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The Debut of MissouriDigitalHeritage.com

Barbara Reading, Library Development Director

Secretary of State Robin Carnahan launched the Missouri Digital Heritage (MDH) Web site at a public program this April. Carnahan proposed this landmark initiative in early 2007. Once approved by the legislature in spring 2007, staff of the State Library, State Archives and Information Technology divisions became very busy as they brought together the wealth of content now available to all Missourians at www.MissouriDigitalHeritage.com.

"Missouri Digital Heritage is unique and is a real treasure because it's a one stop shop where you can go online to find out about your family history and about others who have made history in Missouri," says Carnahan.

"It connects one piece of history to the next as libraries and other institutions from across the state continue to become part of this Web site and share their collections . . . to show the mining industry in Missouri or how the peanut would never quite be the same due to the discoveries of George Washington Carver or finally how the Civil War in Missouri helped shape the future in America," she continued.

Content from projects developed through the LSTA digitization grants from the State Library, including works from the State Historical Society, the University of Missouri, and many other Missouri institutions and libraries, can now be found and searched on the Missouri Digital Heritage Web site. Digital collections previously available through the former Virtually Missouri Web site are also now available through the MDH Web site. The significant databases of electronic records developed by the State Archives for access to government records, historic census data, birth, death and military records are all accessible and searchable. To aid users, the site is arranged both for focused searches and for browsing by topics ranging from agriculture, arts and literature, ethnic communities, to newspapers and maps. For educators, a separate section includes lesson plans and student resources.

Constructing a Web site of this size and scope in eight months was a formidable challenge for the MDH team. Carl Wingo, Consultant for Technology and Digitization, serves as MDH project director for the State Library. Digital Collections Coordinator Patricia Walker and a Metadata Cataloger Haiying Qian, joined the State Library staff in November to assist with the migration of data to the CONTENTdm platform used for the MDH Web site. The State Archives added three staff to the MDH Imaging Center and the Information Technology division employed a site Web master.

Now that the Web site is up and running, staff can turn their focus to outreach to bring in more content to the site. Patricia Walker will be meeting with organizations to discuss uploading content and/or metadata to MDH. LSTA grants are still available to assist libraries with digital imaging projects, with the next grant application deadline on November 15, 2008. For organizations for which the LSTA grants are not an option and for libraries with small projects, the MDH Imaging

Center may be able to provide scanning, indexing and metadata to create a digital collection. Eligibility and other requirements and processes for scanning services are under development.

Institutions wishing to digitize and contribute collections to MDH should plan to attend one or more of the digitization workshops offered by the Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC). Workshops currently available are posted at www.mlnc.org/Workshops/. LSTA Digital Imaging grantees are required to take the CONTENTdm training also offered by MLNC. The latter workshop is free to any grantee or other institution contributing collections to MDH.

LSTA Plan First Year of Grant Funding Set

Barbara Reading, Library Development Director and Velma Steinman, Administrative Aide III

Secretary Carnahan and the Council on Library Development have approved a plan to use the approximately \$3 million in federal funds allocated to Missouri from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Also included in the plan is \$810,050 appropriated by the General Assembly for services from the State Library and Wolfner Library.

Approximately \$1,073,000 is allocated for competitive grants for libraries. The newly offered *Programs for Targeted Populations* is now available for all qualifying library types. Continuing popular grant programs include: *Technology Ladder*, *Digital Imaging*, *Summer Library Program* and *Show-Me Steps to Career Development*.

Statewide projects totaling \$1,203,684 include support for continuing education, *Missouri Digital Heritage*, *Show Me the World*, and online resource utilization. New workshops will be offered dealing with the current issues topics of outreach to Spanish speakers, health literacy for seniors and technology programming for seniors. A statewide courier service, identifying your local community, and reading and homework support service projects will be explored.

State Library staff developed the 2008-2012 plan to meet LSTA priorities and the goals identified in Missouri's Five Year State Plan for the use of LSTA funds. The plan is available for review at www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/grants/FY09LSTAProjectPlan.pdf.

Secretary's Council on Library Development Board

The mission and charge of this Board, whose members are appointed by Secretary of State Carnahan, is:

- to advise the Secretary of State and the State Librarian on all matters that relate to the state's libraries and library service to Missouri citizens;
- to recommend programs to the Secretary of State and the State Librarian;
- to communicate the value of libraries to people in the state and to those who are responsible for libraries.

The Secretary of State makes the Board appointments from suggestions and recommendations collected by the State Library. The current Board membership and library/user group representation follows.

Secretary's Council on Library Development Board

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SOS Council Board members, shown left to right, Mary Fridley, Shirley K. Baker and Brenda Bates.

Revised LSTA Grant Application Process = Results

Barbara Reading, Library Development Director and Debbie Musselman, LSTA Coordinator

The State Library initiated changes to both the LSTA grant submission calendar and the application forms with implementation of the new five-year LSTA plan. The intent was to improve the ability of libraries to understand and successfully use the grant program in accordance with the new LSTA plan's priorities. With the application cycles completed to date under the new schedule, the results have been quite encouraging. Preliminary review shows an average 10 percent increase in the number of projects awarded PLUS a 30 percent decrease in follow-up on applicant proposals for the winter/spring 2008 grant cycle from that of spring/fall 2007.

Missouri's "Value-Adding" Libraries Rank Nationally

St. Louis Public Library ranks as the number two library system in the nation and St. Louis ranks number six of America's most literate cities based on a study by Central Connecticut State University. "Library resources" was one of the six indicators considered in determining the rankings for cities with populations over 250,000. (*St. Louis Business Journal*, January 2, 2008)

Columbia (Daniel Boone Regional Library System) was ranked as the 19th top place to educate children by Forbes magazine in December 2007. The Library's contribution to this recognition was its A+ grade, which was based on its 4.0 circulation rate: the average rate for metro areas was 2.7. In a March 2008 follow up ranking, Forbes also named Columbia as the sixth best smaller metro area for business and careers.

LSTA Coordinator Debbie Musselman, working with a staff team, consolidated some of the grant types and reviewed the wording of each question to make the applications simpler and more consistent. The new *Excellence in Library Service* grant program incorporates selected features of the former Bring in an Expert, Training and Professional Development, and Planning and Standards grants. Desired outcomes from the former Spotlight on Library Programs, Discoveries and Senior Fairs projects were folded into the new *Programs for Targeted Populations*. *Spotlight on Literacy* has subsumed the GED Online, GED Connections, and After School Connections projects. Technology project grants for public libraries are still available through a new *Technology Mini-Grant for short-term projects up to \$19,000* and *Technology Ladder* grants for longer term projects.

The greatest increase in awarded projects has been for short term grant applications, primarily *Technology Mini-grants*. The best project applications tend to be those linked to specific training workshops, such as **Summer Reading** and **Every Child Ready to Read**. The Digital Imaging applications continue to be the most difficult grant proposals to develop. The review committee examines these grants carefully to be sure the proposal involves good planning, staff with the needed skills, adherence to standards, and well-selected equipment when appropriate to ensure project success.

LSTA Coordinator Debbie Musselman provided LiveMeeting online sessions to explain the types of grants, what's eligible for LSTA funding and answer questions about the application process. Libraries that participated in an online session submitted better crafted project proposals and made fewer errors in requesting eligible versus ineligible project items. Musselman will continue to schedule these online grant training sessions and also be available to speak with groups about the grant process.

LSTA Grants Awarded Under the 2008–12 Plan

Sixty-two grant projects totaling \$768,689, have been funded for the first two grant cycles under the new LSTA Program Five-Year Plan. A summary of the grant awards follows.

Long-Term Grant Projects, July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009; There were 23 projects awarded in March 2008 totaling \$532,884.

Cooperation (2)	\$ 53,049
Digital Imaging (4)	\$113,506
Retrospective Conversion (4)	\$165,288
Spotlight on Literacy (4)	\$ 73,897
Statewide Services to Institutions (1)	\$ 9,935
Technology Ladder (7)	\$100,535
Videoconferencing Network (1)	\$ 16,674

Short-Term Grant Projects, September 1, 2008 to March 30, 2009; There were 39 projects awarded in June 2008 totaling \$235,805.

Every Child Ready to Read (2)	\$ 1,400
Excellence in Library Service (4)	\$ 35,494
Library Outreach to Spanish Speakers (1)	\$ 2,500
Programs for Targeted Populations (5)	\$ 12,890
Spanish That Works (5)	\$ 12,778
Technology Mini-Grants (22)	\$170,743

More detail about the 2008 March and June awarded projects is available on the LSTA grants Web page at www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/grants.asp#lsta.

Collaborative Effort Yields Statewide Help Lines

Martha Love, Special Projects Coordinator, Springfield-Greene County Library

Dialing 2-1-1 on a telephone landline will help Missourians access free, fast and confidential referral to more than 13,000 health and human services in the state. Launched in November 2007, the call center is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week throughout the state.

- St. Louis area callers can dial 2-1-1, the local number, 314-421-4636 or the toll-free cell phone number 1-800-427-4626.
- The greater Kansas City area provides a separate 2-1-1 service that reaches 23 counties, 16 in Missouri and seven in Kansas. Help services information is available by calling the 2-1-1 number, 816-474-5112 or via the Web at www.unitedwaygkc.org.

This free statewide service can provide callers with information on non-profit and government-sponsored services, such as food pantries, tax preparation assistance, emergency shelters, mentoring programs and counseling. Call Center Director Kay Archer anticipates the service will assist up to 200,000 callers a year as the system becomes fully operational.

Missouri is now the 21st state in the U.S. to have statewide coverage. Joint and coordinated efforts of the United Way of Greater St. Louis, with partial funding from Missouri Foundation of Health, the United Way of Greater Kansas City and resource specialists from Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Springfield and St. Louis gathered information about services in each of their areas. Martha Love, 2-1-1 area resource specialist for the southwest hub, encourages library staff to look at the www.211missouri.org Web site. To be included in the 2-1-1 system, click on "Get Listed" and complete the survey form. Forms can be submitted by:

E-mail: 211missouri@stl.unitedway.org
Fax: 314-436-4295
Mail: United Way of Greater St. Louis
Attn: United Way 2-1-1
910 North 11th Street
St. Louis, MO 65101-1018



First row: Tricia Swartz; Second row, left to right: Tyler Hall, Victoria Ngo-Lam, Secretary of State Robin Carnahan, Sadie Allen; Third row, left to right: Laura Deutschmann, Annie Gardner, Ashley McRoy, Irene Henry, Sharon Han, Missouri Center for the Book Board President Mark Tiedemann; Back row: Michael Musgrave; Not pictured: Izzy Carter and Anna Roberts.

2008 "Letters about Literature" Contest Winners

Ann Roberts, Adult Services Consultant

The Missouri Center for the Book is pleased to announce the Missouri winners of the 2008 Letters About Literature contest, an annual competition where students write a personal letter to an author explaining how his or her work changed their view of the world or themselves. This year 2,177 Missouri students entered the contest.

Each year, entries are judged in three competition levels: Level I, grades four through six; Level II, grades seven and eight; and Level III, grades nine through twelve, and a first place, second place, and two honorable mention winners are selected for each of the three competition levels.

Missouri winners were honored on April 16, 2008, at the James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center in Jefferson City, where they received certificates and cash prizes for their efforts, presented by Missouri Center for the Book President, Mark Tiedemann. Secretary of State Robin Carnahan greeted the winners with a personal story about how books and reading affected the lives of her grandmother and mother, Jean Carnahan. The first place winners were also presented a gift card from Target Stores, the national sponsor of the competition.

Hamilton Public Library: a REAL EZ Web Success

Jean Morrison, Technology and Electronic Services Consultant

The Hamilton Public Library's Web site has been recognized by the Secretary of State's Office, Library Development Division as being a great example of a Web site that fulfills the goals set forth in the REAL EZ Web project. Kelly Pingleton, Director of the Hamilton Public Library, traveled to Jefferson City on June 20 to demonstrate the Web site to the Secretary's Council on Library Development.

Library Funding & Survival Depends on Community Backing

According to a study conducted by the Florida State University's GeoLib research program, 134 libraries closed between 1999 and 2003. Christie Koontz, GeoLib director, observed that successful libraries are able to foster strong bonds with their community as well as cultivate a highly vocal constituency that advocates for them. When libraries are recognized as a key public service agency it can compete for funding as an important community resource. (*The Montgomery Advertiser* (AL), July 20, 2008: Ledyard King article)

The REAL EZ Web project was piloted in 2007 as a way for Missouri public libraries that had little or no presence on the Internet to receive training from MOREnet and post the library's Web site in one day. The library staff who received the training were then responsible for maintaining the site. Seventeen libraries completed the application and training during the fall of 2007. A review of the completed Web sites was conducted by Library Development staff and the Hamilton Public Library's Web site was selected to be demonstrated to the Secretary's Council on Library Development.

It is a great honor to have a project that was the vision of many in the state piloted so successfully. All of the libraries who received the training have performed a wonderful service to their patrons by making library information and resources available through the Internet. The State Library plans to continue this pilot for the next two years so more libraries have an opportunity to join their patrons and other libraries on the Web.

REAL EZ Web Project Year-Two

Jean Morrison, Technology and Electronic Services Consultant

The REAL EZ Web project will continue in 2008: For more information about this project, or to find out about the eligibility requirements, click on www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/realez/. How valuable was this experience to the 2007 training attendees? Read the comments from participants below.

When asked if she had any comments on the results of this training, Margaret Harrelson, Director of Wellsville Public Library said, "I love having the Web site, and I think as time goes on it will be invaluable to the library."

Joyce Clapp, Director of Marceline Carnegie Library said, "I know the patrons are using the new Web site because they come in and ask me when I am going to put a newly-scheduled activity on the Web site." Her "Friends of the Library" team is very active in the library, and they check the Web site often for notices of their events.

Hamilton Public Library Director Kelly Pingleton commented, "The library's patrons really like the new Web site. They especially enjoy being able to look up resources and check due dates. We have had comments about how nice it is to check events at the library from home."

Elaine Nuhn, Director of Macon County Library, echoed the sentiment, "Our patrons do use this site—particularly the catalog!"

To attest to how easy the Web site is to customize for special events, Ron Eifert, assistant Director of Sikeston Public Library, said that "I hope to have a page devoted to the history of the library in time for our 70th anniversary this fall."

A Web site does take time to maintain, but multiple people can have access to updating the Web site. One of the participating libraries, Dulany Memorial Library, has even experienced a complete remodel of the library and is just beginning the remodel of the offices. Yet, with all the chaos of remodeling, Cheryl Springer, Director, and Karen Heddesheimer, the Web site project manager, have still managed to spend time working on the Web site.

How important is having a web presence? All of the participants agree that it is VERY important!

Department of Transportation Project Award

Dr. Tom Kochtanek, Associate Professor with the School of Information Science and Learning Technologies at University of Missouri-Columbia and Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) librarian Danielle Pollock received the first *Innovative Researcher of the Year* award. The 2008 award, for exceptional, innovative and quality transportation research, was presented in March at MoDOT's Spring Research Forum on the St. Louis University Campus. The winning library development project provides rapid information acquisition to support policy and operations decision making in the department. MoDOT's project, collection and staff are currently housed at the State Library.

ALA Spectrum Scholarship to Local Applicant

Nicole Head, Missouri's only 2008 awardee, was recently named a Spectrum Scholar by the American Library Association (ALA). Ms. Head, a St. Louis native, has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Missouri-Columbia and is currently pursuing her Master's in Information Science and Learning Technologies in conjunction with Library Media Certification at the University. Head, who has been employed with the St. Louis County Library System since 2005, is the current Youth Programming Coordinator and responsible for system-wide youth services planning and programming.

Head attributes her successes to her family's value of education in general; all immediate members hold at least one degree. She successfully funded her college education as the recipient of a Diversity Award from University of Missouri-Columbia as well as a scholarship from the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus. The Spectrum Scholarship will allow her to continue her profession work encouraging children to become life-long learners.

ALA's Spectrum Scholarship Program aims at recruiting applicants and awarding scholarships to American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students for graduate programs in library and information studies. Since 1997, ALA's Office for Diversity has selected 564 Spectrum Scholars. The 2009 Scholarship application period will open in late October 2008; to learn more see www.ala.org/spectrum.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services, through the three-year "Reach 21" grant will also fund 25 scholarships a year in 2008, 2009 and 2010: see www.ims.gov/applicants/grants/21centuryLibrarian.shtm for more information about this career development opportunity.

Connecting to Collections Bookshelf State Awards

Congratulations to the 35 Missouri recipients of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Connecting to Collections Bookshelf awards. Each awardee was presented a selected set of materials that will assist them in caring for the unique items in their collections. The Bookshelf includes print materials as well as online resources on such topics as the philosophy and ethics of collecting, collection management and planning, emergency preparedness and culturally specific conservation issues.

Missouri's successful applications for 2008 included 11 awards to academic institutions, nine to museums, six to historical associations, four to public libraries

with the five remaining awards presented to a city government, a seminary, a zoo and research centers. See the IMLS Web site at www.imls.gov for the recipient lists.

Due to the enthusiastic response, IMLS will offer a third round of competition in 2009. Applications can be submitted between January 5 and March 9, 2009 at www.aaslh.org/Bookshelf/.

Kansas City Public Library Reclaims Tax Funds

KCPL received \$711,000 this spring as a result of a suit filed in February. The payment represents most of the \$745,000 withheld by Jackson County when a large number of property owners protested their 2007 tax bills. Though the funds were recouped, the court decision about the tax protest could require return of the payment. Full resolution could take years if the property tax protests continue through subsequent years.

Rain Damages A.T. Still Memorial Library

The drenching started early in the week of July 20th, closing roads, breaching dams and saturating basements with one to 2 inches of water. On the evening of July 24 nearly a foot of water fell, seeping through windows and flooding the lower level of the recently dedicated Connell Building where a portion of the A.T. Still University's library collection was housed. In spite of open emergency drains, water collected to a depth of 14 inches and spread over 12,000 square feet. Approximately 14 percent of the materials of the total holdings, representing various parts of the library collection, sustained significant water damage.

Due to the massive amount of material affected, only a small number of hand-dried titles were salvaged. Freeze drying, a restoration technique that requires high quality paper to be effective and must be done within 48 hours to offset the growth of mold, was not a viable alternative. In addition to the loss of the library materials, the shelving, carpeting, electrical and network wiring, the damage costs are estimated in the range of \$1 million.

President Magruder acknowledged the adverse impact, but stated the library was open and running again to accommodate students and faculty.

(Truman Index, August 17, 2008: Jessica Rapp)

Now Hear This: Talking Bibliographies!

Wolfner Library offers adult and young readers recommended reading lists in professionally recorded, human-voice audio format on their Web site, www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/readings.asp. This service is available to the public, allowing anyone to access to more than 300 lists covering dozens of fiction and non-fiction topics.

The Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped provides free library service to anyone in Missouri who is unable to use standard print materials due to a visual or physical disability. Over 17,000 Missourians are active users of the Library's services, materials and equipment. For more information on their available services and resources check out their Web site at www.sos.mo.gov/wolfner/.



Children at Albany Carnegie Library enthusiastically select their favorite "Helping Hand" title.

Albany Carnegie Library Receives a "Helping Hand"

A \$2,200 grant, awarded to the library by the food company General Mills, purchased new books for the children's collection this spring. The acquisition of 145 new titles significantly updated the non-fiction and biography sections with current materials for topic-specific learning. Albany Carnegie's award was based on the merit of the project, as well as its impact on, and support within, the community. The Library was one of 25 awardees from 1,000 applicants to receive funding in the spring application round: a total of \$100,000 was available for distribution.

The annual Hometown Helper Grant program is ideal for 501 (c) (3) or 501 (c) (4) agencies, such as non-profit civic or social organizations, schools, libraries or literacy programs. The simple process can result in a project award of \$500 up to \$15,000 for needed programming, services or materials that will make a difference in your community by improving its livelihood and liveability.

Computer Lab Benefits from Foundation Funding

Wellsville Public Library received a \$6,700 A.P. Green Foundation grant to upgrade existing and purchase new equipment for their computer lab. The library's Internet access now comes with a number of bells and whistles, such as five new computers and a color laser printer. The A.P. Green Foundation was established in 1941 and incorporated as a non-profit in 1962. The Foundation has distributed more than \$12 million in its semi-annual grant awards. Wellsville Public Library was one of 24 awardees from an applicant pool of 100.

Missouri Library News

State Library Staff

Katina Jones joined the staff in April as our new Statistical Research Analyst. Her primary responsibilities are Census work and public library statistics. She graduated from Alerno College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where she completed her B.A. focusing on social science research with a dual major in Applied Psychology and Broad Field Social Science. Jones' previous experience included positions in the non-profit and private sectors.

Jean Morrison also began work in April as our Technology and Electronic Services Consultant. She will be the liaison for the REAL Program and manage technology and electronic services projects, such as REAL EZ Web. Morrison has a master's in computer resources and information management from Webster University and a bachelor's in comprehensive business education from Southwest Missouri State University. She most recently worked as a Computer Information Technologist with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Her teaching experience includes secondary, adult education and college level courses.

Susan Morrisroe was promoted to Director of References Services position this spring. Morrisroe had worked the previous eight years for the State Library years a reference librarian with cataloging responsibilities. She is a graduate of Quincy College and received her master's degree from the University of Illinois' Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Her work experience includes positions at Bradley University Library in Peoria and Illinois State University Library.

Elizabeth Lang replaced Nancy Doering as the Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Youth Services Librarian on August 1. Lang will be responsible for providing reader's advisory, reference and program services for child and teen patrons, the

annual Summer Reading Program and developing the children and teens collection. She previously served four years as Wolfner's Special Services Librarian where her duties included collection development, cataloging, and promotion. She also brings 10 years experience in the bookseller field. Lang has a master's in social work and is currently working toward a master's in information science and learning technologies at the University at Missouri-Columbia.

Staff Changes

Steve Alleman is the new Head of Collections in the University of Missouri-Kansas City Libraries after previously serving as the Collection Management Librarian at the University of New Orleans. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in English and German from Tulane, a master's in english at University of New Orleans as well as a master's in library science at Louisiana State University.

Cheryl Chambers replaced Charlotte Henry, who retired in July, as director of the Jesse E. McCully Memorial Library in Dixon.

Kyle Constant is the new manager of the Lexington Branch of Trails Regional Library. He replaces the previous branch manager, Bethine Daehler, who will be moving out of state. Constant, a 2007 graduate of the University of Missouri at Columbia School of Library and Information Technology, worked as the adult services librarian at the Olathe, Kansas Public Library.

Kelly Cook was named interim director of the West Plains Public Library. Long-time director Debra Fite announced her retirement effective July 1.

Sallie Hancox, former director of Scenic Regional Library, retired June 30th: Ken Rohrbach is the new director of the system. Hancox was employed at Scenic Regional for 42 years, 33 years of which she served as director.

Greg Reeves returned to the Callaway County Library after being named administrative director upon the retirement of previous director Linda Hodgkins. For the past eight years he was employed at the Columbia branch of the Daniel Boone Regional Library. Reeves, who started his career at Callaway County as a reference librarian, came back to a new building in time to celebrate the library's upcoming centennial anniversary.

Nell Rehagen started as the new Washington Public Library director in March. She was previously employed with the Chester County Library System as their branch manager of the Henrietta Hankin Library located just outside of Philadelphia, PA. She and her husband are returning local natives; Nell is from Washington, her husband, Paul, grew up in Union.

Sandy Rodriguez is the new special project cataloger at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Libraries. She will be working with the J. David Goldin Collection of historic radio programs. Rodriguez previously served as cataloging and metadata librarian at the Ottenheimer Library, University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She received a master's in library science and a bachelor's in music education from the University of Kentucky. The UMKC Libraries received a half-million dollar grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to improve access to this 10,000 item collection.

Marion Stubblefield retired April 30th after nearly five decades of service at the Cassville Branch of Barry-Lawrence Regional Library. Stubblefield, who served as the branch supervisor for over 15 years, was honored at an open house held at the Cassville facility.

Announcements

Kirkwood Public Library staff member, **Sarah Erwin** and former Kirkwood staffer **Candice Gwin** were recognized as "Movers and Shakers" by *Library*

Journal. Erwin is director of program and youth services/assistant director; Gwin was the director of library services and a 2007 American Library Association Emerging Leader. She is now employed with the St. Louis County Library system.

Livingston County Library District voters overwhelmingly approved a \$3.4 million bond issue in April for extensive renovation to their 1915 library building. The library issue carried throughout the county with the measure passing by an impressive 71 percent. The successful ballot initiative to improve the library system was five years in planning. Construction is slated to begin this summer and result in increased facility and service functionality, improved energy efficiency and enhanced ADA accessibility. The anticipated completion date is fall 2009.

Springfield-Greene County Library District has announced that Executive Director Annie Busch will retire at the end of 2008. Busch, the district's eighth leader in its 103-year history, has been the system's director for 18 years. A search firm is conducting a national search to identify three finalists; the new director is expected to begin December 1.

Anniversaries

Camden County Library recognized and celebrated 75 years of library service in April. Community library services began through the efforts of the Camdenton Women's Literary Club with donated books housed in the County Courthouse. In 1963, county residents approved a library tax levy and joined a regional library system. Camden County formed its own library system in 1978 and now serves county residents at its six branches.

Carthage Public Library not only celebrated the 103rd anniversary of its original Carnegie building, but also showcased their \$4.5 million renovation

Show Me Libraries

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and expansion at a dedication and open house this spring. The original building's 8,600 square feet of usable space was more than tripled to 22,000 by their new addition. Half of the

needed funding was generated by a parks and recreation/storm water sales tax approved in 2004; the remaining funds were raised through private donations.

