Every Child Ready to Read, Second Edition is an early literacy program that focuses on educating parents and caregivers on how to nurture early literacy skills in their children. The program emphasizes the importance of vocabulary, background knowledge and comprehension, along with a stimulating learning environment. The ECCR2 program was developed by The Public Library Association (PLA) and Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC). The workshop will provide background information for ECCR2 and an overview of the parent workshop. Attendees will be prepared to implement the program within their library and train their staff and parents how to use the program with their child.

The Missouri State Library will be presenting four in-person Early Literacy workshops for Every Child Ready to Read, Second Edition. These will be held throughout the state, each being limited to 15 attendees. Libraries are limited to one staff member attending. The workshops will be held on:

- **March 4** – Cape Girardeau Public Library, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **March 15** – Rolling Hills Consolidated Library, St. Joseph, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **March 22** – Joplin Public Library, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- **March 29** – Little Dixie Regional Library, Moberly, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Participants will receive the ECRR Second Edition toolkit, brochures, and bookmarks for your library. A Show Me Steps grant will be available in the Missouri State Library Online Grant Management System.

Register at [ECRR2](#). If you have questions, Contact Lysha Thompson, Youth Services Consultant at [lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov](mailto:lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov).
Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Numbers

On October 1, 2021, the federal government began transitioning to a new Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), thus beginning the process of discontinuing issuing/using DUNS numbers. Libraries that registered through the SAM.gov system before Oct. 1, 2021, were automatically assigned the new UEI variant.

If your library is already registered, make sure to maintain the registration by logging in at least once per year and updating the registration. If your library has not registered in SAM.gov, you still have the opportunity to register before April 3, 2022, but the change from DUNS to the UEI will not be automatic.

There are eight very general steps to attain the UEI:

1. Register for login credentials for SAM.gov or login with existing credentials
2. Login to SAM.gov
3. Once logged in to the workspace, select “Get Started”
4. Under the Get Unique Entity ID (SAM) click “Get Unique Entity ID” (not Register Entity)
5. Enter your library/entity information (includes the DUNS number)
6. Validate the entity information
7. Request UEI (SAM)
8. Receive UEI (SAM) (Click “done”, not Continue Registration)

If you click on “Register Entity” listed in #4 above or “Continue Registration” in #8, this will send you into the path for full registration, which normally takes several hours. According to the General Services Administration webinar on Nov. 3, 2021, the process to attain just the UEI should take less than 15 minutes.

The request for the UEI should be completed before April 3 in order to allow for a smoother transition from DUNS to UEI and not interrupt any grant payments. Questions about attaining an UEI or registration and the registration process should be directed to www.fsd.gov.

If you are considering completing the full registration, we have placed a Quick Overview for Financial Assistance Applicants document from the US General Services Administration on the Missouri State Library website to help guide you through the registration process. Please review this document before attempting to register; it outlines the data needed to register as well as a brief tutorial.

Missouri Evergreen

Missouri Evergreen, a consortium of public libraries in Missouri, saw amazing growth in the last six months of 2021. From July through November, the number of members grew from 52 to 56 when four libraries migrated to the consortium. They were James Memorial Public Library, Henry County Library, Rolla Public Library, and Cedar County Library. To the library patrons and staff, welcome to the consortium!

In December, the consortium hired its first executive director, Mickey Coalwell, who started work in January 2022. Mickey’s goals are “to provide connection and support” to the library staff of the Missouri Evergreen consortium members and “to ease some of the organizational and administrative burdens” of the consortium board and committees. Welcome to Missouri Evergreen, Mickey!

The Missouri Evergreen consortium brings together Missouri public libraries to strengthen and promote excellent library services to their member libraries and Missouri citizens. Member →
libraries share a cloud-hosted integrated library system that allows patrons and staff at member libraries to request books from other member libraries as though they are two branches of the same library system.

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

**Tutoring at the Library Webinar**

The Missouri State Library – Library Development Division is hosting the webinar Offering Tutoring Resources at Local Libraries: Building a Strong Community Partner for Summer Programming, as part of the Children and Teens Services Forum on Friday, March 4, 10 – 11 a.m. Learn how a Missouri-based non-profit organization, The Oasis Institute, collaborated with both a metropolitan library system and a rural library to offer a literacy-based tutoring program in their local branches. Attendees will gain valuable insight into the challenges and successes of the partnership, how it was adapted to continue programming during the pandemic, and how it can be replicated in other libraries. Presenters include staff members of The Oasis Institute, St. Louis County Library, and Lillian Des Marias Youth Library, a branch of the Livingston County Library. Registration is required and may be completed at Children and Teens Services Forum.

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**Upcoming MOREnet Trainings**

A full list of MOREnet training sessions is available at the MOREnet Training Schedule.

**Oceans Of Possibilities - Technology for Your Library Summer Reading Program**

Regional Locations:

- **February 15** – Columbia (9:00 – 3:00) – Register
- **March 22** – O’Fallon (9:30 – 3:30) – Register
- **April 19** – Springfield (9:00 – 3:00) – Register
- **May 9** – Independence (9:00 – 3:00) – Register

(Additional locations will be added)

These full-day, hands-on sessions will provide you with a variety of activities to help you integrate technology into your summer reading program. The session will focus on maker activities and coding, all based on the theme of oceans. No maker or coding experience is necessary to learn and walk away with activities you can use in your library. Come explore the “Oceans of Possibilities” of integrating technology into your summer reading program. Registration is available at Oceans of Possibilities.

**EBSCO EBooks Basics for MOREnet Members, Tuesday, February 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

In this one-hour training session you will learn the basics of using EBSCO eBooks. We will review how to access EBSCO eBooks, searching and browsing, reading EBSCO eBooks online, downloading chapters, checking out titles, placing holds and more. We will also look at eBooks in the new EBSCO mobile app, which offers a new interface and easy process for reading and checking out eBooks on mobile devices. Registration is available at EBSCO EBooks.
Join us in February for a high-tech training summit that will include in-depth sessions on various topics that are important to those responsible for implementing and managing technology in K-12 schools, libraries and higher education institutions. Each training will either be conducted by MOREnet staff or a hand-picked expert, with topics based on feedback from our members.


Receive 50% off Registration and Free Lodging: The REAL Program will fund one night of hotel for the evening of Monday, February 21 for up to 40 public library staff members.

E-mail jeanne@more.net to request one night of lodging funded through the REAL Program.

• Please note in the email if you also require a room on Sunday, February 20. MOREnet will include that in the reservation request with the hotel, but you will be responsible for paying for the night of lodging separately.

The REAL Program will subsidize 50% of the $100 registration fee for public library staff members. To receive 50% off the registration fee, use the discount code REALTECH when registering through the link below.

Registration is available at 2022 MOREnet Technical Training Summit.

Upcoming Amigos Trainings

A full list of Amigos trainings is available at the Amigos Continuing Education Services Schedule.

Know & Go: Creating a Mentorship Program at Your Library, Monday, February 28, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

A formal mentoring program is a structured, often one-to-one relationship that requires planning and organization to connect mentees with mentors, increase knowledge and build skills for future goals and milestones. In this webinar, learn how to establish a mentoring program at your library, create a mentoring culture, and evaluate the success of your mentoring program. Learn to understand the benefits of mentoring among library staff, develop a formal or informal mentorship program at your library and evaluate the mentorship program. Registration is available at Creating a Mentorship Program.

Library Craft Programs and Take & Makes on a Skinny Budget, Thursday, March 3, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

The maker movement did not slow down for a global pandemic. Library users of all ages are still looking for opportunities to channel their inner artist through library craft and maker programs and take-and-make library kits. Balancing library user enthusiasm for craft programs with library programming budgets is truly a challenge. Join us for ideas and examples to help you offer and maximize library craft programs on a lean budget. Learn to examine the role of maker culture in libraries, highlight and select craft and take-and-make activities to deliver, and develop a craft program series on a budget. Registration is available at Library Craft Programs.
Summer Reading Workshop

The Grand River Library Conference held a 2022 Summer Reading Workshop with Will Stuck on January 18. The Livingston County Library hosted the full-day workshop. Many useful suggestions for Summer Library Programming were shared from Will as well as from the attendees. Taylor from Little Dixie Regional Libraries shared some fantastic ideas for adult programming as well.

CSLP Summer Symposium Recordings Available

Recordings and slides are available as everyone is preparing for summer reading programming. Available to view for CSLP is Summer Matters: Making All Learning Count where Liz McClesney addresses summer learning loss, the importance of summer library programming and social-emotional deficits stemming from COVID-19. You can access all recordings here.

Missouri Ploud Project: Connecting Small Libraries with their Patrons

Ever since the Missouri Ploud Program began last year, it has grown to enable 10 small, rural libraries to connect digitally with their patrons. The Ploud program is a web hosting service provided by Enfold Systems, Inc. for libraries with minimal or no website of their own to have a digital platform where they can provide access to and information about online and in-person library services and resources. The first three libraries to go active in September were Sweet Springs Public Library, Seymour Community Library, and Dade County Library, and have joined the program and created live websites for their patrons. Four more libraries are currently in training to build their websites.

As the number of people using a Missouri library’s Ploud website has grown. In November, 123 persons accessed the five live websites to view 494 pages, which jumped to 206 persons and 718 page views in December as awareness of the websites grew and an additional sixth library website went live. The cost of the program is 100% subsidized by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

If you are interested in joining the Ploud program and creating a new website, contact Janet Caruthers, Technology and Resource Sharing Consultant at the Missouri State Library at janet.caruthers@sos.mo.gov or (573) 526-1087; or Nora Wesselmann, Missouri Ploud Project Coordinator, at nora.vegiard@sos.mo.gov.
New Books from The Missouri State Library

- The New Librarianship Field Guide
- Librarian’s Guide to Online Searching: Cultivating Database Skills for Research and Instruction
- Harnessing the Power of Google: What Every Researcher Should Know
- Developing Digital Detectives: Essential Lessons for Discerning Fact from Fiction in the ‘Fake News’ Era
- Helping Library Users with Legal Questions: Practical Advice for Research, Programming, and Outreach
- Running the Books: The Adventures of an Accidental Prison Librarian

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, who 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, visit our guide for Missouri library staff. The guide also 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!

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

Grant Opportunities

**Technology Ladder Grant** • Deadline: March 1

The Technology Ladder Grant, with a grant period of April 15, 2022 to March 30, 2023, is open with an application due date of March 1, 2023. The goals of this grant are to replace older technology or purchase new technology for projects intricate in nature to improve library services, or to develop or redesign a website for more effective service delivery. The projects also require more than five months for completion. The amount to request can range from $5,000 up to $40,000. This grant is open to Missouri public libraries certified to receive state aid in state fiscal year 2022. If a library has a website, it must be actively maintained and include links to Book Connections, TumbleBookLibrary Deluxe, and VetNow online resources and, if a REAL program member, the library’s website must also include links to EBSCO, HeritageQuest, LearningExpress Library, and Rosen databases. Libraries with a project resulting from a MOREnet network assessment will receive high priority, which was added this year to the high priority qualifications list. This grant is supported by IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. If you have questions, please contact Janet Caruthers, Technology and Resource Sharing Consultant, at (573) 526-1087 or janet.caruthers@sos.mo.gov.
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 cost of eligible, non-credit continuing education event. The grant may be used to send an individual to a training or to bring a trainer to a group. Applications are accepted year round.

An upcoming eligible conference includes, but is not limited to:

- **Missouri Association of School Librarians**, Tan Tar-A Conference Center, April 10-12

The Institute of Museum and Library Services support these grants under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. If you have questions about the Show Me Steps grant opportunities, please contact Merideth Johnson at the merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov or call (573) 751-1822.

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**Show Me Steps Grants** • **Deadline: Ongoing**

This open-call grant is a mash-up 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, either publicly supported or private.

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**Educational Presenter Grant** • **Deadline: Ongoing**