

# SHOW ME EXPRESS

## State Library Newsletter

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Missouri Secretary of State  
**John R. Ashcroft**

## Missouri State Library News

### Planning Begins for 2025 Summer Library Program

It may be fall, but our thoughts are already turning toward summer as we plan for next year's Summer Library Program (SLP). The 2025 theme, Color Our World™, encourages libraries to embrace the beauty of art in all its forms, creating a colorful tapestry of experiences for everyone. Below are some recent or upcoming activities related to 2025 SLP.

- State-aid eligible libraries now have access to the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) manual for 2025 (an email with an access code went to Library Directors on Oct. 15).
- The [CSLP catalog](#) is open. Eligible libraries received an email on Oct. 11 with information about how to access the CSLP funds to use toward catalog purchases.
- The CSLP Outreach Committee is seeking resources for a toolkit they are building on successful outreach practices. Use [this form](#) to submit your idea!
- The 2025 LSTA-funded Summer Library Program grant application is open until Dec. 1. Libraries use this competitive grant to support their summer programming with a focus on reading promotion. Go to the Missouri State Library [Online Grant Management System](#) for more information. A LSTA Summer Library Program grant overview training was offered on



Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 10 am. If you were unable to attend the session, click [here](#) to watch the recording at any time.

- Summer Library Program workshops are planned for November and December
  - Friday, Nov. 15 at Springfield-Greene – CLOSED
  - Wednesday, Nov. 20 at Daniel Boone – CLOSED
  - Friday, Dec. 13 at Scenic Regional in Union – spots still available
  - These will not be recorded, but we will send out slides after the December workshop.
- The CSLP Summer Symposium is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 5. This virtual event will be recorded for those who cannot attend. [Registration](#) opens Nov. 6.

For questions related to summer library program, contact the Youth Services Consultant at [katie.dunne@sos.mo.gov](mailto:katie.dunne@sos.mo.gov) or (573) 522-9564.



## Piloting the Braille Enhanced StoryWalk®

Livingston County Library recently participated in a pilot project to test out one of the Missouri State Library and Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library's Braille Enhanced StoryWalk® kits in their community. As part of the pilot, libraries are encouraged to display and promote their selected StoryWalk® book and, if possible, utilize the additional tools in the kit during programming. These tools include an additional copy of the picture book with Braille added to read and explore during story hours, a Braille alphabet card, and a slate and stylus that allows patrons to experience writing and reading Braille.

Using the kit with *The Story of a Butterfly: Learn about the Life and Habitat of the Painted Lady* by Margaret Rose Reed and Manu Montoya,

Livingston County Library displayed their StoryWalk® at the reopening of their Lillian DesMarias Youth Library on Sept. 26 and continued to promote it for the next 10 days during story hours and other events. They estimate a total impact of 212 individuals during that time with positive feedback from both patrons and staff.

If you are interested in borrowing a Braille Enhanced StoryWalk® for your library, please contact the [Missouri State Library](#).



## Reference Services for YOU: Veterans Day Planning

Veterans Day is Nov. 11 to honor all United States military veterans. If your library or patrons are contemplating how to observe Veterans Day, the Veterans Day National Committee oversees the planning and coordination of the federal Veterans Day observance. The committee provides resources to promote understanding of Veterans Day and suggests activities to honor America's veterans, such as:

- [Veterans Day 2024 Teachers Resource Guide](#)
- [Veterans Day Poster Gallery](#)
- [Veterans Day Timeline](#)

Are you looking for benefits and resources to highlight for veterans this November? Many state

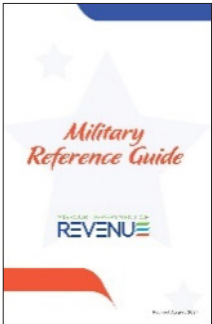
and federal agencies provide veteran resources, from the State Treasurer's Military Medals and Insignia found in the [Unclaimed Property database](#) to the National Park Service's [Lifetime Military Pass](#) for U.S. veterans and Gold Star Families. Other resources include:

- [Missouri Benefits and Resource Portal for Veterans & Military](#)
- [National Resource Directory](#)
- [GI Bill Comparison Tool](#)
- [VA App Store](#)

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).

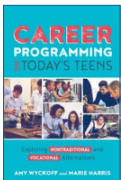


## Featured Government Document from the State Library



The Missouri Department of Revenue released an updated [Military Reference Guide](#) in August to assist military personnel with questions about Missouri's state income tax, driver licenses and vehicle registrations. Discover more government publications to share with patrons in the [Missouri State Publication Collection](#). For assistance accessing government information or publications, contact the [State Library Reference Services staff](#).

## Featured Books from the State Library



*Career Programming  
for Today's Teens*



*Marketing Plans  
in Action*



*Profiles in Resilience*



*Let's Roll*

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. State Library books

are also available for borrowing through both MOBIUS and WorldShare.

For assistance 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 am to 5 pm and are always happy to help!

## Around the State

### The State Library Visits Library Center of the Ozarks!

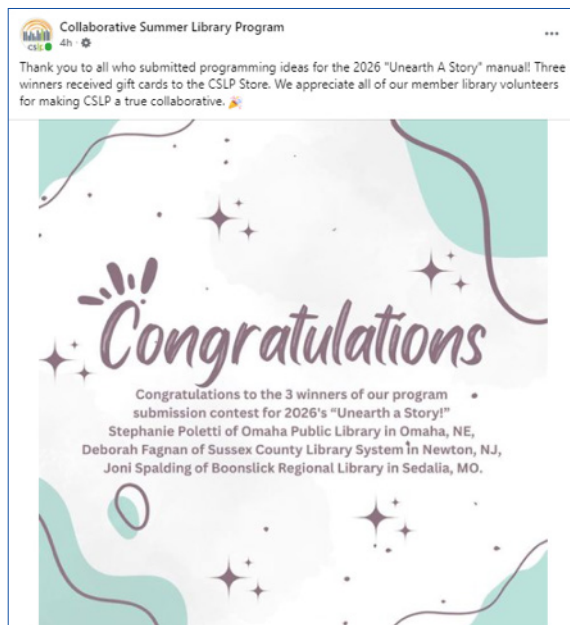


Patrons enter the Library Center of the Ozarks' Stanley and Elaine Ball Children's Library through an oversized-book archway guarded by a dinosaur. Inside, there is a large bookworm on more oversized books. (Oct. 22)





## Program from Missouri Librarian Selected for CSLP Manual



*CSLP's social media post celebrating Joni and the two other selected programs for their 2026 Unearth a Story manual.*



*Joni Spalding shows off some of the dinosaur masks created for her Unearth a Story program submission.*

Joni Spalding, Children's Librarian at Boonslick Regional Library in Sedalia, recently learned that her program submission will be included as one of only three other selected programs in the Collaborative Summer Library Program's (CSLP) 2026 programming manual. Each year, CSLP sends out a nationwide call for program ideas that match an upcoming theme. The 2026 theme, *Unearth a Story*, prompted Joni to explore how young patrons could design their own dinosaur masks. Taking inspiration from artist [Jonni Good](#), Joni simplified the mask-making process to something that would meet her library's time and budgetary constraints. Using items such as paper plates, paper, tape and wood glue, Joni was able to create simple masks that can then

be decorated with markers, paint, or tissue paper and then worn or hung on a wall.

When asked about the process, Joni replied, "The CSLP program submission contest is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the creativity of library programs across the country. I greatly appreciate that Boonslick Regional Library allowed me to spend time on my Dinosaur Mask submission and I hope that libraries across the country try and enjoy using paper mâché to make dinosaur masks or sculptures."

Congratulations to Joni! Be sure to look for her program submission in the 2026 CSLP Programming manual next year.



## Montgomery City's Stuffed Animal Sleepover

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*The stuffies fly off in a hot air balloon to start their grand adventure from the library to explore the US.*

Montgomery City Public Library (MCPL) hosted its annual stuffed animal sleepover from Sept. 30 to Oct. 7. Twenty-five children participated this year. The children and their families attended a special story time about traveling, decorated a paper suitcase for their stuffie, and said goodbye to them on Sept. 30.

While at MCPL, the stuffed animals built a hot air balloon and toured the United States like Curious George in the book *Up, Up, and Away*. They worked together to get a box for the basket, inflated balloons, and soared into the sky. They visited the Gateway Arch, the Statue of Liberty, Niagara Falls, Mount Rushmore, the Golden Gate Bridge and the Grand Canyon. They finally returned to MCPL all tuckered out from their



*Children reunite with their stuffed animals in the hot air balloon basket after their week-long US adventure.*

grand U.S. adventure. They are already coming up with ideas for next year's sleepover!

On Oct. 7, the children excitedly returned for their stuffed animals. They saw the [Google Slideshow](#) detailing the stuffies' adventure, learned more about hot air balloons, and completed a hot air balloon craft.

This is the sixth stuffed animal sleepover hosted by the Montgomery City Public Library. Past themes include touring space, camping, having a pajama party and staying up all night at the library. Thanks to Judy Hunt who sponsors the event, the participating children receive a free book, t-shirt and tote bag, all based on the theme. Both staff and patrons look forward to this special event every year!





# Grants

## 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 replaces 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 FY25 state aid, Missouri school libraries publicly supported and publicly controlled, and Missouri academic libraries supported publicly or privately.

### Summer Library Program Grant • Deadline: Dec. 1

The Summer Library Program grant opened for applications in mid-October with a due date of Dec. 1. Applicants are encouraged to apply before the deadline. 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). A [grant overview webinar session](#) was offered on Oct. 30 at 10 am. If you were unable to attend the session, click [here](#) to watch it at your convenience. A [grant management session](#) for awarded grants will be held on Jan. 23, 2025. Please contact [Katie Dunne](#) or [Terry Blauvelt](#) with any questions.

## Professional Development Offerings

### Join the MCAI to Dive into your Youth Collections

Join the Missouri Collection Analysis Initiative, a self-paced program designed to help you take a deeper look at the children's and young adult titles on your shelves and promoted in your libraries!

This initiative—funded entirely through the Missouri State Library—is available to every library staff member and educator who maintain collections of children's and young adult books.

With these tools from TeachingBooks:

- Generate reports that allow you to examine the makeup of your collections, including genre, diversity, recency and more
- Explore how your library and classroom collections meet your community's needs



- Refresh and affirm the titles used in displays, programming and reading selections
- Incorporate these tools into your regular book selection routines

Register [here](#) to receive access to support materials, learn about upcoming training, and dive into your collections.

## Amigos Library Services

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### Trainings include:

- Developing a Social Media Strategy, Nov. 6, 1 – 3 pm
- Doing Digital Preservation, Nov. 12 & 14, 1 – 3 pm
- Know & Go: Mold Mitigation and Prevention, Nov. 18, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

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

## MALA (Mid-American Library Alliance)

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### Trainings include:

- Creating a More Compassionate Workplace, Nov. 21, 10 – 11 am

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

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### Trainings include:

- Teaching Digital Safety and Citizenship to Learners, Nov. 11, 9 am – 12 pm
- E-rate Training: Category Two (C2) Budget Tools, Nov. 14, 9 – 10 am
- Creating a Makerspace, Dec. 5, 9 am – 12 pm, MOREnet Training Room - The Mill, Columbia, Mo.
- Artificial Intelligence Trainings
  - Artificial Intelligence Literacy, Nov. 7, 9 am – 12 pm, MOREnet Training Room - The Mill, Columbia, Mo.
  - Artificial Intelligence Basics, Nov. 8, 4 – 5 pm
- Intersecting Digital and Media Literacy With Artificial Intelligence, Nov. 11, 1 – 3 pm, MOREnet Training Room - The Mill, Columbia, Mo.
- Artificial Intelligence for Teachers, Nov. 15, 9 am – 3 pm, MOREnet Training Room - The Mill, Columbia, Mo.
- Getting Better Results From Artificial Intelligence Tools, Nov. 19, 9 am – 12 pm, MOREnet Training Room - The Mill, Columbia, Mo.

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

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

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### Trainings include:

- Providing Multilingual Health Information, Nov. 7, 11 am – 12 pm
- Providing Mental Health Resources at Your Library, Nov. 20, 1 – 2 pm
- Rural Health Webinar Series – Webinars held in November explore the unique health needs of rural populations in the United States and aim to provide practical evidence-based solutions that support librarians, health educators, community leaders, and direct care providers to improve rural health outcomes. Four of the eight webinars are:
  - Facilitating Rural Access to Quality Health Information through Little Free Libraries, Nov. 7, 1 – 2 pm
  - Promoting Walking for Health in Rural Communities, Nov. 14, 1 – 2 pm
  - Palmetto Connect: Fostering Digital Inclusion in Rural South Carolina, Nov. 19, 1 – 2 pm
  - Rural Health Resources, Nov. 21, 1 – 2 pm

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

## Niche Academy

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### Trainings include:

- Congress.gov: Taking the Fear out of Questions about Congress, Nov. 6, 1 – 2 pm
- Proving the Value of Soft Skills, Nov. 13, 1 – 2 pm

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

## WebJunction

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### Trainings include:

- How do we rebuild trust in authoritative information sources?, Nov. 12, 2 – 3 pm
- Building community in a changing climate, Nov. 21, 2 – 3 pm

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](#).



### 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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