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President's Column

Our annual Library Advocacy Day was held virtually on February 8th. Many thanks to the Legislative committee and chairperson, Cody Croan, for organizing such an informative event. If you haven't [reached out to your legislator](#), please let this be your reminder to make it a priority in the coming weeks.



I spent many years being intimidated to speak with legislators. The very thought of it filled me with absolute dread. Admittedly, growing older does have advantages --- with each passing decade, I have grown more comfortable in my own skin and more confident of how I need to communicate about libraries so people will listen. Sometimes, it is hard to set aside your political differences or your frustration with our State government, but you must. When you speak knowledgeably and passionately about libraries, legislators will take notice. They will listen when you speak with conviction, and that is what is often remembered. Here are some things to keep in mind: 1) Do your homework before your meeting; 2) Make a list of talking points; 3) Invite them to your library; 4) Give them a library calendar; 5) Add them to your email lists promoting programs and services; 6) Share how much programs (like A&E money or REAL funding) help your library.

Finally, try to make a point of connecting with them more than once a year. Remember, it's all about getting in front of them and sharing all the things libraries do in their communities.

The Legislative committee wants all of us to remember the following talking points when speaking to your legislators this year:

1. Support the Secretary of State's budget request for State Library funding for FY23. (This is the same request as last year, \$3.5 million)
2. Support the funding of the REAL (Remote Electronic Access for Libraries) Program (This helps make it possible for libraries to provide broadband to Missourians, especially rural Missourians; this is also the same request as last year, \$3.1 million.)
3. Support the full funding of the Athletes and Entertainers fund.(This has only been funded at a 20% level in the past. While the full funding for libraries was passed by the MO legislature, the Governor vetoed it.)
4. Support [HB2210](#) and [SB1095](#), both called Electronic Literary Products Bill (also known as the eBook bills). Inform legislators of these bills and how they can help libraries provide better services of digital content to MO communities. These bills would require that publishers make eBooks and eAudiobook available to libraries on terms reasonably similar to how they are offered to the public, see bill text for full details. *Note: These bills may not have moved out of committee by now. If not, it is still good to inform the legislators of the problem and how these bills create a resolution to support libraries.*
5. For freshman legislators: Inform them of what libraries do in 2022.

We are blessed to have had legislative support in the past, but we can never take that support for granted. Thank you for continuing to promote the important work we do.

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Missouri ALA Chapter Councilor Report

Greetings! It is an interesting time to serve on ALA Council as your Chapter Councilor from Missouri. The American Library Association Council and Executive Board have been undergoing extensive discussions in recent years about major structural changes to membership and governance. At the most recent ALA Council meetings, held in conjunction with LibLearnX in January, Council took several actions:

- Dissolved SORT (Staff Organizations Round Table)
- Dissolved LISSIRT (Library Support Staff Interest Round Table)
- Formed LSSRT (Library Support Staff Round Table)
- Created the Coretta Scott King Book Award Round Table
- Voted in a change to the salary threshold for non-salaried membership, from \$30,000 to \$45,000 for FY23

Much of the other discussion continued to consider the size and role of ALA Council and the Executive Board. ALA membership meetings will be held this spring, leading up to ALA Annual in June. There is a recommendation on the table that the size of Council be reduced and that its function move from a policymaking body to an advisory role. Please contact me if you would like more information, or feel free to join one of the public meetings to listen for yourself.

Margaret Conroy

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
Mar. 16	10-11:30 am	Access Challenged	Mid-America Library Alliance
	11 am - 12 pm	NCompass Live: Can you see me? Collection Development for Marginalized Communities	Nebraska Library Commission
	1-2 pm	The Intersection of Minimalism and Librarianship: The Future of Collections Management	ASERL
	1-2 pm	Creating a Sustainable, User-centered Website for Academic Libraries	Niche Academy
Mar. 17	9-10 am	Curating & Maintaining Vibrant Collections for Users with Print Disabilities	Indiana State Library
	2-3 pm	What Kids Are Reading (and Not Reading) in 2022	edWeb
Mar. 21	10-11 am	Addressing Challenging Behaviors of Adults with Autism in the Library	GoTo Training
Mar. 22	10-11 am	Getting Started with the Public Health Digital Library (PHDL)	National Library of Medicine
	1-2 pm	Your Community by the Numbers: Race and Ethnicity	US Census Bureau
Mar. 23	10-11 am	NCompass Live: If You Build it, Will They Come? Makerspaces Work in Small, Rural Libraries	Nebraska Library Commission
	1-2 pm	Leading with Confidence: Building Skill and Leadership Styles That Helps Everyone Thrive	RUSA
	2-3 pm	Climate Change Library Lab: Climate Preparedness in Your Library	American Library Association
Mar.23-25		Public Library Association Conference (Portland, OR)	American Library Association
Mar. 24	4-5 pm	Marketing Your Library - Creative Ways to Share Your Awesomeness	Follett
Mar, 26	10 am - 12 pm	Future Ready Librarians® Summit: Taking Control of Your Collections	Future Ready Librarians
Mar. 28	2-4 pm	Introduction to Scholarly Metrics	Amigos Library Services
	1:30-2:30 pm	Camera Ready - Quick Library Video Tips and Takes	Amigos Library Services
Mar. 29		Virtual Reality and Learning: Leading the Way	Library 2.0
Mar. 30	9-10 am	The Ins and Outs of On and Offboarding	Indiana State Library
	12-1 pm	CollectionSpace Community Collections Spotlight: Cataloging and Exhibiting Time-Based Media	LYRASIS
	12-1 pm	Genealogy Series: 1950 Census—The 1950 Census Website: Design, Development, and Features to Expect (National Archives)	National Archives
Mar. 31	3-4 pm	Bystander Intervention to Stop LGBTQIA+ Harassment	Hollaback!
Mar. 31-Apr 1	10:30 am - 12:30 pm	Transparency in Library Communication	Amigos Library Services
Apr. 4	1:30-2:30 pm	Tips for Hiring the Right Person	Amigos Library Services
Apr. 6	10 am - 12 pm	Writing for the Web	Amigos Library Services
	12-1 pm	Tools for Locating Primary Sources in Archives and Online	RUSA
	11 am - 12 pm	Leveraging Digital Resources to Inspire Changemakers	Infobase
Apr. 7	1:30-3:30 pm	Library Management: Managing Personnel	Amigos Library Services
Apr. 11	1:30-2:30 pm	Customer Service Basics for Any Librarian	Amigos Library Services
Apr. 12	10 am - 12 pm	Understanding and Assisting Library Patrons on the Autism Spectrum	Amigos Library Services
Apr. 12-13	10 am - 12 pm	Let It Go: Weeding Your Library's Collection	Amigos Library Services
Apr. 13	10-11 am	NCompass Live: Tweak Your Library's Social Media	Nebraska Library Commission
Apr. 14	10-11 am	Servant Leadership in Libraries	Mid-America Library Alliance
Apr. 18	1:30-2:30 pm	Publishing Your First LIS Journal Article - Tips for the Beginner	Amigos Library Services
Apr. 20	10-11 am	NCompass Live: Starting a Board Game Club at a Small Library	Nebraska Library Commission
	12-1 pm	Broadband Improvements: Free Planning Tools for Libraries	WebJunction
	1-2 pm	Library Patrons' Privacy: How to Navigate Concerns with Emerging Technology	Niche Academy
	2-4 pm	Streamlining Library Workflows and Processes	Amigos Library Services
Apr. 25	1:30-2:30 pm	Wakelet and Padlet for Libraries	Amigos Library Services
Apr. 26	1-2 pm	Steps to Stay Safe from Cyber Threats	Indiana State Library
	1-2 pm	Top 3 Tools Tour	US Census Bureau
May 5	1:30-2:30 pm	Beginning Genealogy - Free Resources	Amigos Library Services
May 11		Amigos Member Conference 2022: Building the New Library Team	Amigos Library Services
	12-1 pm	Design and Marketing for Libraries Webinar	RUSA

Meet this issue's Featured Library Employee for the Missouri Library Association, Pam Stone!

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

Pam Stone, Library Associate- Branch Lead at the Holts Summit Public Library.

I have the opportunity to oversee the day to day operations of the library. I enjoy working with our awesome staff and our friendly patrons.

The Holts Summit Public Library is the newest branch to join the Daniel Boone Regional Library System (DBRL).

People love the library so much that they passed the proposition during the pandemic to make it a permanent staple in the community.

What originally got you interested in working at a library?

I love working with people. This library has an open floor plan with a welcoming feel once you step inside. When I first entered the building, it felt like I was at home and knew this was the place I wanted to be.

I have lived in this area for over 20 years and felt like there was always a need for a library in Holts Summit. The bookmobile stop we had before the branch was opened was very popular.

What keeps you coming back every day?

Our patrons. When I first started, our Associate Director said to me that libraries build communities. I try to remember that every day when I go to work. At the end of the day, it is about making a difference. I love being able to connect with our patrons and share the resources that we have. There is no greater feeling than signing someone up for a new library card or helping a child find new, exciting books to read.

What's challenging about your work?

The pandemic. It continues to throw us many curve balls. Like everyone else we continue to rise to the challenge, whether it is switching to virtual programs, creating take and make kits to hand to our patrons, offering curbside services, or increasing access to our digital services. I feel support every day from the staff at DBRL, from the board and director to the managers and my fantastic coworkers. It really does take a village, and DBRL is full of talented individuals who make a difference. When that is recognized by our fabulous patrons with pictures, smiles, and notes, that's what keeps us going, even on the tough days. One of my favorite messages the library has received: "I believe in you, unicorns and the library."

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

The thing that I have been both awestruck and passionate about lately is our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Program. Since it has launched we have had over 1,500 kiddos participate in the program.

It is great for the staff to receive feedback when a child comes in to claim their prize. To see the smile on their face and the pride of achievement, is priceless for me.

I hope they will be lifelong readers!

Who is one of your mentors?

I have many mentors professionally that I get to work with on a daily basis. I am grateful to each one of them to help me be a better version of myself and the role I perform every day.



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On a personal level, it is my mom and my daughter. My mom has been through bouts of cancer and a week in the ICU from Covid. She tries to find something good every day and does so with grace. My daughter is a professional with 2 kids and teaches me how to rise to life's challenges and still bring sunshine every day.

What book, author, artist, show, or music are you engaging with this week, either personally or professionally?

I just finished "Welcome to Dunder Mifflin" by Brian Baumgartner and Ben Silverman. If you loved The Office, it is a great back story behind the #1 binge-watched series during the pandemic. It explains why it still resonates with people today even though it ended in 2013. If you want some humor during this cold winter season, I encourage you to check it out.

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

Your public library provides you with more resources than you think. If it has been a while since you have visited the library, please check out your local library. For everyone who works in a library, thank you for all you do.

2 of my favorite quotes:

"See the good all-around you even if you have to squint."

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."



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

Imagine their surprise!



Amigos Members Selected for Digital POWRR Cohort

As a partner in Digital POWRR, Amigos solicited applications from member libraries to form a cohort. Amigos [congratulates the member libraries](#) participating in the "Digital POWRR Peer Assessment Program: Empowering Collective Evaluation and Action" grant!

Participants in the Amigos cohort include:

- Sylvia Sanchez, Digital Archivist, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
- Amy Moorman, Archivist, Avila University
- Kristin Clark, Digital Curator, Texas Woman's University
- Tara Zachary Laver, Senior Archivist, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.
- Rebecca Benson, Adjunct Instruction Librarian, St. Louis Community College
- Casey Westerman, College Archivist and Librarian, Agnes Scott College

Thanks to funding from the IMLS, this important grant is helping advance digital preservation practices among under-resourced organizations.

New York Public Library Continues Development of SimplyE

In January, the New York Public Library posted [another update](#) focused on fixing bugs, including audiobook player crashing, searchbox character requirements, HTTP protocol, and more.

Amigos Library Services Welcomes Four New SimplyE Libraries

Amigos is pleased to welcome [four new libraries](#) to its SimplyE hosting service. They join as part of the TSLAC E-Read Texas program, which expands e-book and audiobook access to Texas public libraries serving populations of under 100,000 residents.

Save the Date!

May 11 is Amigos Member Conference 2022: Building the New Library Team

Motivating and retaining staff. Recruiting new staff. Navigating new ways of working. And developing the skills for new services.

Changes in the workplace and workforce have made building the new library team more important than ever. This is the time for managers, staff, and job seekers to think together about what will be needed for the future.

Join the 2022 Amigos Member Conference on Wednesday, May 11 to explore the new library staffing landscape. Session topics are likely to include motivating staff, new ways of working, recruitment strategies, retention programs, retooling positions, staff development/training, and more.

For conference updates and more information visit the conference homepage: www.amigos.org/teambuilding.

Looking For Ways to Save on E-Resources?

Amigos-negotiated discounts with vendor partners help member libraries provide access to high quality e-resources. View the full list of vendors to learn more about each partner and their offerings. [Current Vendor List](#)

Learn about Affordable Streaming Media Options from Docuseek

Join Docuseek, the premier streaming resource for exclusive social-issue independent film, for [free webinars](#) in March and learn about the latest offerings libraries can use for online learning with affordable streaming media.

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PLAY Touch Table Launched Using Friends Group Donation

Bellevue Public Library in Iowa recently added a [PLAY touch table](#) with a donation from their Friends group. Library Director Marian Meyer says the feedback from patrons and staff has been terrific and everyone loves the educational, multi-player games for all age groups. The library [posted a demo video](#) of their new table.

After-Mouse, creators of the PLAY Touch Table, is an Amigos vendor partner through [Discount Direct](#). The 32" PLAY interactive touch table provides an educational, fun, interactive experience for people of all ages, starting at age 3. Users choose from a portfolio of up to 21 multi-touch games and the table allows up to four players simultaneously. The table provides a unique experience that is collaborative and social for both children and adults.



Continuing Education Opportunities

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:

- [Changing Standards, Local Choices: Navigating the Current Cataloging Landscape](#)
- [Facing the Future of Resource Sharing](#)
- [Adventures in Archives](#)
- [What Will We Keep: Creating the Next Remix of Library Services](#)

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 pm.-2:30 pm CDT. [Register today!](#)

- [TikTok at Your Library](#) March 21
- [Camera Ready - Quick Library Video Tips and Takes](#) March 28
- [Tips for Hiring the Right Person](#) April 4
- [Customer Service Basics for Any Librarian](#) April 11
- [Publishing Your First LIS Journal Article - Tips for the Beginner](#) April 18
- [Wakelet and Padlet for Libraries](#) April 25
- [Beginning Genealogy - Free Resources](#) May 5

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!](#)

- [Introduction to Scholarly Metrics](#) March 28, 2-4 pm
- [Transparency in Library Communication](#) March 31 – April 1, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
- [Writing for the Web](#) April 6, 10 am - 12 pm *Early bird registration ends 3/15*
- [Library Management: Managing Personnel](#) April 7, 1:30 - 3:30 pm *Early bird registration ends 3/16*
- [Let It Go: Weeding Your Library's Collection](#) April 12 – 13, 10 am - 12 pm *Early bird registration ends 3/21*
- [Understanding and Assisting Library Patrons on the Autism Spectrum](#) April 12, 10 am - 12 pm *Early bird registration ends 3/21*
- [Streamlining Library Workflows and Processes](#) April 20, 2-4 pm *Early bird registration ends 3/29*

Joplin Public Library

Library Welcomes New Staff to Key Positions

On Dec. 13, 2021, the Joplin Public Library welcomed Justin Kelly as its new information technology manager, and on Jan. 31, 2022 the library added Lori Crockett as its new public relations/marketing assistant.

Both positions are key roles for the library, and each come with exciting opportunities and challenges. Kelly is responsible for coordinating and managing the library's computers, telecommunications, and audiovisual and security technology. Additionally, he will work collaboratively with other department managers to make sure technology needs are being met and will oversee the management of the library's computer lab. Crockett will help implement the library's marketing plan, work to enhance awareness of the library, and strive to build great relationships inside and outside of the library building.



Justin Kelly, new IT manager

Kelly's two decades of experience in consulting and IT management, combined with his educational experience and problem-solving skillset, make him an ideal fit for his new position. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in 3D Modeling and Animation from the Academy of Art in San Francisco and has worked in the areas of telecommunications, aerospace, and education.

Crockett's work experience, education, and professional skillset make her an outstanding addition to the library team. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Marketing degree from Missouri State University, with an emphasis in advertising and promotion. Her most recent work in photography, graphic design, and social media marketing have helped her build key skills that will benefit the library.

"I am thrilled to be joining the library team," said Crockett. "I look forward to continuing their efforts to make our library an accessible resource for the community."



Lori Crockett, new PR/Marketing Assistant

Kelly steps into a role previously filled by Lee Cushing, who is enjoying retirement after 18 years with the library. Crockett takes over for Chelsey Gatewood, who moved out of state with her family.

New STEM and Art Club Added to Programming Line Up

In the fall of 2021 and winter of 2022, the Children's Department at the Joplin Public Library introduced two new programs: Saturday STEM club and a Young Artists club.

Both programs came to fruition after a break in programming due to COVID-19. Prior to the pandemic, the Children's Department offered a full slate of programs that made new additions a challenge. As we planned for the return to in-person events in fall of 2021, the Children's Staff reflected on past program requests, patron interests, and staff talents.

Both clubs meet once a month. Our Saturday STEM club is open to children ages 5-12 and their families and is designed as a self-paced, hands-on learning experience. A staff member facilitates the program and visits with families, providing advice when asked, but the children are encouraged to learn through experimentation. This program format has helped create an atmosphere of collaboration and learning from mistakes. Children with more knowledge of a certain STEM activity or toy can share their expertise with others. Conversely, children with little background in a particular area can test out the different tools to determine what they like. The Children's Department staff seeks to offer a range of both high and low-technology games and activities.

Current items in rotation include Snap Circuits, gear and motor sets, Bloxels, engineering coasters, and light and shadow activities.



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Club attendee painting with salt and watercolor

Our Young Artists club is open to children ages 8-12 and is both staffed and more structured. The group focuses on a different art style or artist each month through a presentation and picture book biography. The participants can then create their own piece in the highlighted style. Recent topics and activities have included abstract art using salt and watercolor and mixed media collages inspired by Frida Kahlo. The hands-on portion of the program is self-led, and participants can create what they choose using the available materials. The participants then regroup to share their pieces with one another. The relaxed, close-knit nature of this club has lent itself well to peer encouragement and artistic exploration. Both programs have been successful in terms of attendance and interest, and the Children's Department plans to offer both through the spring.



Mid-Continent Public Library

Mid-Continent Public Library Launches New Early Literacy App

In January, Mid-Continent Public Library launched a new app designed to help caregivers engage in constructive, enriching, and fun literacy activities with their children. Free to download from the iOS App Store and the Google Play Store, MCPL's Grow A Reader app focuses on developing children's pre-reading skills so they can become strong readers and lifelong learners.

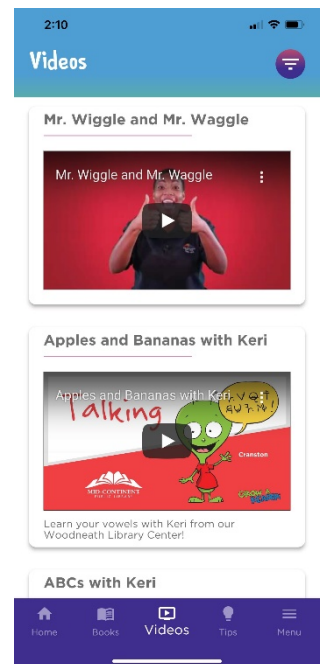
Through videos, books, and daily literacy tips, caregivers and their children can use Grow A Reader to work on 10 early literacy skills: Singing and rhyming; playing and imagining; writing and creating; talking and listening; and reading and sharing. The app's user experience can be customized by a child's age (baby, toddler, or preschool age), and contains content curated by Library staff and updated regularly. Some content is available in both English and Spanish.

The Books tab in the app allows users to find suggestions of titles and put books on hold to pick up at their local MCPL branch. The Videos tab offers videos of MCPL staff members leading songs, games, and activities that caregivers and children can enjoy and replicate at home to further practice literacy skills. The Tips tab provides unique ideas of how to support your child's learning, such as "Reading is everywhere! Point out print all around you. Street signs, billboards, and grocery stores all have words printed everywhere."

Grow A Reader users can also access other Library services and resources within the app, including Dial-A-Story, an audio recording of a storytime with an MCPL staff member (stories are updated monthly); and a list of upcoming MCPL programs for kids.

The Grow A Reader app will also soon be home to MCPL's signature series of children's books featuring the Library's mascot, Marty the Martian. Written by Bridget Heos and illustrated by Dan Regan, the five books in the series will be released in the coming months, each focusing on a different set of early literacy skills. App users will have first access to the digital version of the books. Check back for more information about the series this spring.

More information about MCPL's early literacy resources, programs, and services is at mymcpl.org/Kids.



Mid-Continent Public Library's Grow A Reader app

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Mid-Continent Public Library's Access Wellness Kit

Library Lends Wellness Kits, Partners with Health Departments for 'Access Wellness'

Earlier this year, Mid-Continent Public Library launched **Access Wellness**, a new initiative focused on supporting the health and wellness of area residents. The project is funded by an American Rescue Plan grant administered by the Missouri State Library*. The service offers free health-focused classes led by local experts, including staff from the Clay, Jackson, and Platte County Health Departments; and links to Library resources focused on various health topics.

As part of Access Wellness, the Library has also begun lending Access Wellness Kits. These kits are equipped with four health monitoring devices: A blood pressure cuff, pulse oximeter, forehead thermometer, and scale. The kits are available for 2-week checkouts with a Library card and can be reserved through the Library's online catalog. Each kit also contains a list of free or low-cost local healthcare services. The Wellness Kits will help customers to take a more active role in managing their health, and empower them with knowledge and information about their own body.

"Our Access Wellness Kits are a great tool if you're preparing for an upcoming doctor's appointment, if you're checking how well you're managing a chronic illness, or if you simply want to take a moment to learn more about your health," said Bryan Gash, MCPL's Chief Technology Officer. "We want to expand the community's access to information that can help them make informed decisions about their health."

Access Wellness programs and referrals to health-related Library and community resources are linked on the Library's Access wellness website at mymcpl.org/Wellness.

**MCPL's Access Wellness initiative is made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.*



Follow Our Strategic Planning Progress

As part of our current strategic plan, MOBIUS is making it easier for members to track our real-time progress in meeting our yearly goals and objectives. The MOBIUS Executive Director and staff members will be providing regular updates as progress is made using Trello. We hope this helps members understand how our day-to-day work at the office and the work of our Board of Directors is tied into our long-term goals. You can view the Trello Board on our MOBIUS website on our strategic plan page at mobiusconsortium.org/strategic-plan or directly at trello.com/b/hL5Fbp73/mobius-strategic-plan-fy2022-2024-year-one-progress

New Professional Development and Training Committee

In an effort to better serve the needs of our members and increase opportunities for professional development, networking, and training, MOBIUS has formed a new Professional Development and Training Committee. The new committee will work closely with MOBIUS staff, other committees, collaborate with outside groups, and leverage member expertise to provide programming tailored to member needs. To learn more about the committee and see the current membership, visit the [committee page](#).

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MOBIUS Supports Open Access Infrastructure through SCOSS/Sherpa Romeo

Recognizing that Open Access is an important tool in creating a more equitable system for disseminating scientific research and the importance of supporting the underlying infrastructure that facilitates Open Access publishing, MOBIUS has committed \$5,000 to support Sherpa Romeo through The Global Sustainability Coalition for Open Science Services (SCOSS) funding structure for OA infrastructure.

Sherpa Romeo is an online resource that aggregates and analyses publisher open access policies from around the world and provides summaries of publisher copyright and open access archiving policies on a journal-by-journal basis. This service helps researchers navigate the complexities and differing rights granted under publisher policies, enabling them to select publishers that most align with their needs. Information on this project can be found at <https://v2.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo>.

Providing support for this resource furthers our strategic planning goal to “continue exploring initiatives in open education and open access.” It also helps ensure that this service will continue to be a benefit to MOBIUS members as they become more involved in supporting Open Access publishing on their campuses over the coming years.

MOSS (MOBIUS Open Source Solutions)

In Evergreen services, MOBIUS began the migration process with NOBLE, the North of Boston Library Exchange consortium, to host their consortium's Evergreen instance. MOBIUS staff performed a migration for the Nantahala Regional Library to join the NC Cardinal consortium. NC Cardinal also renewed its contract with MOBIUS for another few years. MOBIUS is in talks with several other consortia and libraries about moving to our MOSS service. Staff members also continue to be very active in the larger Evergreen users community.

ArchivesSpace is a web application, created by archivists, for archives and other cultural heritage organizations to manage and present information digitally. MOBIUS hosts three library systems on our ArchivesSpace MOSS offering, is in the process of migrating one more, and continues to work with two other systems to migrate in the near future. We also upgraded the underlying server architecture in order to improve performance and are exploring training options.

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. MOBIUS will have a booth at the Public Library Association (PLA) conference in Portland, Oregon, March 23-25, to promote MOSS services. Be sure to stop by and say hello if you are attending PLA!

For more information on MOSS and what we offer, please visit our newly updated webpages at mobiusconsortium.org/moss.



Springfield-Greene County Library District

Gay Wilson Named Development Director



Gay Wilson, who joined The Library as Planning & Development Librarian 11 years ago, was named Development Director to oversee local gift giving and grant writing for the Library Foundation. Gay will continue to do grant writing for government grants that she did in her previous role. She succeeds Melissa Adler, who left in June. Community Relations Director Kathleen O'Dell will take over Gay's role as Friends of the Library Liaison. Before joining The Library, Gay served as director of the Webster County Library District for seven years, and Library Technician at CoxHealth Libraries for nine years. But Gay has a longer history with our district. She worked as a clerk in the Technical Services Department and Reference Assistant at the Main Library (now Midtown Carnegie Branch) from 1981–1986.

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Library Takeout Kits Keep Connections with Library

Library branches kept families connected to their library even when they stayed close to home, thanks to Takeout Kits they could pick up at the drive-up windows or inside branches. Patron Michael Summers tagged the Library in a Facebook post: “We are always so thankful for our Springfield-Greene County Library District for the resources they make available for kids and families! Thanks to our friends at the Strafford branch, we spent the morning doing a ‘Library Takeout’ activity. We made ‘starfinders’ to learn about several constellations and pinwheels to learn about the Pinwheel Galaxy!”



Civil War Symposium Focuses on Ozarks’ Battles

A winter symposium, The American Civil War and Life in Southwest Missouri, featured Springfield-area historians, authors and musical guests over five sessions at the Library Center in January and February. The symposium also spotlighted research and stories from the recent book by library Local History Associate John Rutherford and Missouri State University Professor Emeritus William Piston, “‘We Gave Them Thunder:’ Marmaduke’s Raid and the Civil War in Missouri and Arkansas.” About 200 people attended the symposium. Rutherford and Piston were joined by Local History Associate Michael Price, who discussed the history of the Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield Foundation, and Wilson’s Creek Curator Jeff Patrick, who discussed his book, “Campaign for Wilson’s Creek: The Fight for Missouri Begins,” and wove anecdotes and colorful stories about the Greyhounds: The First Iowa Infantry and the Campaign for Wilson’s Creek. The final event featured dramatic readings from letters and journals written after Wilson’s Creek and regional battles, and piano and vocal performances of Civil War-era music. The video recordings were posted to the [Library’s YouTube page](#)

Fix-It Fair Puts 43 ‘Brokens’ Back to Work

A winter Fix-It Fair at the Midtown Carnegie Branch Library helped put 43 broken lamps, bicycles and one hair barrette back in commission for 30 happy customers. One patron brought a 26-year-old hair barrette that she purchased in Russia, on a trip to adopt her now-adult daughter. It had tremendous sentimental value. One of our volunteer fixers was able to use the soldering iron in our Maker Space to make the repairs. She put it in her hair as soon as it was fixed. The recurring project is co-sponsored with Community Partnership of the Ozarks.



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Mask Giveaway Sparks Mass Appeal

We had them. Then we didn't. Then we got more. And then they were gone. That's the way it went as the 10 libraries made free surgical masks available to all comers, courtesy the Springfield-Greene County Health Department. People arrived in waves to get free boxes of the surgical masks and thermometer kits, and overwhelmed many branches even after the supplies were gone. When supplies were depleted, health department officials sent more, often 10,000 at a time, to send out to branches. The Library District distributed an estimated 30,000 masks in a single week. Library staff witnessed lines of mask hunters five cars deep at drive-up windows.



Library Shares Priorities with Lawmakers

Executive Director Regina Greer Cooper was among the CEOs taking part in the Springfield Metro Partnership visit with Gov. Mike Parson and area legislators in Jefferson City on Wednesday, Jan. 26. The annual Salute to Legislators gave Regina and area leaders a chance to talk about individual and group priorities with the lawmakers. Springfield-area legislative priorities include reauthorization of the Fast Track Workforce Incentive Program, allocation of ARPA, or American Rescue Plan Act funds for our region, infrastructure investment and expansion of broadband throughout the state, and preservation of nonpartisan local elections. Where libraries and the arts are concerned, the partnership supports funding from the Non-Resident Professional Athletes and Entertainers Tax and the distribution of those funds as intended, without budgetary constraints or withholdings, including allocation to the Missouri Cultural Trust. The partnership also endorses the restoration of state aid to libraries and REAL (Remote Electronic Access for Libraries) monies to FY 2015 levels.

Heirloom Seed Library Expands to Three Branches

The Heirloom Seed Library reopened Feb. 1 for the season at the Library Station, Midtown Carnegie Branch Library and, for the first time, the Schweitzer Brentwood Branch Library. People can check out packets of flower, herb, veggie and Ozarks native plant seeds. Planting instructions are included with all packets. This year the Heirloom Seed Library collection was funded or donated by Farmers Gastropub, Central High School Botanical Society, Springfield Community Gardens, Watershed Committee of the Ozarks and Walmart.



St. Charles City-County Library

Cliff View Self Service Hours Help a Busy Mom and Student

The St. Charles City-County Library provides an option that allows customers to spend a few extra hours each week browsing, studying or working. The Cliff View Branch in Wentzville, MO offers unstaffed Self Service Hours. Customers have the option to access the branch outside of the times that it is open to the public.

Eligible library card holders can request access to Cliff View Self Service Hours by visiting any branch to register and verify their contact information, then agreeing to the program's terms and conditions. Once registered, they can use their approved library card to enter the branch during Self Service Hours. When Cliff View Branch customer Lindsay discovered Self Service Hours, she "literally almost cried". This busy mom, nurse, and student uses the library as a quiet study area, and the early morning and Sunday hours give her the flexibility to use the branch when she has time.



Customers like Lindsay can browse the collection, pick up holds, check out their items, connect to WiFi and public computers, print/fax/scan documents and utilize quiet study areas independently. They have access to most areas in the building, including restrooms, and are monitored remotely through cameras inside and outside of the building.

"Every minute is valuable," Lindsay says, "and Self Service Hours are easy." In the past, she could sometimes find a coffee shop or restaurant that allowed her to work, but she felt obligated to buy food or drink, and the constant traffic made for a distracting environment. The library's expanded hours allow her to work in a comfortable space with great WiFi that's completely free. Lindsay has also discovered the convenience of stopping in to pick up holds during Self Service Hours.

While Self Service Hours are available only at the Cliff View Branch at this time, the Library hopes that the program can be successfully duplicated at other locations in the future. Find out more about Cliff View Self Service Hours and user eligibility requirements at mylibrary.org/self-service-hours.



St. Louis County **Library**

COVID-19 Test Kits Available at 7 County Library Branches

St. Louis County Library is temporarily expanding COVID-19 test kit distribution to 7 branches starting Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Due to the current demand for testing, the St. Louis County Department of Public Health is providing up to 100 kits per day at each participating branch, while supplies last. Kits can only be reserved by calling 314-994-3300, in-person reservations will not be accepted. Kits will be available for curbside pick-up at the designated branch.

Participating branches include:

- Cliff Cave Branch, 5430 Telegraph Road, St. Louis, MO 63129
- Grant's View Branch, 9700 Musick Road, St. Louis, MO 63123

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- Lewis & Clark Branch, 9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63136
- Meramec Valley Branch, 1501 San Simeon Way, Fenton, MO 63026
- Oak Bend Branch, 842 S. Holmes Ave., St. Louis, MO 63122
- Rock Road Branch, 10267 St. Charles Rock Road, St. Ann, MO 63074
- Weber Road Branch 4444 Weber Road St. Louis, MO 63123

Each test kit comes with detailed instructions. Test kits must be returned to a Department of Public Health Center drop-off site for processing and analysis.

COVID-19 Drop Off Sites (Monday-Thursday 8:00-4:30 p.m., Friday 8:00-2:30 p.m.)

- John C. Murphy Health Center, 6121 North Hanley Berkeley, MO 63134
- North Central Community Health Center, 4000 Jennings Station Rd., Pine Lawn, MO 63121
- South County Health Center, 4580 South Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63127

The County Library hosts weekly COVID-19 vaccine clinics at four branches. Information about library vaccine clinics is [available here](#).

For more information about COVID-19 test kits, please contact [St. Louis County Department of Public Health](#) or call the Library at 314-994-3300.

Media inquiries should be directed to Jennifer McBride, St. Louis County Library Communications Manager, jmcbride@slcl.org or 314-994-3300 ext. 2250.

St. Louis County Library & Urban League Host Love of Reading Event



St. Louis County Library and the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis are launching a new partnership to support early literacy for students ages 3-5 at the Head Start in Jennings, MO. SLCL will provide a selection of new readalong books (picture books preloaded with an audio recording of the book), headphones, and activity kits to students each month to help encourage a love of reading. The program is made possible through a \$30,000 grant from Citi.

The program kicked off with a special outdoor event on **Monday, February 14 at 10:30 a.m.** During the event, students received their books and enjoyed special activities including story time and giveaways. There was also a visit from the St. Louis County Library bookmobile.

"The Urban League is grateful for this opportunity to partner with the St. Louis County Library to bring this hi-tech, hi-touch literacy opportunity to our Head Start children," said Michael P. McMillan, President and CEO of the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis. "We know that instilling a love of reading has a tremendous impact on lifelong learning so this initiative is very timely for our early learners."

St. Louis County Library Director & CEO, Kristen Sorth said, "Capturing the imagination of young readers is the key to developing early literacy skills. Through the incredible world of these fun and dynamic stories, the readalong books help strengthen reading skills and build confidence. We are so grateful to Citi for making this opportunity possible and are thrilled to partner with the Urban League."

According to the organization [Zero to Three](#), the definition of early literacy is what children know about communication, verbal and nonverbal language, reading, and writing before they can actually read and write. The period between birth and five-years-old is the time to lay the foundation for future success in school. Readalong books help improve literacy skills by making reading fun and interactive. Kids simply press a button, listen to the story and read along. Each student will receive their own pair of headphones—allowing them to listen at their own pace.

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The collection of readalong books delivered to the school will include over 35 different titles featuring diverse characters and stories such as “I Am Enough” by Grace Byers, “You Matter” by Christian Robinson, and “Mixed Me” by Taye Digs. Each title will be paired with an interactive activity that incorporates reading, play, writing and talking—strategies to build strong readers. For example, “It Came in the Mail” will include a toy mailbox and items that kids can “mail” to each other.

St. Louis County Library offers a variety of early literacy resources for families, educators and caregivers. Learn more at www.slcl.org/early-literacy.

Media inquiries should be directed to Jennifer McBride, Communications Manager at 314-994-3300 ext. 2250.

Check Out a Fort Building Kit from St. Louis County Library

Check out a fort building kit from St. Louis County Library and take your creative play to the next level! Starting February 15, SLCL will offer fort building kits for check out at all 20 branches. The kits are recommended for ages 5 years and older and can be checked out for 14 days. Each kit contains plastic tubes and connectors, as well as instructions to create a variety of different shapes and structures. The completed design can be covered with a sheet or blanket for maximum fun. Visit www.slcl.org to reserve a kit or call 314-994-3300.

Fort building kits from SLCL are a great way for kids to practice hands-on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) skills. Kids can design and build their ultimate fort with help from adults, siblings or friends. The kits provide opportunities to problem solve and communicate while working towards a common goal. Each kit contains 120 pieces and a portable bag for use indoors or outdoors.

SLCL offers a variety of items to help beat the winter doldrums or to liven up a rainy day. In addition to books, music and movies, patrons can use their library card to check out [portable projectors](#), [musical instruments](#), [telescopes](#), [binoculars](#), puzzles, [board games](#), [Read & Play kits](#), and more.

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



Black History Month Programming in Public Libraries

The Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA) received a planning grant (LG-246429-OLS-20) from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to begin exploring the current state of Black History Month (BHM) programming offered at public libraries. While most public libraries across the United States conduct some programming during BHM, there has never been a systematic study to assess the content, scope, target age groups, and focus of that programming. The planning grant brought together partners from key American Library Association divisions and offices, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the University of Michigan’s Program for Research on Black Americans (PRBA), and other experts in the field to explore and catalogue current BHM programming.

Two key deliverables from the grant were a comprehensive literature review and a taxonomy of BHM programming. The literature review covered 95 years to encompass programming during Negro History Week and Black History Month. While reviewing the literature for types of programming offered in public libraries and the social context of the libraries in communities, three substantive time periods emerged. The Early Years (1926 – the mid-1960s) was a period of segregation in American libraries. The Growth Years



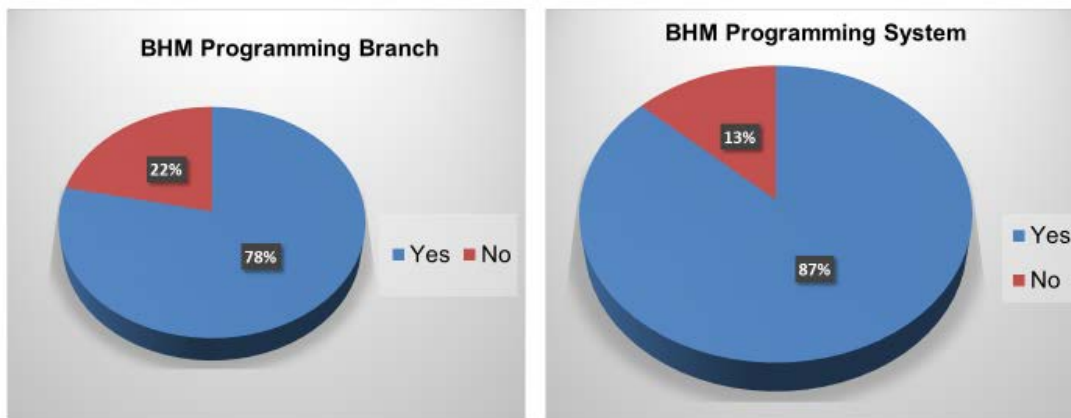
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(the late 1960s – 1999) was a period of growth for both BHM and libraries. The 21st Century Outlook (the 2000s) was and is a period of conversations and debate about BHM.

The Taxonomy of BHM Programming was developed from an online survey of librarians. Two hundred seventy-nine people completed the survey: 164 librarians from local branch libraries and 115 librarians from District/County System libraries. While the respondents were not chosen systematically, our findings are important because it was the first attempt to assess BHM programming in public libraries. The results should be considered preliminary until a representative national survey can be conducted. The BHM taxonomy allows librarians to evaluate the kinds of BHM programming they offer and see if there is too much reliance on one type of programming. For librarians not doing BHM programming, it gives them a quick idea of what is possible.

You can find an overview of the literature review and the taxonomy on our website that was launched in February 2022:

<https://blackhistorymonth.bcala.org/>. In addition, you can review some of our key findings from the online survey. For instance, while we thought virtually all public libraries held BHM programs, we found that 22% of the respondents from Branch libraries and 13% of respondents from District/County System libraries DID NOT conduct BHM programming.



The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), originally founded by Dr. Carter G. Woodson in 1915 as the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, designates the Black History Month theme each year. We asked librarians if they had heard about ASALH's Black History Month theme.

Unfortunately, 86% of the respondents at the local branch and 76% of the librarians at the district/system level said “No.” This points to the need for resources for librarians to use when developing BHM programming. These and other results can be found in the Key Findings section of the website.

You can also find on our website:

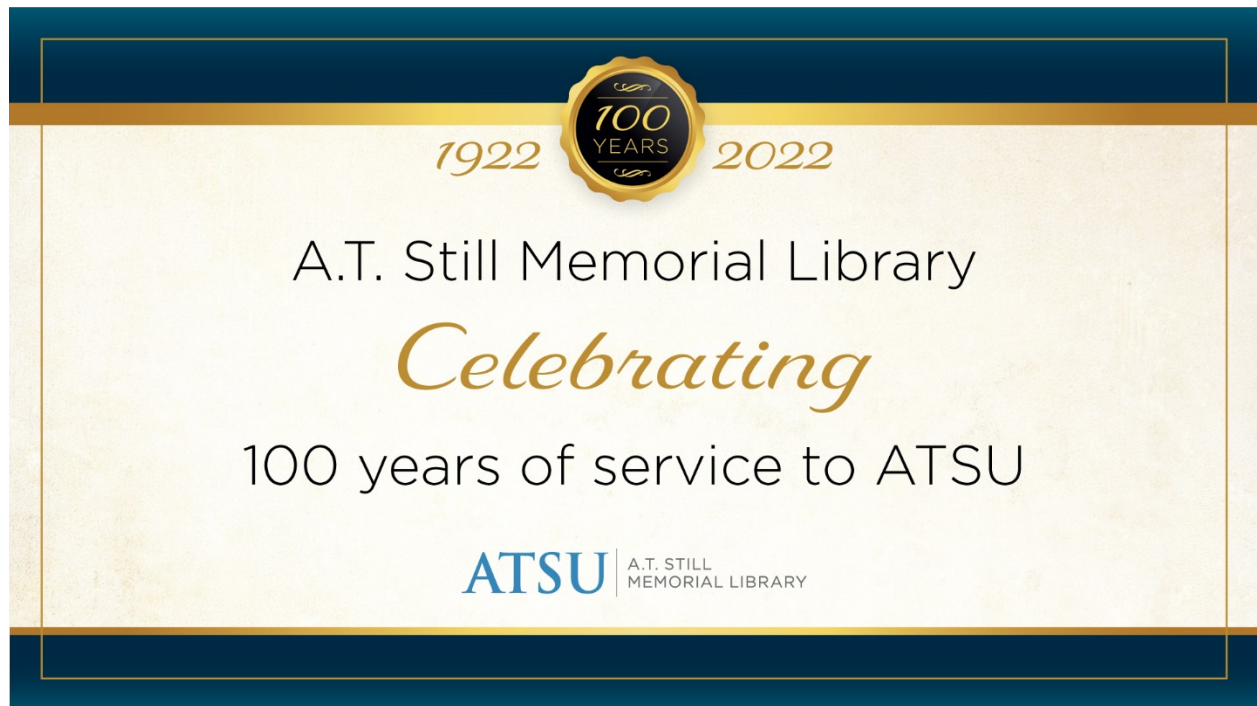
- A BHM and Public Libraries Timeline
- More information on the Literature Review
- The BHM Taxonomy
- BHM Resources
- More information about the grant, the National Advisory Committee, and project team

Also, join us at the 2022 Public Library Association Conference in Portland and come to our session on March 25 at 10:15 a.m. Our session will explore what today's libraries are (and aren't) doing to support BHM, and strategies for libraries to improve or increase their offerings. You will also learn about Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) resources to support BHM programming.

With an increasingly diverse United States population, and an expectation that the U.S. will become a “majority minority” country by 2044, libraries need to offer programming that recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of their increasingly diverse patrons. Given the move to eliminate any teaching of racism or slavery in schools, and efforts to roll back voting rights in several states, it is very timely to offer quality programming that celebrates the contributions of African Americans.

Dr. Grace Jackson-Brown, Missouri State University and Co-Director of Project

Dr. Deborah Robinson, University of Michigan and Co-Director of Project



A.T. Still University

100 Years of Service: A.T. Still Memorial Library

A.T. Still Memorial Library at A.T. Still University is celebrating its centennial in September 2022, from its start in a small room next to the President's suite in the Andrew Taylor Still College of Osteopathy and Surgery; then its merger with the American School of Osteopathy in 1924; to its current locations on A.T. Still University's three campuses in Missouri, Arizona, and California.

Through decades of growth the Library has continually strived to fulfill its mission to "support the training of future health care professionals, and to effectively access and use the best evidence/information available to provide the highest quality of health care possible."

Events are currently being planned to celebrate this milestone anniversary!

Debra Loguda-Summers



Jefferson County Library

Satellite Library Branch Set to Open in Cedar Hill

The Jefferson County Library plans to open a fourth location in Cedar Hill this year, executive director Tony Benningfield said. The library purchased a lot with a 2,400-square-foot building on it at 6780 Mall Drive in Cedar Hill, as well as an adjacent vacant lot for the new satellite location, he said.

He said the board voted unanimously to buy the property, and the library is using money from its reserve account to pay for the purchase.



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Photo courtesy of Google Maps

Benningfield said after looking at a map it was clear there was a need for a satellite location. “There was a large swath of land down to the southwest with thousands of people who had to travel 20 miles to get to even the High Ridge branch. By placing (a branch) out in Cedar Hill, it’s the perfect spot and it cuts the distance in half for any people from Hillsboro and Grandview,” he said.

Benningfield said it will be considered a “satellite branch” because of its smaller size and because it won’t offer as many resources. The new location is one tenth the size of the 24,000-square-foot Northwest Branch of the library.

The library system also has the Northwest Branch is at 5680 Hwy. PP in High Ridge, the Arnold Branch is at 1701 Missouri State Road and the Windsor Branch is at 7479 Metropolitan Blvd. in Barnhart.

Excerpted from an article by Leader Publications Staff Writer Katelyn Mary Skaggs published 1/31/22



Johnson Library and Museum

Johnson Library and Museum Catalog Cards Are Published Online

A digitized version of the Johnson Library Card Catalog is now available [online](#) along with a [finding aid](#). This project was funded through a grant from the Missouri Humanities Council. Missouri State University Associate Professor Andrea Miller, Assistant Professor Raegan Wiechert, Digital Archivist Shannon Mawhiney, and Haley Frizzle-Green (now Archivist with the State Historical Society of Missouri), with the support of Assistant Professor Anne Baker, carried out the grant on behalf of Missouri State University and the Johnson Library and Museum.

The Johnson Library and Museum (JLM) is a hidden jewel—a multi-generational, family library located in Osceola, MO, founded in 1899 by the Neoplatonic bibliophile Thomas Moore Johnson (1851-1919). This collection contains the digitized versions of two card catalogs available for the library, totaling more than 20,000 cards. The first card catalog was commissioned in 1920 and covers the collection of the library’s founder. The second was commissioned in 2000 and covers some of the oldest books in the collection, as well as some volumes added in the decades after Johnson’s death. Work on transcribing the cards to enable complete optical character recognition searching of the cards is ongoing.



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The son of a U.S. senator, Thomas Moore Johnson was born in Osceola, where he served as mayor, prosecuting attorney and school superintendent. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame, which is where his interest in philosophy started. An ardent Platonist, he was actively involved in national and international philosophical and esoteric circles of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. He produced translations, published journals and collected rare books. He corresponded with dozens of intellectuals and prominent figures worldwide, including Henry James Sr., Bronson Alcott, and President Grover Cleveland. Johnson was an attorney by trade, but his true passion involved the translation and dissemination of Platonic philosophy. A prodigious translator of Greek works, Johnson amassed a library of around 8,000 volumes—hundreds of which were printed in the 16th and 17th centuries and covered philosophy, religion, Greek and Latin literature, metaphysics and intellectual history. In 1915, he was hailed by Lt. Governor William Rock Painter as “Missouri’s greatest living man.” He represents the way in which people in the Ozarks have not always been isolated from global concerns but, instead, have maintained connections to ideas that have been central to the humanities across time and space.

The collection was augmented over the years and now contains some 35,000 items. The library remains a part of the family’s history, with Johnson’s grandson, Dr. Thomas Johnson, currently serving as curator and president of the JLM board. To learn more about the JLM, [visit its website](#).

The Missouri Humanities Council (MHC) awarded a grant of \$2,500 to Missouri State University in support of this digitization project, “Public Access to a Private Neoplatonic Library: Digitizing the Johnson Library Card Catalog.” The MHC is the only statewide agency in Missouri devoted exclusively to humanities education for citizens of all ages. It has served as a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities since 1971. For more information about MHC’s grants program, call 314-781-9660 or 800-357-0909, or write to the MHC, 415 S. 18th St., Suite 100, St. Louis, MO 63103.

Article written by Andrea Miller and Raegan Wiechert



Missouri Historical Society

Compact shelving installed at Missouri Historical Society Library

In the fall of 2021, the Missouri Historical Society (MHS) Library had compact shelving installed in the stack area where its St. Louis collections are housed. Since moving to its current location in the historic United Hebrew Temple building over 30 years ago, the library’s collections had outgrown its stack space. The new shelving in this storeroom allows almost double the storage in the same footprint.

This project was made possible through an NEH Infrastructure and Capacity Building Challenge grant and generous matching donations. The shelving vendor was local firm Engineered Shelving, distributor of Montel custom shelving products. Iron Mountain

moved the book collection off the old shelving and onto the new.

Gary Conner of Engineered Shelving also helped MHS meet its zero waste goals by offering to move and store the library’s old shelving, which was not compact but still functional. They delivered and installed the old shelving to two local cultural organizations, including the Griot Museum of Black History. (About 10 sections of shelving are still available. [Contact Gary if interested.](#))

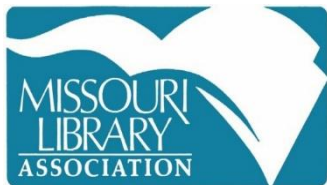
The MHS library staff is very happy with the array of multiple shelf heights and widths to accommodate and better support a wide range of historic print material. And it’s great to have room to shelve new books again! For more details and great pictures, view [Engineered Shelving’s news post](#).



MHS stacks with original shelving



New shelving with room for growth!



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