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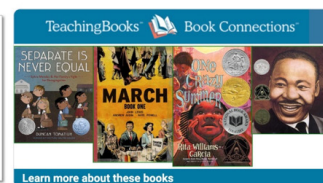
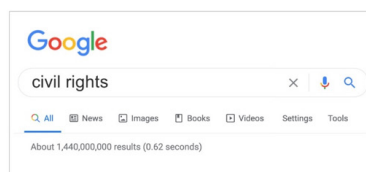
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TeachingBooks Chrome Extension

Did you know that you can automatically search TeachingBooks directly from Google? Add the [TeachingBooks Chrome Extension](#) to seamlessly display relevant search results from TeachingBooks alongside your Google searches.

With this powerful tool, users can Google relevant subjects, books, titles, authors, or awards and, in the upper right corner, instantly produce TeachingBooks results that include:

- Direct access to book and author resources
- Read-along audiobook performances



- Video book trailers, meet the author recordings, and more!

While you still yield traditional search results, this enhanced feature allows students, teachers, and librarians to immediately access professionally vetted pre K–12 materials. Easily keep books at the forefront of your searches!

Featured Government Document from the State Library



In preparation for the 2024 Great ShakeOut drill on Oct. 17, patrons can learn more about insurance for earthquakes with the [2024 Missouri Earthquake Insurance Shopping Guide](#). Discover more government publications to share with patrons in our [Missouri State Publications Collection](#). For assistance accessing government information or publications, contact the reference services staff at the [State Library](#).



Reference Services for YOU: Start the Conversation

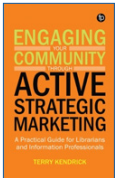
Starting or continuing difficult discussions can be challenging, especially between adolescents and adults, but many resources are available to facilitate those conversations to benefit patrons or library staff who interact with youth library users.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services provides resources through its [Connect with Me](#) campaign, which encourages parents, guardians, teachers, coaches, caregivers or adults working with teenagers to build stronger relationships and engage in meaningful conversations. [Connect with Me cards](#) and the [Connect with Me app](#) are excellent tools to help reach out and start meaningful conversations between youth and adults. Conversation starter topics include trauma, body image, mental health, relationships, technology and more.

For teen substance abuse prevention, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration created the ["Talk. They Hear You."](#) [app](#) that features interactive simulation sections to practice how to keep the conversation going between teens and their parents, caregivers, educators or community members. The campaign also includes [Screen4Success](#), a screening tool to recognize areas where additional support may benefit someone. This tool helps identify signs of elevated risk and provides resources to address concerns through self-screening or by sending the screener to someone, aged 12 and over, you are concerned about.

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

Books from the State Library



[*Engaging Your Community Through Active Strategic Marketing*](#)



[*The 12 Steps to a Community-Led Library*](#)



[*Uncommon Quotes for Library Lovers*](#)



[*Academic Library Value*](#)

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 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.

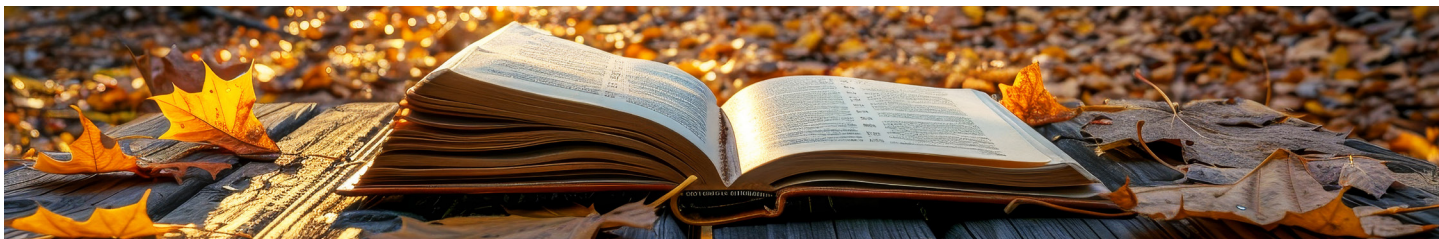
For assistance placing holds, requesting a card, replacing a card, or for additional information, please contact Reference Services by phone, [email](#) or chat. We are available Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm and are always happy to help!

The State Library Visits Sarcoxie!



The Sarcoxie Public Library promoted Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in the library's front window and has named their children's area the Fire Station (Aug. 9).





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.

- **Amy Shirley**, Director of Crystal City Public Library, cclib63019@yahoo.com
- **Tacara Sullivan**, Acting Director of Caruthersville Public Library, ad.tacarasullivan@gmail.com

- **Karen Lewis**, Director of Adrian Community Library, adrianmocommunitylibrary@gmail.com

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.



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 will open for applications in mid-October 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). A grant overview webinar session will be offered on Oct. 30 at 10 am, and you can register [here](#). Please contact [Katie Dunne](#) or [Terry Blauvelt](#) with any questions.

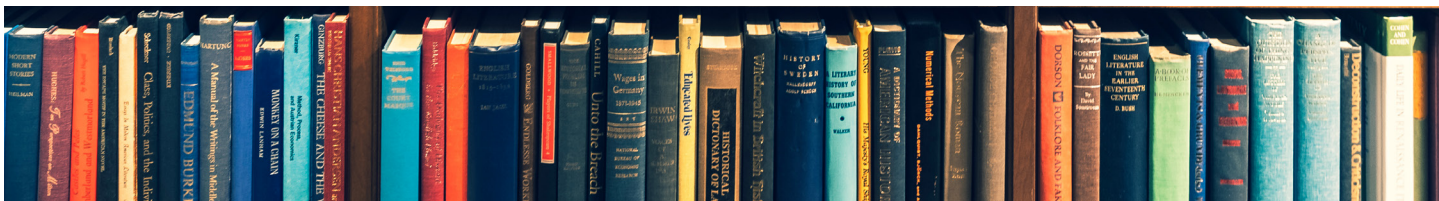
Professional Development Offerings

Amigos Library Services

Trainings include:

- Examining the Library User Experience online conference, Oct. 16, 10 am – 3 pm
- Know & Go: Cemetery Searching for Genealogical and Local History Research, Oct. 28, 1:30 – 2:30 pm
- Volunteers in the Library, Oct. 29, 1 – 3 pm

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



MASL 2025 Spring Conference



Individuals affiliated with public libraries are invited and encouraged to join the Missouri Association of School Librarians (MASL) 2025 Spring Conference. The MASL 2025 Spring Conference is scheduled for April 13–15 in Osage

Beach, Mo. at the Tan-Tar-A Conference Center.

This is the largest professional conference in Missouri that specifically offers professional development designed for librarians whose patrons are in Pre-K through 12th grade.

The theme for the MASL 2025 Spring Conference is "Journey Together." In an effort to further connect librarians throughout the state, the MASL Spring Conference Committee would like

to invite all youth and children's public librarians to attend. Conference attendees will have incredible opportunities, including informative workshops, author signings, Readers Award Banquet, outstanding keynote speakers, valuable networking, exhibitors, and so much more.

MASL is pleased to announce that they have secured [Kristina Holzweiss](#) (Sunday evening) and [Mychal Threets](#) (Tuesday morning) as keynote speakers.

Please visit the events tab and select 2025 Spring Conference on the [website](#) for information including the conference registration. MASL is offering a discounted rate to public librarians at the member rate of \$395 (prior to Jan. 31). Please contact them at info@maslonline.org if you have any questions and to let them know if you are interested in participating!

MALA (Mid-American Library Alliance)

Trainings include:

- Getting the Interview, Getting the Job: Advice From Hiring Managers, Oct.17, 2 – 3 pm
- Creating a Balanced and Inclusive Collection For Spanish Speaking and Bilingual Patrons, Oct. 24, 10 – 11 am

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



MOREnet

Trainings include:

- EBSCOhost: Your Research Gateway, Oct. 16, 9 – 10 am
- Coding the Future: Empowering Young Minds With Code.org in Schools and Libraries, Oct. 16, 10 – 11 am
- 2024 MOREnet Annual Conference, Oct. 21 – 24, Branson Convention Center in Branson, Mo.
- E-rate Training: New Eligible Services in FY25, Oct. 29, 9 – 10 am
- Training Those Who Are Just Getting Started With Technology, Oct. 30, 10 – 11 am

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

Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM)

Trainings include:

- How PubMed Works: Selection, Oct. 10, 1 – 2 pm
 - How PubMed Works: Automatic Term Mapping (ATM), Oct. 17, 1 – 2 pm
 - How PubMed Works: MeSH, Oct. 14, 1 – 2 pm
- For the complete training list, visit [NNLM Training](#).

Niche Academy

Trainings include:

- The New Basics of Professional Customer Service, Oct. 9, 1 – 2 pm
 - Personal Librarians: Building Relationships Across Campus, Oct. 30, 1 – 2 pm
 - Cutting Employee Turnover 20% and More, Oct. 16, 1 – 2 pm
- For the complete training list, visit [Niche Academy Upcoming Webinars](#).

WebJunction

Trainings include:

- Libraries and non-profits: Leveraging data analytics for community impact, Oct. 9, 2 – 3 pm
 - Sustaining ecosystems for climate learning and action, Oct. 24, 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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