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President's Message

Welcome to summer! This is my favorite season and I look forward to the warm sunshine all year. The pool, the sunshine, the summer reading program, the sunshine, cool library programming, and did I mention the sunshine yet?

Though I'm trying to enjoy the moment, I'm already thinking about fall which I usually dread because it means the weather will be turning colder.

A bright spot is always the [MLA Annual Conference](#), even more than usual this year! I miss seeing my Missouri library friends, and am beyond excited that we will be having an in-person conference in 2021. We had a lot to consider in making this decision, but our incredible coordinators and partners are working hard to ensure we have a safe and enjoyable conference experience. The conference will be

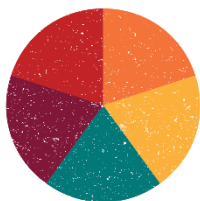
a little shorter than usual to help relieve pressure on our volunteers and presenters, but there will be plenty of opportunities for development, networking, and food!

I encourage everyone to register - plan for a packed schedule starting Tuesday evening with Trivia Night and through Thursday evening's incredible closing keynote and National Book Award finalist Jarrett Krosoczka.

And until we get there, we will be working to build a slate of candidates for our Board (let me know if you are interested - no experience required!), and are continuing to monitor activity happening with our budgets at the state and national level. I hope you all are enjoying the summer, and I can't wait to see you in the fall!



**MISSOURI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
2021 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
ST. LOUIS, MO**



**CHARTING THE FUTURE
TOGETHER**

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Share your organization's news with MO INFO!

Inform (and impress?!) your friends!

MO INFO is produced by the MLA Publications Committee to be both informative and useful. Your content could inspire a program, spark a staff improvement, or even indirectly affect other patrons. But, you won't know if you don't share!

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 Monday, August 16.** If you have questions, please ask. If you have a new contact, please share!

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 (*Everyone loves pictures!*)!

Calendar of Events

Oh, the knowledge you'll find! Links in these opportunities provide descriptions, availability, any registration fees, and possible changes. All times CDT.

Date	Time CT	Event	Sponsor
Jul 19	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Navigating Online Services and Virtual Meeting Fatigue	Amigos Library Services
	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Introduction to Library Ethics	Idaho Commission for Libraries
Jul 20	10-11 a.m.	Accessing Census Data	Nebraska Library Commission
	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Create Beautiful Presentations in Google Slides Like a Graphic Design Guru	Training Magazine Network
	1-1:20 p.m.	Quick Bites – A-B-Cs AND 1-2-3s!: Numeracy & Early Literacy	Colorado State Library
	1-2 p.m.	What Amigos Membership Can Do for You	Amigos Library Services
	1-2 p.m.	Analyzing Primary Sources from Multiple Perspectives	Library of Congress
	2-3 p.m.	Reading and Vision Accessibility in Your Pocket	PACER Center
	3-4 p.m.	SimplyE @ Amigos: An Overview and Demonstration (See Amigos report for other SimplyE classes)	Amigos Library Services
Jul 20-22	1-3 p.m.	Library of Congress Classification: The Basics	Amigos Library Services
Jul 21	10-11 a.m.	Myths and Misconceptions about Cybersecurity in Nonprofits (Pt 1)	Nonprofit Hub
	12-1 p.m.	Scenario Planning in Uncertain Times	Propel Nonprofits
Jul 22	1-2 p.m.	Using Courage to Confront Bias	Colorado State Library
	1-2:30 p.m.	Uncomfortable Conversations with Librarians -- DEI Perspective	ASERL
	2-3 p.m.	Civil Legal Programming: Libraries Bridging the Justice Gap	WebJunction
Jul 26	1:30-2:30 p.m.	The Accidental Cataloger: Tips and Tools to Help You Use the Rules	Amigos Library Services
	2-3 p.m.	How to Avoid Teacher Burnout in the 2021-22 School Year	edWeb.net
Jul 27	12-1 p.m.	Sponsors: How to Find Them & Create a Win-Win	Productive Fundraising
	1-2 p.m.	Information Literacy and Primary Sources	Library of Congress
July 27-28	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Let It Go: Weeding Your Library's Collection	Amigos Library Services
Jul 28	10-11 a.m.	Marketing & Follow-Up: Teaching Technology in the Library Series (Pt 4)	Nebraska Library Commission
	12-1 p.m.	Podcasts for Nonprofits	TechImpact
	1-2 p.m.	Back to the Future: Managing Change in a Post-COVID Library	ASERL
Jul 29	1-2 p.m.	35 Next-Level Remote Work Practices	InSync Training
	2-3:30 p.m.	Time to Upgrade Your Library's Technology Equipment... but How?	Texas State Library & Archives
Aug 2	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Managing Remote Staff	Amigos Library Services
Aug 4	10-11 a.m.	Small Libraries Will Save the World! Implementing Sustainability at the Library	Nebraska Library Commission
	1-2 p.m.	Library Search Strategies: Thinking Inside and Outside the Box	Niche Academy
Aug 5	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Drama Free Graphic Design	Amigos Library Services
	1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Understanding and Assisting Library Patrons on the Autism Spectrum	Amigos Library Services
Aug 9	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Collaborating with Faculty	Amigos Library Services
Aug 10	1-2 p.m.	Jobs & Hiring Series: Mid-Career Changes	ACRL
Aug. 11		Adventures in Archives Conference	Amigos Library Services
Aug 12	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Introduction to OpenRefine	Amigos Library Services
Aug 16	10-11 a.m.	Basic Skills: Collection Management 2021	Nebraska Library Commission
	1:30-2:30 p.m.	How to Catalog the Library of Things	Amigos Library Services
Aug 17	1-2 p.m.	What Amigos Membership Can Do for You	Amigos Library Services
Aug 23	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Generation Z: Libraries and the Post-Millennial Generation	Amigos Library Services
Aug 24-25	1-3 p.m.	Dealing with Difficult Patrons	Amigos Library Services
Aug.24-26	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Introduction to Serials Cataloging	Amigos Library Services
Aug 24-27	2-3:30 p.m.	Intermediate Archives	Amigos Library Services
Aug 30	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Planning Winter Reading Programs, Events and Outreach	Amigos Library Services
Aug 31	2-4 p.m.	Library Management: Change Management	Amigos Library Services
Sep 29-30		Charting the Future Together (Doubletree Hilton, Chesterfield, Mo.)	MLA
Oct. 26-28		Internet Librarian 2021	Internet Librarian

Like to nominate someone to be our next Featured Library Employee?

Examples could be:

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

Submit name(s) and contact information, along with place of employment, to Shannon Mawhiney at smawhiney@missouristate.edu



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



Missouri Library Association – Updates & Announcements

Calling All “Accidental” Archivists, Local History and Genealogy Library Specialists!



Catherine Lucy, Allison Repking and Emily Jaycox at the GENE booth during the 2019 MLA Conference

Are you the genealogy/local history/archives point person at your library? Trying to keep up with this complex and rapidly changing field? You are not alone! Looking for a way to meet your counterparts at other libraries? That's why GENE (MLA's Genealogy and Local History Community of Interest) exists!

Missouri has multiple centers of genealogical excellence with staff members who focus full time on this subject matter. Many of them are in the same cities where MLA holds its conferences, which offers a convenient source of local expert presenters. GENE plans to seek out local presenters from these centers. GENE also eagerly invites presentations from others who wear the “GENE hat” to share low-cost program ideas that can be readily adapted at your library.

We realize that it can be a big struggle for staff at smaller libraries to attend MLA. In the hopes of helping staff make a stronger case to attend, GENE plans to sponsor a regular preconference at MLA. We have found that spending the whole morning with the same group of people is a good way to meet others who face similar challenges. GENE also plans to sponsor additional sessions during the main conference. When logistics permit (alas, not in 2021),

GENE also plans to offer a tour of a local center of genealogical/historical excellence.

Do you have a personal favorite genealogy/local history guru, website, or program? Keep in mind that GENE sponsors the Excellence in Genealogy and Local History Award: <http://molib.org/awards/excellence-in-genealogy-and-local-history-award/>

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Interested? Here are some ways to connect:

- Sign up for the **GENE listserv**
 - Follow the instructions at <http://molib.org/get-involved/email-lists/>
- Attend the **GENE preconference at MLA**
- Consider **servicing as an officer for the GENE CI**
 - We realize that it can be difficult to obtain financial support to serve on an MLA committee – it is a four-year commitment. Would it be easier to obtain support to attend MLA regularly if you had a committee position? Talk to your director to learn more about your options.

GENE's current officers are: Allison Repking (Nestle Purina PetCare Library), Chair; Christie Stopke (St. Charles City-County Library), Vice Chair; Konrad Stump (Springfield-Greene County Public Library), Recorder; and Catherine Lucy (Carondelet Consolidated Archive, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet), Past Chair.

Hope to see you at MLA!

-Emily Jaycox (Missouri Historical Society), Past-Past Chair



Early Registration “Adventures in Archives” Closes July 23!

Archivists, preservationists, genealogists, and local historians are engaged every day in the real work of documenting and revealing our past. This work – which is both art and science, requires great attention to detail, planning, and commitment to the voices of the past and demands endless technologies and continued funding.

Join us August 11, 2021, for [Adventures in Archives - Where are we going and where have we been in preservation, digitization, and local history](#) and explore the process, planning, progression, and directions taken by librarians engaged in documenting history today.

Attendance is free for Amigos members and early-bird registration for non-members is available through July 23, 2021.

Amigos Board Announces Election Results, Selects Officers for 2021 – 2022

Amigos Library Services is pleased to announce the following individuals have been elected to three-year terms on the Amigos Board of Directors: Ms. Jennifer Eldridge (TX); Ms. Chris LeBeau (MO); Ms. Valerie Nye (NM); Ms. Paula Settoon (OK).

View the full list of board members, including officers and returning board members is available [on our site](#).

Trisha Mooney Honored by Diligent as Exceptional Leader in Community Governance

Executive Support Services Manager at Amigos, [Trisha Mooney](#), was recently selected for the Diligent Corporation's Inaugural Modern Governance 100 Community Boards. Trisha joins other leaders from city and county government, school boards, college and university boards, and other non-profits.

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Internet Librarian In Person October 26-28! Get Your Amigos Code Discount Today



[Internet Librarian 2021](#) is excited to welcome the community back to California this October for three days of practical advice, inspiring thought leadership, and in-depth training. It is back in-person and will be held October 26-28! Join your peers to learn, share, and celebrate the disruptive trends shaping the future of libraries and information professionals. See where the information industry is going, and how to get there first.

Registration is now available on the Information Today website. [Register here](#) with the Amigos code applied!

Welcome New Amigos Vendors After-Mouse.com and Omnigraphics!

After-Mouse.com focuses on creating [multi-touch table experiences](#) and Omnigraphics is a publisher of health, teen health, teen finance, and diversity content.

CloudSource OA – A New Way to Find Quality Vetted OA Content

[CloudSource OA](#) delivers vetted, quality OA articles, eTextbooks, and eBooks in a seamless and intuitive way to your end users. The service provides easy access to content that is frequently missing from traditional discovery products. CloudSource OA also provides analytics necessary to begin transitioning towards a more financially sustainable collection development program.

Emerald Publishing eBooks Special Offer Ends July 30!

Amigos has partnered with Emerald Publishing to support your faculty, students, and researchers with [remote access to eBooks](#). They are offering deep discounts on eBook purchases through July 30 with flexible purchase options, one-time purchase (own access to the eBook forever), and No DRM. Choose from over 2,900 titles across subject areas and create a package in quantities of 25-200, to fit your library's needs.

Continuing Education Opportunities

New! Introduction to Serials Cataloging

From academic journals to popular magazines, serials make up a large portion of libraries' collections. Taking place August 24th and 26th, this [brand-new course](#) will cover the basic principles of serials cataloging, to help you get those issues cataloged and available to your patrons. Topics covered include defining the nature of serials, how to copy catalog serials, how to create original serial records, and dealing with title changes.

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!](#)

- [Navigating Online Services and Virtual Meeting Fatigue](#) July 19
- [The Accidental Cataloger: Tips and Tools to Help You Use the Rules](#) July 26
- [Managing Remote Staff](#) August 2
- [Collaborating with Faculty](#) August 9
- [How to Catalog the Library of Things](#) August 16
- [Generation Z: Libraries and the Post-Millennial Generation](#) August 23
- [Planning Winter Reading Programs, Events and Outreach](#) August 30

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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 CDT.

- [Library of Congress Classification: The Basics](#) July 20 - 22, 1-3 p.m.
- [What Amigos Membership Can Do for You](#) July 20, 1-2 p.m.
- [SimplyE @ Amigos: An Overview and Demonstration](#) July 7, 3-4 p.m.
- [Let It Go: Weeding Your Library's Collection](#) July 27- 28, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- [Drama Free Graphic Design](#) August 5, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- [Understanding and Assisting Library Patrons on the Autism Spectrum](#) August 5, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- [SimplyE: App Interface & Searching](#) August 9, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 7/16*
- [Introduction to MarcEdit](#) August 10, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 7/19*
- [Introduction to OpenRefine](#) August 12, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 7/21*
- [SimplyE: Roles & Library Configuration](#) August 12, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 7/21*
- [SimplyE: Modifying Metadata](#) August 16, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 7/23*
- [What Amigos Membership Can Do for You](#) August 17, 1-2 p.m.
- [SimplyE @ Amigos: An Overview and Demonstration](#) August 17, 3-4:00 p.m.
- [SimplyE: Lists & Lanes](#) August 19, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 7/28*
- [SimplyE: Troubleshooting](#) August 23, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 7/30*
- [Introduction to Serials Cataloging](#) August 24-26, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 8/2*
- [Dealing with Difficult Patrons](#) August 24-25, 1-3 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 8/2*
- [Intermediate Archives](#) August 24-27, 2-3:30 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 8/2*
- [SimplyE: Statistics](#) August 26, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 8/4*
- [Library Management: Change Management](#) August 31, 2-4 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 8/9*



Joplin Public Library

Library Partner Helps Create Videos That Add Excitement and Fun



Sparklight Advertising filming the Library's Summer Reading PSA

For its 2021 "Tails and Tales" Summer Reading Program, the Joplin Public Library partnered with Sparklight Advertising to create video content for the Children's Department's Summer Reading Program. In a typical year, Children's Department staff visit area elementary schools to generate excitement about the program. The inability to make in-person visits this May required us to get creative in reaching those children. Children's Department staff and Library administration mined their own educational contacts; the most fruitful connection was a business partnership with Sparklight Advertising.

Sparklight agreed to create a free summer reading PSA that we could share with schools in lieu of visits. The three-minute video came together like a dream! A Sparklight camera person came in with filming equipment (including a green screen), and, with the help of a sweet and excited five year old, created a video in just under an hour.

The video features the child as a young explorer on the savanna. When he discovers a summer reading gameboard, he is magically transported to the Joplin Public Library Children's Department, where a friendly librarian tells him all about Summer Reading 2021.

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Our goal for the PSA was highlighting the summer reading challenge while engaging and entertaining the audience. We are thankful to Sparklight Advertising for their partnership and help in reaching our goal! Watch the PSA here: <https://vimeo.com/547516617/d25bfb0d90>

We also partnered with Sparklight to create educational videos for our elementary-aged animal explorer club. Our goal for this club is to teach kids about wildlife locally and around the world, and what they can do to help preserve it. Employees at the Quapaw Cattle Company and Downstream Casino and Resort in Quapaw, Oklahoma met us at their bison facility to talk about the importance of bison to the Quapaw tribe.

After chatting about Quapaw Nation's work with the bison, they took Sparklight employees out in the field to get some close-up shots (including drone views!) of the majestic animals. The final result was phenomenal and well worth the minimal cost. Although virtual programming can be a challenge, it allowed us to be a bit more flexible with our spending this year. Watch our bison video with Downstream Casino and Resort here:

<https://vimeo.com/user125854373/download/558577193/fd5eab9150>



Children's' Library Assistant Becee McNally interviews Mitchell Albright, Director of Agriculture with Quapaw Cattle Company

Business Expo Participation Generates Partnership Opportunities

On May 25 and 26, the Joplin Public Library participated in the 29th Annual Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce (JACC) Business Expo. The theme was "Most Excellent 80s" and many businesses got into the swing of things with outrageous booth decorations, authentic clothing choices, and fun, inventive swag.



Library staff talking to an attendee at the Expo. (Photo by Alyssa Brown, JACC)

The Library selected a "Choose Your Own Adventure @ Joplin Public Library" slogan and was able to give away magnetic bookmarks and Library branded memo clips.

Library staff had not participated in the event for over ten years, but objectives in the Library's new strategic plan spoke to creating more fully formed community partnerships and increasing organization and community awareness, so Library staff hoped the JACC Business Expo would be the perfect venue for accomplishing both, along with so much more.

Attendance was slightly diminished from previous years, due to COVID-19 safety concerns, but 112 businesses took part and Library staff were able to speak to many of the 650 attendees during the two day event.

In addition to sharing information about Library cards, Summer Reading, and the Library's makerspace, Library staff were able to make connections with individuals that reached out after the Expo had wrapped up.

Examples of connections that were made include:

- An employee from Zimmer Radio Group, a local conglomerate that runs several radio stations in Joplin, reached out to offer to create and run two PSAs about the upcoming Summer Reading Program.
- A development specialist from Joplin Schools reached out to invite Library staff to have a booth at their August "Health, Benefits and Retail Therapy Fair," a welcome back event for teachers and other school staff.

Plus, after a lot of conversations with attendees who lived outside the city limits of Joplin (the Library's service district) staff decided to provide FREE Library cards to all adults participating in the Summer Reading Program, no matter where they lived. In previous years children and teens were given cards for free, but not adults. This has been a huge hit with our community, with over 225 summer reading cards being issued during the first two weeks!

All-in-all the Expo was a great way to make connections, increase our community partnerships, and build awareness about the Library.

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Kirkwood Public Library

Why Libraries Should be Involved in Entrepreneur & Workforce Development

Mel Lambert, director of adult and community services, was recently featured on the [Ecosystem Builder Podcast](#), where she discussed her work curating the data and tools that allow entrepreneurs to flourish. Libraries are a great place for entrepreneurs to research information for their new business, hone their skills, or look for work.

According to the [Kauffman Foundation](#), a successful entrepreneurial ecosystem has entrepreneurs, support, talent, knowledge and resources, onramps, intersections, stories, and culture. Diversity is fundamental to each element. Libraries have resources to help people gain skills to make the talent pool attractive to employers. We work with partners to bring knowledge to people and have resources to help fill the gaps or get people started. We are the ultimate onramp for anyone who needs

information, and we have intersections of different communities and can point people to where they need to be. We provide stories and culture with our programming and collections – including local stories – and we do it all with the concept that everyone is welcome in our spaces.

How can you get more involved in the entrepreneurial and workforce communities in your area? Start promoting whatever resources you have. This may include data or educational materials through resources like Learning Express Library, Lynda, Universal Class, Udemy, Kanopy, ReferenceSolutions, DemographicsNow, and more. If you don't have a budget for these resources, that's OK too. You can point businesses and career seekers to freely available resources and help them use the tools, or promote your librarians as the experts in the field of searching. Help them find the right keywords for job searching, or assist them in using and finding data on the census website. There are free tools like Claritas and O*NET which help users find similar information to what is in DemographicsNow or Learning Express Library.

Lastly, use your space as a tool. Bring in partners from organizations in your ecosystem who are doing educational programming. Some great places to make connections are happy hours or coffee events from your chambers, accelerators, or city hall. [MO SourceLink](#) is a great resource in the state of Missouri for making connections, and they love libraries. Lambert has made great contacts at the meetings and has been able to speak at events in St. Louis because of her involvement with them. Make everyone aware of what you're doing. Don't be afraid to shout it from the rooftops!



Mid-Continent Public Library

MCPL's Virtual Teen Festival Features Bestselling Author

This spring, Mid-Continent Public Library held its fourth annual LitUp Festival, a free literature and arts festival created by teens for teens. This year's event was held virtually.

It included a keynote presentation on Zoom by *New York Times* bestselling author Nicola Yoon, a variety of online workshops about writing and creating, and an on-demand playlist of author talks on YouTube.

Yoon's presentation was followed by an announcement of the winners of MCPL's 2021 LitUp Creative Contest. The contest, which takes place annually in the months preceding the festival, offers teens an opportunity to submit their own works in the categories of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and visual art. The winners received a prize as well as publication in the 2021 LitUp Anthology, published by the Library.



The LitUp workshops were led by an array of accomplished writers and artists, including:

- *Co-Dwelling Poetry*, led by poet and essayist Megan Kaminski
- A podcast workshop with KCUR Studios (Kansas City's NPR station), featuring Suzanne Hogan

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- *Graphic Viewpoints*, featuring illustrator and graphic designer Stephen Weis
- *The Fine Art of Giving and Receiving Feedback*, featuring young adult authors Miranda Asebedo, Megan Bannen, and Amanda Sellet

A special LitUp YouTube playlist of curated author talks was also available on demand, and used by teachers at local schools. The playlist included interviews with:

- Linda Holmes, NPR pop culture correspondent and host of the *Pop Culture Happy Hour* podcast
- S.J. Kincaid, *New York Times* bestselling science fiction author (*The Insignia Series*)
- Ryan North, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Dinosaur Comics* and *The Unbeatable Squirrel Girl*

LitUp attendees won prizes throughout the festival with drawings during each program for boxes of swag, including books, t-shirts, masks, journals, pins, stickers, and more.



LitUp interview with Linda Holmes

Rebuilt Colbern Road Branch Houses Coffee Shop, New Amenities



Outside of MCPL's new Colbern Road Library Center

MCPL reopened the Colbern Road Branch as the new Colbern Road Library Center in Lee's Summit on May 26. The branch had been closed for construction since March 2020, during which time the building was demolished and rebuilt more than twice as large with several new amenities.

The new 33,000-square-foot building includes:

- An enclosed community room with an operable partition wall that seats up to 240
- A coffee shop occupied by Post Coffee Co., a local, family-owned business
- A children's program room that seats 106
- Five smaller collaboration rooms
- Outdoor patio seating
- Coworking space for entrepreneurs and small businesses

In addition, the branch will serve as the home base for MCPL's Square One Small Business Services team, which meets with small business owners and job seekers at MCPL branches and locations throughout the community.

On June 11, the Library hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony with local officials in the front outdoor patio area. Throughout that day and weekend, Library staff handed out fine forgiveness tokens to customers and offered building tours. There was also live music, and some participants did a mobile scavenger hunt via the free GooseChase app for the chance to win a gift card.

The construction of the Colbern Road Library Center was part of MCPL's ongoing Capital Improvement Plan, which it launched following the passage of Proposition L in 2016. The Library is working with Sapp Design Architects, Helix Architecture + Design, and JE Dunn

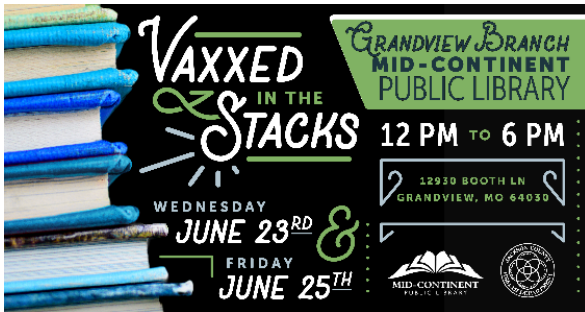
to execute the Capital Plan which, to date, has included the renovation of 23 branches and the construction of the new East Lee's Summit Branch. Currently, four MCPL branches are under construction and four more are scheduled to be rebuilt or renovated.

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



Interior of MCPL's new Colbern Road Library Center

Vaxxed in the Stacks: Three MCPL Branches Host Vaccine Clinics



Mid-Continent Public Library partnered with the Jackson County Health Department to offer free walk-in COVID-19 vaccination events at its Grandview, North Independence, and Raytown Branches throughout the month of June. All three approved vaccines were offered at these clinics.

The Missouri National Guard assisted with the North Independence Branch event. Participants could get a free cup of coffee from Post Coffee Co., located within the library. The Library also gave away assorted books and MCPL drinking cups to attendees.

Kids “Show Me” Summer Reading

Mid-Continent Public Library’s annual Summer Library Program for all ages kicked off June 1 and will run through August 24. In recognition of Missouri’s bicentennial in August, the theme of this year’s program is “Show Me!”

This year, the Library is asking kids and teens to read for 20 minutes a day for 20 days. Participants will earn a free book and the chance to win prizes. Adults who participate (and set a good example!) can earn a commemorative enamel pin. *Continued on page 12*

Every reader (age 0-19) who reads for 20 minutes a day for 20 days will receive a free book and will be entered into a drawing to win prizes from one of the Library’s community partners, including Science City, the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum, and the Kansas City Zoo. Participants who read for another 20 days will get a second free book and be entered to win a grand prize family membership from one of the partners. Those who read for a total of 60 days will get a third free book and be entered into a drawing for a Kindle Fire. Adults can also qualify to win tickets from community partners as well as tickets to radio station KFKF’s Throwback Throwdown concert.

The program is not limited to traditional books; every reader engagement with text can count toward participants’ daily reading. It could be a young reader helping with a recipe or shopping list, a teen checking emails, a family reading a newspaper article together, or listening to an audiobook. All reading can be tracked online through a free tracking app called Beanstack or on paper logs that can be picked up at any MCPL branch.

Nearly 7,400 individuals have signed up for MCPL’s Summer Library Program so far. More information can be found at mymcpl.org/ShowMe.





The 2021 MOBIUS Annual Conference was a Success!



The 2021 MOBIUS Conference was held June 14-16 virtually, with 311 attendees. The three-day event featured 38 sessions on topics such as strategic planning, textbook affordability, information literacy, digitization, marketing, the impact of COVID-19, and more. Debbi Schaubman of the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) and Kristen Wilson of Index Data provided a special session on Project ReShare, an open source system for managing resource sharing, of which MOBIUS is now a member.

We hope everyone enjoyed the event and look forward to hosting the 2022 MOBIUS Annual Conference in person at the Stoney Creek Inn in Independence, MO on June 6-8, 2022!

Congratulations to Stephanie Ruhe

Stephanie Ruhe, former MOBIUS Systems Librarian & OPAC Specialist, has accepted a position at Springfield-Greene County Library System as their ILS Administrator. We will all miss her at the office, but are grateful that she remains a part of the MOBIUS family. We will be adding a new IT position to replace the OPAC Specialist position and will be sharing more details soon.



Springfield Greene County Library District



220 People Get COVID-19 Vaccine at Library Clinics

More than 220 people received their first or second COVID-19 vaccines at clinics that the Springfield-Greene County Health Department conducted at five library branches from May 1-26. The Library clinics were part of a push by local health officials to increase vaccination numbers through community sites instead of hospitals or medical buildings. Public health nurses and members of the Missouri National Guard staffed the clinics, which administered the Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines to individuals ages 12 and older. More library clinics are planned this summer and fall.

Youth Services Staff Take Storytime Outdoors & On the Road

Youth staff continue to have a blast recording their on-location storytimes at sites around Greene County for virtual audiences. They have traveled with a staff videographer to the Steam Engine Grounds, Dickerson Park Zoo, Springfield Art Museum and Springfield Conservation Nature Center.



Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Youth Services Manager (right) provides a nature-themed Storytime on a boardwalk of the Springfield Conservation Nature Center while Community Relations staffer Sarah Jane Rosendahl captures the event for the virtual audience.

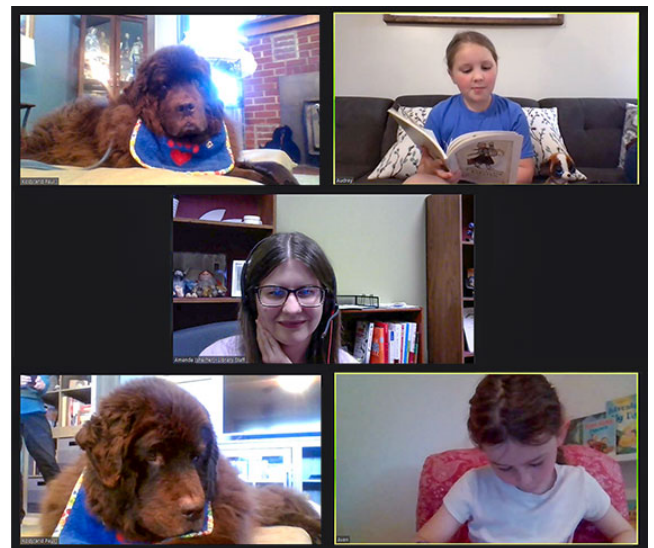
Friends of the Library Smash Old Record at Spring Sale



The Friends of the Springfield-Greene County Libraries are still flying high after setting a new record with its Spring Book Sale, hitting \$172,653.88 in sales of used books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, games and puzzles. The week's new record is \$13,000 more than the previous high mark set at the 2019 Fall Book Sale at the E*Plex on the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. The April 28–May 2 sale included a record-breaking Friends Night Preview Sale. The Friends provide grants to The Library for programming, concerts, capital improvements and new equipment that benefit patrons.

Readers Find Dogs Are Great Virtual Listeners, Too

Virtual Reading Pals continues to draw a variety of ages and reading levels to log in and meet their furry listeners. Republic Branch Library Youth Services Assistant Amanda Harrel (center) introduced readers to a Newfoundland named Kody. The readers enjoyed practicing with everything from picture books, chapter books, early readers and even a comic book. They also enjoyed learning about Kody from his owner Paul.



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Virtual Tour Recounts the One-Room Schoolhouse

A virtual program on Schoolhouses of the Ozarks drew 34 participants on May 18. David Burton, county engagement specialist with the Greene County MU Extension Office, took viewers on a whirlwind virtual tour of many of southwest Missouri's remaining one-room schoolhouses, sharing lots of great history and anecdotes. After the program, patrons received a link to a printable list of addresses for the schoolhouses they "toured," and a link to David's books on the topic in the Library's catalog. Those who couldn't attend the program could still pick up a colorful trifold brochure of 35 schoolhouses David has identified for their own driving tour.



Little Moore School, Lawrence County

We Can't Keep Adventure Backpacks on the Shelves!



Springfield mom Teresa Simpson tagged the Library in a May Facebook post about the Simpson family's trip to the Springfield Conservation Nature Center with one of the Library's new Birdwatching Adventure Backpacks. Families can check out one of 10 Birdwatching backpacks or one of 10 Nature Exploration backpacks for three weeks and learn on the trail. The backpacks include books, activity ideas, field and nature ethics guides, binoculars and bug catchers. The backpacks and materials were funded by Walmart and a Republic, Missouri, citizen. Republic Branch Manager Tysha Shay and Republic resident Tish Ghan first submitted the idea as their graduation project from the MU Extension Neighborhood Leadership Academy. The idea gained traction in Republic and became a reality that families throughout Greene County now enjoy.



St. Charles City-County Library

New Cliff View Branch Opens

In May, 2021, St. Charles City-County Library opened a new library branch in Wentzville, Missouri. The Cliff View Branch is a modern, light-filled space with drive-through services and a large outdoor patio. At 3,300 square feet, this former



Customers can read, work, or study comfortably at the Cliff View Branch.

coffee shop was designed for flexibility; with movable shelving units, a multipurpose room featuring sliding glass walls, and portable computing stations that give customers the opportunity to work anywhere in the Library - including the outdoor patio space. Classes and events for all ages will be offered at this branch in the future.

Library Director and Chief Executive Officer Jason Kuhl says, "We are excited to share the new Cliff View Branch with our community. It exemplifies the modern library design that will serve as a model for the future."



The outdoor patio is a great feature at the new Cliff View Branch Library.

Hold Hoppers Offers Convenient Pickup Option for Customers

In an effort to accommodate customers with busy schedules or those who want a no-contact library experience, the St. Charles City-County Library is pleased to announce the arrival of Holds Hoppers at select branch locations.

What are Holds Hoppers? These are secure lockers that are accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Customers can place holds online and pick them up from lockers located at two different branch locations at any time of the day or night. The Library received a \$50,000 CARES grant, provided through funds from the Library Services and Technology Act, to finance this project.

Get details about the new Holds Hoppers by visiting myLibrary.org/holds-hopper.



The Library's Summer Tour tradition continues with the Animal Expedition

Customers are invited to explore their community and earn extra Summer Challenge prizes when they visit a variety of St. Charles City-County Library branches during the Summer Tour: Animal Expedition from June 1-August 8. Participants will discover a unique animal habitat at every branch on the tour. When they visit 6 or 12 different Library branches, they earn extra Summer Challenge prizes. The ultimate adventurers will see them all!

This is the third year that the Library has offered the Summer Tour. It was modified in the summer of 2020 to accommodate COVID precautions. Rather than invite customers into each building, staff painted beautiful and unique garden posts to display outdoors. Tour participants visited the garden posts and searched for secret words hidden in the designs that would verify their visit. The garden posts were so popular that they have been incorporated into this year's tour as well. Customers can view the posts, then enjoy unique decorations and activities inside each branch. From the woodlands to the swamp, and everything in between, customers are exploring the animal kingdom without leaving St. Charles County!



St. Louis County Library

County Library Opens New Eureka Hills Branch

St. Louis County Library opened the new Eureka Hills Branch on Wednesday, June 2 at 9:00 a.m.

The new branch is located at 500 Workman Road in Eureka, Missouri. A ribbon cutting took place at 8:45 a.m. The St. Louis County Department of Public Health offered free COVID-19 vaccines in the branch meeting room from 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

The new branch replaces the former Eureka Hills Branch, which was located at 156 Eureka Towne Center. The old location closed on May 15 at 5:00 p.m.

The new Eureka Hills Branch is the first full service library for residents of Eureka. The previous location was in a leased facility and was approximately 6,500 square feet in size. The new branch is 15,000+ square feet and features an expanded collection of materials—over 60% larger than the previous collection. Other highlights include a dynamic children's area, a space for teens, three private study rooms, a community meeting room with surround sound, a business center with fax, copy and scanning machines; a commons area with tables, a laptop bar and vending machines; and a quiet reading area. There is also an outdoor reading patio.





The McBride & Son Homes Children's Area is decorated in shades of teal, orange and peach and features a honeycomb motif with several carpeted reading nooks where kids can curl up with a book. The space includes kid-friendly furniture such as browsing bin shelving and oversized reading chairs, as well as interactive learning stations and computers. McBride & Sons Homes donated \$100,000 to help fund the children's area.

The new Eureka Hills Branch was designed by Arcturis. The preliminary budget is \$6.5 million. The Eureka project is not part of the ongoing Your Library Renewed campaign to renovate or replace 19 of the library's 20 branches. The original Facilities Master Plan did not include a construction plan for the Eureka location. At the time the plan was developed, the branch had just moved into a larger space. Library administration has since determined that the growing community in Eureka needs a full service branch.

More details about the construction projects can be found at www.slcl.org/your-library-renewed. Please contact Jennifer McBride, Communications Manager at 314-994-3300 ext. 2250 for media inquiries about the Your Library Renewed campaign.



St. Louis County Library, County Department of Public Health Partner to Offer Vaccine Events



St. Louis County Library and the St. Louis County Department of Public Health are teaming up to offer vaccine events at library branches this summer. Vaccines will be offered at no cost. Health insurance or proof of residency is not required. Additional information about the vaccination process is available at www.stlcorona.com.

"Getting more of our community vaccinated is critical to getting us through this pandemic," said County Executive Dr. Sam Page. "This exciting partnership with the library will provide wider access to the vaccine and help us eliminate the disparities we are seeing from ZIP code to ZIP code."

Spring Schmidt, Deputy Director, St. Louis County Department of Public Health said, "The St. Louis County Library has been a wonderful partner throughout this pandemic. They have distributed masks, helped people have digital access to care, provided information and education to so many residents. We cannot thank them enough for partnering with us on increasing vaccinations. Libraries are a community treasure and we are grateful for their collaboration with public health."

Vaccine Event at the Lewis and Clark Branch of St. Louis County Library

Kristen Sorth, St. Louis County Library Director & CEO said, "The library is a safe and trusted community resource. Throughout the pandemic we have worked hard to reduce barriers to essential services by using our branch parking lots to distribute drive-thru meals,

diapers, period supplies, masks and COVID testing. We're excited about this partnership, because it will make obtaining a vaccine convenient and accessible to area residents while welcoming them back to the library."

The first vaccine event in the partnership took place from 2-6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, at the Lewis & Clark Branch, located at 9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd. in Moline Acres. The event featured book giveaways and a visit from the mobile produce vendor, MetroMarket, from 2-4 p.m. Vaccines were administered inside the Lewis & Clark Branch meeting room.

The second vaccine event took place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 2 during the grand opening of the new Eureka Hills Branch, located at 500 Workman Road in Eureka. Vaccines were offered inside the Eureka Hills Branch meeting room.

Appointments can be made at www.stlcorona.com, but walk-ups will also be accepted at both events. Consent forms for ages 12-18 must be completed in order to receive a vaccine. Forms and other information are available at www.stlcorona.com.

Appointments were made for the second dose at each event and follow-up clinics will be scheduled at both locations.

Additional vaccine events will be scheduled at other St. Louis County Library locations throughout the summer. Library branches are open with expanded hours, learn more at www.slcl.org/reopening.

Use Your Library Card to Check-out a Projector

St. Louis County Library now offers portable projectors for check-out. This program, which started on April 26, allows anyone with a valid library card the ability to check-out a projector for 14-days. The projectors are perfect for outdoor movies, business presentations and other creative ideas such as gaming, art projects and music or photo projection. This project is supported by 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.

The projectors are easy to use and come with everything needed to get started, including built-in speakers, cables for connecting to a laptop, a remote control and carrying case. [Additional details about the ViewSonic M1 Ultra-Portable LED Projector are available here.](#)



SLCL offers a variety of items for check-out in addition to books, music and movies. Patrons can use their library card to check out [musical instruments](#), [telescopes](#), [Chromebooks & Hotspot kits](#), video games, puzzles, [board games](#), [Read & Play kits](#), and more.

For additional information on the portable projectors, please contact St. Louis County Library at 314-994-3300 or www.slcl.org.



University of Missouri – Columbia

Columbia Missourian Newspaper Library Update

The *Missourian* Newspaper Library moved to Lee Hills Hall in 1995 with the *Columbia Missourian* and has served the faculty and students at the University of Missouri and the community in some capacity since 1908. The School of Journalism is reconstructing the current newsrooms and offices in Lee Hills Hall to accommodate a new converged newsroom, which will include all j-school media outlets. In May of 2021, the physical *Missourian* Newspaper library space was closed due to space constraints, and the Journalism and Digital Access Librarian and staff are now in the journalism library.

The *Missourian* Library contained thousands of clip files (articles from the newspaper that were cut out and filed) arranged by subject, business, organization, events and location. They were mainly collected in the 1980s and 1990s from the *Columbia Missourian* and the *Columbia Tribune*. There were separate file cabinets which hold biographical files of people in and around Columbia and were collected as far back as the 1920s. These files were integral to the mission of the library in providing historical information about Columbia and Boone County to the university and the community. These clip archives have been donated to the Boone County Historical Society. After learning about the files, they were enthusiastic about saving this portion of history.

The Journalism Library will continue to support researchers with access to the *Missourian* through microfilm (from 1908 to present) and online archives.



File drawer of biographical folders. There are 13 file cabinets filled with these, plus another 13 filled with subject files and 8 with archived photos.

University of Missouri – Kansas City

Tracey Hughes New Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

We have a new Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Tracey Hughes! Tracey is excellently qualified for this role as a leader in DEI initiatives in the Libraries, including her service as co-chair of the University Libraries' Equity Committee and as co-chair of the African American Read-In Planning Committee. Tracey has also engaged in various DEI-related workshops and trainings on campus, assuming significant personal risk and investing her energy and time into helping others understand the lived experiences of a Black woman in Kansas City. The UMKC Libraries are very grateful to work with Tracey! Read more:

library.umkc.edu/news-events/DirectorTracey



Research Rewards!

Improve your research. Win some coffee. Snag some swag. UMKC students enrolled in summer session 2021 courses can schedule a meeting with a librarian to discuss their research! We can help you form a research question, plan a literature review, manage your citations, find sources for an assignment, and more. Read more: library.umkc.edu/news-events/research-rewards

New to Digital Special Collections: MANA de Kansas City Collection Archives



The [MANA de Kansas City Collection](https://library.umkc.edu/news-events/MANA2021) photo archives are now available as a part of the UMKC Libraries Digital Special Collections. MANA (Mexican American Women's National Association), a National Latina Organization, was founded in 1974 by Mexican-American women in Washington, D.C. MANA de Kansas City was chartered in 1981 with the focus of creating community leaders, engaging them in community service, and educating and involving the membership on public policy issues important to Latinas and their families.

The collection features 652 digitized photographs depicting the Mexican-American experience in Kansas City through events, organizations, and the lens of community. Explore this rich part of Kansas City culture through pictures. UMKC Libraries is proud to have this addition to the Digital Special Collections. Read more: library.umkc.edu/news-events/MANA2021

GLAMA Receives Endowment

A recent donation from UMKC professor Dr. Linda Mitchell has provided the collection with an endowment that will ensure GLAMA carries out its mission well into the future. UMKC proudly houses the Gay and Lesbian Archives of Mid-America, better known as GLAMA, a substantial collection of documents and artifacts that reflect the histories of the LGBT communities in the Kansas City region. Co-founded in 2009 and curated by Stuart Hinds of the Libraries' Special Collections & Archives division, GLAMA materials have revealed completely hidden aspects of Kansas City's culture and history through the work of UMKC students, faculty, and Kansas City community members. Read more: library.umkc.edu/news-events/FirstEndowment

UMKC Libraries Offers Rainbow Read-In

Like our annual UMKC Libraries African American Read-In, the Rainbow Read-In is an event with a crowd-sourced program. The UMKC Libraries hopes to make this program an annual celebration in June following the success of this inaugural Rainbow Read-In. Some of the LGBTQ+ artists featured include poet Pat Parker, Leslie Feinberg, Patrick C. Byrne, and Guy Branum. Read more: library.umkc.edu/news-events/rainbow-2021



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