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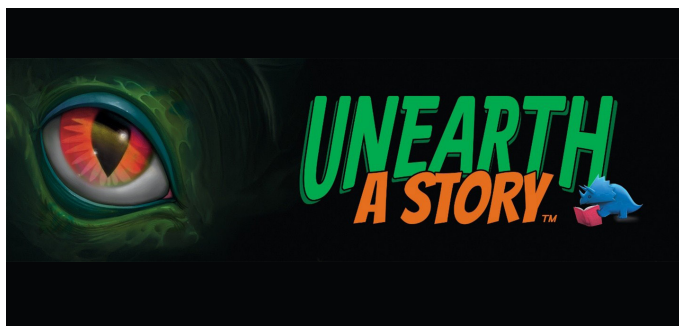
The CSLP Programming Manual is Ready

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) programming manual is ready! The code to access this manual was sent to Library Directors via the PubLibDir listserv on Oct. 7. Please check with your Library Director to see if they received the code. Because the Missouri State Library covers the CSLP membership fee and manual costs for state aid eligible libraries, the manual should only be used by those directly involved



with planning your summer library program. If you have questions, contact Katie Dunne at katie.dunne@sos.mo.gov or (573) 522-9564.

CSLP Promotional Funds

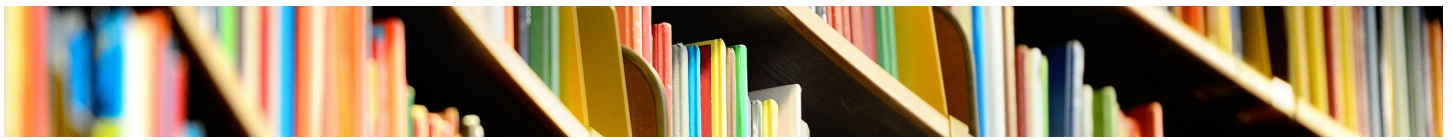


Each year, the Missouri State Library sets aside a small amount of funds for eligible libraries to cover some of the cost of purchases from the Collaborative Summer Library Program store. Items in the store encourage excitement about the upcoming Summer Library Program. Letters have been sent to directors of eligible libraries. If you have questions about these funds, email us at mostlib@sos.mo.gov.

Register for the CSLP Summer Symposium!

The Collaborative Summer Library Program offers a free, virtual webinar to kickstart your summer library program planning. The Summer Symposium is Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.. Visit the [CSLP Professional Development page](#) and scroll down for the Summer Symposium. You can register (1) to watch the symposium live or (2) to view a recording of the symposium after the event.





We Want Your Ideas for Summer 2026!

The Missouri State Library Summer Library Program Workshops are in full swing. A benefit of these workshops is the exchange of ideas with peers from different libraries. Even if you cannot attend a workshop, we'd love for you to join in on the sharing, so we're gathering programming ideas from across the state to compile into a Summer Library Program Supplemental Manual. If you would like to share a program idea for



Summer 2026, please fill the 2026 [Summer Library Program – Project Idea Form](#) or email katie.dunne@sos.mo.gov.

Reference Services for YOU: National Indian Law Library

With 574 federally recognized tribes and Native entities across the United States, navigating tribal legal resources can be challenging.

Indigenous groups develop their own tribal constitutions, laws, codes, and ordinances, which generally apply to their territories and members. The [National Indian Law Library](#) (NILL) has actively collected and published tribal law on the [Tribal Law Gateway](#) to increase access to tribal codes, constitutions, and court opinions. The Gateway provides pronunciations, histories, and relevant legal documents of each tribe, like the [Cherokee Nation](#) for example.

NILL also provides [Indian Law Bulletins](#) with information on new developments in federal, state, and tribal law. Patrons can search past bulletins or sign up to receive new bulletins by email.

The [Tribal Leaders Directory](#) also provides an interactive map of federally recognized tribes and native entities, along with their leadership and contact information.

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

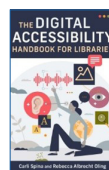
Featured Books from the State Library



[*The High-Impact Digital Library*](#)



[*Wonder Libraries*](#)



[*The Digital Accessibility Handbook for Libraries*](#)



[*Taxonomies*](#)

Discover more of our Library Professional Development titles as well as recorded webinars, government publications, and more on the [Missouri Library Staff Guide](#).

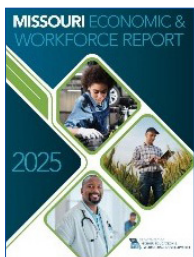
Directors and branch managers can sign up for a State Library card from the guide and are encouraged to borrow items for themselves or any of their library's staff. State Library books are also available for borrowing through both MOBIUS and WorldShare.

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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Featured Government Document from the State Library



The [2025 Missouri Economic & Workforce Report](#) by the Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development provides a broad overview of Missouri's economy, from employment to gross domestic output. Discover more government publications in our [Missouri State Publications Collection](#) to share with patrons. For assistance with government information or publications, please contact the Reference Services team at the [State Library](#).

Around the State

Houston Library Hosts Open House and Holds Program to Highlight the New Quarters



Left: The front entrance of the new Texas County Library building in Houston. Image provided by Louise Beasley.



Right: The front of Texas County Library's new building in Houston. Image provided by Louise Beasley.

Houston's new library opened Monday after a Saturday afternoon of celebration to mark the completion of the project on First Street.

The \$2.9 million facility covers about 7,200 square feet and greatly expands library services in the county. Private donations, grants and contributions from Texas County government via the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funded the structure. It was a project of the Texas County Library Foundation, which noted more than \$400,000 in contributions came from local residents and businesses. Many participated in the Neighborhood Assistance Program, which gives generous state tax credits. A few still remain.

Luckily, heavy rainfall and storms held off until after the event. Organizers said they were surprised by the size of the crowd with the threat of inclement weather. A short program led by Library Director Louise Beasley was held in the shelter, and tours and refreshments followed for two hours.

Rep. Bennie Cook, R-Houston, hailed the project as an example of cooperation between various entities, and he said it showed what was possible when community residents and their leaders work together. Cook marked the event with a proclamation from the Missouri House. He was joined at the event by another state leader, State Librarian Janet Caruthers.

Among others speaking were Texas County Presiding Commissioner Scott Long; Houston Mayor Sam Kelley; Library Foundation President Terry Jones; Gwen Ross, president of the five-member library board; and Kathy Richardson, a foundation member whose family worked on space dedicated to children.

Beasley, who joined the library as director just as the foundation was gearing up to begin the Houston branch work, highlighted the dedication of her small staff that moved more than 35,000 books from the former location on Walnut Street to the new home atop the Houston Storm Shelter.



Left: State and local leaders and stakeholders pose at the program celebrating the completion of Texas County Library's new building. Image provided by Louise Beasley.

Right: Texas County Library Directory Louise Beasley and her staff posing in their new Houston building. Image provided by Louise Beasley.



Other key players also were praised: Gentry Construction Co. Inc., the general contractor; Sapp Design Architects, the firm that designed the building; and members of the Richardson family,

who helped create the Evelyn Dieckhaus Creative Center for children. The Texas County Library staff worked long and hard and did a great job moving all the books in!!

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.

- **Corinne Hughes and Jacob O'Dell**, Co-Interim Directors of Library Center of the Ozarks, chughes@lcozarks.com and jodell@lcozarks.com

- **Ginger Shannon**, Norborne Public Library, gshannon@cityofnorborne.org

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.

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.

[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.

[Summer Library Program Grant](#) • **Deadline: Dec. 1**

The Summer Library Program grant will open for applications in mid-Oct. with a due date of Dec. 1. This literacy-based grant requires a minimum of an eight-week reading program during the summer months when local schools are not in regular session. Maximum grant award amounts are based on the population of the library service area (tax district). The [Summer Library Program](#)

[Grant Application Overview Webinar](#) will be held on Nov. 5 at 10 a.m.. Please contact [Katie Dunne](#) or [Terry Blauvelt](#) with any questions.

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



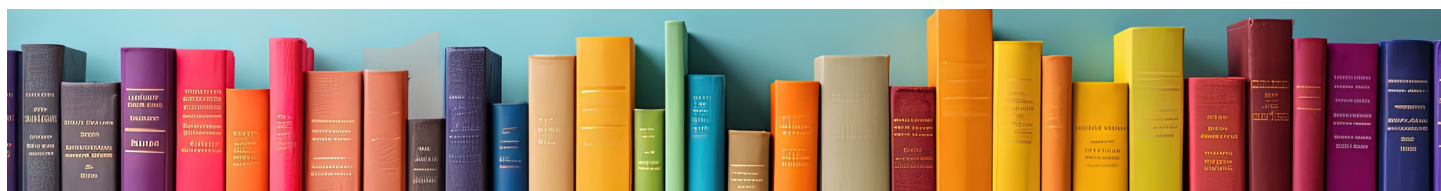
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Grant Opportunities – National Grants

[USDA Community Facilities Programs](#)

This 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:

- Analyzing Picture Books to Support Early Literacy, Nov. 18, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

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

The Association for Small and Rural Libraries (ARSL)

Trainings include:

- Fall 2025 Professional Resource Discussion Group: Working with Friends Groups, Nov. 12, 2 p.m.

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

Amigos Library Services

Trainings include:

All Amigos continuing education sessions are now free to Amigos members.

- Metadata Principals and Practices: Micro-Credentialing & Capstone Project: Nov. 5, self-paced
- Metadata Principals and Practices: Metadata Relationships, Nov. 5, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Know & Go: Practical AI Prompting, Nov. 10, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
- Serving the Neurodiverse Library User, Nov. 11, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Know & Go: Interlibrary Loan Policies, Nov. 17, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

- The Essentials: Workplace Communication, Nov. 20, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Know & Go: Exploring Government Information, Dec. 1, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
- Introduction to Library Acquisitions, Dec. 4, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Know & Go: Documenting Library Work, Dec. 8, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

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



Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)

Speakers and trainings include:

- Community, Power, and the Search for Indigenous Identity with Award-Winning Journalist Joseph Lee, Nov. 5, 1 p.m.
- Universal Design: Inclusive Approaches to Public Librarianship, Nov. 13, 1 p.m.
- The Search for Truth and the Persistence of Love Across Time with Novelist Amanda Peters, Nov. 13, 6 p.m.
- Unlock the Secret Language of Connection with Supercommunicator Charles Duhigg, Nov. 18, 1 p.m.

- Scheming Wives and High-Stakes Hilarity with Author Sue Hincenbergs, Dec. 2, 1 p.m.
- Summer Symposium 2025, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- The Legacy of Julia Child's Kitchen with Author and Smithsonian Curator Paula J. Johnson, Dec. 9, 1 p.m.

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

LibraryWorks

Trainings include:

- Talk the Talk: Mastering Communication Skills for Positive Library Relationships, Nov. 6, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Engagement Beats Promotion: Using Partnerships to Raise Awareness, Nov. 19, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Try Strategic Merchandising to Pump Up Library Usage, Nov. 20, 1 – 3 p.m.

- Misinformation and Conspiracy Theory Trends: Advice for Libraries, Dec. 4, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Everything Library School Never Taught You About Managing People, Dec. 11, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Leading from the Middle: Managing and Communicating Both Up and Down, Dec. 17, 1 – 2 p.m.

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



MALA (Mid-American Library Alliance)

Trainings include:

- Engaging Grown-Ups: Programming For Adult Patrons, Nov. 13, 10 – 11 a.m.
- December Readers' Advisory, Dec. 2, 2 – 3 p.m.

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

MOREnet

Trainings include:

- AI Foundations: AI Practice (CS), Nov. 3, 1 – 2 p.m.
- AI Foundations: AI Literacy (CS), Nov. 5, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Read Around the World: Using Google Tools to Launch Books, Nov. 10, 10 – 11 a.m.
- Programming with Scratch to Enhance the Summer Library Program (CS), Nov. 11, 9 – 10:30 p.m.
- Bring the Arcade to the Library: Designing Retro Games for the Summer Library Program (CS), Nov. 11, 1:30 – 3 p.m.
- E-Rate Training: Category Two (C2) Budget Tools, Nov. 13, 9 – 10 a.m.
- Unearthing Missouri's Past: A Historical Research Guide, Nov. 17, 10 – 11 a.m.
- Mastering EBSCOhost: A Comprehensive Research Guide, Dec. 1, 9 – 10 a.m.
- Unearthing Missouri's Past: A Historical Research Guide, Dec. 1, 10 – 11 a.m.
- Level Up: Learn How to Bring Game-Based Learning to Your Space (CS), Dec. 2, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The Mill Columbia
- Explore, Learn, and Read Your Way Through America's Parks!, Dec. 8, 9 – 10 a.m.
- What are Chicken Jockeys?: Minecraft Education 101 (CS), Dec. 10, 1 – 2 p.m.
- E-Rate Training: Competitive Bid Form 470, Dec. 11, 9 – 10 a.m.
- Empowering Students with Rosen: Digital, Financial, and Health Literacy, Dec. 15, 10 – 11 a.m.

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



Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM)

Trainings include:

- How PubMed Works: Introduction, Nov. 5, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- Developing Long-Term Partnerships: Programming for K-12 and College Students, Nov. 17, 10 – 11 a.m.
- Rural Health Resources, Nov. 20, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Effective Health Communication and Health Literacy: Understanding the Connection, Dec. 10, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Connecting Older Adults to Health Information, Dec. 11, 11 – 12:30 p.m.

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



Niche Academy

Trainings include:

- Creating Thriving Workplaces: Mental Health & Well-Being, Nov. 5, 1 p.m.
- Telling Your Library's Story, Nov. 12, 1 p.m.
- Stuck No More: Unlocking Hidden Solutions with Paradox Awareness, Nov. 19, 1 p.m.
- Recruiting and Engaging Volunteers, Dec. 3, 1 p.m.
- Libraries, Social Media, CIPA, and the Internet, Dec. 10, 1 p.m.

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

Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC)

Trainings include:

- Creating Preservation-Quality Oral Histories, Nov. 11, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Digitizing Photographic Materials, Nov. 13, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Digital Directions: Foundations for Digital Collections, Nov. 18 – 20, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- History of the Book and its Structure, Nov. 18, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- 10 Practical Steps for Getting Started with Digital Preservation, Dec. 4, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Care and Reformatting of Microfilm, Dec. 9, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

St. Louis Regional Library Network (SLRLN)

Events include:

- Universal Design for Libraries: Presentation by the Starkloff Disability Institute, Nov. 6, 3 – 5 p.m., St. Louis Public Library – Buder Branch

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

TeachingBooks

Trainings include:

- Supporting Early Literacy with TeachingBooks, Nov. 12, 1 p.m.

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

WebJunction

Trainings include:

- Big Impact, Small Budget: After-School Ideas that Cost Next to Nothing, Nov. 18, 2 – 3 p.m.
- Libraries Supporting Small Business Skills for Formerly Incarcerated Individuals, Dec. 2, 2 – 3 p.m.
- Navigating New Building Projects, Dec. 9, 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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