

# SHOW ME EXPRESS

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## Missouri State Library News

### Library Development Webinars

#### Creating a Welcoming Physical Space at the Library to Support Adults with Autism

The Missouri State Library is partnering with Monarch Center for Autism to present a webinar series on how libraries can help serve their patrons who are on the autism spectrum. The third installment of this series focuses on adaptive technology and will be held **Feb. 24 at 9 a.m.** To sign up, click here: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/2286300701182802434>.

Our last session is available in our training archives here: <https://mostatelibrary.watch.more.net/#/videos/0bcee5ff-8fcf-41b3-b9c9-1c40edc4550a>.

For any questions you may have please contact Merideth Johnson at or (573) 751-1822 or [merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov](mailto:merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov).

#### Conversation on Resuming In-Person Programming

Virtual programming and curbside services have been amazing and made it possible to provide services for your patrons during a pandemic but we realize every library would much rather be doing in-person programming, including the State Library. January is nearly past and I'd venture many are starting to discuss the possibility of in-person programming. What is that going to look like? Does your library have a plan? Will toys and manipulatives be available in your children's areas? Will you begin circulating toys, kits, and manipulatives? Maybe you've

already begun in-person programming. If so, would you be willing to share?

On **Feb. 26 at 10 a.m.**, the State Library will host an open discussion. We'll discuss the latest from the REALM project regarding materials and offer an opportunity for you to share your ideas, and ask questions of your fellow Missouri Librarians. Meeting information has been sent to Library Directors who have been asked to share with applicable staff. For any questions please contact [lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov](mailto:lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov).

## Supporting Our Aging Community

Ten thousand people will turn 65 every day in the United States from now through 2029. After a person retires, their social circle often shrinks resulting in social isolation. Research has shown that loneliness is as detrimental to health as smoking 15 cigarettes daily. The pandemic has greatly increased the potential for isolation since it is unsafe to gather in person. This session,

offered **March 18 at 10 a.m.**, will offer examples of how local libraries can support the older adults in their own communities with engaging in-person and virtual programming ideas to keep them physical and mentally active and help prevent social isolation. Presented by The Oasis Institute staff, registration for this webinar is required at [Supporting Our Aging Community](#).

## Developmentally Appropriate Programming for Toddlers

Are you struggling to engage with the 2-4 year-olds in your library? Are you a practitioner who would like to build a stronger foundation in serving toddlers? Presenter Brooke Newberry will discuss developmental milestones, optimal

formats, and content for library programming aimed at your most energetic patrons on **Friday, April 9 at 10 a.m.**

Register for this webinar [here](#).

## Children and Teens Services Forum

The Children and Teens Services Forum will continue in 2021! All attendees will need to register at the new link [here](#). These are the topics planned so far:

- Feb. 5 – Summer Meal Program Partnerships
- March 5 – Money Smart Week
- April 2 – Wolfner Services for Children and Teens

- May 7 – Story Walks

As always, if you have topic ideas or a program you would like to share, contact Lysha Thompson, Youth Services Consultant at [lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov](mailto:lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov) or (573) 522-9564.



## Circulating STEM Kits

The Missouri State Library has four unique types of STEM Kits available for checkout to Missouri school and public libraries for use with patrons and classes. [Code and Go Robot Mice](#), [Classroom Dash and Dot robotics kits](#), [Cubelets](#), and [Google VR Classroom headsets](#)

can be checked out for 45 days. Shipping costs are assumed by the Missouri State Library. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Missouri State Library at (573) 522-4036 or [mostlib@sos.mo.gov](mailto:mostlib@sos.mo.gov). Ready to reserve a kit? You can do so [here](#).



## MALAPro upcoming webinars

***Fostering Digital Citizenship in Your Library and Community* with Lauren Hays, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Instructional Technology at the University of Central Missouri on Feb. 3, 2 p.m.**

Digital Citizenship is the ability to use technology in safe, ethical and appropriate ways. What happens to all the things you post online? What practices endanger your online privacy? What is a positive digital footprint? Lauren Hays will explain how librarians, as facilitators of digital

knowledge consumption and creation, have a unique role to play in fostering digital citizenship among their users. This webinar will target those serving K-12 youth, but will cover positive online behavior for people of any age. For more information, click [here](#).

## ***Cultivating Resilience and Well-being within the Library with Brandy Sanchez, Youth Service Librarian at Daniel Boone Regional Library on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m.***

Resilience is the process through which we adapt to adversity. At no time in recent history has the resilience of library staff been tested as it has been during the COVID-19 pandemic. Brandy Sanchez will discuss powerful yet simple

strategies to help you ease common workplace stressors. Rooted in self-compassion and mindfulness, these practices will also support your overall mental health and emotional well-being. For more information, click [here](#).

## **Upcoming MALAPro Training**

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***Business & Entrepreneurship Webinar – March 17***  
***Customer Service Webinar – March 31***

## **Reference Services for YOU: Linking Patrons to Legislation**

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Libraries play an important role in helping the public understand how the lawmaking process works and where they can find current and reliable information. As the state and federal legislatures gain momentum this month, help your patrons demystify the law making process by pointing them toward these key resources for tracking legislation and other policy decisions.

- [Missouri House and Senate Joint Bill Tracking](#): Search by keyword for summaries, full bill text and status of legislation important to you.
- [Missouri House](#) and [Senate](#) websites: Each site provides both live and recorded debates, contact information for legislators and news updates.
- [Missouri Governor's Executive Orders](#): Search or browse the Governor's Executive Orders from 1980 to the present.

- [Congress.gov](#): A one-stop site for bill information, videos, hearings and news for both the U.S. Senate and House. The "[Most-Viewed Bills](#)" are especially useful for quickly finding hot topic legislation.
- [Presidential Actions](#): The White House page for executive orders. Previous administrations are available through the [National Archives](#).

Need help? If you or a patron have questions about government information or resources available through the State Library, please contact Reference Services by phone, email or chat. We are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and are always happy to help!

**Phone:** (573) 751-3615

**Email:** [libref@sos.mo.gov](mailto:libref@sos.mo.gov)

**Chat:** visit [mostate.libguides.com](http://mostate.libguides.com) and click the "Ask Us" tab on the right

## **New Books from the Missouri State Library**

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- [The No-Nonsense Guide to Born-Digital Content](#)
- [E-Textiles in Libraries: A Practical Guide for Librarians](#)
- [Cyberbullying and the Wild Wild Web: What You Need to Know](#)
- [Community Partnerships with School Libraries: Creating Innovative Learning Experiences](#)
- [60 Ready-to-Use Coding Projects](#)
- [200+ Original and Adapted Story Program Activities](#)
- [Move, Play, Learn: Interactive Story times with Music, Movement, and more](#)
- [25 Projects for Art Explorers](#)
- [Libraries & Gardens: Growing Together](#)
- [Transforming Young Adult Services, Second Edition](#)

We are pleased to offer direct borrowing from the Missouri State Library to Missouri

public library directors and branch managers for continuing education and professional development.

State Library cards are issued in the name of the library director or branch manager. Directors and branch managers are encouraged to borrow items for any of their library's staff with this card by placing a request in our [catalog](#).

To sign up for a card, visit our [guide for Missouri public library directors](#). The guide also features new books, government publications, and other helpful resources.

## Around the State

### Welcome New Directors!

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Tammy Phillips at Jessie E. McCully Memorial Library

Pamela Branson at Sullivan County Library



## Grant Opportunities

### Bicentennial Program Grant

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August 10, 2021, marks the 200th anniversary of Missouri statehood. To celebrate this milestone, the Bicentennial Program Grant is being offered to Missouri public libraries certified to receive State Aid, Missouri school libraries that are publicly supported and publicly controlled, and Missouri academic libraries, either publicly

supported or private to bring an educational presentation to their community. Collaboration between local academic, school and public libraries will be given high priority. Questions? Contact Matt Butler, Digitization Consultant, at [matt.butler@sos.mo.gov](mailto:matt.butler@sos.mo.gov) or (573) 522-1477.

### [Author Visit Grant](#) • **DEADLINE: Ongoing**

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This grant is specifically designed for school or public libraries to bring an author to their community. Virtual events are also applicable. Grants range from \$500 up to \$5,000. All travel for the author must be included as part of a flat rate fee for the author. Other additional costs allowable: publicity and promotional items, up to \$500 towards library materials for collection development related to the project, additional

staff hours, and transportation for youth from school or licensed child care. These grants are supported by IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. Questions? Contact Lysha Thompson, Youth Services Consultant, at (573) 522-9564 or [lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov](mailto:lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov).

### **Show Me Steps to Continuing Education: Individual Training Events • DEADLINE: Ongoing**

Interested in attending a professional development opportunity, but need additional funds? Show Me Steps to Continuing Education grants provide reimbursement for up to 75% of the costs of an eligible, non-credit continuing education event. These grants are supported by

IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. If you have questions about Show Me Steps grant opportunities, please contact Merideth Johnson at (573) 751-1822 or [merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov](mailto:merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov).

### **Show Me Steps to Continuing Education: Group Training Events • DEADLINE: Ongoing**

Do you want to bring an expert to your library for training? This is a competitive grant program that provides funds for a host library or library consortium to plan and provide group training(s) on current, relevant, unique and/or in-demand topics at a local, regional or statewide level. Grants range from \$500 up to \$8,000. Virtual events are

also applicable. These grants are supported by IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. If you have questions about this Show Me Steps grant opportunity, please contact Merideth Johnson at (573) 751-1822 or [merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov](mailto:merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov).