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Missouri State Library News

IMLS, Califa Group, Wyoming and Missouri State Libraries, and Lifetime Arts Launch \$1.2 Million Project to Advance Creative Aging

By 2030, older adults (55+) will be the dominant demographic group in the United States, and institutions are adapting to meet their needs for meaningful engagement. A total of 132 public and county library systems in Missouri and Wyoming will develop and/or expand arts education programs that improve the lives of older adults through the Advancing Creative Aging Through State Library Leadership Initiative (2023-2025). In partnership with the participating state libraries, Lifetime Arts will train and coach up to 250 librarians and library programmers in creative aging program planning, design, marketing, implementation, and documentation. One hundred in-person and remote creative aging programs will serve up to 2,000 older

adults in Wyoming and Missouri public libraries and build the case for long-term sustainability. Nationally, thousands more libraries and their staff will benefit through networking opportunities and the dissemination of the virtual self-paced course, Creative Aging Foundations on Demand from Lifetime Arts. This three-year initiative is made possible through a partnership between [Califa Group](#), [Wyoming State Library](#), [Missouri State Library](#), and [Lifetime Arts](#). The project is generously supported by a \$646,000 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian grant from the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) (IMLS), and builds on IMLS's longtime support of creative aging in libraries. Stay tuned for more exciting updates on this project!



STAR Net Eclipse Workshop on March 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Cape Girardeau Public Library

MOSL has teamed with STAR Net programs to help library staff prepare for the 2023 and 2024 solar eclipses. The workshop will prepare and empower public library staff to facilitate meaningful solar and space science programs for their patrons. Attendees will receive hands-on training on operating solar telescopes and other methods for direct and indirect solar viewing, best practices for developing and facilitating STEM programs, and how to engage with community partners. STAR Net facilitators will help library staff build off the excitement of the 2023 and 2024 solar eclipses, engage their patrons in solar science activities, safely and

effectively facilitate direct and indirect methods of safe solar viewing, and develop and facilitate exciting and interactive STEM programming at their library. STAR Net will also be supplying Eclipse viewing kits that will circulate as the current STEM kits do. The workshop will use materials from the circulation kits and highlight best practices in using those materials, but the strategies, activities and resources shared during the workshop will be useful to attendees whether they have access to a circulation kit or not. Workshop attendance is limited to 35 attendees. Register [here](#).

ALA's FY2022 Preservation Statistics Survey

The ALA/Core Preservation Standards and Practices Committee (PS&P) is pleased to announce that the [FY2022 Preservation Statistics Survey](#) is now open. Due to the pandemic, this is the first time the survey has run since 2020 for FY2019. Your data contribution greatly impacts the understanding of preservation activities and trends across libraries of many types. ALA invites you to complete the survey to the best of your ability, and the survey will close on **March 1, 2023**.

The Preservation Statistics Survey is a project to document and analyze the preservation activities of cultural heritage institutions in the United States. Preservation activities encompass a broad range of tasks to ensure long-term access to traditional and digital cultural heritage collections in libraries, museums, archives, historical societies, and more. Learn more about the survey and view previous the Preservation Statistics Survey results at [Preservation Statistics](#).

American Library Association Graduate Program Scholarships

The [American Library Association \(ALA\) Scholarship Program](#) has more than \$300,000 available to students who are studying in library science or school library media programs at the master's degree level. They include scholarships for students who are interested in children's librarianship, youth librarianship, federal librarianship, new media, and library automation. In addition, there are also scholarships available for minorities, persons with disabilities, and people who are already employed in libraries but do not have an MLS.

The scholarship process is open annually from September – March 1. Applications and reference forms (which must be submitted online) are available during that time period. Instructions and general information remain available year round. You can apply for a variety of scholarships through the single online application hosted by the ALA Scholarship Program.





TechSoup Introduces Cloud Support Services for Microsoft Cloud Subscriptions

Starting on January 4, all Microsoft Office and Microsoft 365 cloud licenses obtained through TechSoup will include Cloud Support Services delivered by TechSoup. This service will allow TechSoup to help nonprofits and libraries determine which Microsoft cloud licenses are right for them, how to activate those licenses properly, and how to fully realize the value of this powerful but complex platform. As a result, pricing for some of their cloud subscriptions will

be affected. Libraries will still have an option to receive donated licenses directly from Microsoft at no cost to you, but these will not include any of the TechSoup support services. Read the November 15, 2022 blog post, [Introducing Cloud Support Services for Microsoft Cloud Subscriptions](#), from TechSoup to learn more about this change and which license plans are affected.

Upcoming Amigos Training

For the complete training list, visit the [Amigos Continuing Education Services Schedule](#).

Know & Go: Here's Your Sign: Best Practices for Library Signage, Monday, February 13, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Successful library signage brings new patrons into the library and assists them in finding needed information. Unsuccessful library signage is often unclear, cluttered, or ineffective.

Improve patrons' experiences with guidance for evaluating library signage from the context of user experience and customer service. Registration is available at [Here's Your Sign](#).

Know & Go: EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) Organizational and Individual Self-Assessment Tools for Libraries, Monday, February 27, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) organizational self-assessment tools provide ways for libraries to examine and assess EDI initiatives for adoption and improvement. These resource tools help staff identify and

develop personal areas for EDI growth. This session focuses on 10 current organizational and individual EDI self-assessment tools for application in libraries. Registration is available at [EDI \(Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion\)](#).

Know & Go: Conducting Effective Meetings, Monday, March 6, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Meetings are a weekly – sometimes daily – ritual for many library administrators and staff. Learning to lead and participate effectively in meetings results in better preparation to get the most out of your time. How to plan and facilitate

an effective meeting and employ strategies to combat common meeting problems are covered. Registration is available at [Conducting Effective Meetings](#).

Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

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

Programs & Services for Immigrant & Refugee Patrons, Thursday, February 9, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Join Regina Crandall and Julie Robinson as they discuss how to connect with and serve immigrant and refugee patrons. In this one-hour webinar, they'll cover building a citizenship corner, finding community resources and

networks, ESL classes and programs, the naturalization process and more. Registration is available at [Programs & Services for Immigrant & Refugee Patrons](#).



Collection Development in the Time of Book Banning, Tuesday, February 28, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

The past year has been complex and difficult for libraries with many challenges to books and collections. While the number of material challenges rise, there are steps you can take to prepare your library and uphold intellectual freedom principals. In this webinar, the presenter will discuss collection development policies,

supporting selection practices and handling challenges to the collection. Please join instructor Lacie Griffin as she discusses ways to work through these complex issues and take-home tips to use the next day. Registration is available at [Collection Development](#).

Library Outreach: Effective Materials Delivery, Thursday, March 9, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

How do we reach all members of our community, regardless of their ability to access a traditional library space? How do we connect with individuals who have never been to or have disconnected from the Library? In this webinar, we'll discuss what Library Outreach is and talk

about different ways to connect underserved members of your community with physical library materials using innovative and effective strategies. Registration is available at [Library Outreach](#).

Upcoming MOREnet Trainings

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

Word Press for Libraries, Monday, February 13, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

WordPress is a free, easy-to-use tool to create great-functioning and great-looking websites. In this course, schools and libraries will learn how to set up a basic website using templates, plug-ins and add-ons. Once set up, the WordPress

site becomes an easy-to-navigate and updated portal for patrons to use to access resources. Registration is available at [Word Press for Libraries](#).

Level Up: Learn How to Bring Game-Based Learning into Your Space, Tuesday, February 14, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., MOREnet Training Room, Columbia

Why watch your students and patrons playing video games when you could watch them design and create the game themselves? Coding and programming are no longer reserved for college graduates or industry professionals. Programming is now something that allows learners of all ages the ability to develop their own games. Explore Scratch and see how to create sharable beginner or advanced block programming game projects.

Microsoft's MakeCode platform allows users to create throwback arcade games and create in Minecraft Edu. This education version of Minecraft builds upon the traditional game by adding lesson plans and guided activities for a wide range of content areas and subjects. Explore how to use game-based learning in your space, as well as how to take advantage of the educator resources provided. Registration is available at [Level Up](#).

Get to Know EBSCO, Wednesday, February 15, 3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for an introduction to your EBSCO resources. You will learn what key interfaces and databases you have access to, why they are important, and how to access them. We will discover articles, eBooks, journals, and primary

source documents in popular EBSCO databases, perform basic and advanced searches, and review custom tools and functionality. Registration is available at [Get to Know EBSCO](#).

Intro to OER, Thursday, February 16, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

This session will train teachers & admin on how to use a massive online (and free!) database that houses resources aligned with Missouri (and other state) standards. Participants will also be trained how to find, share, and create their

own resources within this growing database. This Open Educational Resources (OER) library is designed to make education accessible for everyone. Registration is available at [Intro To OER](#).

Training Those Who Are Just Getting Started with Technology (For Public Libraries), Tuesday, March 21, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Cape City Library - Oscar Hirsch Room, Cape Girardeau

This three-hour class is intended to help librarians work with patrons who are new to technology. In this session we will show activities and content that you can use to help your patrons. You will receive access to lesson plans that can be used to develop programming at your library to build confidence and skills for those who are hesitant to adopt technology.

Some of the content includes password security, setting up a basic home network, and how to access affordable internet. Registration is available at [Training Those Who Are Just Getting Started](#). This training will occur in Springfield, St. Peters, Chillicothe, and Warrensburg later in the year. Go to the [MOREnet Training Schedule](#) for registration information.

Reference Services for YOU: CFPB and the Library

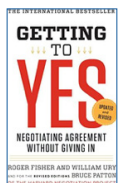
The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's primary function is to enforce consumer financial laws and provide consumer protection, but encouraging financial literacy has become a core focus for the agency.

For promoting personal financial literacy, [publications](#) and online tools are available to patrons for enhancing their education from childhood through retirement. Resources for individuals to learn about their financial well-being score or to look up the [consumer complaint database](#) are also available.

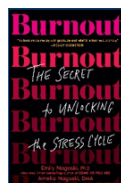
Of particular interest, the CFPB created a Libraries Initiative with [Resources for Libraries and Librarians](#) containing outreach and program ideas designed for public library use. The librarian training [webinars](#) focus on how libraries can discuss and promote financial literacy topics with patrons. The CFPB also provides free online and paper publications geared toward libraries, including financial education bookmarks.

Questions? Contact Reference Services at 573-751-3615, libref@sos.mo.gov, or mostate.libguides.com

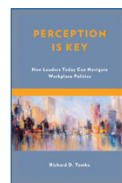
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Discover more of our new Library Professional Development titles as well as recorded webinars, government publications, and more on the [Missouri Library Staff Guide](#).

Directors and branch managers are able to sign up for a State Library card from the guide and are encouraged to borrow items for themselves or any of their library's staff.

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, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and are always happy to help!



Grant Opportunities

Technology Ladder Grant • **Deadline: March 1, 2023**

The 2023 Technology Ladder Grant is open in the online grant management system. Applications are due by March 1, 2023, with a grant period of April 15, 2023 to March 30, 2024. This grant is for purchasing technology and technology-related projects that require more than five months to complete. The eligibility requirements include the requirement to have and maintain an active Unique Entity Identifier in the name of the library registered through SAM.gov and a current Work Authorization on file with the Missouri Office

of Administration. See the Award Guidance for the full list of eligibility requirements and the minimum and maximum awards. It is recommended applicants print a copy of the Award Guidance for their grant file and as an aid in completing the application. Also, notice the thresholds for the required local match have been raised to follow the increase in technology pricing. If you have questions, please contact Janet Caruthers at janet.caruthers@sos.mo.gov or 573-526-1087.

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 publicly supported and publicly controlled, and Missouri academic libraries supported publicly or privately.



Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft

John R. (Jay) Ashcroft is Missouri's 40th secretary of state. Each year Secretary Ashcroft travels to all of Missouri's 114 counties to talk with local officials, students, library executives, and business owners to promote Missouri and learn how he can help make Missouri even better.

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