Message from the State Librarian
Robin Westphal, State Librarian

I must admit, in my 13 years as director of the Livingston County Library, I did not think a lot about the services that Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library provided. Yes, Livingston County had patrons who could have benefitted from the service, but I was not proactive in getting users signed up. It wasn’t until I became your state librarian that I became fully aware of the depth of what Wolfner Library provides. As you may have heard, Wolfner Library has a new director, Leslie Bowman. Leslie comes to us from the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped where she was their director. She brings with her a wealth of experience in public education, academia and of course in her role at Maryland’s LBPH.

Leslie has a very personal reason for wanting to make sure Wolfner is meeting the needs of our patrons.

“As the parent of two adult sons who have had vision impairments since elementary school, I appreciate the ability to use the services at Wolfner Library to access audio and braille books, magazines, journals, databases and newspapers. My sons greatly benefitted and were able to live up to their potential because they were provided equal access to print materials. Wolfner staff can work with teachers of the visually impaired and special education teachers in public and private schools as well as Disabled Student Services at colleges and universities to ensure that students find the resources they need to be successful in their studies,” Bowman explained.

Wolfner has over 76,000 titles in its collection and access to 281,000 through the National Library Services, a division of the Library of Congress. In May, the library circulated more than 38,000 large print, braille or titles loaded to digital players. Digital players are sent to all new patrons and 115 circulated in May.

Just like all libraries, Wolfner provides more than just reading material. In the fall of 2018, Wolfner Library began circulating accessible STEM kits for school-aged children. Eleven accessible kits are available for loan and cover topics like DNA/RNA, animals and plants, construction sets, astronomy, mathematic patterns, and electronics. Also for children, Wolfner sponsors the Racing to Read early literacy program and mails books and early literacy materials to caregivers of blind and visually impaired children.
Children and adults have access to Wolfner’s collection of accessible board games and descriptive DVDs. Board games include Scrabble, Bananagrams, Memory, Exploding Kittens and Apples to Apples. Over 700 descriptive DVDs are available for check out as well.

Programming is a critical component to library’s service model and Wolfner Library offers many programs to adults, teens and children. Programs include a Teen Poetry Contest, Summer Learning Program and three different adult book groups. Lisa Hellman, Youth Services Librarian in Wolfner, is the chair of the Collaborative Summer Learning Program’s (CSLP) inclusion committee. So when you look at the graphics for each year’s CSLP theme and review the manual, know that Lisa was instrumental in making sure disabilities, cultural values and a variety of family situations were represented appropriately and programs were tailored to be inclusive.

I would be remiss if I didn’t talk about the fantastic recording program that Wolfner has in place. A dedicated cadre of volunteers put in many hours reading, monitoring and editing books. The books recorded in our in-house studio supplement the National Library Service collection and must have a Missouri connection. MASL Readers’ Awards are also recorded as are MLA’s Building Block picture book award books. Approximately 60 titles a year are produced and Missouri, with only one studio, has more books in the National Library Services shared collection (BARD) than any other state. The quality of materials recorded at Wolfner is known nationally and our standard for excellence is a model for other states.

I’ve only touched on a handful of services offered by Wolfner Library. I encourage you to contact Leslie and the Wolfner staff to learn more. Staff development day coming up? Wolfner staff can be there to present. Doing outreach to assisted living facilities? Find out how the site and their residents can sign up to be Wolfner patrons. Need Wolfner stickers for your large print books? Call to get more. Leslie can be reached at leslie.bowman@sos.mo.gov and Wolfner Library’s phone number is (573) 751-8720.

Don’t be like Robin Westphal circa 2005 to 2018. Learn all you can about Wolfner Library now so that you can best serve ALL of your patrons.

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**Missouri State Library News**

**Missouri Library Training Discussion List: MoLibTraining**

MoLibTraining is a continuing education discussion list, sponsored by the Missouri State Library. This discussion list will provide information on FREE continuing education opportunities for Missouri library staff, as well as serve as a place for list participants to discuss continuing education needs and interests, ask questions, seek advice and share relevant information. To subscribe to the list, please register at: [http://lists.mo.gov/mailman/listinfo/molibtraining](http://lists.mo.gov/mailman/listinfo/molibtraining). MoLibTraining will be moderated to ensure posts stay relevant to the interests of the group and comply with list guidelines, which can be reviewed at the registration link above. All questions and concerns can be directed to Becky Wilson, Public Library Services consultant, at becky.wilson@sos.mo.gov or (800) 325-0131.
Meet the Missouri State Library Interns

The Missouri State Library is pleased to introduce Nora Vegiard and Bella Hoover, our 2019 summer interns. We are excited to have them as part of the team!

Nora Vegiard joined the Library Development and Reference Services teams. She is working toward a degree in History with minors in Anthropology and Museum Studies at Truman University. Nora also hopes to obtain a Masters in Library Science.

Why intern at the Missouri State Library? I’ve always wanted to work at a library!
What has been your favorite part of interning so far? I like the people! It’s been really fun getting to know all of you.
What are you currently reading? I’m currently reading the School of Magic Series. It’s about a girl who is transported into a world of magic.

What is your favorite book or series? I love the Harry Potter books, of course. I’m really into the podcast PotterLess, too. A close second, though, is The Dresden Files by Jim Butcher. I like the mixture of the modern world with wizarding and magic.
If you were a book character, who would you be and why? I would be Maggie from Inkheart. Whatever she writes comes true! How cool would that be?
What do you like to do in your spare time? I read, dance, and help my family take care of our rescue animals.
If you could have any superpower, what would it be? Teleportation. Or breathing underwater. I love to swim, but it would be nice to just “pop” into work!

Bella Hoover joined the Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library team. She is working toward a degree in English at Columbia College. She hopes to work in the corporate world after graduation.

Why intern at the Missouri State Library? I wanted to try a ‘regular’ job and gain some practical experience.
What has been your favorite part of interning so far? I like everyone I work with, having my own desk, and being able to experience office life.
What are you currently reading? A web toon called Love Me Not. It’s about a girl who thinks she’s found her soulmate until another guy comes along.

What is your favorite book or series? The Den of Shadows by Amelia Atwater-Rhodes. She’s the author who inspired me to start writing!
If you were a book character, who would you be and why? I would be Raven from the Vampire Kisses series. She has a similar outlook on life... and a vampire boyfriend.
What do you like to do in your spare time? I like to write. I’ve written 40 books so far.
If you could have any superpower, what would it be? I would choose either invisibility or the ability to read a person’s mind at will.
Reference Services for YOU: State Publications Highlights

Popular publications are easily available to Missouri citizens and libraries in the State Library’s online state publications collection. Some of the most-viewed publications in our collection include:

- Missouri Airpor Directory
- Missouri Lottery Fact Book
- Missouri Life, Accident & Health Supplement Report
- Missouri Poultry Yearbook
- Missouri Charge Code Manual
- State of the State Addresses

Additional collected publications include annual reports, strategic plans, financial reports, budget requests, special reports and more. Publications are contributed through the State Publications Access Program, administered by the Missouri State Library, which provides free public access to digital, state government-produced publications.

To learn more about the State Publications Access Program and find more publications, visit our website. If you or a patron has any questions, please contact Reference Services by phone, email, or chat, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Phone: (573) 751-3615
Email: libref@sos.mo.gov
Chat: visit mostate.libguides.com and click the "Ask Us" tab on the right

FAQ: I received a payment from the State of Missouri. How do I find out what it is for?

Libraries that receive an electronic transfer or check from the State of Missouri may be interested in the Missouri Vendor Payment Portal. This site provides information on all payments issued within the last 24 months through the State of Missouri. To access the information enter the library’s Federal Tax Identification Number (FEIN). There are a variety of search options, such as invoice number, check number, dollar amount, and date and location. Libraries can also sign-up to receive e-mail notification when a payment is made. Payment codes to identify the reason for the payment are found in the Invoice Number field when you click on the payment in question. Common codes include:

- A&E = Athlete and Entertainer payment
- AUV = Author Visit grant payment
- COL = Collection Development grant payment
- DIG = Digital Imaging grant payment
- EQUALIZ = Equalization payment
- LSI = Library Service Improvement grant payment
- RTR = Racing to Read grant payment
- SHM = Show Me Steps grant payment
- SLP = Summer Library Program grant payment
- SLT = Spotlight on Literacy grant payment
- SMRD = Summer Reading Program Support payment
- STAID = State Aid payment
- STM = STEM Program grant payment
- TLD = Technology Ladder grant payment
- TMG = Technology Mini-Grant grant payment

Libraries that currently receive payments via check may choose to switch to electronic funds transfer (EFT). To change the method of payment, complete the Vendor Input / ACH-EFT application.
Project Outcome Update for Public Libraries

Project Outcome is a FREE toolkit designed to help libraries understand and share the impact of essential library programs and services by providing simple surveys and an easy-to-use process for measuring and analyzing outcomes. Survey topics for public libraries has expanded and now includes Civic/Community Engagement, Digital Learning, Early Childhood Literacy, Economic Development, Education/Lifelong Learning, Health, Job Skills, Summer Reading Teen/Child, Summer Reading Caregiver, and Summer Reading Adult. Several of these topics also have follow-up surveys to help libraries assess longer-term impacts. Registration is easy and can be completed at Sign Up.

Note these questions differ somewhat from those used for Library Services and Technology Act grants, so grant recipients will need to ask the required questions from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, but may also choose to add questions from the Project Outcome surveys.

New Books from the Missouri State Library

The Medical Library Association Guide to Developing Consumer Health Collections by Claire B. Joseph

Developing Dynamic Intersections Between Collection Development and Information Literacy Instruction by Amanda Scull

Implementing the Information Literacy Framework by Dave Harmeyer and Janice J. Baskin

Intentional Marketing by Carol Ottolenghi

Gaming Programs for All Ages at the Library by Tom Bruno

Coding for Children and Young Adults in Libraries by Wendy Harrop

A Passion for Leadership: Lessons on Change and Reform from Fifty Years of Public Service by Robert M. Gates

Think Again: How to Reason and Argue by Walter Sinnott-Armstrong

Winning Elections and Influencing Politicians for Library Funding by Patrick “PC” Sweeney and John Chrastka

Hate: Why We Should Resist It with Free Speech, Not Censorship by Nadine Strossen

We are pleased to offer direct borrowing from the Missouri State Library (MOSL) to Missouri public library directors and branch managers for continuing education and professional development.

MOSL public library cards are issued in the name of the library director or branch manager. Directors and branch managers are encouraged to borrow items for use by any of their library’s staff with this card.

To get a MOSL library card, visit http://mostate.libguides.com/reference/card and fill out an application.

For assistance in obtaining a card, replacing a card or for additional information, call or email the Missouri State Library Reference Services Division at (573) 751-3615 or libref@sos.mo.gov.
Around the State

Welcome New Directors!

Jeana Glockley at Joplin Public Library
Roxanne Welch at Winona Public Library
Diana Watkins at Henry County Library

Kansas City Public Library Website Wins National Honors

Kansas City Public Library’s historical website The Pendergast Years: Kansas City in the Jazz Age & Great Depression has been given a prestigious Award of Excellence from the American Association for State and Local History. The award recognizes “superior and innovative achievements” in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of state and local history.

KCPL is one of 50 recipients of the award nationwide and among just three to win for a multimedia project. The Pendergast website and a companion book, Wide-Open Town: Kansas City in the Pendergast Era, earned previous awards from the Missouri Conference on History and the Jackson County Historical Society. The AASLH awards will be presented at the organization’s annual meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Friday, Aug. 30, 2019.

Mid-Continent Public Library Breaks Ground on East Lee’s Summit Branch

Mid-Continent Public Library broke ground in Lee’s Summit, Mo., on May 10, marking the start of construction on a brand-new branchits third in the city. Acquired by the Library in September 2018, the property where the new branch will reside is located at SE Battery Drive and SE Blue Parkway (across from the Addington Place retirement community at 2160 SE Blue Parkway). The ceremony included remarks from library leaders as well as local officials.

The new East Lee’s Summit Branch, as it will be known, will offer a wide array of amenities and upgraded technology throughout the 18,500-square-foot building, including:

- Community programming room for classes and forums
- Enclosed meeting/study rooms
- Designated teen area
- Children’s area—the “Richard and Deborah Link Learning Center” (dedicated to the prior owners who generously donated a portion of the property)

Construction of the East Lee’s Summit Branch is scheduled to be complete by mid-2020, and the two current MCPL branches in Lee’s Summitoff Oldham Parkway and Colbern Roadwill remain open as it is built. Keep tabs on this project at mymcpl.org/Community.
MCPL Unveils Plans for New Liberty Branch Building

On the evening of May 16, Mid-Continent Public Library held a community program where it unveiled its construction plans for its new Liberty Branch, which will replace the current branch located at 1000 Kent Street, Liberty, Mo. The new building will be located approximately a mile south on a six-acre property on the east side of Withers Road near the Liberty Community Center.

This new property, which the library purchased earlier this year, will eventually become home to an 18,500-square-foot branch with a variety of upgraded amenities, including a community programming room for classes and forums, enclosed meeting/study rooms, and teen and children's areas. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in late 2019, and the current Liberty Branch will remain open throughout construction.

Renderings of the new Liberty Branch building as well as a virtual tour can be found at mymcpL.org/Community.

LSTA Grant Awardee Spotlight

Library Awarded Grant to Create Welcome Video for Immigrant Families

How do you say “Welcome to the Library!” in five languages? The Springfield-Greene County Library District found a novel way with the help of an LSTA grant.

Seeking a better way to connect with the refugees and immigrants in our community, we enlisted partners and produced five videos narrated by local residents speaking Arabic, Burmese Hakha Chin, Russian, Spanish and Swahili. They present a friendly, welcoming introduction to the library as a trusted place for them to learn and have fun. The videos and accompanying print materials in their languages are also shared with our community partners who also serve immigrant and refugee families.

All five language videos are available on the library’s “Welcome to the Library” web page, https://thelibrary.org/welcome/.

We estimate the Refugee and Immigrant Library Welcome Video project will serve approximately 2,500 non/limited-English speaking persons per year.

“By serving all community members, because every community member is a library patron, the library strives to improve and enrich their lives through information, education and recreation,” says Tysha Shay, the Library Station Reference Manager who led the video project team.

“This project will allow the library to continue to introduce this idea to more families each year,” she adds, “and it opened communication with new partners that will continue to share the library’s message.”
Grant Opportunities

**Author Visit Grant** • **DEADLINE: Ongoing**
This grant is specifically designed for school or public libraries to bring an author to their community. 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. Questions? Contact Debbie Musselman, Library Development Director, at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov or (573) 751-2679.

**Show Me Steps to Continuing Education: Individual Training Events** • **DEADLINE: Ongoing**
Is there an upcoming conference, workshop, seminar or course you’d like to attend? This grant is a competitive grant program for Missouri library personnel to participate in training opportunities when local funds cannot cover the entire cost. Grants range from $500 to $2,500, with a minimum local match of 25%. Eligible activities: regional, state and national workshops, pre-conferences, conferences, seminars or other development programs offered by professional associations or other appropriate entities; a community college class having direct application to the improvement of the applicant library’s operations or service; web-based instructional courses; and technical or other specialized CE events led by a qualified consultant or trainer. Questions? Contact Lisa Stock, Adult Services Consultant, at (573) 526-1087 or lisa.stock@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 grant 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. Eligible activities: Technical or specialized CE events led by a qualified consultant or trainer, and reserving a set number of seats for in-state attendees to participate in web-based instructional courses. Questions? Contact Lisa Stock, Adult Services Consultant, at (573) 526-1087 or lisa.stock@sos.mo.gov.

**Summer Library Program Grant** • **DEADLINE: November 15, 2019**
This grant is used to expand opportunities for children, teens and adults to improve their reading skills; enrich summer learning experiences; and, enhance opportunities to reach underserved summer populations. The minimum grant award is $2,500; the maximum grant award is $16,000. Questions? Contact Becky Wilson, Public Library Services Consultant, at becky.wilson@sos.mo.gov or (573) 522-9564.