of Proposition L (increasing the Library's funding for the first time in over 30 years) by voters in 2016. As part of the Capital Plan, all MCPL branches will be improved in some way, and two new branches will be built, by the end of 2022. One of the new branches, East Lee's Summit, opened earlier this summer.

While the upgrades at each branch have varied, based on individual community needs and the building's current condition, the Library's goal is to create more intentional spaces and upgrade essential technology.

The Library is working with Sapp Design Architects, Helix Architecture + Design, and JE Dunn to complete all of the work in the Capital Plan.

More information about all of MCPL's construction projects can be found at mymcpl.org/Community.



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