On Aug. 27, I had the great honor of speaking at the dedication of the Keaton Room at the Keller Public Library in Dexter. Mr. Keller, for whom the library is named, has been instrumental in securing the land and financing what is now the Keller Public Library. It struck me, as I listened to Mr. Keller talk about how libraries have had to adapt since the prevalence of the use of the internet, that all libraries need to cultivate relationships with the Bud Kellers of their community. You see, Mr. Keller is 96 and lives in the Tampa area but still is investing in what he sees as a bedrock institution back home in Dexter. He drove—yes, drove—from Florida to be a part of the dedication of an expansion of the library.

In his remarks to the large crowd gathered for the event, Mr. Keller said that because of the internet, libraries have had to change and become more community centers than they used to. We know this, most of our patrons know this, but Mr. Keller has truly seen a lot more changes than our average patron and he embraces the library of the future.

Pam Trammel and her staff are blessed to have a supporter who has the means to financially support the library, but I think she would tell you that Mr. Keller has done so much more than bankroll projects. He has been a library champion. His enthusiasm is contagious and his dreams for his community are genuine. He will tell anyone who listens that the library of 2019 and beyond is more than ever the cornerstone of a community.

The Bud Kellers are out there, in every town large and small. Some you know one immediately and are probably naming them in your head right now. I challenge you to think about your library cheerleaders. Reach out and thank them for coming in, donating to the Friends, and talking up your programs and services to their friends. We never stop needing cheerleaders and the Mr. Kellers of our communities appreciate being recognized for their support.

Missouri State Librarian Robin Westphal served as director of the Livingston County Library from 2005 to 2017 and most recently led the Johnson City (TN) library. She has worked for 25 years in a variety of capacities from school media specialist to law librarian.
There was one ballot measure involving public libraries in the August 2019 elections. Citizens served by Rolling Hills Consolidated Library voted to renew the levy of $0.15 per $100 assessed valuation for an additional 20 years. This makes the total of all authorized levies to operate, maintain and improve library services at $0.31 per $100 assessed valuation.

**Transforming Teen Services**

Missouri is now a partner in the Transforming Teen Services: A Train the Trainer national initiative. This effort brings together state library and front-line public library staff for an intense training opportunity. Participants will build connected learning, computational thinking, and equity skills so they can better serve and meet the learning needs of youth in their communities. Following the training, each participant will facilitate a minimum of 30 hours of training for library staff across their state. Participants from Missouri are Jeanine Berkenfeld from Springfield-Greene County Library and Debbie Musselman from the Missouri State Library. The project is currently in its second year of implementation and is in partnership with the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies and funded through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**TumbleBooks for Story Time**

TumbleBooks can add interest to your group story time and be a great way to introduce young ones to independent reading. Because the controls are simple, and the books are animated, children can often operate them on their own after receiving training at a story time. Check out the TumbleBooks for Story Time in our webinar archive. Rachela Naccarato of TumbleBooks highlights how to create and use playlists in story time sessions.

**Spotlight on MoJobs and Missouri Job Centers**

Libraries play a vital role in workforce development. Several libraries across the state have teamed up with their local job centers in order to offer high quality services to job-seekers. If you have ever wanted to know more about the resources available through Missouri Job Centers and Workforce Development, join Karla Houchins, job center services manager, and Leslie Pitchford, workforce development specialist, for a conversation about the MoJobs system and Job Center network. MoJobs provides job and candidate matching at no cost. Missouri Job Centers offer a wide array of vital services to Missouri’s job seekers and businesses. Bring your questions! There will be plenty of time for Q&A, following a brief overview of available resources.

This event will take place in GoToTraining on Sept. 18 at 2:00 p.m. Follow the link to register: https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/8643060096205765122.
2020 Summer Reading Program Workshops and Webinars

Sarah Howard, Youth and Community Services Manager of the Daniel Boone Regional Library, will present ideas for new programs, displays, hands-on activities and practical tips for outreach programming for the 2020 Missouri statewide summer library programs based on the theme of fairy tales/mythology/fantasy, called “Imagine Your Story!” These workshops are free and open to Missouri public and school library personnel who serve children and their families. Locations, dates and times include:

- Riverside Regional Library (Jackson Branch), Oct. 17, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Little Dixie Regional Library (Paris Branch), Oct. 18, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Kansas City Public Library (Plaza Branch), Oct. 21, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Barry Lawrence Regional Library (Marionville Branch), Oct. 22, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Registration is required and can be completed online. Registration closes Sept. 30, 2019. Please direct questions to Becky Wilson, Public Library Services Consultant, at (573) 522-9564 or becky.wilson@sos.mo.gov.

Missouri library staff can also register for any of the free summer reading program webinars, which will share the information presented at the live workshops in an online format:

- Imagine Your Story: 2020 Summer Reading Programs for Children on Oct. 28 from 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- Imagine Your Story: 2020 Summer Reading Programs for Tweens and Teens on Oct. 28 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Outreach and Marketing for 2020 Summer Reading Programs on Oct. 29 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Reference Services for YOU: Reference Questions

Reference Services receives questions on a variety of topics from state employees and the general public, especially topics regarding Missouri government. Some of the questions we have answered in the past include:

- Do you have a picture of former US Representative W.P. Elmer?
- How do I find census statistics about the 4th Congressional District?
- Can I read the reports from the Missouri Attorney General?
- How do I see the full text of Amendment 3 in 2004?
- How do I search the full text of Missouri House and Senate journals?
- How do I access the text of Senate Bill 166, which passed in 1971?
- How do I find old issues of my town’s newspaper?

If your patrons have research questions that have you stumped, reach out to your friendly Reference Services team to help! We are available 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
New Books From The Missouri State Library

The Librarian’s Guide to Negotiation: Winning Strategies for the Digital Age by Beth Ashmore, Jill E. Grogg, and Jeff Weddle

IMPACT Learning: Librarians at the Forefront of Change in Higher Education by Clarence Maybee

Hacking School Libraries: 10 Ways to Incorporate Library Media Centers into Your Learning Community by Kristina A. Holzweiss, and Stony Evans

The Readers’ Advisory Guide to Teen Literature by Angela Carstensen

Using Twitter to Build Communities by Valerie Forrestal and Tinamarie Vella

Electronic Resources Librarianship by Holly Talbott and Ashley Zmau

Big Data Shocks: An Introduction to Big Data for Librarians and Information Professionals by Andrew Weiss

The Pleasures of Reading: A Booklover’s Alphabet by Catherine Sheldrick Ross

Technically Wrong: Sexist Apps, Biased Algorithms, and Other Threats of Toxic Tech by Sara Wachter-Boettcher

The Ordinary Leader: 10 Key Insights for Building and Leading a Thriving Organization by Randy Grieser

What Got You Here Won’t Get You There: How Successful People Become Even More Successful by Marshall Goldsmith

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 Reference Services Division at (573) 751-3615 or libref@sos.mo.gov.

FAQ: I have new board members, is there any training available for them?

Yes! The Missouri State Library sponsors access to Short Takes for Trustees. Short Takes is a series of 10 short videos—eight to 10 minutes each—on the important role that Trustees play in the governance of their libraries. The series walks viewers through the basics of what it means to be a trustee, how to set policy, how to evaluate the library director, and the ethical and parliamentary standards for boards. They can be viewed individually or shown during Board of Trustee meetings to stimulate discussion. Contact the State Library at mostlib@sos.mo.gov for the login and password.

This project is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services Act as administered by the Missouri State Library.
Early Literacy Archives
MOSL has 14 webinars available for viewing in the Early Literacy archives. Sample topics include:

- Early Literacy Basics
- Digital Storytimes
- Science and Math in Storytimes
- Racing to Read to Go
- Engaging Picture Book Presentations
- Selecting Picture Books and Wrap-Around Activities

Additional webinars about youth services are available in the Youth Services folder of the archives. You can register for live and upcoming youth related webinars through the Library Development Catalog.

Library Consortia Amplify the Impact of Statewide Projects
The mission of the Library Development department at the Missouri State Library (MOSL) is to promote the development and improvement of library services throughout the state. Library Development designs statewide projects and opportunities for electronic access, resource sharing, continuing education and more. Often we determine that working with a library consortium is the best way to maximize the impact of our investment in these projects. Working with consortia can also minimize the cost for participating libraries. Below are several consortia that we are currently in partnership with:

Mid-America Library Alliance (MALA) – MOSL provides a federally funded grant to MALA to manage the statewide Get Connected Courier Service for Missouri public libraries. The grant covers the cost of at least two stops per week for qualifying libraries. Libraries have the option to purchase additional days.

Missouri Evergreen – MOSL provides a federally funded grant to Missouri Evergreen to support hosting of a shared library catalog and new member migrations. This consortium is open to Missouri public libraries. Membership fees apply.

MOBIUS - MOBIUS is a 77-member, multi-type library consortium made up of academic, public and special libraries including MOSL. The State Library participates in MOBIUS’s union catalog, resource sharing, and courier services. Membership fees apply.

MOREnet – The Remote Electronic Access for Libraries (REAL) program provides Internet connectivity, technical services, technical support, e-rate support, and databases to Missouri public libraries. A state appropriation subsidizes participation in this program. Membership and connectivity fees apply.

OCLC – OCLC is a mega-consortium that includes members from all over the world. The State Library uses Library Services and Technology Act funding to purchase a statewide WorldShare Interlibrary Loan (ILL) subscription and WorldCat Discovery subscription for eligible Missouri public libraries. Libraries must pay a small access fee for WorldShare ILL and are responsible for procuring their own cataloging services.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these consortia, please contact Jennifer Thompson, Technology and Resources Sharing Consultant, at jennifer.thompson@sos.mo.gov. There are many more noteworthy consortia in Missouri and beyond that do not appear on this list. There may be one that would be helpful to your library. It is worth investigating!
The Missouri State Library approved 15 Edge Grant applications in the 2020 fiscal year, totaling $158,934 in federal awards that Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft’s office has distributed to libraries throughout Missouri. The grants are funded by the Library Services and Technology Act through the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services. Individual award amounts range from $2,598 to $18,000 and will support projects such as adding mobile printing services, providing early literacy tablets, improving Wi-Fi connections and updating patron computers and printers. Congratulations to all of this year’s recipients!

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Edge Library Profile: Christian County Library

The Urban Libraries Council featured Christian County Library in the latest Edge Newsletter. The article describes how the Edge Action Plan helped the library develop a new strategic plan. It highlights Christian County Library’s dedication to serving the unique needs of its member communities and how strategic partnerships help them achieve this. The library works with local schools, businesses, county chambers of commerce and nonprofits to get the word out about library resources and expand the reach of library services. Library partnerships facilitate a variety of pick-up locations for library resources across the county, including a burger/ice cream shop, community center and supermarket. These partnerships also allow the library to offer programming at community sites, such as a storytime series currently being held at a fire station in the city of Sparta. The full article is linked below:

https://www.libraryedge.org/community/library-profiles/christian-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. 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: 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.
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.