

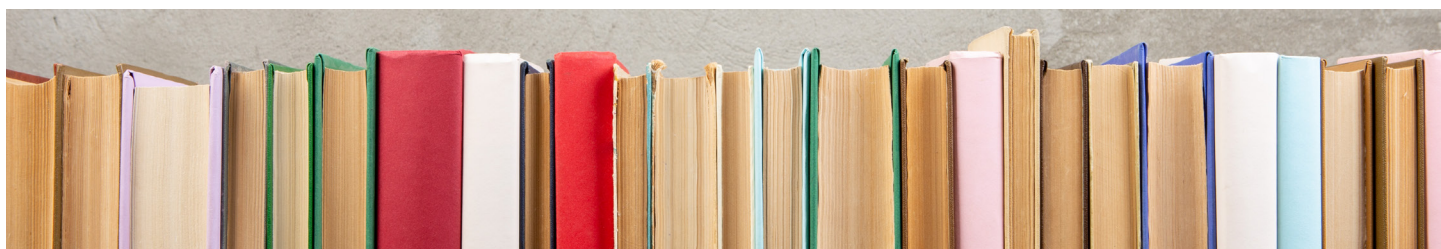
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## State Library Newsletter

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## State Library News

### Reference Services for YOU: Proclamations

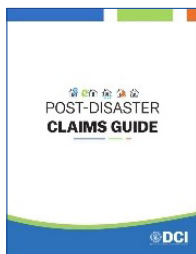
Have your patrons wondered how a month, week or day is designated to be [FFA Week](#) (Feb. 15-22) or [Alzheimer's Awareness Day](#) (March 11)? The Governor's Office issues proclamations to honor organizations, highlight issues and celebrate historic milestones in Missouri. Proclamations, while not legally binding, are reserved for events or activities of statewide significance. Proclamations can also order flag status and call special legislative sessions. Patrons can browse or search [proclamations](#) on the Governor's website.

If a patron is a Missouri resident with an idea for a proclamation, the Governor's Office outlines

procedures to follow. To submit a [proclamation request](#), the resident needs to prepare their proposal, including suggested language, at least 60 days before the proclamation is needed. Proclamations are not automatically renewed, so a new proclamation request must be submitted each year for continuing recognition. Proclamation proposals are reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and the Governor's Office reserves the right to decline any requests.

Questions? Contact Reference Services at (573) 751-3615, [libref@sos.mo.gov](mailto:libref@sos.mo.gov) or [mostate.libguides.com](http://mostate.libguides.com).

### Featured Government Document from the State Library



The [Post-Disaster Claims Guide](#) from the Missouri Department of Commerce & Insurance provides guidance to individuals for preparing insurance claims following a natural disaster. Discover more government publications in our [Missouri State Publications Collection](#) to share with patrons. For assistance accessing government information or publications, please contact Reference Services at the [State Library](#).

## Featured Books from the State Library



[\*Tech-Savvy Reading Promotion\*](#)



[\*Saving Your Digital Past, Present, and Future\*](#)



[\*Hot-Ticket Meetings\*](#)



[\*53 Ready-to-Use Kawaii Craft Projects\*](#)

Discover more of our 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. 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!

## Welcome to New Library Director

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.

- **Amy England**, Director of Crawford County Library, [cclddirector@crawfordcountylibrarydistrict.org](mailto:cclddirector@crawfordcountylibrarydistrict.org)

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



## Around the State

### On the Road Again!

The Library Development team at the Missouri State Library (MOSL) recently resumed outreach visits to public libraries throughout Missouri. The goal of these visits is to strengthen relationships with directors and staff by allowing MOSL staff to share resources, listen to feedback, answer

questions and witness the amazing work in Missouri's public libraries. The state is divided into regions with each region assigned to a member of the Library Development team. Below and on the next pages are a few highlights from recent visits. →



**Left:** The children's area in the Howard County Library in Fayette features low seating, books and puzzles suitable for your patrons.

**Right:** A sample player and information from Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library prominently displayed in the Howard County Library in Fayette.





*The children's area in the Lewis Library of Glasgow features books and toys to engage young patrons.*



**Above:** Patrons can check out fishing poles from the Sweet Springs Public Library to enjoy time near water.

**Below:** In the Lewis Library of Glasgow, a spiral staircase winds from the first floor, which previously housed Lewis College, to the second floor, which housed the college's library. Now, the second floor contains special collections pertinent to the history of the College and library.



*The children's room in the Marshall Public Library features bright colors, low seating and lots of books.*



*Thanks to generous donors, the Marshall Public Library has a healthy collection of puzzles for patrons to complete in the library or check out.*





Numerous hand-crafted creatures adorn the Slater Public Library. Made by John Haynie, husband of Director Donna Haynie, these whimsical pieces of art are made primarily from scrap metal pieces.



The Slater Public Library is located within a former bank building. The vault now contains newspapers and genealogy materials.



This former medical clinic was fitted with custom built shelving to serve the patrons of Norborne Public Library.



One of two AWE stations in the children's section of Carrollton Public Library. These computers allow children to access pre-loaded educational content but are not connected to the internet.



Bright signage welcomes young patrons to the children's area in the Sweet Springs Public Library.



The Norborne Public Library recently moved into a new building, which allows room for their collection and programming opportunities to grow.



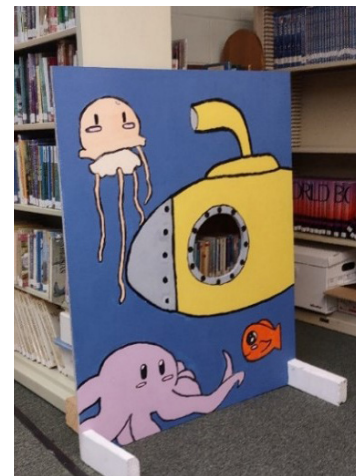




The Carrollton Public Library offers STEM bags that patrons can check out to explore various aspects of STEM.



A paintbrush on the wall in the Robertson Memorial Library in Higginsville introduces patrons to the Color Our World™ theme for summer library programming. As patrons finish books, they will be able to add paper chains to the brush.



Take a picture under the sea in a yellow submarine at the Wellsville Public Library!



A community coloring sheet in the Robertson Memorial Library in Higginsville allows patrons to create beautiful art together no matter their skill level.



Housed in a former grocery store building, the Ray County Library in Richmond is able to provide a number of resources to the 23,000 residents who call Ray County home.



A train table in the children's area of the Ray County Library allows young patrons to engage in imaginative play.



1000 Books before Kindergarten display at the Rolla Public Library to encourage early literacy skills before starting school.





Youth services staff at the Heartland Regional Library System posing in their colorful and engaging children's section.



The Wellsville Public Library has been in this location since 1953, and part of the Wellsville community since 1944.

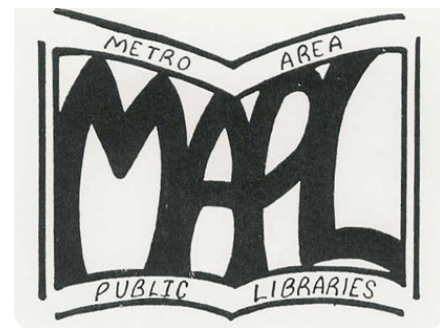
## Spotlights

### Metro Area Librarians Collaborate to Enhance Youth Programming

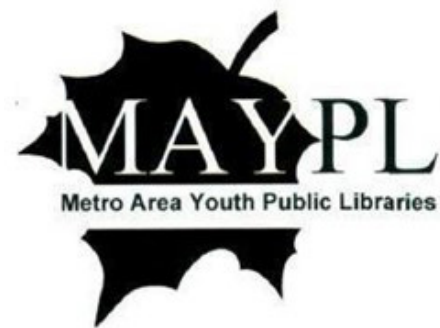
For over 25 years, the Metro Area Youth Public Libraries (MAYPL) have discussed and implemented ways to better serve St. Louis Metropolitan Area youth. In the 90s, this group formed as the Metro Area Public Libraries (MAPL) for local libraries to collaborate on procuring reading program prizes and to connect youth librarians. They hoped to expand to other interest groups, such as reference librarians, technical services, etc. However, in 2012, their name changed to MAYPL to reflect the group's youth librarian focus.

They meet five times a year, four regular meetings during the school year and one planning meeting in August. During their regular meetings, youth librarians share their ideas, knowledge and expertise over a specific topic of interest, such as preschool literacy and tween programming. As a group specifically focused on the needs of the youth in their area, they've created a strong network of fellow youth services librarians and staff. Currently, they have members from St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Jefferson County, Franklin County and Illinois, but any public youth librarian from the St. Louis metropolitan area, both Missouri and Illinois, are welcome to join.

For forming a similar group in your region, Youth Services Librarian at Jefferson County



The original logo of the Metro Area Public Libraries (MAPL), shaped like an open book. Image provided by Amy Held.



The current logo of the Metro Area Youth Public Libraries (MAYPL) which features a maple leaf. Image provided by Amy Held.

Library – Arnold and MAYPL Member Amy Held suggests, "A group such as this can be as formal or informal as you like. Invite your local librarians to informally meet and gauge interest and determine goals."

To sign-up for MAYPL's listserv and to receive notification of upcoming meetings, sign-up [here](#).

## Saluting Our Soldiers with Jefferson County Library

On March 1, a crowd at Rickman Auditorium gathered to celebrate veterans at Jefferson County Library's Saluting Our Soldiers event. The heart of the event was the interviews of five local veterans. The hour-long interviews with Charlene Oldham, adult services librarian at Jefferson County Library (JCL) - Arnold, discussed the five veterans' formative years in Jefferson County, their worldview formation and what a community owes to one another. These stories illustrated the value of civic duty as well as the importance of hearing our neighbor's stories. "Watching these oral histories was an indescribable experience," said Director Cindy Hayes. "It was surreal to hear these primacy accounts of bravery and vulnerability from people who call Jefferson County home." If you would like to watch the interviews, [follow this link](#) to JCL's Genealogy Department. They have the full length and vignette forms available for public viewing.

Although the interviews were the highlight of the event, JCL partnered with many others to create this powerful celebration of veterans. The Missouri Humanities Council in association with the Tourism Commission of the City of Arnold funded this event. State Representative Phil Amato opened with a welcome greeting, followed by the St. Louis Special Needs Color Guard's presentation of the colors. Attendees also listened to Jefferson College professor and local historian Joseph Thurman's presentation on the social value of civic duty and to the Missouri Big Band's patriotic tunes. "Event goes and library patrons were able to see how valuable investing in their ideals can be. Not everyone will serve their country in military service, but everyone can advocate for the values they hold dear, take action for their neighbors and identify with the uniting fabric of the human experience," continued Hayes.

The dedication of JCL, their partners and their community made this event a huge success. This isn't the only instance of their partnerships



*Display at Saluting our Soldiers event with military service literature, a folded American flag and military uniform jacket and hats. Image provided by Cindy Hayes.*



*State Representative Phil Amato (left) talking with two Saluting Our Soldiers attendees on March 1. Image provided by Cindy Hayes.*



*The Missouri Big Band (MOBB) performing a setlist of patriotic throwbacks at the Saluting Our Soldiers event. Image provided by Cindy Hayes.*

flourishing, but one of many that show how fostering partnerships in their community helps ensure the library is for everyone. For other libraries hoping to host events on this scale, Hayes advises, "Community partners were essential for this event. Cultivating community relationships with local organization whose missions aligns can make large-scale events like this possible."

If you would like more information about Jefferson County Library's Saluting Our Soldiers event, contact Cindy Hayes at (636) 677-8689 or [chayes@jeffcolib.org](mailto:chayes@jeffcolib.org).



## Book-Famous Therapy Dog Visits Glasgow School and Library



Front and back cover of *Olive, She's All Love!* by Livia Bloomer, illustrated by Deborah Zemke. The front cover (left) shows an illustrated version of Olive. The back cover (right) includes a picture of Olive at the top and the following synopsis of the book in the middle: "The little dog didn't have a home, an owner or even a name. All she had was a big heart and love to share. Based on a true story of one dog's journey to find a home." Image captured by Katie Dunne.

On Thursday, March 13, Lewis Library of Glasgow hosted two school assemblies and a book signing event at the library centered around the book *Olive, She's All Love!* The children's book tells the story of Olive, a rescue dog from California who traveled by plane to Jefferson City where she became a therapy dog for the [Therapy Paws](#) program. Therapy Paws' Director and CASA volunteer Lisa Bax of Jefferson City represents the needs of children in contact with the legal system. Olive and other therapy dogs provide comfort to children at a stressful time in their lives. The author of the book Livia Bloomer is a student at Truman State University in Kirksville, and Deborah Zemke from Columbia illustrated the book.

All children in grades K-5 from both Glasgow Public Grade School and St. Mary's Parochial School received a copy of the book prior to the visit. During the presentation at school, students learned more about Olive's story and watched her respond to her trainer's commands. The illustrator then led students through a short drawing exercise so each child could create their own picture of Olive. Before returning to class, students had the opportunity to give Olive a bit of love. After school, students and their families were invited to an event at the public library, during which they could get their book signed by Olive (pawprint) and the illustrator.



Lisa Bax holding Olive (left) and Deborah Zemke (center) led Lewis Library of Glasgow's school assembly about *Olive, She's All Love!* for children from Glasgow Public Grade School and St. Mary's Parochial School. Image provided by Jessica Elson, Glasgow Elementary School Principal.

Approximately 160 children participated in the in-school assemblies and approximately 180 people (children and families) participated in the event at the library. Survey results were overwhelmingly positive, as were the written comments. One participant commented, "We should see Olive again and we (should) get a therapy [sic] dog."

*Using funds from an Educational Presenter grant, this project was supported 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.*





*At the Pediatrics Club station, students learned about cells as the basic unit of life, and learned about the function of organelles in a cell. They created cell models using rice cakes (cell), yogurt (cytoplasm), blueberries (ribosomes), bananas (nucleus), chocolate chips (mitochondria), chia seeds (lysosomes) and coconut shavings (endoplasmic reticulum). Image captured by Christina Vu and Zohra Ahmed.*

The Adair County Public Library, in collaboration with the A.T. Still University (ATSU) Pathology Club, held a Mini Med School program on May 3. The ATSU Pathology Club, with funding from the College of American Pathologists Foundation and donations from Kirksville HyVee, led an outreach initiative intended to increase interest in healthcare/STEM fields in rural communities as well as bring awareness to the global shortage of pathologists.

The program, open to students in grades 2-5, featured 10 educational crafting stations, each led by medical students from 10 distinct ATSU clubs. Activities were designed to provide students with hands-on learning opportunities

## Grant Opportunities

### T-Mobile – Hometown Grants • **Deadline: June 30**

Open to small US towns with less than 50,000 people, T-Mobile Hometown Grants provide funding to build, rebuild or refresh community spaces that help foster local connections and provide a community benefit when otherwise difficult to secure funding. The projects should be shovel-ready, physical builds or improvements that can be completed within 12



*At the ATSU Pathology Club station, students gained an introduction to microscopy using slides, sampling things like salt, string, paprika, their own hair and whatever else they could find around the library! Image captured by Christina Vu and Zohra Ahmed.*

in subjects such as anatomy, health and microbiology.

Students left with Mini Med School diplomas and swag bags. The response from students and parents was overwhelmingly positive. This event succeeded in not only sparking STEM interest in young, rural students but also in uniting key sectors of the community. Susan Knox, Director of the Adair County Public Library, commented, "Events like the Mini Medical School are a joy to host. The collaborative nature of this program exemplifies how public libraries are community hubs, bringing folks together to discover, explore and learn."



months of receiving the grant. Some examples of funded projects include technology updates, outdoor spaces, the arts and community centers. Applications must include plans, budget, timeline, anticipated impact and up to five letters of support.

# Professional Development Offerings

## Amigos Library Services

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### Trainings include:

- Know and Go: Writing Effective Alternative Text, June 16, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
- Introduction to OpenRefine, June 17, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Soft Skills for Library Staff, June 18, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Know & Go: Effective Committee and Board Service, June 23, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

- Parliamentary Procedure 101, June 25, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

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



## The Association for Small and Rural Libraries (ARSL)

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### Trainings include:

- Upcycling to Start a Little Free Library, June 24, 1 p.m.

- Special TRAIN Session – Get Free Access to Roper iPoll!, August 12, 1 p.m.

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

## MALA (Mid-American Library Alliance)

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### Trainings include:

- Spine Chilling Readers' Advisory, June 17, 2 – 3 p.m.

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

## MOREnet

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### Trainings include:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) Train the Trainer: From Learner to Leader (CS), June 16, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Artificial Intelligence (AI) Tools and Techniques (CS), June 18, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., MOREnet Training Rooms – The MILL Columbia
- Back to the Arcade: Bring Gaming into Your Learning Space (CS), June 23, 1 – 4 p.m., MOREnet Training Rooms – The MILL Columbia

- Makerspaces in the Real World: Design Thinking and Prototyping, June 24, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., MOREnet Training Rooms – The MILL Columbia
- 3D Designing and Printing (CS), June 25, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., MOREnet Training Rooms – The MILL Columbia

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

## Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM)

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### Trainings include:

- How PubMed Works: Medical Subject Headings (MeSH), June 18, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- Greatest Crimes in Statistic, June 24, 1 – 2 p.m.

- How PubMed Works: Automatic Term Mapping (ATM), June 25, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

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



## Niche Academy

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### Trainings include:

- More Money, More Programs: Getting More Funding for Your Library Through Grants, Fundraisers and City Officials, June 18, 1 p.m.

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

## Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC)

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### Trainings include:

- Handling Books and Paper-Based Collections: A Primer for Staff, Interns, & Volunteers, June 24, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Digitization: Planning for Success, June 26, 1 – 3 p.m.

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



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