

# SHOW ME EXPRESS

 **State Library Newsletter**

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## State Library Message

It is my pleasure to introduce you to our newest Library Development team member, Kathleen Schmidt. Kathleen was promoted to the Technology and Communications Consultant from a library technician on the Library Administration team. She is providing training and support for the State Library's Ploud Project, which provides websites for small libraries, and reviewing technology and library automation grants. Kathleen is also creating the State Library newsletter, *Show Me Express*, social media posts and monthly administrative reports.

Kathleen has a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary English Education from Webster University. Before coming to the Missouri State Library in 2024, she worked as a high school English teacher with the Moberly School District.

Welcome, Kathleen, to your new role! You can contact Kathleen at (573) 751-0586 or [kathleen.schmidt@sos.mo.gov](mailto:kathleen.schmidt@sos.mo.gov).



## State Library News

### SLP Supplemental Guide for Missouri Librarians is Available!

Due to the success of last year's supplemental manual, the Missouri State Library has produced a 2026 Summer Library Program Supplemental Manual for Missouri Librarians. Filled with ideas and resources from your peers across the state, the Supplemental Manual is a great addition

to the [Collaborative Summer Library Program \(CSLP\)](#) manual. You can access [the Missouri-specific manual in Niche Academy](#). You will need to create a Niche Academy user account (free to Missouri library staff) if you do not already have one.

### Resources for Award-Winning Titles in TeachingBooks

The content librarians at TeachingBooks stay up to date on the latest award winners, so you can easily find resources on the best books for your young patrons.

- [Missouri Award Winner lists](#)
- [Recent Award Winners and Honorees](#)  
(you can narrow by the name of the award)
- [Browse Award & Distinction Categories](#)  
(you can sort by award title)

If you have any questions about how to use TeachingBooks in your library or with your local home school community, contact Katie Dunne, Youth Services Consultant with the Missouri State Library, at [katie.dunne@sos.mo.gov](mailto:katie.dunne@sos.mo.gov) or (573) 522-9564.



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## Missouri Secretary of State's Safe at Home Program

[Missouri's Safe at Home program](#) is an address confidentiality service for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, stalking and other crimes. Administered by Secretary of State Denny Hoskins office, Safe at Home has empowered over 11,000 Missourians to rebuild their lives since the program's creation in 2007. Safe at Home provides participants with a designated substitute address to receive first-class mail, legal and certified mail.

Under Missouri law (RSMo §§ 589.660–589.681), all state and local government agencies and the courts must accept the Safe at Home substitute address in place of a participant's actual residence. This ensures participants can safely interact with entities such as libraries, schools, health departments, social services, law enforcement and the courts.

Safe at Home currently serves over 4,000 adults and children throughout Missouri, but every participant uses the same designated address in Jefferson City. Each head of household is

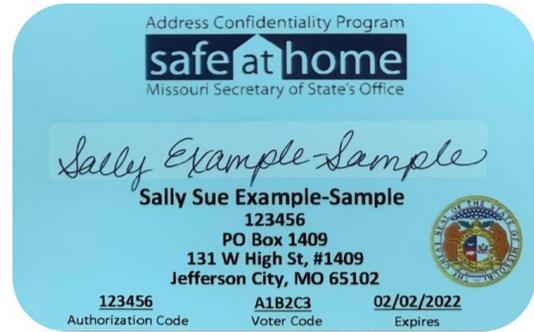
## HOMELESS TRAINING Online Training Provided by The Homeless Training Institute

The Missouri State Library is pleased to offer free access to The Homeless Training Institute (HTI) and its online trainings for library staff that work with vulnerable populations. Trainings are practical, contain tools/scripts and are based on empathy.

You can attend monthly live trainings taught by Ryan Dowd, during which you can participate in live surveys, ask questions and analyze scenarios, or you can watch the HTI Core Trainings and recordings available on [Niche Academy](#).

### Some of the available trainings include:

- Sexual Harassment
- Kicked Out
- Body Odor



issued a blue authorization card that bears the substitute address and agencies may ask to see the card as proof of a customer's enrollment.

If libraries would also like to confirm that a Safe at Home participant is a resident in their library district, state regulation provides a process to request residency verification directly from the Safe at Home program. To request a residency form, contact Safe at Home at (866) 509-1409 or [safeathome@sos.mo.gov](mailto:safeathome@sos.mo.gov). Libraries may also request the latest Safe at Home brochures or posters for their community on the [Safe at Home website](#).

- Police
- Mental Illness
- Prejudice
- Dementia & Alzheimer's
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Burnout & Stress
- Fights

To receive direct emails about upcoming trainings, fill out [HTI's Monthly Webinars Form](#). For the organization membership name on the form, type in the State Library of Missouri.



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## Reference Services for YOU: Missouri Ethics Commission Resources

Established in 1991, the Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC) enforces laws and maintains records related to conflicts of interest, lobbying, personal financial disclosures and campaign finance. For patrons interested in information about lobbying and campaign finance in Missouri, MEC offers a variety of tools.

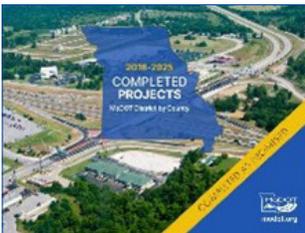
- [Advisory Opinions](#)
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MEC also publishes a guide to state ethics laws for candidates and potential candidates for elective office. [The 2026 MEC Guide to Ethics Laws: A Plain English Summary](#) and [previous editions](#) are available in the State Library's digital collection of freely available [Missouri State Publications](#).

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).

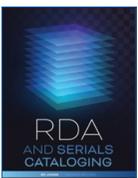


## Featured Government Document from the State Library



The Missouri Department of Transportation's [2016–2025 Completed Projects](#) report features the 4,211 projects completed as promised by MoDOT over the past 10 years, organized by district and by county. 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



[RDA and Serials Cataloging](#)



[The Six-Step Guide to Library Worker Engagement](#)



[Before the Ballot: Building Political Support for Library Funding](#)



[Checklist of Library Building Design Considerations, 7th Edition](#)

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 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.

- **Meloney Hedrick**, Director of Washington County Library, [meloney@thewashingtoncountylibrary.com](mailto:meloney@thewashingtoncountylibrary.com)

- **Nicolas Holladay**, Executive Director of the Library Center of the Ozarks, [nholladay@lcozarks.com](mailto:nholladay@lcozarks.com)

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.

### 2025 Excel Adult High School Graduation at Daniel Boone Regional Library

*By Daniel Boone Regional Library*

The Daniel Boone Regional Library (DBRL) celebrated its 2025 Excel Adult High School (EAHS) graduating class in a ceremony at the Columbia Public Library on Jan. 10. Columbia Mayor Barbara Buffalo gave a stirring keynote speech, emphasizing the willpower and drive Excel students demonstrate by completing this online diploma program, which is 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 and donations to the Daniel Boone Regional Library Foundation. Missouri State Representative Kathy Steinhoff provided certificates of recognition for each graduate, and library staff served cake and drinks to the graduates and their families.

This was DBRL's 4th graduation ceremony since joining the Gale EAHS program in late 2021. EAHS graduates have a positive impact in their communities in many ways. Past graduates



*EAHS 2025 Graduate Deontae Williams. Image provided by Daniel Boone Regional Library.*

from DBRL have gone on to attend college and vocational school, intern at the Flourish Initiative (a nonprofit organization serving youth encountering educational and economic barriers), and start their own real estate business.

If you have questions about DBRL's Excel Adult High School program, please contact [eahs@dbrl.org](mailto:eahs@dbrl.org).



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### 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](mailto: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

### Technology Ladder Grant • **Deadline: April 1**

Public libraries eligible to receive SFY26 state aid can apply for funds to replace older technology or purchase new technology for projects that are intricate in nature and require more than five months to complete, develop or redesign a

website for more effective service delivery. See the award guidance for information. This grant opened on Feb. 15, and applications are due by April 1.

### 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 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 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

### 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](mailto:rd.mo.general.inquiries@usda.gov) or (573) 876-0976 for more information.

# Professional Development Offerings

## Missouri Collection Analysis Initiative

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### Trainings include:

- Celebrate Women's History Month (and more!) with Collection Analysis, March 17, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- School & Public Library Collaboration with Collection Analysis, April 21, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

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



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## Amigos Library Services

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

- ACRL Framework–Informed Best Practices for Academic Reference, March 5, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Message to Media: Media Production Essentials for Library Workers, March 19, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Linked Data and Libraries, March 10, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Know & Go: Performance Improvement Plans, March 24, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Know & Go: Customer Service Basics, March 11, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Understanding and Supporting Neurodiverse Colleagues, March 26, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- The Hive: Unlocking the Power of APIs in Libraries, March 17, 1 – 2 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:

- March Partner TRAIN: Early Literacy Through Decodables, March 5, 1 p.m.
- Midwest Forum, April 27, 4 p.m.
- March TRAIN: Financial Literacy Programming in the Library, March 19, 1 p.m.

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

## Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)

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### Speakers and trainings include:

- On Writing Beloved Characters and Powerful Portrayals of Resilience with Jason Reynolds, April 30, 6 p.m.

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

## LibraryWorks

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### Trainings include:

- Library Signage: The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly, March 5, 1 – 2 p.m.

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

## MALA (Mid-American Library Alliance)

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### Trainings include:

- Readers' Advisory Presents, Lend an Ear: Audiobooks and Your Library, March 25, 2 – 3 p.m.

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



## Missouri Association of School Librarians (MASL)

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### Events include:

- New Librarian Workshop – Future Planning, March 30, 6 p.m.
- [MASL Annual Conference: Creating Communities](#), April 19–20, Tan-Tar-A Conference Center in Osage Beach

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



## Missouri Library Association (MLA)

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### Events include:

- [MLA Youth Services Spring Training](#), April 24, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Daniel Boone Regional Library – Columbia

For the complete event list, visit [MLA Events](#).

## MOREnet

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### Trainings include:

- Spring ACT Countdown: Boost Prep with LearningExpress Library, March 2, 9 – 10 a.m.
- Spring ACT Countdown: Boost Prep with LearningExpress Library, March 2, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Intro to AI (CS), March 3, 9:30 – 11 a.m., MOREnet Training Room – The Mill, Columbia
- Intro to AI (CS), March 3, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Hands On! 3D Design and Printing (CS), March 4, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The Mill, Columbia
- Magic Tools in Canva Design, March 6, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Explore, Learn, and Read Your Way Through America's Parks!, March 9, 9 – 10 a.m.
- Intersecting Digital and Media Literacy With Artificial Intelligence (CS), March 10, 9:30 – 11 a.m., MOREnet Training Room – The Mill, Columbia
- Intersecting Digital and Media Literacy With Artificial Intelligence (CS), March 10, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Creating an AI "Style Guide," March 11, 3 – 4 p.m.
- Empowering Students with Rosen: Digital, Financial, and Health Literacy, March 16, 10 – 11 a.m.
- WordPress for Libraries, March 30, 9 – 11:30 a.m.
- Connect, Code, and Create: Maximizing Sphero Central and Bolt+ Resources (CS), March 31, 10 – 11 a.m.
- Google Gemini, April 1, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Unearthing Missouri's Past: A Historical Research Guide, April 6, 10 – 11 a.m.
- Google NotebookLM (CS), April 8, 1 – 2 p.m.
- AI Foundations for Libraries (CS), April 14, 10 – 11 a.m.

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

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

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### Trainings include:

- Interlibrary Loan: From Basics to Current Issues, March 11, 10 – 11 a.m.

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

## Niche Academy

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### Trainings include:

- Navigating Donor Conversations: From Preparation to Partnership, March 4, 1 p.m.
- Rural Libraries, Technology and Funding: Where Do We Go From Here?, March 11, 1 p.m.
- Unlocking Possibilities: Program Design for the Future of Libraries, March 18, 1 p.m.
- How to Blend In-Person and Online Training to Make Learning Stick, March 25, 1 p.m.
- Igniting the Brain: How Neuroarts Can Transform Your Library and Your Well-Being, April 15, 1 p.m.

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

## Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC)

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### Trainings include:

- Writing Grants for Audio Preservation and Reformatting, March 3, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Digitizing Oversized Materials, March 11, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Strategies for Oversized Collections, March 19, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- Surface Cleaning Techniques for Paper-Based Collections, March 24, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Creating an Integrated Pest Management System, April 14, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Celebrating with Collections: Last-Minute Preservation Reminders for the 250th, April 23, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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



## St. Louis Regional Library Network (SLRLN)

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### Events include:

- [SLRN Annual Conference](#), March 25, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., St. Louis County Library – Clark Family Branch

For the complete event list, visit [St. Louis Regional Library Network Events](#).

## TeachingBooks

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### Trainings include:

- Summer Reading Programs—Lists and Resources for Everyone, March 18, 1 p.m.

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



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## WebJunction

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### Trainings include:

- Programming with Your Library of Things, March 3, 2 – 3 p.m.
- Navigating Misinformation in One-on-One Patron Interactions, March 19, 2 – 3 p.m.
- Winning Library Grants: Turning Community Needs into Funded Projects, April 7, 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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