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State Library Newsletter

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Missouri State Library News

CSLP's Official Summer Library Facebook Group

Join the [CSLP Official Summer Library Programming Group](#) to learn and share with libraries and librarians across the country.

Programming ideas, decorating ideas and everything to help with Oceans of Possibilities all in one place.

A Teen Walks into the Library Course

This self-directed course was developed by Arapahoe Libraries and is archived on the Colorado State Library's *Libraries Learn* site. The course is designed to help learners gain a beginning-level understanding of working with

teens in the library setting. This course is a good resource for new librarians or for those new to working with teens. You can access the course [here](#).

Missouri Digital Heritage New Collection

A new collection from the Missouri State Archives is now available through Missouri Digital Heritage. The [Affidavits of Age Collection](#) contains handwritten statements from Missouri judges from the mid-19th century verifying their age with the secretary of state's office. As outlined in the Missouri Constitution (1820),

judges had to be at least 30 years old, but birth certificates were not issued or maintained by the government at that time. Explore more Missouri history collections [here](#). Institutions wishing to participate in Missouri Digital Heritage may contact mdh@sos.mo.gov.

Monarch Center for Autism Webinar Series: Part Two

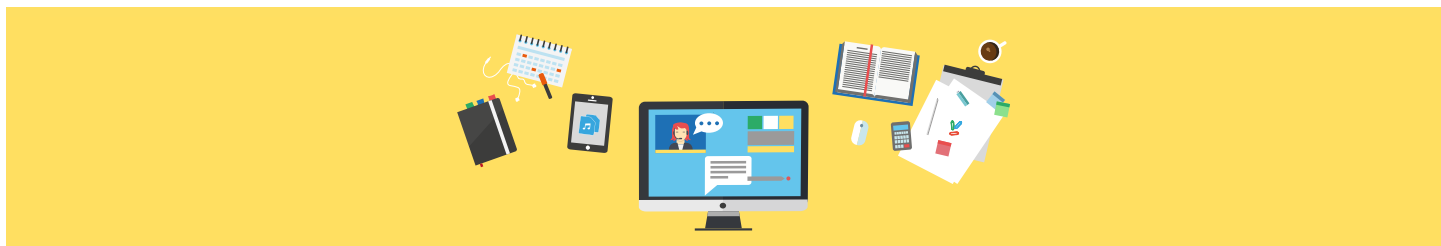
The two-part series by the Monarch Center for Autism helps address challenging behaviors of autistic adults and highlight technology that can enhance the library experience for them. *Innovative Technology That Will Enhance the Library Experience for Adults with Autism* will be held Thursday, May 12, at 10 a.m. Recommended resources will include specific software, apps,

electronic support, mobile and wearable technology, along with making video models available via QR codes. After registering [here](#), you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the training. If you have any questions, contact Merideth Johnson at merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov or (573) 751-1822.

Missouri Evergreen

[Ralls County Library](#) joined the [Missouri Evergreen Consortium](#) in 2021 and went live on March 24, 2022. The library added 18,187 items to the shared catalog, and 651 patrons now have access to the almost four million items in the consortium catalog. Congratulations to Director Brian Cleveland, his staff and community. We

are glad you are part of the Missouri Evergreen Consortium. For more information about the benefits of being a Missouri Evergreen member, contact Mickey Coalwell, executive director, at director@moevergreenlibraries.org or Shannon Midyett, board chair, at shannon@poplarbluff.org.



Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

For the complete webinar list, visit [MALAPro Professional Development](#).

Servant Leadership in Libraries with Savannah Ball, Wichita Public Library, Thursday, April 14, 10 – 11 a.m.

Servant Leadership is a management style that flips the hierarchy of traditional leadership upside down. Leading with customers and staff as a priority has proven to create a more successful organization and a positive work

culture. Join Wichita Public Library Branch Manager Savannah Ball as she shares how this style of leadership is used in libraries to produce valuable outcomes. Registration is available at [Servant Leadership in Libraries](#).

Romance Reader's Advisory: A Genre Overview with Beth Atwater, Johnson County Public Library and Amy Fisher, Mid-Continent Public Library, Tuesday, May 3, 2 – 3 p.m.

Join two romance-reading librarians for a presentation and Q&A on Romance Reader's Advisory. We will discuss genre characteristics, available subgenres, popular trends in romance

reading and a few titles for your core collection. Registration is available at [Romance Reader's Advisory](#).

Upcoming MOREnet Trainings

For the complete training list, visit the [MOREnet Training Schedule](#).

Digital Accessibility, Friday, April 8, 9 – 10 a.m.

Creating great content, whether it is in the form of videos, websites or simple documents, should be done with all users in mind. This session will discuss tips and techniques for making

your content as accessible as possible to your audience, whether they be students, faculty, parents or the public. Registration is available at [Digital Accessibility](#).

Oceans Of Possibilities - Technology For Your Library Summer Reading Program, Tuesday, April 19, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Library Station, Springfield-Greene County Library District, Springfield

This all-day, hands-on session will provide a variety of activities to help integrate technology into your summer reading program. The primary focus will be on maker activities and coding. No

maker or coding experience is necessary. You will learn and walk away with activities to use in your library. Registration is available at [Oceans of Possibilities](#).

Upcoming Amigos Trainings

For the complete training list, visit the [Amigos online course schedule](#).

Library Management: Managing Personnel, Thursday, April 7, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

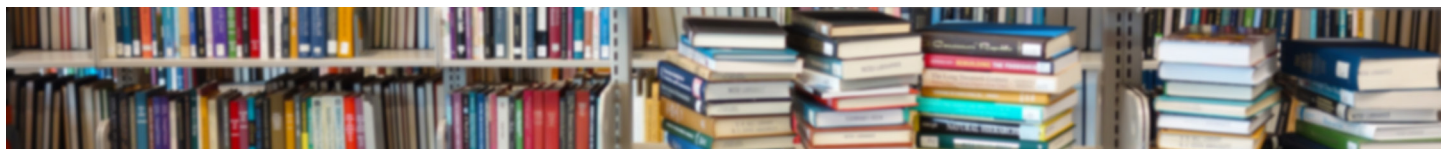
This session on managing personnel is designed to help the first-time library manager gain a foundation to successful personnel management. Library staff are key to the success of libraries through their job performance and representation of their employers to their constituents. Managers are instrumental drivers in fostering, mentoring and developing

productive and fulfilled library staff. Learn about the main challenges in personnel management, strategies to improve success during the hiring and interviewing process, methods for addressing and documenting disciplinary issues and more. Registration is available at [Library Management: Managing Personnel](#).

Know & Go: Customer Service Basics for Any Librarian, Monday, April 11, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Information seekers interact daily with library staff to meet their information needs. Do you have the necessary customer skills to engage in successful interactions with your patrons? This webinar helps public services' staff identify the necessary skill sets needed for any interaction with a patron, whether it be in person, on

the phone or virtually. Learn to employ retail customer service skills and techniques within the library, understand barriers to effectively communicate with patrons and develop a strategy for practicing one's customer service skills. Registration is available at [Customer Service Basics for Any Librarian](#).



Reference Services for YOU: Session Research

It is now easier for patrons to research the current session of the Missouri General Assembly and to connect to activities of the state legislature. Below are resources to help your patrons stay on top of legislative happenings at the state capitol from anywhere!

- [Joint Bill Tracking](#): Search by keyword, sponsor(s) or bill number. Search results will have the bill's full text as well as details about its sponsors, status and amendments.
- [Legislator Lookup](#): Find and verify current legislators by entering a Missouri address or ZIP Code.
- [Missouri Legislative Districts](#): View the Missouri congressional districts and state house and senate districts in this online map with layers that may be added or removed to best fit the patron's needs.

- [Governor's Legislative Actions](#): Review current bills sent to the governor.
- [Missouri Revised Statutes](#): For current laws of the State of Missouri, search this site by keyword(s) or section number.
- [Lobbying Searches](#): Search for registered lobbyists, principals and expenditures from the Missouri Ethics Commission.

All of the above databases and many more are available on our easy-to-use [Missouri State Agency Databases Guide](#).

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!

New Books From The Missouri State Library



[Launching Large Scale Library Initiatives](#)



[The Six-Step Guide to Library Worker Engagement](#)



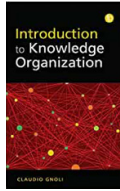
[Advancing a Culture of Creativity in Libraries](#)



[Fundamentals of Planning and Assessment for Libraries](#)



[The Disaster Planning Handbook for Libraries](#)



[Introduction to Knowledge Organization](#)

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 themselves or any of their library's staff with this card by placing a request in our catalog.

To sign up for a card or request a book, visit our [Missouri Library Staff Guide](#) that features new books, recorded webinars, government publications and more helpful resources.

For assistance with placing holds, requesting 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!



Grant Opportunities

[Educational Presenter Grant](#) • **Deadline: Ongoing**

This open-call grant is a combination of the previously offered Author Visit Grant and the Bicentennial Programs Grant and will replace the two separate grants. Libraries can apply to bring an author or educational presentation to their community. This application is open

to Missouri public libraries certified to receive FY22 state aid, Missouri school libraries that are publicly supported and publicly controlled, and Missouri academic libraries supported publicly or privately.