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## President's Column

I serve as the director of Missouri River Regional Library, headquartered in Jefferson City, with an additional branch in Linn, serving Cole and Osage counties. Celebrating 26 years with my library this year, I look forward to a new year filled with possibility. I am also ready to lead MLA and get to know more Missouri librarians.

When I was new to the profession and eager to get involved, I joined MLA (circa 1996) and started participating in the reference committee. As my family and work responsibilities grew, I found it difficult to stay active (at least, that was my excuse for not staying involved). As I look back, I regret giving up so quickly.

I believe many of us are guilty of thinking that if we can't do something full throttle, why bother at all? That's why I would like to ask you to consider what contribution you could make to MLA this year. No matter the size of the commitment, there are numerous ways to get involved in our organization – from committees to communities of interest (CIs), serving on the Board, or conference planning. **We have a place for you.** MLA wants and needs your expertise!

Having been in the profession a long time, there are fewer and fewer sessions at MLA that I haven't experienced a time or two. That's when it really struck me that it was time for me to start giving back to my beloved profession. I began submitting proposals for conference sessions, and they were accepted! And you know what? I discovered I enjoyed presenting and sharing my hard-won knowledge. We all have a host of experiences that others in the library world can benefit from year-round. We are a service profession, and it is incumbent upon us to give back. MLA is only as strong as our members.

In 2022, I challenge you to ask yourself: What am I interested in being a part of? What strengths can I bring to our professional organization? Take it a step further! Send an email, make a phone call, get involved. We need each other now more than ever. Happy New Year!

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**Start the year off right.**

**Share your news with MO INFO. Make the world a better place!**

You may not solve humanity's greatest problems. But you could help another library serve their patrons better, be inspired by your successes, or appreciate what we all do. *MO INFO*, produced by the MLA Publications Committee, is designed to assist you in staying informed, and sharing ideas and resources.

### Submission Guidelines

*MO INFO* is published six times each year, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January, March, May, July, September, and November. The process is simple: You submit; we collect, edit, and publish this newsletter; you read and share it! Submission deadlines are the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding months, submitted by email to the committee at [moinfonews@gmail.com](mailto:moinfonews@gmail.com). (Please include MO INFO in the subject line.) If you have questions, please ask. If you have a new contact, please share! **Our next deadline is Tuesday, February 15.**

Please follow the submission suggestions below to facilitate the production process. Your article format should:

- Be in 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 things you can learn! Links in these opportunities provide descriptions, availability, any registration fees, and possible changes. All times CDT and subject to change.

Date	Time CT	Event	Sponsor
Jan. 18	1-3 p.m.	<a href="#">Cataloging with RDA</a>	Amigos Library Services
	3-4 p.m.	<a href="#">SimplyE @ Amigos: An Overview and Demonstration</a>	Amigos Library Services
Jan. 19	10-11 a.m.	<a href="#">NCompass Live: If You Build it, Will They Come? Makerspaces Work in Small, Rural Libraries</a>	Nebraska Library Commissions
	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	<a href="#">Applying the Concept of Cultural Humility to Libraries: A Pathway to Better Libraries</a>	Amigos Library Services
	12-1 p.m.	<a href="#">Digital Literacy &amp; AI Webinar Series #4: Where Do We Go From Here?</a>	Online Learning Consortium
	12-1 p.m.	<a href="#">True Program Costs</a>	Propel Nonprofits
	12-1:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Introduction to Digital Collection Management</a>	Connecting to Collections Care
	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">Elder Justice Explained: What It Is and How You Can Help</a>	National Library of Medicine
	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">Library Violence Prevention and De-escalation</a>	Niche Academy
Jan. 20	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">Branching Out: Amplifying Voices Through Public Performance and Art</a>	Programming Librarian
	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">How Will Libraries Deliver a Sustainable Future?</a>	Choice
	1:30-2:30 p.m.	<a href="#">How to Decipher Your Web Analytics (and Use Them to Your Advantage)</a>	Firespring
	2-3 p.m.	<a href="#">Promote Community Engagement and Challenge Prejudice with a Human Library</a>	WebJunction
Jan. 21-24		<a href="#">LibLearnX: The Library Learning Experience</a>	ALA
Jan. 24	1:30-2:30 p.m.	<a href="#">10 Best Practices for Successfully Communicating about Your Library's Fundraising</a>	Amigos Library Services
Jan. 25	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">Grow Your Own Library Staff: Creating Professional Development Paths for Non-Degreed Librarians</a>	Libraries Learn
	1-2:30 p.m.	<a href="#">An Afternoon with the Claytee White - Director, Oral History Research Center at UNLV Libraries</a>	ASERL
Jan. 26	10-11 a.m.	<a href="#">Be the Hero! Tween and Teen Live Action Roleplaying (LARPing) Games</a>	Indiana State Library
	12-1 p.m.	<a href="#">FindHelp.org: Connecting Patrons to Local Support Services</a>	Idaho Commission for Libraries
	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">Small Scale ESL Programs for Your Library</a>	Niche Academy
	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">Engaging Online Community Members</a>	Montana State Library
Jan. 27	10-11 a.m.	<a href="#">Genealogy: Skills to Help Your Patrons</a>	Mid-America Library Alliance
	1-1:30 p.m.	<a href="#">SnapChat? What's That? A Social Media for Beginners Webinar</a>	Infobase
	2-3 p.m.	<a href="#">Library Signage: Effective Crisis Communications</a>	WebJunction
Jan. 31	11 a.m.-12 p.m.	<a href="#">Compassionate Leadership: How to Do Hard Things in a Human Way</a>	Harvard Business Review
	1:30-2:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Increase Your Productivity with Time Management</a>	Amigos Library Services
Feb. 1-Mar. 1	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.	<a href="#">GIS and GeoWeb Applications in Libraries</a>	Amigos Library Services
Feb. 2	2-3 p.m.	<a href="#">Quick Fixes for Bad Slides</a>	Training Network
	2-4 p.m.	<a href="#">Creating a Social Media Policy</a>	Amigos Library Services
Feb. 3	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">How Libraries Are Leveraging Digital Content to Engage Students with Alternate Formats</a>	OverDrive Academic
Feb. 7	1:30-2:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Introduction to Metadata Analysis</a>	Amigos Library Services
Feb. 9	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	<a href="#">Back to Basics Blogs and Newsletters for Libraries</a>	Amigos Library Services
	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">Copyright for Librarians: What You Need to Know</a>	Niche Academy
Feb. 9, 16, 23	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">Yoga, Social Justice, Redefining Body Image and Personal Power (3 sessions)</a>	National Library of Medicine
Feb. 10	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	<a href="#">Changing Standards, Local Choices: Navigating the Current Cataloging Landscape</a>	Amigos Library Services
	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">Grants and Proposal Writing</a>	National Library of Medicine
Feb. 14	1:30-2:30 p.m.	<a href="#">The Final Countdown - Library Activities for Finals Week Student Support</a>	Amigos Library Services
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Feb. 15	1-3 p.m.	<a href="#">Writing for the Web</a>	Amigos Library Services
Feb. 16	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">Why and How to Implement Privacy and Surveillance Information Literacy into Your Institution</a>	Niche Academy
		<a href="#">When It's Not Part of Your Job Description</a>	
Feb. 16, 24, 3/2	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	<a href="#">Foundations of Intellectual Freedom</a>	Amigos Library Services
Feb. 22-24	1-3 p.m.	<a href="#">Introduction to Serials Cataloging</a>	Amigos Library Services
Feb. 23	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	<a href="#">Getting Started with Grant Writing</a>	Amigos Library Services
Feb. 28	1:30-2:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Creating a Mentorship Program at Your Library</a>	Amigos Library Services
Mar. 8	1-2 p.m.	<a href="#">Designing Effective Library Signage: Communicating Strategically to Your Users</a>	Niche Academy

## ***Meet this issue's Featured Library Employee for the Missouri Library Association, Scott Villarreal!***

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



My name is Scott Villarreal. I am a proud member of the Christian County Library District, which houses four different branches—Ozark, Nixa, Clever, and Sparta.

My role in the district is that of Outreach Manager.

The Outreach mission statement reads:

Outreach librarians strive to provide equitable delivery of library services to all people through the development of programs and practices which make the library available to non-traditional patrons.

Services include bookmobile runs to various locations, our Homebound Program, partnerships with school libraries including student card drives, and attendance at numerous community events throughout Christian County.

### **What originally got you interested in working at a library?**

I was a librarian's aide in high school and found the experience to be extremely enjoyable. This left me with an inclination towards libraries that would not come to fruition until many years later.

I worked in retail for some fifteen years but found myself wanting more than a job where you made a quick buck off the public. I wanted something where the interactions that I had with people would be more meaningful.

### **What keeps you coming back every day?**

Outreach interactions are special. You really get to know the individuals that you bring materials to on a firsthand basis. The stories they tell by sharing their lives makes an impact on you personally. It can leave you feeling enriched and a little closer to humanity.

I would never have stayed 20 years being involved in library services without the people that trained me and gave me my start. It's also the best assortment of people that I've ever been associated with. There is literally not one person that I dislike in the entire library district. I'm convinced that I have the best coworkers and Admin on the planet. How many people are lucky enough to say that?

### **What's challenging about your work?**

The most challenging aspect of Outreach is making sure you actually reach the people that need your resources the most. We advertise at the library by putting available Outreach resources on our Facebook and Instagram pages, do events to spread the word on a one on one basis, but the best way to promote what we have to offer is the positive word of mouth from the people already receiving Outreach services.

### **Who are some of your mentors?**

Christian County Library veteran of 58 years, Ruth Davis, was instrumental to the development of my early library career. She taught me to respect my patrons and showed me how a library works.

Geri Godber elevated me to the status of Outreach Manager in 2018 and for that I will be eternally indebted. She was a strong leader and taught me about the importance of listening and management in general.

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Nicholas Holladay is my current Supervisor. I'm grateful for his guidance in making me a better Manager on a daily basis. His management style is one of intelligence, grace, humor and compassion. Thank God he's a patient man.

### **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.**

Legendary comic book artist/writer George Perez recently told the world that he has inoperable pancreatic cancer and has 6 months to a year to live. Perez was and always will be an integral part of my adolescent years, with his reach extending into my adult life. His expert storytelling magically transported me to the worlds of The New Teen Titans, Wonder Woman, Action Comics, The Fantastic Four, the Avengers and so many more. His work was there for me during my tumultuous youth and he was a great inspiration behind my desire to take Art as my major in college, his work even played a role in comforting me during my personal "coming out story."

I would encourage anyone that enjoys the comic book medium to check out his spectacular body of work.

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

My hobbies include, comic book collecting, music, fantasy, sci-fi, horror and artistic drama movies and of course, reading. I enjoy spending time with my boyfriend Chris, my dear friends and the best mother that I could ever have asked for.



### **Would you 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](mailto:smawhiney@missouristate.edu). We'll do all the work of contacting; we just need you to connect us!



# Amigos Library Services

## Changing Standards, Local Choices: Navigating the Current Cataloging Landscape

Join us for our first conference of the New Year! With the implementation of the new RDA Toolkit, and progress toward the implementation of BIBFRAME being made, the world of cataloging standards is in a state of flux. While many of the changes will be guided by what's happening at the national, or even global, level, they will also rely on a certain amount of local standard creation.

Register now to join us February 10, 2022, for [Changing Standards, Local Choices: Navigating the Current Cataloging Landscape](#). This online conference, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., will explore ways to prepare for the changes in cataloging standards over the next few years. Registration is free for members; non-members are offered an early-bird registration discount through January 29, 2022.



## Excited Library Patrons Demonstrate New Custom Branded Play Tables

Did you know that After-Mouse.com offers customization for your new table? North Manchester Public Library in Indiana shared their [story and a live demonstration](#) of their recently added table.

## Bloomsbury's New Platform for Fashion Central is Now Live

Available at a discount to Amigos members, this resource is a dynamic digital hub for interdisciplinary research in fashion and dress. Learn more about the new platform [here](#).

## Continuing Education Opportunities

### New! Foundations of Intellectual Freedom

Across the nation, administrators in libraries of all sizes are experiencing an increase in material censorship challenges. What is the role of libraries regarding intellectual freedom? And what should it be? Now more than ever, library workers must be prepared to understand policies, best practices, and specific ways we can all support community conversations that support intellectual freedom. [Join us](#) for this timely topic and discuss roadblocks to access to knowledge and the library's role in the current landscape.

### Missed a Conference? Register for Amigos Conference Archives

*Amigos Online Conferences: Easy to Access. Meaningful to Attend!*

As a member benefit, all Amigos online conferences are free of charge to the staff of Amigos member institutions!

Register today for access to recent conferences:

- [Facing the Future of Resource Sharing](#)
- [Adventures in Archives](#)
- [What Will We Keep: Creating the Next Remix of Library Services](#)
- [Moving On: Migrating Library Content and Data](#)



## 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!](#)

- [10 Best Practices for Successfully Communicating about Your Library's Fundraising](#) January 24
- [Increase Your Productivity with Time Management](#) January 31
- [Introduction to Metadata Analysis](#) February 7
- [The Final Countdown - Library Activities for Finals Week Student Support](#) February 14
- [Creating a Mentorship Program at Your Library](#) February 28

## Upcoming Live Online Classes

Here's a quick look at upcoming Live Online classes in addition to the Know & Go updates above. Classes are always being added so be sure to check out our full [course schedule!](#) All times CDT

- [Cataloging with RDA](#) January 18 – 27, 1-3 p.m.
- [SimplyE @ Amigos: An Overview and Demonstration](#) January 18, 3-4 p.m.
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- [Back to Basics Blogs and Newsletters for Libraries](#) February 9, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 1/18*
- [Changing Standards, Local Choices: Navigating the Current Cataloging Landscape](#) February 10, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 1/29*
- [Design Thinking in Libraries](#) February 14-18, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 1/21*
- [Writing for the Web](#) February 15, 1-3 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 1/24*
- [Foundations of Intellectual Freedom](#) February 16 – March 2, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 1/25*
- [Introduction to Serials Cataloging](#) February 22 -24, 1-3 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 1/31*
- [Getting Started with Grant Writing](#) February 23, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - *Early bird registration ends 2/1*

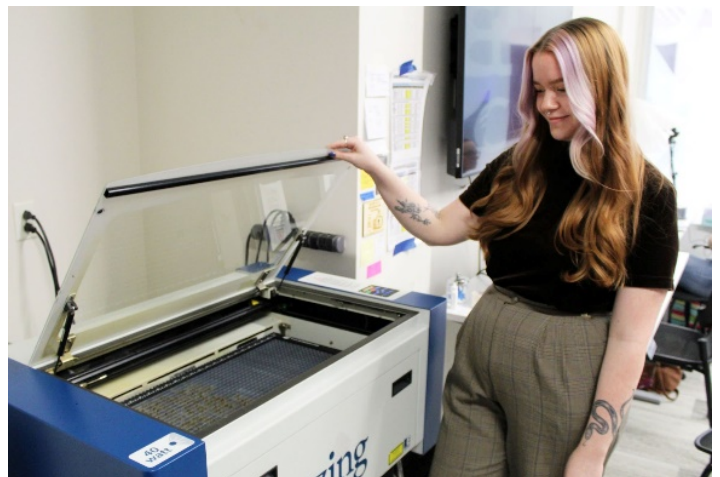


## Joplin Public Library

### Library's Makerspace Re-Opens to Public

The Joplin Public Library celebrated the re-opening of their makerspace to the public in early November 2021. Social media announcement of the much-anticipated day drew a reach of almost 20,000, with 3,466 post engagements and 132 shares. Originally created and opened in 2017, the library's makerspace is a unique offering where members of the community are invited to explore their interests and creativity using a variety of tools. No library card is required.

At the onset of the COVID pandemic, the makerspace was closed and remained that way until recent strides were made to re-open it. To assist with providing consistent open/come and go hours, and to offer reliable help to our visitors, a dedicated makerspace assistant was hired. The newly hired assistant, Hazel Overman, and two other trained staff members take turns staffing the space to help visitors with the equipment.



Makerspace Assistant Hazel Overman shows the laser cutter



Circulation Assistant Stephanie Cope assists in the makerspace

Equipment available for use includes:

- A laser cutting and etching machine (Epilog Zing)
- A 3D printer (Ultimaker3)
- Digital media conversion
- IMACS + MAC BOOKS + PC + creative software (Adobe, IMovie, Microsoft Suite, and more)
- Audio/visual equipment
- Crafting equipment (sewing machine, button press, paper cutter, etc.)

The makerspace motto “Experiment. Learn. Fail. Repeat.” reminds users the goal of the space is to empower community members to create unique projects and showcase their creative strengths, all while learning and growing as artists.

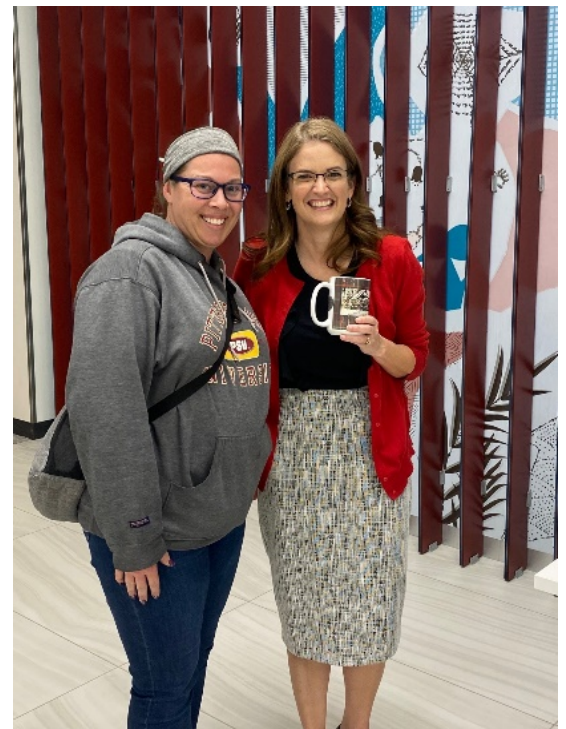
## Award-Winning Author Visits Joplin Public Library

Historical romance writer Regina Jennings hosted a presentation and book signing at the Joplin Public Library on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021. Those in attendance were both entertained and enlightened as Jennings recounted the life and legacy of Kate Warne, the first female Pinkerton detective and inspiration behind her latest series, *The Joplin Chronicles*.

Similar to Jennings’ own writing, this well attended event ended with a bit of a twist, albeit a pleasant one.

Frequent library user Sarah got word of the evening’s event the day before it took place. Being a fan of local history, she attended the event, but not empty handed. During the book signing portion, she presented Jennings with a locally made coffee mug bearing a photo of a Jasper County mining crew similar to one described in Jennings’ latest *Joplin Chronicles* book, *Proposing Mischief*. Sarah’s best friend’s great grandfather was a member of that crew, and his image was reflected on the mug. Jennings was pleasantly taken aback by the gift and the hospitality offered.

Jennings’ visit embodied core mission-driven principles that guide the library, as learning, creating, exploring, and having fun paved the way for a successful event.



Event attendee Sarah gifts Jennings with a special mug



Author Regina Jennings shares about Kate Warne



## Mid-Continent Public Library

### NASB Fuels MCPL's Reading Rocket Program with \$25,000 Donation

Made possible by a donation of \$25,000 from North American Savings Bank (NASB), Mid-Continent Public Library's mobile early literacy unit, the Reading Rocket, will provide thousands of free books to local children over the next year as part of the Library's Forever Book initiative.



*The NASB team with MCPL's Reading Rocket team*

MCPL's Reading Rocket travels around the Mid-Continent service area, offering storytimes and early literacy resources and services to families who may not otherwise be able to access them due to transportation or financial challenges. During these visits, the Rocket gives away "forever books" to children. NASB's donation will provide a year's worth of funding for this growing program.

To kick off the giveaway of additional forever books, the Reading Rocket joined Sleepyhead Beds—a local nonprofit that provides beds and bedding to families in need—during their distribution day on November 6 to give away "bedtime books." More information about MCPL's Reading Rocket and its services can be found [on the Library's website](#).

### Dickens Descendant Returns to Mid-Continent Public Library

Gerald Dickens, the great-great-grandson of Charles Dickens, returned to Mid-Continent Public Library this holiday season for his annual rendition of *A Christmas Carol*. In addition to several in-person performances (each following all local COVID protocols), the Library also livestreamed several of the programs on [its YouTube channel](#).

A professional actor in England, Dickens has been performing for MCPL audiences for nearly three decades. During his one-man performance, he leaps, laughs, and sobs as he portrays the voices of nearly all the characters, and his energy and striking resemblance to his ancestor bring the classic to life.

This year, in addition to *A Christmas Carol*, Dickens also performed a new show about a deadly 1865 rail crash that might have faded from memory if not for one celebrity survivor, novelist Charles Dickens. The program (*The Signalman with Gerald Dickens, A Special Engagement*), brought these haunting memories to life and previewed Gerald Dickens' forthcoming book (*Dickens and Staplehurst: A Biography, Recounting the Disaster and its Effect on Charles Dickens*) about the accident. Following the *Signalman* program, Gerald hosted a Q&A session, and attendees received a discount code to purchase his book upon its release.



*Gerald Dickens performing at Mid-Continent Public Library*

## Library Powers up Chromebook Checkout Program

Made possible by a grant administered by the Missouri State Library \*, Mid-Continent Public Library is now offering Chromebook laptops for customers to check out and take home. Like books and other Library materials, the Chromebook Kits can be checked out for up to two weeks with two renewal periods, provided they have no holds.

“Over the past year, we’ve seen just how important technology and connectivity are to participate in nearly every aspect of life—from work and school to healthcare and our personal relationships,” said Bryan Gash, MCPL’s Chief Technology Officer. “Checking out one of these laptops from the Library gives customers the opportunity to engage in these important activities—when and where it’s convenient to them—without the potential financial hardship of purchasing their own device.”

The Chromebooks are the latest addition to the Library’s Tech To Go services, which include Wi-Fi hotspots that the Library began lending earlier this year. The hotspots, which run on the T-Mobile cellular network, were also funded by grant dollars—a CARES Act grant administered by the Missouri Department of Economic Development and Jackson County, Missouri. Both the Chromebook Kits and Wi-Fi hotspots can be reserved through the Library’s online catalog, or in person at an MCPL branch, and picked up or returned to any MCPL location.

In addition to Tech To Go, MCPL has been working to expand its digital offerings to customers since the beginning of the pandemic, including boosting Wi-Fi signals in branch parking lots so customers can access the internet even while buildings are closed. The Library also offers many of its services, such as storytimes and other programs, virtually as well as in person.

Learn more about the Library’s Tech To Go services at [mymcpl.org/TechToGo](http://mymcpl.org/TechToGo).

*\*This service is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act. It is administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.*

## Library Reaches Final Chapter of Multi-Year Capital Plan

Mid-Continent Public Library is heading into the final stretch of its Capital Improvement Plan, a multi-year project that has impacted nearly every building in its 32-branch, three-county system. Funded by Proposition L, a tax increase approved by voters in 2016, the Capital Plan has allowed the Library to expand its hours, resources, and services, as well as renovate or replace its aging buildings.



*Mid-Continent Public Library’s renovated Blue Ridge Branch*

As part of this, the Library recently finalized plans for its North Oak Branch (8700 N. Oak Trfy., Kansas City, Mo.), which closed on November 28 and is estimated to reopen in late spring 2023. The existing North Oak Branch building will be razed, and a new 17,000-square-foot building (an expansion of approximately 1,500 square feet) will be constructed on the same site. The new building will include a community program room, two smaller meeting rooms, children’s and teen areas, reading stairs, upgraded technology, and more.

The Library also recently acquired a new piece of land in Grain Valley, where it will construct a new building to replace the current Grain Valley Branch (101 SW Eagles Pkwy.) Construction will begin in the latter half of 2022, and plans include a 15,000-square-foot building with a community program room, meeting rooms, and a drive-through.

This past month the Library held celebrations for the renovations of its Parkville and Grandview Branches, as well as the opening of its new East Lee's Summit Branch. Attendees heard from Library leaders and local officials, followed by a special "book opening" ceremony and refreshments.

Other ongoing Library construction projects include:

- **Blue Ridge Branch** (9253 Blue Ridge Blvd., Kansas City, Mo) – Reopened on November 29 after nine months of renovations. New amenities include a community program room and smaller meeting rooms; new paint, lighting, carpet, and furniture; and an updated façade and signage.
- **Lee's Summit Branch** (150 NW Oldham Parkway, Lee's Summit, Mo) – Closed for renovation since May 2021, estimated to be complete in spring 2022. New amenities include a 5000-square-foot expansion; a large community program room that can be divided into two spaces; three smaller meeting rooms; an outdoor seating area; fresh paint, lighting, carpet, and furniture.
- **Green Hills Library Center** (8549 North Green Hills Road, Kansas City) – This brand-new building will replace the Library's current Boardwalk Branch (8700 N. Oak Trfy., Kansas City, MO) when it opens in summer 2022. The 35,000-square-foot building will include a large community program room, meeting rooms, children's and teen areas, a coffee shop, and the region's only Culinary Literacy Center with a demonstration kitchen and incubator kitchens.
- **Woodneath Library Center** (8900 NE Flintlock Road, Kansas City, Mo.) – A new auditorium with 236 fixed seats, as well as additional outdoor amenities, including an amphitheater, are being constructed behind the existing Library building for large-scale events. This project is estimated to be complete this winter.

The Library is working with Sapp Design Architects, Helix Architecture + Design, and JE Dunn to execute its Capital Plan. One of the last projects in the plan will be to upgrade the Library's Riverside Branch. More details about this project will be released soon. Information about all of the Library's construction projects can be found at [mymcpl.org/Community](http://mymcpl.org/Community).



## MOBIUS Welcomes New Member Libraries

MOBIUS membership continues to grow and we are excited to welcome three additional member libraries in 2022:

**Bettendorf Public Library:** The Bettendorf Public Library has been serving the city of Bettendorf, Iowa since 1955. They have a collection of around 200,000 items and 18,236 registered borrowers, representing nearly half of the city's population. The library is part of Iowa's Rivershare Consortium and will go live as a standalone Polaris library sometime in early 2022. Bettendorf will become our fourth Iowa library to join our resource sharing network and our tenth public library!

**Calvary University:** Calvary University in Kansas City, Missouri is an accredited college, graduate school and seminary, offering degree programs on campus and online in Bible and theology, ministry studies, biblical counseling, intercultural studies, education, theatre arts, music, business administration and professional directed studies. They offer a collection of more than 30,000 books, e-books and audio-visual materials. They will be joining our KC-Towers cluster sometime in January 2022.

**St. Charles City-County Library:** St. Charles City-County Library in St. Peters, Missouri has a collection of approximately 800,000 to 850,000 items that will be lendable via the MOBIUS Union Catalog. They circulate over 5.5 million items per year and welcome nearly two million visitors each year. They will be joining as a standalone sometime in 2022. St. Charles will become the 26th library system in the St. Louis area to become a MOBIUS member. The St. Louis County Library System was the last to join. Their patrons will be able to borrow materials from a collection of over 30 million items.

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## MOBIUS Issues Request for Proposals for a New ILS System

MOBIUS recently issued its first RFP for a new integrated library system since our founding in 1998. The MOBIUS ILS RFP Working Group has worked closely with MOBIUS staff and our member libraries to develop a comprehensive RFP document and distributed it to vendors on November 15, 2021.

MOBIUS has utilized Innovative Interfaces for library automation products and services since 1998 and currently manages seven shared Sierra Integrated Library System (ILS) servers for 60 member libraries as well as a separate resource sharing solution (INN- Reach). MOBIUS also has 18 standalone member libraries which have their own contracts with Innovative Interfaces and participate in resource sharing. Maintaining our resource sharing relationships and offering the seamless patron-initiated borrowing experience that we are known for is vital to us and will be an important consideration in any system selected.

The RFP is open through Feb. 1, 2022 and we anticipate making a decision regarding a new system in late Fall of 2022 and going live in the Spring of 2024. The RFP document and timeline for decision making and implementation are available to view at <https://mobiusconsortium.org/ilsrfp>.

## MOSS Services

MOSS (MOBIUS Open Source Solutions) continues to be very active.

On the Evergreen side, MOBIUS staff participated in the virtual community hack-a-way, helping to code solutions to software bugs and development requests, create documentation and participate in discussions on future developments. NOBLE, the North of Boston Library Exchange consortium, has contracted with MOBIUS to host their consortium's Evergreen instance and we are excited to begin that partnership. MOBIUS staff performed a migration for the Sampson-Clinton Public Library system to join the NC Cardinal consortium, and began working with the next library system to join. MOBIUS is also in talks with several other consortia and libraries about moving to our MOSS service.

MOBIUS continues to host three library systems on our ArchivesSpace MOSS offering and continues to work with three more systems to migrate in the near future. ArchivesSpace is a web application, created by archivists, for archives and other cultural heritage organizations to manage and present information digitally.

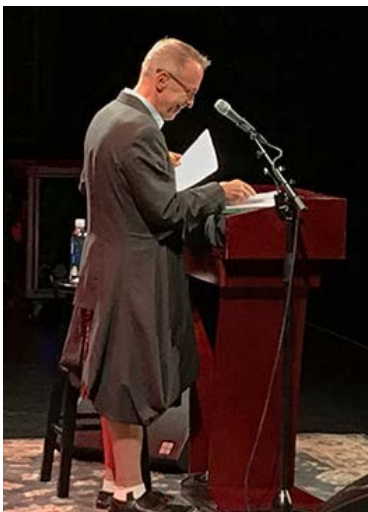
Additionally, MOBIUS hosts one library on Omeka, an open source product that helps libraries create and manage digital exhibits and born-digital collections. We also continue to research other open-source products for possible use by the MOBIUS membership.

For more information on MOSS and what we offer, please visit our newly updated web pages at <https://mobiusconsortium.org/moss>.



## Springfield-Greene County Library District

### 788 Attendees Show Sedaris Worth the Wait



Humorist David Sedaris took to Springfield's Gillioz Theatre stage on Thursday, Oct. 21, wearing flouncy culottes and a confused suit jacket, and read to 788 fans from new essays about family, death and a cure for sloppy service: *Citizen Dismissal*. Sedaris' event had been rescheduled three times due to the pandemic. Tickets to the event were free, courtesy of The Friends of the Library. Fans purchased his books or brought theirs from home, and endured a four-hour line for a book signing and a chance to hear his banter.



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## Author Grady Hendrix Kicks Off “Oh, The Horror” Series

New York Times Bestselling horror author Grady Hendrix welcomed 95 fans to his one-man show, “Welcome to the Final Girl Support Group,” on Friday, Oct. 15, in the Gallery at The Gillioz. Hendrix regaled the crowd using his deep knowledge of horror history to trace how the slasher subgenre came to be, from the influence of Jack the Ripper. The series included a live interview with horror author Stephen Graham Jones of “My Heart is a Chainsaw;” a free screening of “Scream” at Moxie Cinema, and a month-long murder mystery challenge, “Slasher in the Stacks.” Some 280 people completed the game set in a fictional library, which required them to pick up a clue packet each week in October to reveal the killer.

## Discovery Center School Uses Library “Classroom”

Three times a week, classes from the Discovery School of the Discovery Center of Springfield visit for story time, while library staff work with the teachers on books that would be beneficial for their students, and help them learn teamwork.



## Caitlin Doughty Draws 490 Live and Via Zoom

The raven-haired darling of YouTube’s “Ask A Mortician” series held a spellbound audience of 275 attendees at Relics Event Center and 215 Zoom attendees who spanned the globe on Thursday, Nov. 4. Author and head “deathling” Caitlin Doughty said the night was her first in-person event since the COVID-19 pandemic hit two years ago. Her visit was part of the Death & Dying series that continued through mid-November. The series focused on encouraging conversations on end-of-life matters. Caitlin’s matter-of-fact and humorous handling of fan questions had them laughing and applauding from Springfield to Zoom watchers across the U.S. and Brazil, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand, France, Germany, Peru and Slovakia. The series featured programs on old Ozarks burial customs, tombstone bootcamp, green burial basics, the Buddhist path to grief and loss, a cemetery tour of notable graves and the real life of a medical examiner.

## Melissa Davis Named Library Finance Director



Former Business Office Manager Melissa “Mel” Davis was named Finance Director of the Springfield-Greene County Libraries. Mel has worked in libraries since age 16 at Mid-Continent Public Library in Kansas City, and moved to Springfield in 1995 to attend MSU. In 1996 she started as a part-time reference assistant at the Main Library, now Midtown Carnegie Branch. During her early library career, attended graduate school for library science in the evenings, and graduated with a master’s in library science in 2002 from the University of Missouri. She worked in circulation at several branches, and later Library Station Branch Manager for 10 years. She moved to the Business office in 2007.

## Library Station Hosts MSU’s Mini Tour of the Globe

The Library Station hosted Missouri State University’s International Education Program’s ‘Mini Tour of the Globe’ in November. International students from 14 countries shared information, artifacts, crafts, dance, and stories from their homes across the world. Library patrons could visit with young people from faraway places including Tunisia, Mongolia, Japan, and Saudi Arabia.

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## Libraries Pair Holiday Store with Vaccine Clinics



The Between Friends Gift Shop staff rolled out a trove of holiday gifts for the annual Holiday Store for Kids Dec. 4-12 at three branches, with an online feature for the second year. Children could shop for gifts for every member of the family, at kid-friendly prices. While the Holiday Store got underway, COVID-19 vaccine clinics drew a steady stream of people. Jordan Valley Community Health Center staff and volunteers conducted the two-hour clinics through the day, giving out a total of 160 shots. The health center had more clinics planned at other Springfield and county branches through December.





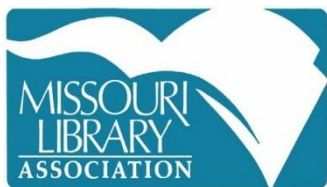
### Symphony in the Stacks Draws 300 Music Lovers

Nearly 300 people attended the Symphony in the Stacks, the Springfield Symphony's Chamber Orchestra concert on Sunday, Nov. 21, on the main floor of the Library Center. The 40-minute concert was sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Symphony Director Kyle Wiley Pickett conducted the orchestra through selections from "The Carnival of the Animals," with narration by Pickett's 12-year-old son Grant.

**Profit and Punishment:**  
An Evening with Authors  
Tony Messenger and  
Nancy Allen

### Pulitzer Prize-winning Author Highlights Debtors' Prison

Forty adults attended a December author event at Schweitzer Brentwood Branch, where Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Tony Messenger and author Nancy Allen spoke about debtors' prisons and how the problem feeds poverty in the country. Both address the issue in each of their books. Messenger is a columnist at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and wrote "Profit and Punishment, How America Criminalizes the Poor in the Name of Justice." Allen is a Springfield-based former prosecutor and author of a mystery series and several books with James Patterson.



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