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President's Column

During my time as MLA President, the most pressing request from the organization has been from new media outlets wanting MLA to weigh in on the intellectual freedom issues that have been on the rise in our state. We have had requests from multiple media outlets including KMOX and KSDK (St. Louis), and the *Christian Science Monitor*. Each asks MLA leadership to explain why there has been such a rise in book bans across the country and what our response is as a profession.

Needless to say, the MLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) has been incredibly active this past year facilitating Intellectual Freedom workshops for library systems around the state, writing letters to school boards protesting the removal of specific titles, and assisting parenting groups protesting censorship in their school system. IFC Chairperson Joe Kohlburn, with assistance from past chair, Tiffany Mautino, and their large committee is dedicated to equipping librarians across the state with information, tools, and support.



Kohlburn commented on recent challenges, "Most of the books challenged are by or about LGBTQ+ people, people of color, or people with disabilities. Anecdotally, the biggest two reasons I've seen books being challenged this year seems to be: 1) an obscenity or pornography charge, which usually boils down to discussing the sex lives of queer people, or demonstrating some form of sex education around women's bodies; or 2) related to Critical Race Theory, which can be anything from Black history to more critical projects like *The 1619 Project* book. If the two topics are combined, that's when things escalate.

"There is actually some ongoing research about this," he continued. "It's tied into the same problem around the Great Resignation, where teachers are leaving the profession in droves and parents were trapped at home with their kids during the pandemic. Because of that, parents were under the same amount of stress that teachers are always normally under, and were forced to pay more attention to the books their kids are reading. There are also organized efforts like 'No Left Turn in Education' that are actively trying to stoke outrage among parent groups around cultural issues, and using historically marginalized populations and literature that features characters with LGBTQ+/ BIPOC identities as scapegoats."

Though MLA doesn't have a reporting structure for challenges, IFC recommends reporting them directly to ALA's Office of Intellectual Freedom. Anyone can reach out to the MLA-IFC for challenge support, scheduling a workshop, or anything else pertinent to intellectual freedom at intellectualfreedom@molib.org.

Thank you to Joe, Tiffany, and all the members of the IFC. I appreciate the important work your committee is doing on behalf of MLA.

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2022 MLA Annual Conference



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MISSOURI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 28–30, 2022

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This year your Missouri Library Association conference is focused on reconnection. We want you to envision what's next for your library, engage your staff, and empower your users. **We are committed to providing attendees the opportunity to discover new ideas, share experiences and innovate together for better libraries.**

[Oasis Hotel & Convention Center](#) Springfield, Mo.

NOTE: You will need to specify both your CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT DATES on the website to see room type availability. Group number: MR08N8

You may also book with the hotel directly at 417-866-5253.

Early bird registration ends: Friday, August 19

Room reservation deadline: Friday, August 26

Conference registration deadline: September 14

Exhibitor registration for the MLA 2022 Conference is now open! Be a vendor! View our [Vendor Prospectus](#) and register at bit.ly/mlavendors

Performer registration [here](#) for the MLA 2022 Performer's Showcase!

This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience with your fellow librarians in Missouri! Showcase an event or program your library is doing, illustrate a problem your institution faced and how you solved it, do a genre presentation, talk about your favorite technology for particular library tasks, highlight the awesome leadership training program you attended...the possibilities are endless!

Conference Coordinators: Katie Hopkins and Jessie East | mla2022sgf@gmail.com | 417-616-0554

PRE-CONFERENCE & CONFERENCE INFORMATION PAGE: molib.wildapricot.org/event-4853760

Calendar of Events

Oh, the things you can learn! These links lead to some of what's available, including descriptions, availability, any registration fees, and possible changes. All times CDT.

Date	Time CT	Event	Sponsor
July 18	1:30-2:30 pm	Know & Go: How to Catalog Kits	Amigos Library Services
July 19	2-3 pm	Dealing with Difficult Behaviors—in Person and Online	Training Magazine Network
July 19	2-3 pm	Creating a Sense of Home and Community Through Food Stories	Mackin
July 19	3-4 pm	SimplyE @ Amigos: An Overview and Demonstration	Amigos Library Services
July 20	10-11 am	Basic Cataloging	Amigos Library Services
July 20	1-2 pm	Sustainable Thinking for the Future of Libraries	Niche Academy
July 20	1-2 pm	Library Signage 101: Communicate your Message Effectively and Strategically	PCI Webinars
July 20	3-4 pm	Digital Citizenship in Libraries All Year: Planning for the School Year	edWeb
July 21	10 am-12 pm	Introduction to Health Literacy for Libraries	Amigos Library Services
July 21	1-2 pm	Be Prepared! The GNCRT Guide to Addressing Comic Book Bans, Censorship, and Challenges	Booklist
July 21	1:30-2:30 pm	Tools Every Nonprofit Needs to Simplify Their Life	Firespring
July 25	1:30-2:30 pm	Know & Go: Using and Creating Infographics in Libraries	Amigos Library Services
July 25-28	10 am-12 pm	Reference and Information Services	Amigos Library Services
July 25-28	2-3 pm	Intermediate Archives	Amigos Library Services
July 25-29	10 am-12 pm	Basic SQL	Amigos Library Services
July 26	10-11 am	Critical Thinking in the Age of Fake News	Library Journal/SirsiDynamix
July 26	1-2 pm	Open Systems in the Age of Library Services Platforms: A Conversation with Marshall Breeding	Choice
July 27	12-1 pm	Diversity Speaker Series - Believing the Unseen: Invisible Disabilities	UCF Academic Affairs
July 27	1-2 pm	The Post-Pandemic Library: Managing Issues Now That They are Our Daily Routine	Niche Academy
July 28	12-1 pm	Sponsors: How to Find Them & Create a Win-Win	Productive Fundraising
July 28-29	10 am-12 pm	Transparency in Library Communication (Live Online)	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 1	1:30-2:30 pm	Know & Go: STEM Family Programs Inside and Outside the Library	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 1-10	10 am-12 pm	Cataloging & Classification Basics	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 8	1:30-2:30 pm	Know & Go: The Proper Care and Feeding of Authors	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 9	1-2 pm	Building the Innovation Lab: A Technology Playground	ASERL
Aug. 9-10	10 am-12 pm	Creating a Library Marketing Plan	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 9-10	1-3 pm	Introduction to Storytimes and Early Literacy Programming	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 11	1-2 pm	How Libraries Can Grow Voters	YALSA
Aug. 15	1-2 pm	SimplyE: App Interface & Searching	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 15	1:30-2:30 pm	Know & Go: Introduction to Authority Control	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 16	1-2 pm	Cultivating Civility and Resilience in Libraries: Challenges and Solutions	ASERL
Aug. 16	1-2 pm	Most Wanted: Top Tech Tips for Canvas, Google, and Apple	Online Learning Consortium
Aug. 17	1-2 pm	SimplyE: Roles & Library Configuration	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 18-29		Wellness in the Library Workplace	National Library of Medicine
Aug. 22	1:30-2:30 pm	Know & Go: The Art of the Reference Interview	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 22-Sept 15		Beyond an Apple a Day: Providing Consumer Health Information at Your Library	National Library of Medicine
Aug. 24	1-2 pm	Caring for the Mind: Providing Mental Health Information at Your Library	National Library of Medicine
Aug. 24	1-3 pm	Introduction of Library Services to Teens	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 25	10 am-12 pm	Managing the Needs of Library Users with a Personality Disorder	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 29	1-2:30 pm	SimplyE: Statistics	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 29	1:30-2:30 pm	Know & Go: Library Assessment: Gather Data and Acting on It	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 30	2-4 pm	Graphic Design Basics for Librarians	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 31	1-2 pm	SimplyE: Troubleshooting	Amigos Library Services
Aug. 31	1-2:30 pm	Selecting and Implementing Digital Preservation Systems	Lyrasis
Sept. 8		Materials on the Move: Strategies for Delivery, Distribution and Storage (Online Conference)	Amigos Library Services
Sept. 28-29		Missouri Library Association (Springfield, Mo.)	Missouri Library Association

Meet this issue's Featured Library Employee for the Missouri Library Association, John E. Greene!

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

My name is John E. Greene. I'm employed by Mid-Continent Public Library District covering 32+ branch locations throughout Jackson, Clay, and Platte Counties. I coordinate the grounds and landscape for the facilities department proposing, contracting, and outsourcing maintenance programs and projects.



What originally got you interested in working at a library?

Service to my community is what originally got me interested in working at a library, and I've always been drawn to the outdoors, so it's a good combination. As a kid growing up, I spent most of spare time in the public parks near my house. One park encompassed a living history museum and a library. I had free access to it every day and the programs there were inclusive. I'll never forget it.

What keeps you coming back every day?

The art, the science, and the social aspects keep me coming back every day. It is an opportunity to implement beautification that is environmentally sustainable and complimentary to wildlife, pollinators, and people. These aspects encompass the promotion of indigenous plant varieties, water conservation, public outreach, as well as other variables.

What's challenging about your work?

Weeds and weather are two of my biggest challenges. During the growing season, weeds are trying to outcompete selected landscape plants for space, sunlight, water, and nutrients. We pull them by hand and add a mulch layer each year to buffer the soil. It's hard work.

The weather changes daily, so we are always having to readjust our maintenance schedules to get the best possible outcomes. Timing is everything. I also coordinate snow removal in the winter and it's important to be proactive and reactive at the same time which can be challenging.

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

I'm awestruck by the prospective of another person's interpretation and knowledge of the landscape. The public often sees it as very welcoming, and so do I. I like that. It can be very therapeutic.

Who is one of your mentors?

My personal mentor is my mom. She grew up the daughter of a Missouri sharecropper and only one of eleven siblings to graduate from high school. She has set an example of how to overcome adversity through resiliency, determination, and resolve by improving her life and ours. My sisters and I are first-generation college graduates who struggled with reading disabilities most of our early lives. My mom did her best to recruit tutors, enroll us in special reading programs, and introduce us to the local library where we found it accessible and open to our needs. Our reading eventually improved, but we, too, had to persevere. I give her credit, still today, for her courage and fortitude to push us forward.

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.

I've been engaged this week by, *Gold Dust Woman: A Biography of Stevie Nicks*, the audio book about an American girl from the southwest who somewhat, single-handedly, took a fledging British blues band, Fleetwood Mac, to the pinnacle of rock music. Her poetic lyrics, vocal sound, and style, a special force, that only she can bring to the stage.

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

I'm married to my wife, Tina. We enjoy traveling and kayaking, along with our dog, Colt.

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“Who, me?”



You can 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

What a great way of celebrating someone who deserves recognition. We'll do all the work of contacting; we just need you to connect us!

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



CFP Closing Soon! Present at "Materials on the Move: Strategies for Delivery, Distribution and Storage"

Courier and delivery. Shared remote storage. Floating collections. Redesigned resource sharing.

The delivery and distribution of library materials continues to evolve as libraries maximize service and efficiency for users. Finding scalable solutions for storage and sharing of physical library resources requires rethinking collection development, and reciprocal agreements, and long-term planning.

Amigos is [now accepting presentation proposals](#) for the September 8 online conference, "Materials on the Move: Strategies for Delivery, Distribution and Storage." This conference will explore changes and trends in delivery, courier services, distribution, and storage of library materials. If you are interested in sharing your knowledge and experiences, please submit your proposal today!

Internet Librarian 2022 Program and Amigos Discount Code Announced

Internet Librarian 2022 returns to Monterey, California October 18-20 for its 26th annual conference, "Community Impact: Digital Strategies & Partnerships." Members can [save on registration](#) with the Amigos discount code.

Missed "Amigos Member Conference 2022"? Register now for the recordings!

If you missed May's "Amigos Member Conference 2022: Building the New Library Team" live, there's still a chance to catch up on the sessions. [Register](#) today for access to the recordings through November 30, 2023.

Amigos Member Discount Services (MDS)

Rolling Hills Library in St. Joseph Becomes First Missouri and Amigos Member Library to Feature a PLAY Touch Table

[Amigos member Rolling Hills Library](#) in St. Joseph, Missouri, recently became the first library in the state to feature a PLAY table. Library Director Michelle Mears says the patron and staff feedback has been outstanding and they love the many educational, multi-player games.

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Learn About Academic Trends and More in ProQuest Webinars This Summer

ProQuest's webinars are open to anyone with an interest in research, teaching, and learning. They span a range of topics from academic trends to the changing ways students are using information to training and practical tips on how to use ProQuest products. Register for their [summer webinars and trainings](#).

Continuing Education Opportunities

Reference and Information Services

This introduction to the [key concepts and tools](#) in reference and information services helps library staff become comfortable in the application of core reference principles and the use of print and electronic resources.

Cataloging & Classification Basics

From MARC bibliographic, and classification and categorization schemas, to basic copy cataloging, and other areas essential to the cataloging department, this course offers an [in-depth training](#) in cataloging and classification.

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:

- [Amigos Member Conference 2022: Building the New Library Team](#)
- [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 1:30-2:30 pm CDT. Register today!

- [Know & Go: How to Catalog Kits](#) July 18
- [Know & Go: Using and Creating Infographics in Libraries](#) July 25
- [Know & Go: STEM Family Programs Inside and Outside the Library](#) August 1
- [Know & Go: The Proper Care and Feeding of Authors](#) August 8
- [Know & Go: Introduction to Authority Control](#) August 15
- [Know & Go: The Art of the Reference Interview](#) August 22
- [Know & Go: Library Assessment: Gather Data and Acting on It](#) August 29

Upcoming Live Online Classes

Here's a quick look at upcoming Live Online classes. Classes are always being added so be sure to check out our full course schedule! All times are CDT.

- [SimplyE @ Amigos: An Overview and Demonstration](#) July 19, 3-4 pm
- [Basic Cataloging](#) July 20, 10-11 am
- [Introduction to Health Literacy for Libraries](#) July 21, 10 am - 12 pm
- [Reference and Information Services](#) July 25-28, 10 am - 12 pm
- [Intermediate Archives](#) July 25-28, 2-3 pm
- [Basic SQL](#) July 25-29, 10 am - 12 pm
- [Transparency in Library Communication](#) (Live Online) July 28-29, 10 am - 12 pm
- [Cataloging & Classification Basics](#) August 1-10, 10 am - 12 pm

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- [Creating a Library Marketing Plan](#) August 9-10, 10 am - 12 pm
- [Introduction to Storytimes and Early Literacy Programming](#) August 9-10, 1-3 pm
- [SimplyE: App Interface & Searching](#) August 15, 1-2 pm
- [SimplyE: Roles & Library Configuration](#) August 17, 1-2 pm
- [SimplyE: Modifying Metadata](#) August 22, 1-2 pm
- [SimplyE: Lists & Lanes](#) August 24, 1-2 pm
- [Introduction of Library Services to Teens](#) August 24, 1-3 pm
- [Managing the Needs of Library Users with a Personality Disorder](#) August 25, 10 am - 12 pm
- [SimplyE: Statistics](#) August 29, 1-2:30 pm
- [Graphic Design Basics for Librarians](#) August 30, 2-4 pm
- [SimplyE: Troubleshooting](#) August 31, 1-2 pm



Joplin Public Library

Joplin Public Library Provides Anniversary Celebration for the Community



Missouri State legislators present the Library with House and Senate resolutions for 120 year of service

The Joplin Public Library has been providing service to the community since 1902, and on Sunday, June 12, hosted an afternoon open house to provide the community a chance to celebrate and recognize the 120 year milestone. In addition to providing 120 years of service to the community, the Library also celebrated 5 years at their current location on 20th and Connecticut Avenue.

The anniversary celebration was attended by over 350 people, and allowed the Library the opportunity to showcase many of the resources they offer to Joplin and the surrounding communities. Not only do they provide a collection of over 125,000 items, but they boast a cutting-edge Makerspace, offer extensive programs for all age groups, and provide numerous community meeting spaces.

In addition to in-house services, the Library partners with numerous non-profit organizations to provide enhanced service to the community. For example, United Way of Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas was part of the anniversary celebration, with Executive Director Duane Dreiling connecting with attendees and handing out books to children.

Another partner for the event included the Friends of the Joplin Public Library, a new non-profit organization, which recently formed to specifically come alongside the Library as they seek to expand their reach in the community. Through volunteers, fundraising, and advocacy, this organization will help the Library further achieve their goal of “opening tomorrow’s doors today.”

Joplin Public Library credits the Joplin community for making 120 years of service possible. The Library is able to successfully help the community because of the support from the people it serves and the support organizations that serve alongside it. Many thanks to our staff, to our volunteers, and to our community, for the last 120 years. We are ready for our next chapter!



Ten Years of Missouri Evergreen



This year, Missouri Evergreen celebrates its tenth anniversary. For regular public library users, it's the biggest thing to happen to Missouri libraries in decades—even though its behind-the-scenes nature has kept it hidden to most people.

Missouri Evergreen Consortium began in 2011, when the Missouri State Library proposed a plan to establish a statewide network that would allow public libraries to seamlessly share their books, audiobooks, music CDs, and DVD movies with other libraries. Because traditional interlibrary loan methods were slow and labor-intensive, a new model for resource sharing was needed.

Missouri Evergreen was conceived as a group of libraries sharing a single catalog. Library patrons could find and choose the things they wanted, with prompt delivery to their home library, even if the particular item they wanted was in a library collection on the other side of the state. An integrated library system, or ILS, allowed patrons to search and select materials from libraries across the state, and place requests from any computer, at home or at the library, quickly and easily. The statewide courier delivery service would then transport the item to the patron's library, often within a few days.

A committee of library directors was appointed to select an ILS for the new consortium. They chose a platform called Evergreen, an open-source software used by hundreds of libraries in the U.S. and internationally. It's free to download and install, and libraries partner with other organizations to help maintain and improve the ILS and keep it state-of-the-art. The new resource-sharing consortium was named Missouri Evergreen.



On July 1, 2012, Poplar Bluff Municipal Library was the first member to join Missouri Evergreen. Ten other libraries joined Missouri Evergreen in the next year. Over the next ten years, membership grew to include 60 Missouri public libraries, all sharing the same ILS and freely exchanging materials to benefit their patrons. Library users at these libraries can borrow from a collection of 4 million items with a simple click of a button. Missouri Evergreen's combined collection is larger than any other single library collection in the state.

In addition to allowing libraries to easily share their materials, Missouri Evergreen provides smaller libraries an affordable, customer-friendly ILS with modern convenience features like text notifications and reading history; there is even a free mobile app, which allows patrons to search the online catalog, place requests, and check their accounts from their laptops, phones, or other personal devices.

Missouri Evergreen's future is bright. Every public library in Missouri is eligible to join Missouri Evergreen. Over 40% of Missouri's public libraries are currently members, with plans to grow that number to 95% in the coming years. The State Library continues to provide Missouri Evergreen with federal grant funds to keep membership costs low for participating libraries.

The consortium currently includes public libraries of all sizes, from Scenic Regional Library with over 140,000 residents, to Albany Carnegie Library, serving fewer than 1,700, and growing each year. Library users can encourage their local library to join Missouri Evergreen. It's an easy and affordable way for even the smallest library to gain access to a vast number of items from across the state.

Cape Girardeau Public Library

CGPL Celebrates 100 Years

On Wednesday, June 15, the Cape Girardeau Public Library hosted an Open House to celebrate its 100th anniversary.

The centennial event included:

- A ceremonial ribbon cutting with the Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce
- Activities for families, including a station for centennial-themed temporary tattoos, a collaborative mural coloring station and a create-your-own button station
- Library tours, including a “beyond the stacks” look at CGPL's automatic sorting machine and a sneak peek at the upcoming Library of Things collection launch
- Remarks from Library Director Katie Earnhart, Board of Trustees President Stacy Lane, Cape Girardeau Mayor Stacy Kinder and Missouri State Librarian Robin Westphal



Ceremonial ribbon cutting.

“We are grateful for the support of the Cape Girardeau community over the last 100 years and look forward to continuing our outstanding service for years to come,” said Earnhart.



2022 MOBIUS Conference Was a Success!

The 2022 MOBIUS Annual Conference, held June 6-8, 2022, at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center in Independence, MO had 130 attendees. We were excited to welcome our membership back for our first in-person conference since 2019. The event featured Marshall Breeding as keynote speaker and a variety of presentations from members on topics such as digitization, marketing, library instruction, controlled digital lending, open source technology, and more. Training sessions included archival practices, records preservation, and Mental Health First Aid.

The MOBIUS Annual Conference is free for employees of Missouri libraries, thanks to a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

MOBIUS Welcomes New Staff

MOBIUS welcomed two new staff members to our IT Team in May of 2022. Scott Angel joins us as a Full Stack Developer with more than 20 years of experience in IT work. Pete Greenwell joins us as a Linux System Administrator and has extensive experience in systems administration and teaching. They will both support internal IT projects and our MOBIUS Open Source Solutions (MOSS) services.

The 2022/2023 MOBIUS Board of Directors Has Some New Faces

The incoming MOBIUS Board of Directors for 2022/2023 has been seated and includes some new members. David Morris, who serves as Director of the Library at Kenrick-Glennon Theological Seminary, will be serving as an At Large Member this year. Altoona Public Library Director Kim Kietzman will be our first representative from an Iowa library and will also serve as an At Large Member. Eileen Condon, Dean of Libraries at Webster University, has been elected to another term and will serve as Academic Library Representative.

We also want to thank our outgoing board members for their service, support, and commitment to MOBIUS and its mission. Outgoing members include Sharon McCaslin, University Librarian at Fontbonne University, and Lisa Farrell, Director of Library Services at East Central College. View the full Board at mobiusconsortium.org/board-of-directors

MOBIUS IMLS Digital Imaging Grant has Been Renewed

The Missouri State Library and Institute for Museum and Library Services has renewed our grant for our digitization project using Vital for an additional year. Under the renewed grant MOBIUS will coordinate two main activities: metadata creation assisted by part-time project assistants; and vendor consultation in preparation for outsourced digitization of campus publications (yearbooks, student newspapers, course catalogs) for MOBIUS libraries that adopted Vital in Year One.

MOBIUS will contract with Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) to offer training in best digitization practices to all MOBIUS libraries and MoHub mentor sites on topics requested by libraries that participated in year one of the grant program. A significant focus of the training, which will inform the metadata creation, is the creation of campus policies regarding public online access to student publications.

We are grateful to both the Missouri State Library and IMLS for allowing us the opportunity to continue and expand upon this important work.

MOBIUS Begins Offering E-Resources Management Services to the Iowa Academic Library Alliance

MOBIUS has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Iowa Academic Library Alliance to provide electronic resources management services. These include negotiation, renewal management, and centralized billing for 35 Iowa academic libraries. The onboarding process began in February of 2022. MOBIUS has been providing courier services to the Iowa Alliance for several years now and we are excited to be able to work with Iowa academic libraries in a new way.

Springfield-Greene County Library District

Library Readies for Second 24-hour Kiosk

Summer is the expected opening date of the library district's second 24-hour library kiosk. The Library Express East is planned on the parking lot of the Frisco Building, an office building at 3253 E. Chestnut Expressway and U.S. 65. Much like the Library Express West on West Chestnut Expressway, the EnvisionWare kiosk will be an outside library vending machine where library cardholders can browse from 340 items, check out and return items, pick up holds, browse the online catalog and use the Wi-Fi. It will be available any hour, seven days a week. LEE, as we call it, is generously funded by the Friends of the Library and a Library Services and Technology Act grant administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

Kids Dig Stories at Heirloom Seed Garden Planting Party

Some 66 children and adults attended the Heirloom Seed Garden Planting Party at the Midtown Garden Saturday, April 23, in Springfield. Gina Marie Walden, co-leader of the Heirloom Seed Library and Midtown Carnegie Branch Circulation Manager, said many attendees left with fresh lettuce, spinach and kale, courtesy of Springfield Community Gardens, with help from Springfield Community Gardens, the Central High School Botanical Society and the community's Tool Library.



Friends of the Library Hit Near-Record Sales

The Friends of the Springfield-Greene County Library hit their second-highest total with \$167,698.40 in sales during the Spring Book Sale April 27–May 1 at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds E*Plex. When it was all over at 5 p.m. Sunday, May 1, there was virtually nothing left. The sale included a record-breaking Friends Preview Night April 26, with \$50,155.35 of items sold in the three-hour event. The Friends are already gearing up for the Fall Book Sale Sept. 14–18 at the E*Plex.



Drug Take-Back Day Benefits DEA Campaign

The public turned in 157 pounds of prescription drugs to a supervised, temporary collection site at the Library Station on Saturday, April 30 as part of the DEA National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. The coordinated, nationwide event ran from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. About 60 people participated at the Library Station, one of several sites across Springfield that hosted collection sites.

James and the Giant Peach Jr. Comes to Library Station

Some 50 family members and teen cast of the Springfield Little Theatre had a blast at the the 'James and the Giant Peach Jr.' Bug Party on Saturday, April 23, at the Library Station. Families enjoyed bug-themed activities including crafts, games, toys, books, and looking at fake and real, encased bugs with magnifying glasses. After some time to play and explore, families gathered to watch the cast perform a few scenes from the show in costume. The cast stuck around for a short time after their performance for photos with the kids.



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Two Grants Expand STEM & Pop-Up Libraries

A \$15,800 grant will make 160 STEM Kits available to add to The Library's circulating collection. The grant from the Missouri State Library will pay for the pre-made kits for targeted populations including families of preschoolers through elementary school, homeschooling families, and home day cares. Offering a large variety of STEM kits available to check out will provide an exciting, hands-on experience for children and families in Greene County, said Development Director Gay Wilson. A second, \$3,000 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation will provide more pop-up library opportunities across the city and county. Outreach Services Manager Allison Eckhardt said the grant is helping create the Summer Reading Pop-Up Library. It will purchase three pop-up displays, tables and wagons, and 11 plasticade sign holders for an on-the-spot, portable StoryWalk® to use our existing StoryWalk® titles.

Design-a-Bookmark Contest Draws 604 Entries

Youth Services staff welcomed over 70 Design-a-Bookmark Contest winners and their cheering family members to the winners' reception Thursday, April 21, at the Library Center. Youth Services Coordinator Stephanie Smallwood emceed the event, introducing each runner-up and winner in each grade level and flashing the bookmark on the screen.



Republic Branch Youth Services/Library Assistant Amanda Harrel and Republic runner-up in the grade 3-4 category, Elaina Antonuk, age 10.



Scenic Regional Library

New Hermann Branch Now Open

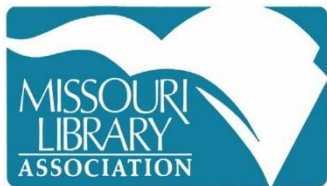
Scenic Regional Library opened the doors of its new Hermann branch on Monday, June 27. The \$2.5 million project began in early October 2021 and features a 1000-square-foot public meeting room; two public study rooms; two shaded patios; a café; a shelf-check system; a teen area with an Xbox One for gaming; and a children's area with a 55" touch screen tablet with literacy games, a magnet wall, Lego® table, a Rigamajig and other activities. The opening of this new branch marks the completion of the library's nine-branch, \$24 million building project that began in 2017.



Scenic Regional Library's new Hermann branch

The Hermann branch grand opening will be held Saturday, July 23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting with the Hermann Chamber of Commerce will begin at 11:30 a.m. Speakers at the event will include former Hermann branch manager Sheri Hausman; Superintendent of Gasconade County R-1 Schools, Dr. Geoff Niell; and Gasconade County Presiding Commissioner Larry Miskel. Look for face painting, a balloon artist, a bounce house, hot dogs, chips, frozen treats, music, and a live broadcast from KWRE!

The Hermann branch also features a 2,000-square-foot community art gallery with artwork available for purchase. It will host four themed exhibits each year, with each show beginning with a reception at the gallery and the adjoining public meeting room. The gallery's inaugural reception is scheduled for Friday, August 5 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The public is welcome! The exhibit is "Sense of Place," an all-media experience that presents artwork depicting real or imaginary places that define the artist.



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