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 **State Library Newsletter**

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State Library News

2027 Summer Library Program Workshops – Save the Date!

The 2026 summer program is in full swing, but we're already thinking ahead to 2027 and the Mysteries Await at Your Library theme. Featuring presenter Will Stuck, we'll be offering FIVE in-person workshops and ONE virtual workshop, all at no cost to you. Dates are listed below and on the [2027 SLP Workshop Save the Date](#) flyer.

Check your fall calendar to find the workshop date and location that works best for you! Registration opens Sept. 1.

- **Thursday, Oct. 22** – Cape Girardeau Public Library
- **Tuesday, Oct. 27** – Joplin Public Library

- **Thursday, Nov. 5** – Rolling Hills Consolidated Library in St. Joseph
- **Friday, Nov. 6** – Columbia Public Library
- **Tuesday, Nov. 10** – Texas County Library in Houston
- **Wednesday, Nov. 18** – Virtual workshop



The Inspector Whiskers image is a sneak peek and has not yet been finalized for the 2027 CSLP Mysteries Await theme.

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Listening Sessions for Upcoming Summer Theme and Slogan



collaborative
summer library program

Save the date for two upcoming listening sessions to provide input on the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) SLOGAN to go along with the 2029 theme of NATURE, as well as the 2030 THEME. No registration necessary. Just join the Zoom on the day/time indicated on this [CSLP Listening Session flyer](#).

- Thursday, Aug. 13 at 12 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 3 p.m.

You are welcome to attend both sessions as the discussion is often different each time. For more information, contact katie.dunne@sos.mo.gov.

Homeschool Support with TeachingBooks



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TeachingBooks supports [homeschooling](#) families by providing easy-to-use resources like [author videos](#), [audio readings](#), and [discussion questions](#) that make books more engaging. Discover [booklists](#), [graphic organizers](#), and simple [lesson ideas](#) to make learning at home easier. TeachingBooks helps librarians

confidently guide homeschool families in creating rich, interactive, and well-rounded literacy experiences.



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Summer Report Reminders

Public libraries – just a quick reminder that the Missouri State Library will be asking you to complete TWO survey reports at the end of the summer:

- The Summer Library Program (SLP) report from the Missouri State Library asks you to report on whether your library offered a summer program. If so, you will enter basic information about your program, such as:
 - Length (in weeks) of your summer program
 - Number of events for various age groups and the number of people, regardless of age, who attended those events
 - Number of people who participated in and completed the reading challenge, if offered
- Training and resources utilized to prepare for your summer program
- Any fun stories about your summer program that you'd like to share (optional)
- The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) survey asks for similar information as the SLP report, but with additional questions related to whether you utilized materials from CSLP as part of your summer program (e.g., CSLP manual, CSLP artwork, materials from the CSLP shop).

A link to both will be sent out via the Missouri State Library listservs later this summer. If you would like a sneak peak at the questions, contact katie.dunne@sos.mo.gov.



Missouri Collection Analysis Fall 2026 Webinars TeachingBooks

Join us for one or more of the Collection Analysis Initiative webinars scheduled for this fall:

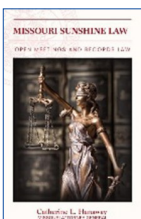
- Going Beyond America250: Analyzing Your Historical Fiction & Nonfiction – Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 2 p.m.
- Fitting Collection Analysis into Your Busy Work Day – Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 2 p.m.
- Analyzing Big Lists for Big & Small Collection Decisions – Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m.
- Building a Reading Community with Collection Analysis – Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 2 p.m.

Whether you are a TeachingBooks veteran or have never heard of this tool before, there is something for everyone. These webinars are intended for both public library and school library staff. Visit the [Collection Analysis](#) webpage for webinar descriptions and registration link. Email help@teachingbooks.net for more information.



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Featured Government Document from the State Library



The [Missouri Sunshine Law](#) booklet from the Missouri Attorney General provides a plain language overview of commonly-used provisions of Missouri's open meetings and records law. Discover more government publications in our [Missouri State Publications Collection](#) to share with patrons. For assistance accessing government information or publications, please contact the Reference Services staff at the [State Library](#).



Reference Services for YOU: America 250

This July 4 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Find ideas for commemorating this historic milestone throughout the year with these resources:

- [Show-Me America 250](#): The State of Missouri's commission to plan, promote, and implement celebrations and commemorations. Find celebratory [events and activities](#) close to home, such as the America 250 attractions at the [Missouri State Fair](#) and the Missouriiana [time capsule](#).
- [Freedom Trucks](#): Made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), mobile exhibits known as "Freedom Trucks" are traveling across the US to highlight key people, places, and events that brought about American independence. Freedom Trucks will stop at the Mark Twain Boyhood Home in Hannibal on July 16–17, at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia on August 15–16, and at Bass Pro Shop in Springfield on September 3–7.



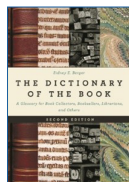
- [Our American Story](#): A storytelling project with the America 250 Commission and Library of Congress to collect and preserve reflections and perspectives from Americans. Record your own story, find four stops, and discover featured collected [stories](#).
- [America's Soundtrack](#): A U.S. Semiquincentennial Commission initiative to collect music that has shaped American history. Additional artists and tracks will be added throughout 2026.
- [Founders Museum](#): An interactive virtual exhibit from the White House and Freedom 250 Task Force with a video series and digital storytelling of American independence.
- [Sign the Declaration](#): The National Archives and Records Administration invites you to sign the Declaration of Independence and explore the document's timeline and original signers.

For more information on America 250 celebrations and exhibits, explore our [America 250 page](#). Questions? Contact Reference Services at (573) 751-3615, libref@sos.mo.gov, or mostate.libguides.com.

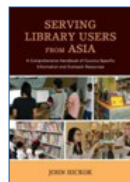
Featured Books from the State Library



[Be a Great Boss: One Year to Success](#)



[The Dictionary of the Book](#)



[Serving Library Users from Asia](#)



[Think Big! A Resource Manual for Teen Library Programs That Attract Large Audiences](#)

Discover more Library Professional Development titles on the [Missouri Library Staff Guide](#).

Directors and branch managers can 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. State Library books are also available for borrowing through both MOBIUS and WorldShare.

For assistance placing holds, requesting or 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!



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Around the State

Welcome to New Library Directors

Please join us in welcoming some new library directors! We are excited to see all the wonderful things they'll accomplish in these roles. If you'd like to congratulate them or reach out, you can find their contact information below.

- **Shelly Sears**, Robertson Memorial Library, higginsvillelibrary@gmail.com
- **T.J. Schmidt**, Bowling Green Public Library, bgpubliclibrarydirector@gmail.com

- **Delaina Tinker**, Monroe City Public Library, mopublib@gmail.com

If you're a new library director, please reach out to mostlib@sos.mo.gov to receive an official welcome and information from the State Library to help you thrive in your new position.



Texas County Library and Houston R-1 School District Partner to Offer After School Tutoring

by Texas County Library Director Louise Beasley

The Texas County Library partnered with their local school district Houston R-1 to host an After School Reading Program that ran for eight weeks, starting in March. A total of 17 students and 9 mentors, which consisted of retired teachers, substitute teachers, and Friends of the Library members, participated. The program was offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with the mentors and students picking the days they were available.

The Texas County Library and Houston R-1 School district collaborated to send home registration paperwork for second and third grade students and provided transportation from the school to the library with parents picking up students from the library. "During the program, we offered snacks, bottled water, plenty of books on different reading levels, and games and tools that encouraged reading, sight word recognition, phonics, and an overall love for books," said Program Coordinator Tiffany Davy.

The first week consisted of mentors and students getting to know each other, a small library survey containing questions such as if they had a library card or ever been in the library, and a quick three minute reading assessment to determine where the student needed to



Students, mentors, and Texas County Library staff pose during an After School Reading Program event.

start on their reading journey. In the last week of the program, mentors did the same reading assessment and library survey, resulting in all students getting their own or a family library card. A few students improved their reading enough to graduate from the program, and all students said they would come back if given the opportunity.

The library learned to make sure the students and mentors personalities work together, not have mentors commit to more than 8 weeks, read snack labels for allergens, and have a mentorship meeting a few weeks before the program starts. Texas County Library plans to restart the program for the 2026-2027 school year with a goal to increase the number of students and mentors.

Want to Be Featured in an Upcoming *Show Me Express* Edition?

If your library has a spectacular program, event, collection, or anything else you want to share in a future *Show Me Express* edition, contact us at

mostlib@sos.mo.gov, and we will gladly work with you to highlight your library and all the incredible work you do for your community!

Grant Opportunities – National Grants

National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Grants for Arts Projects • **Deadline: July 21**

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Grants for Arts Projects supports arts projects in the following disciplines: Arts Education, Challenge America, Dance, Design & Our Town, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literary Arts, Local Arts Agencies, Museums, Music, Opera, Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works, Theater & Musical Theater, and Visual & Media Arts. Applicants

must submit the *Application for Federal Domestic Assistance/Short Organization Form* by **July 9**. This can be found on grants.gov. The NEA application must be submitted by July 21. For more information including the eligibility and funding levels, go to NEA's [Grants for the Arts Projects Grant Program Summary](#).

USDA Community Facilities Programs

This United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) program offers funding through loans, loan guarantees, and grants to public bodies, non-profit organizations, and federally recognized Native American tribes to construct, expand, or improve rural communities' facilities

that provide health care, education, public safety, and public services, including libraries. Contact the [USDA Missouri Rural Development Office](#) at rd.mo.general.inquiries@usda.gov or (573) 876-0976 for more information.



Professional Development Offerings

Missouri Collection Analysis Initiative

Trainings include:

- Going Beyond America250: Analyzing Your Historical Fiction & Nonfiction, Aug. 18, 2 – 3 p.m.

For the complete training list, visit [Missouri Collection Analysis Initiative Webinars](#).



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The Association for Small and Rural Libraries (ARSL)

Trainings include:

- July Partner TRAIN: Connecting Older Adults to Health Information, July 9, 1 p.m.
- July TRAIN Roundtable: Marketing, July 16, 1 p.m.
- July Partner TRAIN: Career Online High School, July 23, 1 p.m.
- August Partner TRAIN: Hoopla Marketing Makeover Reveal, Aug. 6, 1 p.m.
- August TRAIN: Building and Website Accessibility, Aug. 20, 1 p.m.

For the complete training list, visit the [ARSL TRAIN Workshops & Roundtables](#).



Amigos Library Services

All Amigos continuing education sessions are now free to Amigos members. Trainings include:

- Event Planning 101, July 15, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Know & Go: Sustainable Documentation and Training for Libraries, July 16, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Introduction to MarcEdit, July 21, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Know & Go: Unlocking the Benefits of Membership in Amigos Library Services, July 23, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Know & Go: Three Basic Book Repair Techniques, July 28, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Information Literacy in the AI Era: Navigating Digital Information with Critical Thought, July 29, 1 – 3 p.m.
- The Essentials: Customer Service, Aug. 5, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Know & Go: Making Meetings More Effective, Aug. 6, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Introduction to Programming with Python and PyMARC, Aug. 11, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Know & Go: Shelving 101: Library of Congress, Aug. 12, 1 – 2 p.m.

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



Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)

Speakers and trainings include:

- The Legacy of Julia Child's Kitchen with Smithsonian Curator Paula J. Johnson, Aug. 4, 1 p.m.

For the complete speakers list, visit [CSLP's Author Talks](#) and [Professional Development](#).

MALA (Mid-American Library Alliance)

Trainings include:

- e-Obsessed: Manage Resources, Expectations, and Demand for Libby Lovers, Aug. 11, 10 – 11 a.m.

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

Missouri Association of School Librarians (MASL)

Events include:

- 2026 MASL Summer PD, July 28 – 29, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Missouri Innovation Campus, Lee's Summit

For the complete event list, visit [MASL Community Calendar](#).

Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM)

Trainings include:

- Rural Health Resources, July 8, 12 – 1 p.m.
- Doing an Accessibility Audit of Your Library, July 22, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Connecting Older Adults to Health Information, July 29, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- PTSD Resources at Work: A Toolkit to Raise Awareness, July 29, 12 – 1 p.m.
- Providing Mental Health Resources at Your Library, Aug. 4, 1 – 2 p.m.

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

MOREnet

Trainings include:

- Creating Custom GPTs and Gemini Gems, July 8, 1 – 4 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The MILL, Columbia
- Introduction to Canva Design, July 10, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The MILL, Columbia
- Level Up: Learn How to Bring Game-Based Learning into Your Space, July 13, 1 – 4 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The MILL, Columbia
- Hands On! 3D Design and Printing, July 15, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The MILL, Columbia
- EBSCO's Entrepreneurial Studies Source, July 15, 10 – 10:45 a.m.
- Research Like a Pro: Harnessing EBSCOhost & eBooks, July 16, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Introduction to Coding, July 27, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The MILL, Columbia
- Teaching Digital Safety and Citizenship to Learners, July 27, 1 – 4 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The MILL, Columbia
- Fortinet FastTrack: Managing a Cybersecurity Platform at Scale, July 28, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., MOREnet Training Room, Columbia
- Hands On! Coding Basic for Makers with Micro:Bits, July 29, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The MILL, Columbia
- WordPress WCAG/Title II Compliance, July 29, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
- STEM Educator Tool Kit, July 30, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The MILL, Columbia
- EBSCO Resources for the At-Home Enthusiast; Hobbies & Crafts and Home Improvement Source, Aug. 13, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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

Niche Academy

Trainings include:

- Return on Investment (ROI): Beyond What Your Library is Worth, July 15, 1 p.m.
- Success(ion) Planning: Increasing Impact Through Talent Development, July 22, 1 p.m.
- Emerging Best Practices for Responding to Book Challenges, July 29, 1 p.m.

For the complete training list, visit [Niche Academy Upcoming Webinars](#).

Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC)

Trainings include:

- Fundamentals of Photography Preservation, July 7 – Aug. 18, Tuesdays at 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- Digitization: Planning for Success, July 9, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Caring for Scrapbooks, July 14, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- Inside the HBCU Radio Preservation Project, July 16, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Personal Digital Archiving, July 23, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Strategies for Born Digital Collections, Aug. 6, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Thinking Outside the Box when Boxing, Aug. 11, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

For the complete training list, visit [NEDCC Current Training Programs](#).



TeachingBooks

Trainings include:

- Supporting & Engaging Adolescent Readers with TeachingBooks, Aug. 5, 1 – 1:20 p.m.

For the complete training list, visit [OverDrive's Resource Center: K-12 Schools Staff Training](#).



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WebJunction

Trainings include:

- Seed Libraries: Basics and Beyond, July 14, 2 – 3 p.m.
- Games and Play-Based Experiences for Media and Information Literacy, July 23, 2 – 3 p.m.
- Messy on Purpose: The Power of Playful Learning for Children, Aug. 13, 2 – 3 p.m.

For the complete training list, visit the [WebJunction Webinar Calendar](#). Create a free account to access webinar archives and training in the [WebJunction Course Catalog](#).



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