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President's Message

It's March, and we've had a busy time these last several weeks!

One of the core investments you make when you join the Missouri Library Association is in library advocacy, and we focus heavily on library advocacy this time of year. We engage an advocate who works in Jefferson City, and support the Legislative Committee in leading these efforts.

At the beginning of February, committee members contacted library directors in every county that welcomed a new legislator this January, offering them tools and templates for sending introduction letters to begin building new relationships. Getting to know our legislators is an important component of encouraging library support and building a connection so that we are better able to engage in conversation when difficult issues arise, and it's something anyone can do. Reach out to me to learn more at mlapresident@molib.org.

We wrapped up February with our first ever Virtual Library Advocacy Week. Many of you likely remember last year's Legislative Advocacy Day. It was scheduled just as the coronavirus was beginning to hit the United States, but before we realized just how much it would change all of our lives. It felt to me like the last 'normal' Missouri Library Association event of 2020.

Though it looked very different, it kicked off much the same with encouraging words from Secretary of State John R. (Jay) Ashcroft, updates from State Librarian Robin Westphal, and key issues from Missouri Library Association Legislative Advocate Randy Scherr. Our Legislative Committee Chair Dan Brower then provided attendees with tips and tools for meetings with legislators, which occurred virtually throughout the rest of the week. I'm proud to say that we had a record number of registrants for our sessions, and have heard that the meetings were overall positive and productive. Thank you so much to all Missouri Library Association members who participated!

If you have never engaged in advocacy work, I highly encourage you to check out the resources provided by the [Legislative Committee](#) and the [Intellectual Freedom Committee](#). The American Library Association also [provides excellent resources](#) for all library types. As an academic librarian, this type of advocacy is relatively new to me. However, it's important for all library workers at all levels and in all library types to understand the issues we face and be prepared for them - and the Missouri Library Association is here to help!

If you need support in advocating for your library with legislators, boards, community members, or administration, we have resources for you. And if you have suggestions for how we can do better, don't hesitate to contact me directly as I'd love to know how we can improve and bring greater value to your membership.

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Spring has Sprung! Share your news with 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!).

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, April 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 (*Readers love pictures!*)

Calendar of Events

Oh, the places you'll learn! Links in these opportunities provide descriptions, availability, any registration fees, and possible changes.

Date	Time CT	Event	Sponsor
Mar. 16		RIPL Data Bootcamp: Evaluation + Culture = Change	RIPL
	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	PowerPoint Presenting in a Remote World	Training Magazine Network
	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Tools of Engagement for Virtual Meetings	Wyoming SBDC
	1-2 p.m.	Unconscious Bias in the Workplace	GovLoop
	1-2 p.m.	Caring for the Mind: Providing Mental Health Information At Your Library	National Library of Medicine
	5-6 p.m.	Smartphone Photography For E-Commerce: Intro To Photography and Best Practices	Wyoming SBDC
	2-3 p.m.	Reinventing & Re-envisioning Storytime in A Pandemic World	Utah State Library
	2-3 p.m.	What Kids Are Reading (and Not Reading) in 2021	edWeb
7-8 p.m.	Identifying Fake News Workshop	Wolfner Library	
Mar. 17	10-11 a.m.	Mission Driven: Business Librarianship	MALA
	10-11 a.m.	Ways to Fill Your Shelves Without Draining Your Budget	Nebraska Library Commission
	2-3:30 p.m.	What's Format Got to Do with It? The Role Information Formats Play in Evaluating Search Results	WebJunction
Mar. 18	10-11 a.m.	Supporting Our Aging Community	Missouri State Library
	1-2 p.m.	Building Youth Financial Capability	FDP
	2-3 p.m.	Lessons From the COVID Pivot: Community Engagement Now and in the Future	OCLC
Mar. 19	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Social Media 101 for Nonprofits	Firespring
Mar. 22	1:30-2:30 p.m.	How to Catalog Kits	Amigos Library Services
Mar. 23	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Authority Control: Creating and Maintaining Consistency	Amigos Library Services
	1-2 p.m.	SimplyE @ Amigos: An Overview and Demonstration	Amigos Library Services
	2-4 p.m.	Introduction to Project Management	Amigos Library Services
Mar. 23-25		Computers in Libraries 2021	Amigos Library Services
Mar. 24	12-1 p.m.	True Program Costs	Propel Nonprofits
	12-1:30 p.m.	Inclusive Data and Community Engagement: New Roles for Libraries to Shape Knowledge Creation and Use	RIPL
	1-2:30 p.m.	Foster an Inclusive Culture for Your LGBTQ+ Staff and Partners	Candid Learning
	2-3 p.m.	Strengthening Communities: Food Access at Your Library	WebJunction
Mar. 25	3-4 p.m.	When Was This Photograph Taken?	Library of Congress
	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Unconscious Bias in Hiring Practices	Amigos Library Services
Mar. 29	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Library Improvements: How to Ensure Your Bond Goes the Distance	Amigos Library Services
Mar. 30	1-2 p.m.	Overcoming Zoom Fatigue	InSync Training
	2-3 p.m.	Social Media 102	Firespring
Mar. 31	9-10 a.m.	IT Security and Working from Home	Indiana State Library
	10-11 a.m.	Pretty Sweet Tech-How I Turned My Dad's House Into a Smart Home Using Amazon Alexa Devices	Nebraska Library Commission
	1-2 p.m.	Fireside Chat: Virtual Meetings, Virtual Chats, Virtual Everything – How to Actually Collaborate	GovLoop
	2-3 p.m.	A to T: Welcoming Trans Customers at the Library	MALA
	TBA	Libraries and Workforce Development: Advocating for Your Services and Your Patrons	PLA
Apr. 1	10 a.m.-1 p.m.	The Reference Collection	Amigos Library Services
Apr. 5	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Increase Your Productivity with Time Management	Amigos Library Services
Apr. 6	12-1 p.m.	Copyright Basics for Publishing	Copyright Clearance Center
Apr. 6-15	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Cataloging & Classification Basics	Amigos Library Services
Apr. 7	2-3 p.m.	Copyright, Fair Use, and Librarianship	MALA
	2-3 p.m.	Making the Most of Your Volunteer Program	Infopeople
Apr. 9	10-11 a.m.	Discover How Amigos Library Services Can Help Your Library!	Amigos Library Services
	10-11 a.m.	Developmentally Appropriate Programming for Toddlers	Missouri State Library
	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Healthy Aging at Your Library: Connecting Older Adults to Health Information	NNLM
Apr. 12	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Manipulating Metadata with MarcEdit and OpenRefine	Amigos Library Services
Apr. 12-14	10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Regular Expressions	Amigos Library Services
Apr. 13	1-2 p.m.	From Being to Doing: Anti-Racism as Action at Work	NNLM
	3-4 p.m.	Together, Learning More! Interactive Family Learning in California's Libraries	Infopeople
Apr. 15	1-3 p.m.	Excellence in Library Services to Older Adults	Amigos Library Services
Apr. 19	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Now Read This: Summer Reading Inspiration	Amigos Library Services
Apr. 21	TBA	Teen Programming Webinar	MALA
Apr. 27-29	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	RDA for Audio Recordings	Amigos Library Services
Apr. 27-29	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Understanding and Assisting Library Patrons on the Autism Spectrum	Amigos Library Services
Apr. 30	10-11 a.m.	SimplyE @ Amigos: An Overview and Demonstration	Amigos Library Services
May 3	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Making Your Catalog Work For Your Community: How To Develop Local Cataloging Standards	Amigos Library Services
May 6	1-3 p.m.	Understanding and Using Library Data	Amigos Library Services
May 12		Amigos Member Conference: What Will We Keep: Creating the Next Remix of Library Services	Amigos Library Services
Jun. 14-16		2021 MOBIUS Annual Conference	MOBIUS
Jun. 23-29		ALA Annual Conference & Exposition	ALA

Featured Library Employee



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

Geri B. Godber, Former Executive Director, Christian County Library

What originally got you interested in working at a library?

I have a degree in Chemistry, but in my senior year of college I realized I did not like working in the lab. I loved the theory of chemistry, but not the application. I heard about being a Scientific Librarian - doing the literature research for the folks in the lab and that was my goal. However, life took me down the public library road and I have not looked back.

What keeps you coming back every day?

My staff. They are wonderful...plus, knowing we are here to help people.

What's challenging about your work?

Keeping all the fires stoked, but not allowing anything to boil over! It has been a crazy year with COVID and managing two construction projects. By April, CCL will have four branches in the county! We are very excited to have 4 beautiful libraries for the people of Christian County.

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

I would say helping veterans, seniors, and individuals with mental illness. They need us most.

Who is one of your mentors?

Without a doubt, Jim Schmidt of Springfield-Greene County Library. He is the best.

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.

Well, I am moving to Oregon so my time this past month has been quite engaged with watching/ listening to old seasons of The Great British Bake Off or Ink Masters while I sort through and pack all of my belongings. I have a soft spot for the United Kingdom, baking, and tattoos.

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

I have accepted a position in Oregon as the Library Director for Tillamook County Library System. My time at CCL has been great with the support of past and present employees, the Board of Trustees, and the support of the folks of Christian County. However, I was widowed a few years ago and it is time for a fresh start. I am from Missouri so it will always be home, but I am looking forward to some new stars in the sky and living on the coast. Thank you to my MLA colleagues, my staff, and Trustees. It has been a great time in MO, but onward I must go!

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, to Shannon Mawhiney at smawhiney@missouristate.edu along with place of employment.

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

A. T. Still University

Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition Exploring Water's Environmental and Cultural Impact Hosted by A.T. Still University



A.T. Still Memorial Library, located on A.T. Still University's Kirksville, Mo. campus, is pleased to announce it will coordinate the presence of a Smithsonian traveling exhibit in Spring 2021. Due to COVID-19 pandemic safety protocols, the University has arranged for the exhibit to be on display at the Sue Ross Arts Center in Kirksville, Mo., where it will be available for limited numbers of socially distanced visitors. There will also be a number of virtual and outdoor events. CDC safety protocols will be followed, and masks will be required.

In 2019, A.T. Still Memorial Library was awarded a grant from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibits and Missouri State Humanities Council to host the exhibit "Water/Ways," part of a Smithsonian exhibit series designed to promote access to museum exhibitions, research, educational resources, and programming for rural communities. This event was originally planned for August 2020 but was delayed due to the pandemic. From the Smithsonian release:

From above, Earth appears as a water planet with more than 71 percent of its surface covered with this vital resource for life. Water impacts climate, agriculture, transportation, industry, and more. It inspires art and music and is needed for everyday health.

A.T. Still Memorial Library, in cooperation with Missouri Humanities Council, Kirksville Arts Association, Sue Ross Arts Center, Adair County Public Library, Missouri Department of Conservation, and Kirksville Tourism Board will examine water as an environmental necessity and an important cultural element as it hosts "Water/Ways," a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street program. "Water/Ways" will be on exhibit March 15-April 21, 2021, at the Sue Ross Arts Center, 215 South Franklin Street, Kirksville, Missouri.

"Water/Ways" explores the endless motion of the water cycle, water's effect on the landscape, settlement and migration, and its impact on culture and spirituality. It looks at how political and economic planning have long been affected by access to water and control of water resources. Human creativity and resourcefulness provide new ways of protecting water resources and renewing respect for the natural environment.



Smithsonian Institution Water/Ways Traveling Exhibition at the Kerr Center in Poteau, Oklahoma

The exhibition is part of Museum on Main Street, a unique collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES), state humanities councils across the nation, and local host institutions. To learn more about "Water/Ways" and other Museum on Main Street exhibitions, visit [museumonmainstreet.org](https://www.museumonmainstreet.org).



Amigos Member Libraries Selected for Competitive ALA Grant

[Congratulations to the 200 libraries](#) selected by ALA's Public Programs Office to be part of a competitive grant opportunity, **Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Focus on Small and Rural Libraries**. We are especially excited to congratulate our SimplyE host libraries and our Amigos member libraries!

There's Still Time to Save on Computers in Libraries 2021 with Amigos Discount Code!

Attending the Computers in Libraries 2021 virtual conference March 23-25? Register through Amigos to save \$100 on the registration fee! Use the code AMICIL21 for your Amigos discount on the Virtual Pass, which includes access to all sessions, networking, and the virtual exhibit hall! This discount has no deadline and is available through the event dates.

Complete discount and registration details are available at: amigos.org/node/2037

2021 Member Conference Registration Open! Librarians, What Will You Keep?

In 2020 we saw libraries close, partially reopen, fully reopen, and some we watched go through the cycle multiple times. Through it all, libraries adapted to the new operational and service landscape in unique and unprecedented ways. Which services will be part of the new mix? Which new service delivery methods, unique programs, and systems will continue into the future?

Join us May 12 for the Amigos 2021 Annual Member Conference [“What Will We Keep: Creating the Next Remix of Library Services”](#) as we discuss libraries' new directions, services, and what libraries expect to keep as our changed landscape continues to develop. Register by April 23 to reserve your free conference gift! As always, attendance is free for those working in Amigos member libraries!



ProQuest Adds Open Primary Source Documents to New Black Freedom Struggle Website

ProQuest invites users to [explore the new Black Freedom Struggle website](#), featuring selected open primary source documents which supports a wide range of students, from middle and high school to college, as well independent researchers and anyone interested in learning more about the ongoing Black Freedom Struggle.

Springshare Offers New Innovative Way to Measure User Satisfaction with LibAnswers

Springshare's new quality of service features round out its communication platform to reduce dissatisfied tickets, [improve patron satisfaction](#), and accurately capture staff output.

JSTOR Pilot EBA through June 30, 2021

The Books at JSTOR program's Evidence-Based Acquisition model was [developed in collaboration](#) with libraries and consortia to address challenges of ebook acquisition.

EBA offers unlimited access to 54,000+ high-quality academic titles for a set annual fee, with an important added benefit: a portion of the fee is reserved for the library to acquire the most-used titles at the end of the period.

The Association for Computing Machinery Launches ACM OPEN, a New License Model

The Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) is pleased to announce its new "read and publish" license model, [ACM OPEN](#). The new model allows an institution's corresponding authors to publish an unlimited number of accepted research articles Open Access in the ACM Digital Library, and to retain the traditional access to the rest of the platform's subscription contents.

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 1:30-2:30 p.m. CDT. [Register today!](#)

- [How to Catalog Kits](#) March 22
- [Library Improvements: How to Ensure Your Bond Goes the Distance](#) March 29
- [Increase Your Productivity with Time Management](#) April 5
- [Manipulating Metadata with MarcEdit and OpenRefine](#) April 12
- [Now Read This: Summer Reading Inspiration](#) April 19
- [Making Your Catalog Work For Your Community: How To Develop Local Cataloging Standards](#) May 3
- [Accidental Board Member](#) May 17
- [Introduction to Authority Control](#) May 24

Upcoming Live Online Classes

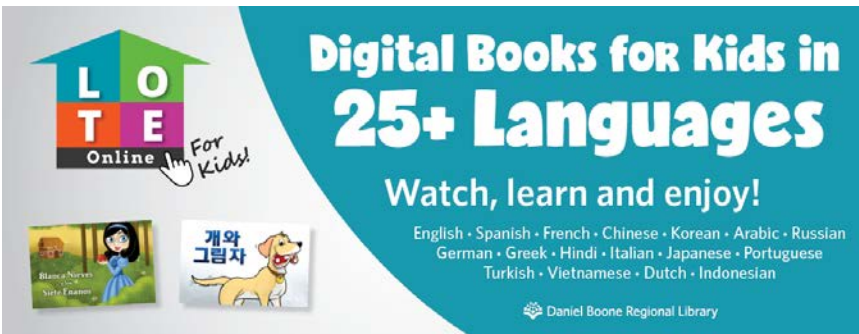
Here's a quick look at upcoming Live Online classes. Classes are always being added so be sure to check out our full [course schedule!](#)

*All times are listed in the Central Time Zone.

- [Authority Control: Creating and Maintaining Consistency](#) March 23, 10 am – 12 pm
- [SimplyE @ Amigos: An Overview and Demonstration](#) March 23, 1 - 2 pm
- [Introduction to Project Management](#) March 23 – 25, 2 - 4 pm
- [Unconscious Bias in Hiring Practices](#) March 25, 10 am - 12 pm
- [The Reference Collection](#) April 1, 10 am - 1 pm
- [Increase Your Productivity with Time Management](#) April 5, 1:30 - 2:30 pm
- [Cataloging & Classification Basics](#) April 6-15, 10 am - 12 pm
- [Discover how Amigos Library Services can help your library!](#) April 9, 10 - 11 am
- [Regular Expressions](#) April 12-14, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
- [Excellence in Library Services to Older Adults](#) April 15, 1 - 3 pm
- [RDA for Audio Recordings](#) April 27 - 29, 10 am - 12 pm
- [Understanding and Assisting Library Patrons on the Autism Spectrum](#) April 27, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
- [SimplyE @ Amigos: An Overview and Demonstration](#) April 30, 10 - 11 am
- [Making Your Catalog Work For Your Community: How To Develop Local Cataloging Standards](#) May 3, 1:30 - 2:30 pm
- [Understanding and Using Library Data](#) May 5-6, 1 - 3 pm
- [How Do We Do That Again? Documenting Your Library's Work](#) May 26 & 27, 10 am - 12 pm

Daniel Boone Regional Library

DBRL Patrons Can Listen to Children's Stories in Other Languages



Now through Daniel Boone Regional Library's new online resource LOTE (Languages Other Than English) for Kids, families can listen to over 600 stories in 25 different languages – Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Greek, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese (Brazil), Spanish, Tamil, Turkish, Vietnamese and more. Ten additional languages are coming soon. The Daniel Boone Regional Library is the first library in the U.S. to offer LOTE.

DBRL's News Literacy Initiative

The Daniel Boone Regional Library (DBRL) has teamed up with the Missouri School of Journalism and IREX (International Research & Exchanges Board) to educate the public about media literacy. The effort is funded in part by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

Below is an informative article that appeared in DBRL's quarterly newsletter mailed to all households in Boone and Callaway Counties.

How to Spot Misinformation

More and more of us get our latest news from social media, but when your feed is a mix of personal comments, opinion, news, satire and misinformation, how can you decide what is true and what isn't? We all need to be careful. What you choose to share may be helpful or it could cause harm.

Here is a list of tips to help you figure out whether what you're seeing is truth or misinformation.

- **Consider the source:** Find out where the story or photo originally appeared. Is the original source of the information a reputable news organization or resource?
- **Read the entire article:** Headlines may be sensationalized to get you to read the story and may be misleading. It's important to read beyond the headline to get the complete story.
- **Check the author:** Do a quick search of the author to help you determine whether they are real and have written for well-known sources.
- **Look for other supporting sources:** Can you find other well-established sources with the same information? Do the facts match between all the articles?
- **Look at the date on the article:** If it's old news, it may no longer be relevant to current events.
- **Determine whether it's a joke:** If what you're seeing appears outlandish, it could be satire. Check the original site and author to be sure.
- **Consider your personal biases:** We tend to believe information that supports what we already think, and that confirmation bias can make it hard to spot misinformation.

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- **Gauge your emotional response:** *Be careful of stories using emotion-laden words with minimal evidence. Determine how it makes you feel, then check other sources to validate the information.*
- **Ask the experts:** *To help you separate fact from misinformation, use one an online fact-checking resource like snopes.com or factcheck.org.*

To learn more, watch our recorded video program, “Fact, Opinion or Misinformation,” on the library’s YouTube channel (www.dbrl.org/youtube). Library staff can also present a Zoom program on news literacy to your organization. Contact Seth Smith at ssmith@dbrl.org for more information.

“The Comforts of Winter” Reading Program

Daniel Boone Regional Library introduced a new reading opportunity this year inviting their patrons to embrace the joys the season holds, including the joy of reading, by participating in a new relaxed winter reading program for all ages.

Patrons were given the option to set their own family goal or a goal for each person to be completed over a six-week period. As of

February 3, 168 individuals and 272 families had signed up. Finishers will receive a reward. Ages 0-12 will get an age appropriate book, and teens and adults will get a “Read and Relax” tote bag. They will also be entered into a drawing to win gift cards for local businesses.



To further engage patrons with the theme “The Comforts of Winter,” the library staff wrote companion blog posts about fun ways to enjoy the season like winter photography and cross country skiing.

Joplin Public Library

Winter Reading Program Ends on a High Note

Joplin Public Library hosted its first ever Winter Reading Challenge, which began on Jan. 1 and ran throughout the month. Participants were asked to track the minutes that they read each day and record the time using Beanstack or on a paper log that was received from the library. Individual reading goals were two hours for children up to 12 and four hours for teens and adults ages 13 and up. Beanstack was also used to set a community goal and track minutes for the community as a whole. We set our goal high at 80,000 minutes. Participants who completed their goal were eligible to be entered to win prizes through Beanstack and Simon & Schuster and also received a small prize from the library in the form of a drink voucher to a locally owned coffee shop.

Our community blew the collective goal out of the water! At 137,713 minutes, Joplin Public Library far exceeded its goal. Overall, 234 teens and adults completed the challenge, along with 108 children. JPL is eager to utilize the community goal tool during the 2021 Summer Reading Challenge, as it provided a fun and engaging incentive for readers.



Winter Reading Challenge completion badge

February is for Library Lovers

In order to keep our library users engaged and excited throughout the long winter, Joplin Public Library decided to adopt a trend that had been popularized at other libraries, designating February as Library Lovers' Month. The theme that was chosen was, "I love my Library because...". It celebrated our patrons and staff as library lovers, along with all the reasons that make libraries so lovable.

One way the library chose to celebrate was to arrange a small, temporary tabletop display in our adult department. Patrons using the library could take a moment to handwrite a reason they love the library on colorful cardstock hearts. The hearts shared expressions of appreciation for staff, individual resources, and the value the library brings to the community.



The library's in-house "I love my Library because..." display.

For the week before Valentine's Day (Feb. 8-13) JPL took to our social media outlets (Facebook and Instagram) to ask our patrons the same questions in a digital format. Each day had a different topic, such as "I love my Library because...my Library saves me money!", "I love my Library because... of BOOKS! My favorite book is...", and "I love my Library because...No matter what my differences are, I know I belong here." Comments on the posts ranged from emotional and heartwarming to practical, and many great ideas and opinions were exchanged.

During a month when many people are disenchanted with celebrating a (somewhat cliché) holiday for lovers, we at Joplin Public Library could certainly all agree that we love our library!

Mid-America Library Alliance



Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

Mission Driven: Business Librarianship with Hadiza Sa-Aadu, Small Business and Non-Profit Specialist, Kansas City Public Library
Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 10 -11 a.m.

Even if your library is not new to the world of business librarianship, honing your mission with regard to business services is necessary to maintain alignment between your activities, resources and outcomes. Find out all of the aspects an organization needs to come together to deliver on a stated mission. Join Kansas City Public Library's Small Business and Non-Profit Specialist Hadiza Sa-Aadu as we dive into key components of the Mission Model Canvas. For more information click [here](#).

A to T: Welcoming Trans Customers at the Library with Bec Czarnecki, Executive Assistant to the City Librarian, Denver Public Library and Adrian Johnson, Library Program Associate, Denver Public Library

Wednesday, March 31, 2021, 2 -3 pm

As rights for transgender people continue to be challenged and threatened, Denver Public Library strives to be a welcoming place. Join Bec and Adrian to learn how to provide outstanding internal and external customer service to individuals at your library. This one-hour session will provide participants with the skills to reframe ideas around gender, give them best practices for serving trans customers and interacting with colleagues and develop strategies to make your library gender inclusive. For more information click [here](#).

Upcoming MALAPro Training

Copyright/Fair Use Webinar – April 7, 2021

Teen Programming Webinar – April 21, 2021

MALAPro's [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

Mid-Continent Public Library

Mid-Continent Public Library Resumes Limited In-Branch Services



Mid-Continent's curbside service

Beginning January 21, Mid-Continent Public Library branches resumed selected in-person services, including public computer use, indoor Wi-Fi use, and printing, copying, and faxing services.

Curbside and drive-through window services remain available for pick-up of materials, and returns must continue to be placed in the book drops, where they are quarantined for up to 72 hours.

Customers are allowed inside MCPL branches for no more than 90 minutes per day. Available public computers are spaced to comply with social distancing recommendations and can be used for up to 60 minutes.

Customers are asked to maintain social distance in the building and must wear masks inside the branches throughout their entire visit. Staff also regularly clean high-touch surfaces. In-person Library events and meeting room usage are still not available. Virtual events are available on MCPL's social media pages. Dial-A-Story, a phone-based storytime, is available at 816-701-6904.

Library leaders hope to resume in-branch browsing soon. Previous staffing challenges related to staff outbreaks of COVID-19 led to the decision for a phased resumption of services. More information about the Library's available services can be found at mymcpl.org/COVID.



Mid-Continent's public computers

Mid-Continent Public Library Reopens Renovated Parkville Branch

On January 5, Mid-Continent Public Library's Parkville Branch resumed services after a temporary closure for building upgrades. The improvements include:



- Renovated community room and meeting rooms
- Outdoor seating area
- New windows
- Automatic entrance doors
- Native landscaping
- New signage and display cases

This renovation is part of the Library's ongoing Capital Improvement Plan, which is made possible by funding from Proposition L. The Library is working with Sapp Design Architects, Helix Architecture + Design, and JE Dunn Construction on all Capital Plan projects. More information about the Parkville Branch and its renovation, as well as the rest of the Library's construction projects, can be found at mymcpl.org/Community.



MCPL Spotlights Missouri's 200-Year History

On August 10, Missouri will reach its bicentennial of becoming the 24th state. In recognition of this milestone, Mid-Continent Public Library will spend the next few months examining the state's complex past and those who shaped it. To do this, the Library is offering a wide variety of virtual events for all ages as well as highlighting resources via its website and social media pages that feature both familiar and lesser known stories.

In celebration of Black History Month, the [Library's bicentennial offerings](#) in February focused on the stories of Black Missourians, including:

- Cathay Williams: Buffalo Soldier
- Born a Slave: Rediscovering Arthur Jackson's African American Heritage
- *Josephine Baker's Last Dance* by Sherry Jones, Book Group
- Stories from Family and Community: Missouri's African American Heritage
- Crown Crafted Concert Series: NuBlvckCity
- Tom Bass' Commencement Address

In March, the Library will feature Women's History Month-themed events through a bicentennial lens, including: [Laura Ingalls Wilder, Rag Dolls, and Missouri History](#) on March 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Additional bicentennial-themed virtual events from the Library in March and April will include:

- [The Beatles in Missouri](#) – March 3 at 7:00 p.m.
- [Secret Kansas City](#) – March 9 at 7:00 p.m.
- [Art, Race, and Thomas Hart Benton](#) – April 15 at 7:00 p.m.
- [Explorers, Mountain Men, and Pioneers: Pre-Missouri Statehood Stories](#) – April 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- [This Is Kansas City Storytime](#) – April 22 at 10:00 a.m.

More information about these programs, including details on how to register, as well as additional bicentennial-focused Library resources can be found at mymcpl.org/Mo2021. Virtual events in May, June, July, and August will also be posted to this page as they are scheduled.



The Library's annual Winter Reading Challenge for adults, which runs through March 15, is also taking a bicentennial focus with the theme "Celebrate Missouri." Suggested titles include those penned by and about Missourians. Registration is available at mymcpl.org/WinterReading.

Those who enjoy the Library's bicentennial resources and programming may also like the podcast *A People's History of Kansas City*, produced by KCUR and made possible by the Library. More information and links to episodes can be found at mymcpl.org/PHKC.

Missouri State Library

Upcoming Training

Supporting Our Aging Community on Thursday, March 18, 2021 from 10 - 11am

Ten thousand people turn 65 every day in the United States through 2029! After a person retires, their social circle often shrinks, resulting in social isolation. Research has shown that loneliness is as detrimental to health as smoking 15 cigarettes daily. The pandemic has greatly increased the potential for isolation since it's unsafe to gather in person. This session will offer examples of how local libraries can support the older adults in their own communities with engaging in-person and virtual programming ideas to keep them physically and mentally active and help prevent social isolation. Presented by The Oasis Institute staff. Register at [Supporting Our Aging Community](#).

Developmentally Appropriate Programming for Toddlers on Friday, April 9 from 10 - 11am

Are you struggling to engage with the 2-4 year-olds in your library? Are you a practitioner who would like to build a stronger foundation in serving toddlers? Presenter Brooke Newberry will discuss developmental milestones, optimal formats, and content for library programming aimed at your most energetic patrons. Register at [Programming for Toddlers](#).

NEW Grant Opportunity

August 10, 2021 marks the 200th anniversary of Missouri statehood. To celebrate this milestone, the **Bicentennial Program Grant** is being offered to Missouri public libraries certified to receive State Aid, Missouri school libraries that are publicly supported and publicly controlled, and Missouri academic libraries, either publicly supported or private to bring an educational presentation to their community. Collaboration between local academic, school, and public libraries will be given high priority. Questions? Contact Matt Butler, Digitization Consultant, at Matthew.Butler@sos.mo.gov or (573) 522-1477.

STEM Kits

The Missouri State Library has four unique types of STEM Kits available for checkout to Missouri school and public libraries for use with patrons and classes. [Code and Go Robot Mice](#), [Classroom Dash and Dot robotics kits](#), [Cubelets](#), and [Google VR Classroom headsets](#) can be checked out for 45 days. Shipping costs are assumed by the Missouri State Library. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Missouri State Library at mostlib@sos.mo.gov or (573) 522-4036. Kits can be reserved at [STEM Collection](#).

Missouri State University

Grant to Digitize the Johnson Library Catalog

The Missouri Humanities Council (MHC) has awarded a grant of \$2,500 to Missouri State University in support of the project "Public Access to a Private Neoplatonic Library: Digitizing the Johnson Library Card Catalog." The MHC is the only statewide agency in Missouri devoted exclusively to humanities education for citizens of all ages. It has served as a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities since 1971. Associate Professor Andrea Miller and Assistant Professor Raegan Wiechert are co-directing the grant, on behalf of Missouri State University and the Johnson Library and Museum.

With the generous support of the MHC grant, this project involves making the Johnson Library and Museum (JLM) more accessible to researchers and scholars. The JLM, located in Osceola, has a past that stretches back over a century. Its origins are in the private library of Thomas Moore Johnson, attorney, civic leader and scholar. Mr. Johnson's interest focused on Neoplatonic studies and through his life he amassed a collection of over 8,000 volumes. The library remains a part of the family's history, with Mr. Johnson's grandson, Dr. Thomas Johnson, currently curator and president of the JLM board.





The Johnson Library's 1920s catalog

This project involves digitizing the two card catalogs available for the library. The first card catalog was commissioned in 1920 and covers the collection of the founder of the library, Thomas Moore Johnson (1851-1919). The second was commissioned in 2000 and covers some of the oldest books in the collection, as well as some volumes added in the decades after Mr. Johnson's death.

With MHC's support and MSU's expertise, we will be able to capture digital versions of both card catalogs. This will enable researchers to search online to learn more about the holdings of the JLM.

If you would like to learn more about the JLM, please visit www.johnson-library.org. For more information about the grants program of the Missouri Humanities Council, call (314) 781-9660 or (800) 357-0909 or write to the MHC at 415 S. 18th St., Suite 100, St. Louis, MO 63103-2269.



MOBIUS Joins Project ReShare

At their December 4, 2020 meeting, the MOBIUS Board of Directors voted to apply for membership in the open-source resource sharing community Project ReShare. We are pleased to announce that the application was accepted, and MOBIUS is now a member of the ReShare community.

The vision of Project ReShare is a user-centered, app-based, community-owned resource sharing platform that will allow the connection of disparate ILS platforms. Participation in this project will allow MOBIUS to explore a potential viable alternative to INN-Reach as we consider the best path forward for our shared ILS and resource sharing. MOBIUS is proud to be able to support and contribute to the development of another open-source project that could potentially benefit all of our membership, possible new members, and library resource sharing across the world.

We look forward to sharing updates as we become more involved in the development of Project ReShare. Learn more about Project ReShare at projectreshare.org

MOBIUS Staff Featured in Evergreen Community

We're proud to share that our own Debbie Luchenbill, Associate Director for Open Source Initiatives at MOBIUS, was recently featured as the Evergreen Community Spotlight! Debbie started her work at MOBIUS in 2012 as the Evergreen Coordinator and has been extremely active in the Evergreen community ever since. Currently, she serves as facilitator for the Documentation Interest Group (DIG), and was also elected to serve on the Evergreen Project Board in 2020. Debbie has also been involved in planning and coordinating the Evergreen International Conferences in 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2021. Debbie's full story can be found at evergreen-ils.org/evergreen-community-spotlight-debbie-luchenbill.

MOBIUS Open Source Solutions (MOSS) News

MOBIUS migrated two new library systems into MOSS Evergreen client NC Cardinal's statewide consortium: the 4-branch Onslow County Public Library (onslowcountync.gov/150/Library) and the 3-county, 5-branch AMY (Avery-Mitchell-Yancey) Regional Library System (amyregionallibrary.org). The NC Cardinal consortium now numbers over 7 million items and represents more than 50 counties in North Carolina.

2021 MOBIUS Conference: Save the Date!

Plans are underway for the 2021 MOBIUS Annual Conference, which will be held June 14-16, 2021. This year's conference will once again be a virtual event, but will still offer plenty of great sessions and a chance to connect with one another! More details as they become available, such as session information and schedule of events, can be found on the conference website:

2021conf.mobiusconsortium.org.

Springfield-Greene County Library District

Grant Funds Mobile Empathy Lab

The Library Foundation received a \$7,460 Community Foundation of the Ozarks grant to purchase virtual reality technology to help foster empathy and raise awareness for the experiences of marginalized groups. VR headsets will lead adults through short, alternative realities, where they experience a first-person perspective designed to elicit empathy. A TV screencast will allow participants without a headset to see what their colleagues are seeing and experiencing. Library programs will be led by organizations with diversity and inclusion expertise. Participants will receive a take-home resource packet outlining ways to get involved at a local level for the topic being discussed.



Two Grants Expand Computer Access for Public



Library patrons will have more access to computers and remote internet access through grants from the Library, Services and Technology Act and Bass Pro Shops. The LSTA Technology Mini Grant of \$13,263 will purchase 15 laptops for in-library checkout, to be shared among the 10 branches. The Library's local match is \$4,422. Due to COVID-19 and social distancing requirements, the Library was forced to limit the number of computer stations in each building, but patrons continue to need to use the district's computers. With grant funding, patrons will be able to check out a laptop and use it anywhere within the branch.

The Library Foundation received a \$4,968 grant from Bass Pro Shops to support under-resourced families as they work and study remotely. Twenty mobile hot spots will be hold-able and available only at the Library Station.

Superfan Promotes Winter Reading Challenge

Library superfan Teresa Simpson (*left*) tagged the Library in her Facebook post about the adult Winter Reading Challenge: "Excited to have earned my Springfield-Greene County Library District Winter Reading Challenge mug! There's still a month left to participate! There are 15 book categories, but you only have to complete 5 to get a mug! Challenging myself to see how many more categories I can check off starting with this short stack."



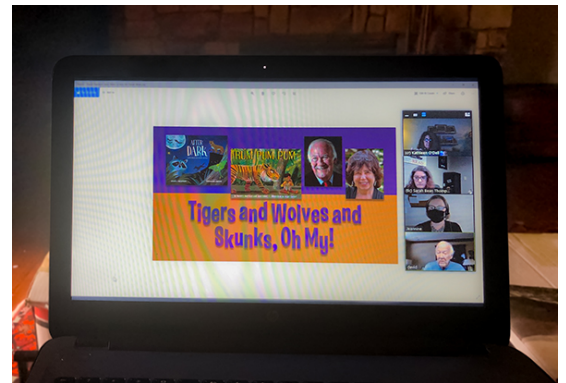


Librarians Record Planet Book Podcast for ‘Tweens & Teens

The Library launched into the podcasting world on Jan. 14 with the debut episode of the Planet Book Podcast. The podcast features Library book experts – library staff and guests -- talking about recommended reads for middle grade and teen readers. A new episode of the podcast will be released every Thursday for 10 weeks. Charity Jordan, a youth services staffer at the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library, now oversees the project and will serve as host for the second season episodes planned later this year. Podcast episodes are available at thelibrary.org/planetbook as they air, along with Apple Podcasts and Spotify platforms. The website was created by Web Manager Nancy Eike and Web Developer Sarah Marshall.

Author Duo Chats Live About Books and Writing

Springfield-based author/poet David Harrison and Massachusetts-based author Jane Yolen delighted a virtual audience of 17 kids and adults during “Tigers and Skunks and Wolves, Oh My!” They read from their new collaborative picture book, *Rum Pum*, answered questions about their friendship, and gave advice to young writers about how to become a writer.



Aisle 641 Cooks Up a Recipe Library Fans are Craving

With libraries nationwide looking for ways to draw patrons to virtual programs, the Library hit a savory spot recently with the launch of a three-part cooking series. Viewers hopped on the Library’s YouTube channel, youtube.com/SpringfieldGreene, for the Jan. 14 premiere of the first video in the “Aisle 641: Tips to Make You a Top Chef” series. The segment featured Jenny Russo, of Russo’s St. Michael’s restaurant in Springfield making Italian Wedding Soup. The premiere and post-premiere views topped 500. The series continued with a main dish by the chef at Van Gogh’s Eeterie and pie shells from scratch by Prairie Pie.



Library Bingo Gives Family More At-Home Fun

Families were challenged to do a simple craft, read a poem, listen to a book and a variety of book-related during Library Bingo December through February. Participants were encouraged to share photos of their completed board games and activities with the Library via email or social media. Patron Erin Welch emailed a photo of her daughter with this note: “Harper’s picture of Patty Farrell, her least favorite character in ‘The Diary of a Wimpy Kid’ books (that her big brothers read), that she drew while listening to ‘The Cool Bean’ on Hoopla! Thanks for the Bingo challenge! We love the library so much!”

A Librarian's Dream: Serving on the Newbery Committee



Library Center Youth Services Manager Sarah Bean Thompson shared her thoughts about completing her experience serving on the Newbery Award Committee — the fulfillment of a longtime dream. “The committee is made of up 15 librarians from around the country and it was an incredible honor to be given this chance to be part of children’s literature history. I was elected by the Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC) in May of 2019 and then spent the rest of that year preparing for my time on the committee. This meant reading children’s literature textbooks and articles about evaluating children’s materials as well as familiarizing myself with the award criteria. “The Newbery Medal is given ‘to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.’ The age range for the award is 0–14 which is a huge range and that ends up being a lot of reading and evaluating throughout the year. Of course, being on the committee during 2020, we faced a unique set of challenges by having to shift our reading from print materials to e-books and our meetings from in-person to virtual. We spent the year reading hundreds of books and we were allowed to nominate only seven of those for our final discussions. We spent three days in Zoom meetings to talk about our final choices and when we felt we had evaluated and discussed as much as possible, we voted for our final list.” The ultimate Medal Winner is “When You Trap a Tiger” by Tae Keller.

Take 'N' Make and Takeout Kits Make Busy, Happy Families

Families could pick up craft kits for children or for adults at the branches through the winter for a break from virtual classes and computer screens. They offered an easy opportunity for patron interaction on the Library’s Facebook and Instagram pages. Shiloh (*right*) says she loves doing crafts, and the pop-up cards in the Library’s Take N Make were perfect to include in a Christmas package to Grandparents.

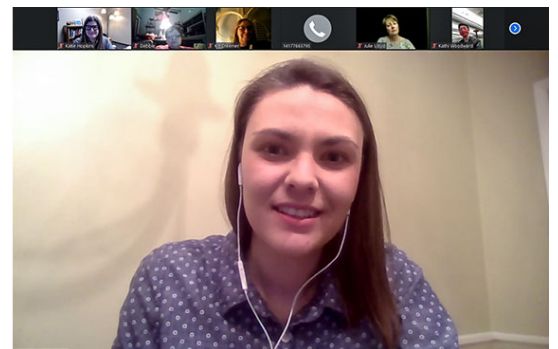


Meanwhile, Instagram user @beautifuldaywiththedulas tagged the Library in a Dec. 5 post featuring a photo of their completed Library Center Takeout kit project (*left*): “Thanks to @springfieldgreencounty library for the great take-home project. Claire and I loved putting it together. We are covered in glitter but it turned out super cute!”



New “Talk” Series Features Gender Identity

The Library series “We Need to Talk” tackled “What is Gender Identity?” with Karis Agnew, advocate with PROMO, while participants asked what it means to be non-binary, why the LGBTQ+ community has so many different labels, and how cisgender individuals can be allies to the transgender community. A few participants shared their own experiences coming out as transgender or experiencing discrimination because of being trans. The highlight of the event was when a parent expressed her own fears and guilt about her daughter who recently came out to her as trans. A more experienced parent was able to share their own experiences with grief and acceptance and how they found support in the community. A Library moderator also talked about resources the Library offers in safe and supportive spaces.



University of Missouri- SISLT

Kudos to SISLT students, faculty, and associates!

First, a shout-out to Bradley Bibbs. Mr. Bibbs was recently recognized as a prestigious ALA Spectrum Scholar. Read more on [ALA's website](#). Congratulations!

Several recent faculty accomplishments deserve recognition:

- Felicity Dykas, MU Librarian and LIS adjunct; and Associate Professor Heather Moulaison Sandy will present their coauthored Open Educational Resource on information organization at this year's Missouri Affordable and Open Educational Resources Symposium. Their work is entitled "Developing an OER textbook: The fun, the frustrations, and the progress."
- Assistant Professor Hyerim Cho is the Principle Investigator of a Proquest Digital Research Support Program, investigating emotion and ethnic diversity in published reviews of popular fiction books.
- Assistant Professor Sarah Buchanan is a recent recipient of a [Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Early Career Development grant](#) investigating how archivists manage information during the the archival acquisitions stage. Way to go!



Bradley Bibbs, LIS Student and ALA Spectrum Scholar

The COVID pandemic has changed so much of what we do and how we do it, including speeding up the research publication process. What happens when hastily published works are retracted but continue to be cited? Professor Emeritus John Budd was recently quoted in Nature Index on the creation of Scite Reference Check, software that identifies retracted citations to discontinue the impact of problematic scientific studies. [Read the article!](#)

Wolfner Library

Wolfner Library has some exciting programs and events for our shared patrons and library staff statewide.

Wolfner Patron Book Club Schedule

March 18 at 2 p.m. Good Books: *Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog* by John Grogan
 March 25 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: *What's so Funny?: My Hilarious Life* by Tim Conway
 Apr. 8 at 2 p.m. Novel Reads: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
 Apr. 13 at 7 p.m. Evenings with Wolfner: *The Story of Arthur Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg
 Apr. 15 at 2 p.m. Good Books: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
 Apr. 22 at 2 p.m. Big Ideas: *Lady Blue Eyes: My Life with Frank* by Barbara Sinatra

Workshops

To participate in one of the following Zoom workshops, please call (800) 392-2614 or email wolfner@sos.mo.gov to register.

Identifying Fake News Workshop

March 16 at 7 p.m.: Wolfner staff will host a workshop that looks at how to analyze information sources and best search for reliable information.

Accessible Virtual Programs for Youth and Adults!:

Since the summer of 2020, Wolfner Library has been providing pre-recorded storytimes, crafts and podcasts. Of note is a podcast with Gary Golio, author of *Dark was the Night: Blind Willie Johnson's Journey to the Stars*. Mr. Golio definitely had fun during the podcast. Links to this and all of these amazing and accessible programs are available at sos.mo.gov/wolfner/youthservices/youth-materials-and-programs If you would like Wolfner Library to provide more content like this, please contact us at wolfner@sos.mo.gov or 800-392-2614. We would love your feedback!



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