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Missouri State Library News

Solar Science Circulation Kits Available

Two kits provided by SEAL (Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries) and the NASA My Library Project are available for checkout. Eclipse programming and training videos are also now available through STARNet. You can find the eclipse kits and all of the State Library STEM kits in the new circulation system.

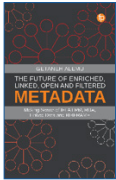### Reference Services for YOU: Mental Health Resources

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month. The state of Missouri contributes many resources to support and raise awareness for mental health in our communities.

- **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline:** Missouri's new 988 mental health, substance use, and suicide crisis website and hotline for calls, chats, and texts. Support is free and confidential with 24-hour access. Find the downloadable toolkit here.

- **Locate Treatment & Services:** The Missouri Department of Mental Health compiles directories and suggestions of where to find providers for substance use, mental illness, and recovery.

- **Access Crisis Intervention:** Also, from the Department of Mental Health, ACI provides adults and children experiencing a behavioral health crisis with statewide, confidential 24-hour crisis lines.

- **SAMHSA Helplines & Treatment Locators:** The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration provides specialized treatment locators and helplines for early serious mental illness, veterans, or disaster-related emotional distress.

Questions? Contact Reference Services at (573) 751-3615, libref@sos.mo.gov, or mostate.libguides.com.
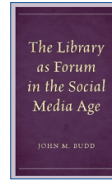
Featured Books from the State Library

[The Future of Enriched, Linked, Open and Filtered Metadata](#)

[Change Management for Library Technologists](#)

[Library as Forum in the Social Media Age](#)

[Libraries Publish](#)

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 a.m. to 5 p.m., and are always happy to help.

Around the State

Library Welcomes New Addition to Children's Area

Ste. Genevieve County Library is excited to announce a new unique addition to its facility, thanks to a Community Foundation Grant. "One of the most fun additions to new builds in library spaces is interesting focal points in the children's area," Library Director Shawn Long says. "I've seen libraries add trees to this space and thought that was so cool, it brings the outside in and allows the children to let their imaginations run wild."

However, large-scale sculptures like trees are not something you purchase from Amazon, so Shawn thought that idea may never happen. But a chance meeting with artist Kendall Hart made a tree project a potential reality if funding became available. Kendall, who did work at the Ste. Genevieve Museum and Learning Center, created his own traveling exhibit of Cryptids and is currently working on making a museum of his own to showcase them, including a Momo the Missouri Monster.

"I mentioned the idea to Kendall and he said he would love to work with us." Now it was just a matter of funding the project. In 2021, the Community Foundation released one last grant cycle, and when it was confirmed, Shawn knew what he was going to write it for. "I wanted to get something in the children's area that gave it character, that not only allowed you to read, but

allowed children to use their imagination." After a few designs and a few edits, the current design was chosen, and Kendall started working!

"It took a few more months than anticipated, but I was focused on quality and making sure that it will survive the love that this tree is going to get," Shawn said. "After a crew of eight worked on getting it into its final location and Kendall fixing a few dings and reattaching a limb taken down for the move, the tree sculpture now stands proudly in the children's area."

At the present time, the tree doesn't have a name, and the library is hosting a naming contest with the community. Patrons of all ages can swing by the library now through May 15, and the best name will be chosen! For more information about the library and their services, contact them at contact@sgclib.org or (573) 883-3358.

Putnam County Library Receives American Heart Association Grant

Putnam County Public Library received a Library Health Impact Grant through the American Heart Association recently. The award includes a CPR & First Aid Anywhere kit as well as a $1,500.00 grant toward the purchase of an AED unit for the library. The library will be able to train staff, host community trainings, and loan the First Aid Anywhere kit to other organizations that can also provide trainings.

Grant Opportunities

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 FY23 state aid, Missouri school libraries publicly supported and publicly controlled, and Missouri academic libraries supported publicly or privately.

Professional Development Offerings

MOREnet Receives Grant for Digital Equity Facilitator Training and Advertising Costs

The Missouri Research and Education Network (MOREnet) was awarded a grant through the Missouri Department of Economic Development to train facilitators on digital equity. The grant also covers advertising costs for the first digital equity community event or training provided by library staff who completed facilitator training.

MOREnet has created a complete Getting Started with Technology curriculum to train Missouri library staff on 13 different modules, intended to reach underserved populations with resources to utilize technology in their everyday lives:

- Evaluating Bandwidth Options
- Accessing Internet Affordability
- Troubleshooting and Optimizing Home Internet
- Setting up a Home Internet Network
- Basic Internet Security for the Home
- Advanced Security Options for Greater Privacy
- Password Security
- Internet Search Engines
- Understanding and Managing Internet Tracking Programs
- Government and Financial Online Accounts
- Using Cloud-Based Resources
- Finding Accurate Information Online
- Phishing and Other Scams

Facilitator training is completely free, and comes with complete instructor notes, a detailed slide deck, handouts for the end user, template press releases, and social media graphics. In addition, each facilitator will be given access to the digital course to receive updates in real time. Facilitator training can be completed either in person at a regional session or online via a webinar. You're also welcome to start with a webinar and attend the regional sessions for a deep dive with MOREnet trainers.

Upcoming Amigos Training

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

Amigos Member Conference 2023: Libraries Plan to Succeed, Wednesday, May 10, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Taking place online, the Amigos Member Conference 2023: Libraries Plan to Succeed, will revolve around Amigos member libraries' latest innovations and planning strategies. Session topics include artificial intelligence in libraries, strategic planning, staff development, and more. Registration is available at [Libraries Plan to Succeed](#).

Know & Go: Understanding Creative Commons Licensing, Monday, May 15, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Creative Commons licenses offer an easy and effective way to identify images, music, and other content for use and reuse. This overview of Creative Commons will explain the copyright implications of CC-licensed materials and how they differ from public domain and fair use. Get ready to find Creative Commons-licensed materials, promote their usage, and even help license work under the Commons. Registration is available at [Understanding Creative Commons Licensing](#).

Know & Go: Planned Abandonment & Libraries, Monday, May 22, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

An exciting aspect of librarianship is embracing technology and creating innovative services. With increasing demands on staff time and changes in the workplace, letting go of legacy services can play a vital role in the allocation of resources toward new projects. This session examines the role of planned abandonment -- a strategy for organizational change intended to normalize the sunsetting of existing services to make room for new projects, programs, and services. Registration is available at [Planned Abandonment & Libraries](#).

Creating a Collection Development Policy, Wednesday, June 7, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

A collection development policy is the heart of every great collection. Based on a library's mission and values, it explains the library's process and guides budgeting, acquisitions, weeding, gifts, and challenges to equitably serve all patrons. Understand the importance of a collection development policy, what a policy should address, and how to use it to guide library services. Registration is available at [Creating a Collection Development Policy](#).

Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

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

Programs & Services for Immigrant & Refugee Patrons, Thursday, May 18, 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](#).

Upcoming MOREnet Trainings

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

Making Content Accessible, Friday, May 5, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Creating great content, whether it is in the form of videos, websites or even just documents, needs to be done with all users in mind. This session will discuss tips and techniques for making all of your content as accessible as possible to your audience. Be they students, faculty, parents or the public, everyone deserves to experience as much of each of your awesome creations as possible! Registration is available at [Making Content Accessible](#).

EBSCO Resources to Support Classroom and Homeschool Students, Wednesday, May 10, 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

May is National Homeschool Month, so let's celebrate the ways EBSCO resources support the classroom and our growing community of homeschoolers. We will review the abundance of databases and interfaces that complement traditional classroom and homeschool curricula, including the K12-focused Explora interface, EBSCOhost, and essential databases including Primary Search, Middle Search Plus, and MAS Ultra. Registration is available at EBSCO Resources to Support Classroom and Homeschool Students.

Training Those Who Are Just Getting Started with Technology Webinar, Thursday, May 11, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

MOREnet has developed content for public libraries to assist patrons who are new to technology. Join us for this webinar to learn about the content and how to access teaching notes, slides, and supplemental material. This content would make great programming for your patrons. 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 with Technology. This webinar will also occur on May 18, May 24, and May 31.

Training Those Who Are Just Getting Started with Technology (For Public Libraries) - Chillicothe Regional Training, Wednesday, June 7, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Livingston County Library, Chillicothe

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 also occur in Columbia on Monday, June 5, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and in Warrensburg on Wednesday, June 21, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Training Program from the Northeast Document Conservation Center

For the complete training list, visit the NEDCC Current Training Programs.

Digital Preservation Storage 101, Tuesday, June 20, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. (Eastern)

Providing the right kind of storage with the right number of copies for your digital files can make the difference between losing and saving your organization's digital cultural heritage. If you are completely new to digital preservation storage, or simply need a refresher or tips on how to work with your IT department, this webinar will help you improve storage at your institution. The instructor will cover requirements for storage environments as well as several affordable and scalable options to meet small and midsize organizations' needs for storage. Registration is available on the NEDCC current training programs web page.

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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