

# SHOW ME EXPRESS

## State Library Newsletter

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## Message from the State Librarian

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As we close out 2020, the most \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in your own blank) year most of us have ever experienced, I cannot help but reflect on the things that I think we did well and things I can improve on as your state librarian. In the next few issues, we will be showcasing

our year in review and sharing how you can be involved with our LSTA 5-year-plan, which helps define our future. Big things are ahead for Reference Services, Wolfner Library and Library Development and we have a highly capable and dedicated team ready to keep us heading in the right direction.

## Missouri State Library News

### Fiscal Year 2020 Equalization Use of Funds Report

The Fiscal Year 2020 Equalization Use of Funds Report will be due on Feb. 15, for all county, consolidated, and regional libraries that received equalization payments in October of 2019 and April of 2020. Libraries will need to submit the [library information and signature page](#), and a narrative that explains how the funds were used to improve library services, including the amount of funds spent by category. The completed form

One of my favorite outcomes of 2020 is the strengthening of established partnerships and development of new ones that allow us to help you better. As you read through this issue of Show Me Express, be sure to share with your staff the wonderful professional development opportunities coming up in the next few months. Please encourage your staff to get Show Me Express delivered to their inbox every month by signing up [here](#). That way they never miss what is happening at the Missouri State Library and around the state. There really is something for everyone, training wise, coming up.

We at the Missouri State Library look forward to seeing you, yes, really SEEING you, in 2021! In the meantime, please continue to take advantage of the plethora of training opportunities available to you virtually. Happy NEWer, Better Year!

and narrative can be emailed to [mostlib@sos.mo.gov](mailto:mostlib@sos.mo.gov). Please remember to submit the library information page and narrative by Feb. 15, as failure to submit the report may result in your library being ineligible for the equalization program in the future. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cory Mihalik at [cory.mihalik@sos.mo.gov](mailto:cory.mihalik@sos.mo.gov) or (417) 895-5000.



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## 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. Please register for *Developmentally Appropriate Programming for Toddlers* [here](#).

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## 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:

- Jan. 8 – Reader Award Nominee Programs
- Feb. 5 – Summer Meal Program Partnerships
- March 5 – Money Smart Week

- April 2 – Engaging Tweens
- 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.

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

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

If you missed our last session, it is available in our archives: <https://mostatelibrary.watch.more.net/#/videos/0bcee5ff-8fcf-41b3-b9c9-1c40edc4550a>.

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

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## Library Development/Wolfner Webinar

**Assistive Technology for Libraries, Jan. 14, 10 – 11 a.m., with Amy Nickless, Adult Services Librarian, Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library.**

Differently-abled patrons exist in every community. What can public libraries do to be more welcoming to these patrons? Incorporate assistive technologies! Ranging from low-tech braille signage to specialized software and devices, assistive technologies help to increase the independence of these patrons. This webinar will cover:

- Making your library's websites and documents accessible to patrons using screen reader software

- Learning about software that can be used to make public access computers and smart devices accessible
- Discovering the steps your library can take to make sure online resources are accessible to patrons with disabilities.

This webinar will take place in GoToTraining. Registration is required and can be completed at [Assistive Technology for Libraries](#).



## Mid-America Library Alliance has new Executive Director

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Mid-America Library Alliance (MALA) is pleased to announce that Jane Mulvihill-Jones will be the organization's new Executive Director beginning Jan. 6, 2021. Jane assumes management of the courier service business that MALA provides to 152 libraries in Missouri and Kansas, and will lead the expansion of MALAPro, the training and professional development arm of the organization, building on the improvements that retiring Executive Director Mickey Coalwell began in 2018. Jane has broad professional experience - a real "librarian's librarian." She comes to MALA from the Mid-Continent Public Library, where she was Raytown Branch

Manager, supervising a staff of 26. She has also managed the South Independence branch of Mid-Continent. Before that, Jane managed the Pleasant Hill Branch of the Cass County Library. She was the St. Elizabeth's School Librarian and has provided research services and instruction to students and faculty at Rockhurst University and Metropolitan Community Colleges. Jane was a materials selector at Kansas City Public Library and Collection Development Librarian at Brodart. Mulvihill-Jones has an MLS from Indiana University, a Teacher Certification from Ottawa University, and a Bachelor's in History from the University of Kansas.



## MALAPro Upcoming Webinars

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### ***Story Time and Outreach Skills in the Pandemic Staying Connected to Our Youngest Library Users with Patrick Peterson, Children's Services Librarian, Basehor Community Library Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2 to 3 p.m.***

COVID-19 has dramatically changed the way we interact with our most faithful library patrons. Librarians have created virtual opportunities to replace library programs like story time and afterschool outreach, but we struggle with the lack of person-to-person interactions. Join Patrick

Peterson as he shares his ideas about embracing virtual formats for our youngest users. This one-hour webinar will help you revitalize your story times and youth outreach with tips and tricks on how to engage youth, parents, and caregivers. For more information, click [here](#).

### ***Summer Reading 2021: Network, Share & Learn with Lauren Taylor, Children's Librarian, Lawrence Public Library Friday, Jan. 29, 9:15 to 10 a.m.***

This FREE 45-minute interactive Zoom session moderated by Lauren Taylor will provide an opportunity for Children and Youth Services staff from across the area to come together for sharing, professional growth and networking. Come join us to discuss what worked and what did not in 2020, share your performer

recommendations, network with other Youth Services professionals, and get the ball rolling on Summer Reading 2021. Connect with others who understand the challenges of designing safe, interactive Summer Reading programs and events. For more information, click [here](#).

### ***Fostering Digital Citizenship in Your Library and Community with Lauren Hays, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Instructional Technology at the University of Central Missouri, Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2-3 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](#).

## Upcoming MALAPro Training

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**Self-care Webinar – Feb. 24**

**Business & Entrepreneurship Webinar – March 17**

**Customer Service Webinar – March 31**

## MOREnet Webinars

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These are only a few of the upcoming webinars available from MOREnet. Visit [MOREnet's Training Schedule](#) to see the complete list.

### **Basic Video Editing with iMovie, Jan. 7, 10 – 11 a.m.**

This session will cover the basics of editing videos and putting them together in movie projects using iMovie. We will demonstrate how to add movies to a project and timeline, trim and

split movies, add or remove audio and work with titles and transitions. We will also discuss extra features like picture in picture, split screen and working with green screens.

### **Navigating iMovie on the iPad, Jan. 15, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Apple iMovie is a fun and easy way to take your videos and images and combine them into amazing video projects. An easy-to-use interface lets you combine videos, edit them, and add transitions and audio to rapidly build

great projects. iMovie supports 4k videos. (This class will focus on the iPad, although many of the resources are available on other Apple devices.). This training is also offered on Jan. 22, 9 – 10 a.m.

### **Recording and Screencasting with Zoom, Jan. 20, 10 – 11 a.m.**

Besides being an excellent tool for video meetings and group projects, Zoom can also record you making presentations, delivering lessons, etc. Part of your presentation may need to be a screencast and Zoom can help with that as well. It can record you, any shared content you

present, whiteboards, and document cameras and even connect to iPads if that is where your content is. This session will walk you through setting up your Zoom environment to record yourself to save for your audience to view later.

### **EBSCO eBooks, Feb. 3, 1 – 2 p.m.**

Learn how to get access to over 30,000 eBooks for free with unlimited use.

## Amigos Webinars

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These are only a few of the upcoming trainings available from Amigos. Visit the [Amigos Continuing Education Schedule](#) for the complete list.

### **Tips for Hiring the Right Person, Jan. 11, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

Hiring can be one of the most rewarding experiences as a manager in an information organization. However, it can also be the most frustrating, expensive, and challenging experience when hiring does not go well. This

session will provide basic tips to consider when you are faced with hiring at your institution, and will help you learn how to find the right person for the job.

### **Basic Cataloging, Jan. 14, 10 – 11 a.m.**

Are you interested in learning more about cataloging but unsure about where to start? This session will cover the basics of cataloging tools and techniques, including descriptive cataloging (RDA), subject cataloging (classification and

subject headings), and Machine Readable Cataloging (MARC). You will leave this session feeling more informed about how to get your library's materials cataloged and in the hands of your patrons.

## **Tech Tools and Apps for the Reference Desk, Jan. 25, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

Do you want to learn how to implement Web technologies in your reference desk? This course explores a variety of online tools, from social media platforms, to virtual chat spaces, to apps and search engines you can use to engage and

help your users at the reference desk. Come learn how to utilize several free online tools in your reference activities and help your patrons at the point of need.

## **Reference Services for YOU: Resolution Resources**

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After a tumultuous 2020, many of us are looking to hit the reset button, and this January is a great time to do so! If your patrons are looking for resources to help meet their 2021 resolutions, provide these reliable resources from federal government websites to help get them started.

- **Aim for a healthy weight!** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers plenty of information about lifestyle changes, nutrition, and physical activity to promote lifelong good health.
- **Eat healthier!** The US Department of Agriculture's Choose My Plate page offers information about healthy eating, including recipes and personalized food targets.
- **Change my drinking habits!** Rethinking Drinking from the National Institutes of Health provides information and strategies to evaluate personal drinking levels and reduce health risks.
- **Balance my budget!** Find tips for money management, handling credit or debt, and

avoiding scams and identity theft on the Consumer.gov website from the Federal Trade Commission.

- **Travel more!** With travel restrictions and health concerns, many of us are itching to get out and about in 2021. Plan your visit to a national park or historic site on **Recreation.gov**.

What is your New Year's resolution? State Library and government resources can help you reach your goals!

If you or a patron have questions about **Federal Government information**, feel free to contact Reference Services by phone, email, or chat. We are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and 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! Leadership Books From The Missouri State Library**

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- **The Role of the Electronic Resources Librarian**
- **Techniques for Electronic Resource Management: TERMS and the Transition to Open**
- **Library Information Systems**
- **Intellectual Property and Information Rights for Librarians**
- **Copyrights and Copywrongs: The Rise of Intellectual Property and How it Threatens Creativity**

- **The Information Literacy Framework: Case Studies of Successful Implementation**
- **A Practical Guide to Library of Congress Classification**
- **Ethical Questions in Name Authority Control**
- **Information Resources Description: Creating and Managing Metadata, Second edition**
- **Rare Books and Special Collections**

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.

For assistance with placing requests, obtaining a card, replacing a card, or for additional information, 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!

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## Around the State

### Welcome New Directors!

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Tony Benningfeld at Jefferson County Library

Hazel Sheets at McDonald County Library

## Grant Opportunities

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

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 [lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov](mailto:lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov) or (573) 522-9564.

### [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).