

SHOW ME EXPRESS

 **State Library Newsletter**

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State Librarian Message

For summer reading this year, libraries are going on an adventure to the land of dinosaurs with the theme Unearth a Story™ developed by the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), and the State Library is getting in the spirit.

Library Development consultants are meandering across Missouri like archeologists hunting for their next dig site. Reference Services staff researches our records to reveal your library's history. Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library reader advisors search collections for reading suggestions with the persistence of paleontologists pushing sand aside, hoping for the next great dino discovery. We carefully pack cartridges, STEM kits, and books like fossils heading to the museum, and pterodactyl screeches might be echoing faintly in the recording studio.

Although the theme focuses on dinosaurs, it also invites us to enjoy exploration, so you might be hosting programs about planting new vegetables, conducting genealogy research, learning new crafts, or strolling down new paths along with dinosaur focused programs. Summer is a great time to invite patrons to try new experiences and leave with great stories to share with loved ones.

I hope you have the chance to experience the joy of discovery this summer and that your community joins the fun of your dino-mite summer library programs.

- Janet Caruthers



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Programming Ideas on TeachingBooks for Libraries

TeachingBooks for Libraries offers engaging [Programming Ideas](#) all year round, making it easy to connect readers with books. Find easy-to-use activity suggestions for Early Childhood, Kids, and Teens that are perfect for storytimes, book clubs, and more! Our summer resources include a fun assortment of [Summer Reading lists](#), [Storytime Activity Kits](#), and [Games](#) to inspire



kids and teens all season long! Whether you are planning weekly programming or need a quick idea, TeachingBooks provides a variety of resources to help your library's summer programming.



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Reference Services for YOU: Technical Report Archive & Image Library

The [Technical Report Archive & Image Library](#) (TRAIL) collects and digitizes older technical reports from U.S. government agencies, including specialized research papers on topics such as agriculture, geography, and wildlife. The mission of TRAIL is to ensure preservation, discoverability, and persistent open access to government technical publications.

Historical highlights featuring Missouri in [TRAIL](#) include:

- [Exploration of the Bourbon Magnetic Anomaly, Crawford County, Missouri](#)
- [Seismic Hazards Studies for Minuteman Missile Wings: Re-evaluation of the Seismic Hazard for Whiteman AFB, Missouri](#)

- [Pulmonary Disease Among Miners in the Joplin District, Missouri, and its Relation to Rock Dust in the Mines](#)
- [Population Dynamics of Mourning Doves Banded in Missouri](#)
- [Indications of a Lunar Synodical Period in the Sunshine Observations for Boston, Massachusetts and Columbia, Missouri](#)
- [Flood in Kansas City, Missouri and Vicinity, August 12–13, 1982](#)

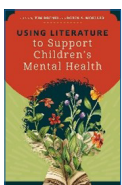
Questions? Contact Reference Services at (573) 751-3615, libref@sos.mo.gov or mostate.libguides.com.

Featured Government Document from the State Library

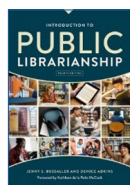


The [2026 Summary of Missouri Fishing Regulations](#) by the Missouri Department of Conservation provides information on fishing permits, advisories, seasons and limits, and upcoming Free Fishing Days. Discover more government publications in our [Missouri State Publications Collection](#) to share with patrons. For assistance accessing government information or publications, please contact the Reference Services staff at the [State Library](#).

Featured Books from the State Library



[Using Literature to Support Children's Mental Health](#)



[Introduction to Public Librarianship, 4th Edition](#)



[Serving the Underserved](#)



[Integrating Pop Culture into the Academic Library](#)

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

Canton Public Library Collaborates with Culver-Stockton College

By Canton Public Library

Canton Public Library recently partnered with Culver-Stockton College's "Intro to Radio and Television" class to produce a promotional video for the Summer Reading Program. The class was taught by Professor Dustin Pruitt. As part of a service learning project, each student would produce two videos in different formats, which also served as the students' final project for the class.

The Library recruited volunteer Zebariah Jobe, who just so happened to own an inflatable Triceratops costume named Theo, to be the star of the production. Library Assistant Alyssa Cassaday and Library Director Mary Kay Lane devised hilarious hijinks for Theo, including eating library plants, attempting to play Scrabble, and attempting to shelve books.

Over two class periods at the end of March, students filmed at the library and around town to capture footage. Theo flipped Summer Reading registration signs at the riverfront, the park, the school, and other key spots in town. Students shared their footage with each other to find ways to put together the most effective promotional video.

Videos highlighted not only the Summer Reading Program, but also other services the library offers.

"We always enjoy our collaborations with Culver-Stockton College," said Mary Kay. "We are grateful that the students wanted to share their talents and expertise with us. They did a great job capturing our volunteer Dinosaur all over town and enjoying (or rather, destroying) the library."

While the final edits have not been received, the library will post them on social media as soon as possible.



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 – State Library Grants

Educational Presenter Grant • **Deadline: Ongoing**

This open-call grant from the Missouri State Library provides funds for libraries to bring an author or educational presentation to their community. This application is open to Missouri public libraries certified to receive FY26 state aid, Missouri school libraries publicly supported

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

Applications must be submitted a minimum of three months (90 days) prior to the event.

Show-Me Steps to Continuing Education • **Deadline: Ongoing**

This open-call grant from the Missouri State Library provides financial assistance for library staff and trustees to participate in continuing education and training opportunities when local funds cannot finance the entire cost. Continuing education events can be for individuals or groups but must be pertinent to the operational or service needs of the applicant's library. This

application is open to Missouri public libraries certified to receive FY26 state aid, Missouri school libraries publicly supported and publicly controlled, and Missouri academic or special libraries supported publicly or privately.

Applications must be submitted a minimum of three months (90 days) prior to the event.

All available grants are found in the [online grant management system](#) approximately 45 days prior to the application due date.



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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 States 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

Amigos Library Services

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

- Library Signage, June 10, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Know & Go: Sparking Growth and Connection Among Early Career Librarians, June 11, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Know & Go: Increase Your Productivity with Time Management, June 18, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Creating Visual Content for Multiple Platforms, June 24, 1 – 3 p.m.

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

The Association for Small and Rural Libraries (ARSL)

Trainings include:

- June TRAIN: Community Engagement, June 18, 1 p.m.
- July Partner TRAIN: Connecting Older Adults to Health Information, July 9, 1 p.m.

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

Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)

Speakers and trainings include:

- Simple, Sustainable, and Powerfully Delicious Meals with Sana Javeri Kadri and Asha Loupy, June 23, 1 p.m.

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

LibraryWorks

Trainings include:

- Tired of Hearing, "I didn't know the library did that?" Here's Your Fix!, June 9, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Empowering Communities Through News Literacy: Practical Strategies for Libraries, June 18, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Emotional Intelligence: Understand Emotions for Empathy and Relationship Building, June 11, 1 – 2 p.m.

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

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:

- How PubMed Works: Introduction, June 10, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- Rural Health Resources, July 8, 12 – 1 p.m.

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



MOREnet

Trainings include:

- STEM Educator Tool Kit (CS), June 5, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The MILL, Columbia
- Malware Prevention, Discovery and Recovery, June 8, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Columbia
- AI Literacy for Parents (CS), June 8, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The MILL, Columbia
- Creating an AI “Style Guide” (CS), June 11, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The MILL, Columbia
- Level Up: Learn How to Bring Game-Based Learning into Your Space (CS), June 15, 1 – 4 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The MILL, Columbia
- Hands On! 3D Design and Printing (CS), June 16, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The MILL, Columbia
- EBSCO Resources for the At-Home Enthusiast; Hobbies & Crafts and Home Improvement Source, June 17, 2 – 3 p.m.
- AI Literacy for Parents, July 6, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The MILL, Columbia
- 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.

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

Niche Academy

Trainings include:

- Designing Accessible Slide Decks, June 17, 1 p.m.
- Efficiency by Design: Stories of Process Management in Libraries and Archives, June 24, 1 p.m.
- Refusal as Instruction: Breaking Up with Big Tech, July 1, 1 p.m.
- Return on Investment (ROI): Beyond What Your Library is Worth, July 15, 1 p.m.

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

TeachingBooks

Trainings include:

- America250 on TeachingBooks, June 17, 1 p.m.

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



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Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC)

Trainings include:

- Intro to Audio Preservation, June 11, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Writing a Disaster Plan, June 16 & 18, 1 – 3 p.m.
- 10 Practical Steps for Getting Started with Digital Preservation, June 23, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 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.

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

WebJunction

Trainings include:

- Beyond the Dewey: Nonfiction Readers' Advisory for Library Staff, June 11, 2 – 3 p.m.
- From Prompt to Productivity: Building an AI Program Assistant from Scratch, June 20, 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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