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 **State Library Newsletter**

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State Librarian Message

After the summer heat, a chill fall with leaf filled breezes is quite welcome. As you put the summer library programming supplies away, pumpkin carving, crafting programs, and harvest festivals will be on the rise, and libraries will be hard at work pairing literature with the season. You might be preparing ghostly crafts to go along with your Halloween story time, gathering books that invite patrons to give thanks, or finding the perfect resources to start patrons' new crafting hobbies.

In all your preparations for fall at the library, I hope you can find time to slow down, gather with your loved ones, and share your current read. While gathered around bonfires, you could retell

your latest hair-raising read. You could invite your friends to start a cozy book and discuss in a pumpkin spice filled coffeeshop. You could talk with peers at workshops and conferences about familiar favorites for this time of year.

However, you choose to discuss your reads, I hope you and your patrons experience the joy of gaining new perspectives on plot points, of discovering details you may have missed, of relishing in ranting about a detestable antagonist, and of simply sharing your thoughts about your books. Happy Fall!

- Janet Caruthers

State Library News

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library Has Resources for You

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library has brand new outreach brochures and bookmarks. The new materials feature a QR code that takes the user directly to our website and applications! Don't forget we have rolls of stickers for your large print books! Contact Jami Livingston at jami.livingston@sos.mo.gov to receive these new materials! They can be shipped via the MALA courier.

We also are available for staff trainings either in person, or via Webex. Wolfner staff can also present programs to your community! If all of this sounds amazing, simply reach out to Jami via email jami.livingston@sos.mo.gov or at (573) 522-2768!



Missouri Sunshine Law Presentation for Libraries Webinar

On Oct. 14 at 10 a.m., join the Missouri State Library and the Missouri Attorney General's Office to learn how Missouri's Sunshine Law applies to libraries. All library staff and library board members are welcome to attend! Register by filling out the form on the [Missouri Sunshine Law](#)

[Presentation for Libraries Webex registration page](#). If you are unable to attend live, the recording will be posted to [Niche Academy for Missouri Library Staff](#). If you have questions, please contact Kathleen Schmidt at kathleen.schmidt@sos.mo.gov or (573) 751-0586.

Save the Date: CSLP Summer Symposium

Kick start your *Mysteries Await at your Library*™ summer planning by joining the [Collaborative Summer Library Program \(CSLP\)'s FREE Summer Symposium](#) on Thursday, Dec. 3 from

10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Author G. T. Karber, creator of the Murdle daily mystery puzzle, will be the keynote speaker. Agenda coming soon!

CSLP Manual Listening Sessions

Join the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) to provide feedback on how you use the CSLP manual, what elements you like, what you do not use, etc. There are two listening sessions. Attend one or both! If you cannot attend a session, feel free to send your feedback to

Katie Dunne at katie.dunne@sos.mo.gov or (573) 522-9564 and she will pass it along to CSLP.

- [Register](#) for Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 11 a.m.
- [Register](#) for Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 3 p.m.

TeachingBooks and Collection Analysis Initiative Webinars TeachingBooks®

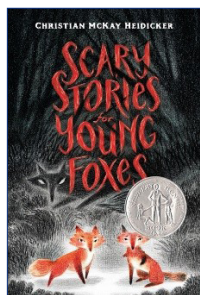
Want to keep track of all upcoming TeachingBooks and Collection Analysis Initiative webinars? The Missouri State Library has got you covered! Whether you are a seasoned TeachingBooks user or have never heard of this free-to-you resource, there is something for everyone in our TeachingBooks webinars.

See the full list of free webinars in the Upcoming Webinars section of the Missouri State Library's [Missouri Library Staff Guide](#). To register for the Collection Analysis Initiative webinars, you will need to first [register for the initiative](#). All of these resources are free to students, parents, teachers, and librarians throughout Missouri.



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Things That Go Bump in the Night! TeachingBooks®



It was a dark and stormy night... and all the littles wanted to know, "Where are the scary books?" At TeachingBooks, you'll find a [Horror Collection](#), which varies from the mildly frightening to the tell-me-when-it's-over type. Use the filters to

narrow by grade level, cultural area, and more. Sample the book trailers, eBook and audiobook previews, and exclusive TeachingBooks Meet-the-Author Recordings to help you choose

your favorites. Then, select multiple titles to create your own booklist and use the share tool to create bookmarks or shelf talkers to place in your Horror Book Display. As you plan your programming, go back to your list to filter for activity kits and discussion guides that will save you time and increase engagement.

Try the book trailers for the middle grade award-winning novel [Scary Stories for Young Foxes](#) or the picture book [The Quacken](#) to start your dark and stormy night booklist.



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Reference Services for YOU: Free Coloring Books & Activities

When people think of government documents, they often imagine lengthy financial or statistical reports, but government publications can also be educational, kid-friendly, and whimsical.

Many Missouri and federal government agencies create educational resources such as coloring books, crossword puzzles, word searches, and comics for their younger constituents. Coloring books can educate children and youth about safety, health, personal finance, history, and civics.

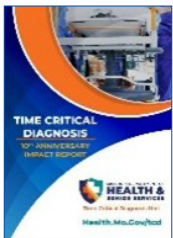
View and print your own pages from these featured government [coloring](#) and [activity](#) books:

- [State Symbols Coloring Pages](#)
- [MoDOT Kids!](#)

- [Missouri Senate Kids' Page](#)
- [Ready in 3 Preparedness Information](#)
- ["Bee" a Fire Scientist Coloring Book](#)
- [Falcon Camera Education Materials](#)
- [National Archives Coloring Book of Patents](#)
- [To Space & Back: NASA Tools Coloring Book](#)
- [Symbols of the U.S. Government: Ben's Activity Book](#)

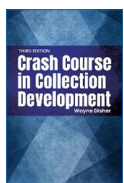
Questions? Contact Reference Services at (573) 751-3615, libref@sos.mo.gov, or mostate.libguides.com.

Featured Government Document from the State Library

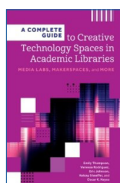


The [Time Critical Diagnosis: 10th Anniversary Impact Report](#) by the Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services provides information on the statewide program for coordinating care for serious medical conditions, like trauma and stroke, where timely treatment is critical to recovery. Discover 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



[Crash Course in Collection Development](#)



[A Complete Guide to Creative Technology Spaces in Academic Libraries](#)



[The Readers' Advisory Guide to Horror, 3rd Ed.](#)



[Unlocking Possibilities in the Library](#)

Discover more Library Professional Development titles 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 with 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

Cape Girardeau Public Library Goes Fine Free and Is Awarded Pizza Hut Foundation Slice of Literacy Grant

On Sept. 1, Cape Girardeau Public Library eliminated overdue fines on all library materials and transitioned to fine-free borrowing. The library will allow patrons to return late materials without overdue fines; any existing overdue fees on patrons' accounts will be cleared in tandem with the transition. This change will ensure their community can access library resources without barriers.

In addition to transitioning to fine-free borrowing, Cape Girardeau Public Library was awarded a \$5,050 grant through the [Pizza Hut Foundation's Slice of Literacy program](#). During the grant period, the library will use the funds to replace some well-loved Penworthy STEAM kits in their Library of Things collection and enhance their STEAM literacy programs. They will purchase supplies for their current Science Rocks program, during which participants aged six through eleven join scientist Becky Hicks in adventurous experiments. For the Full STEAM Ahead program geared toward patrons aged two through five,



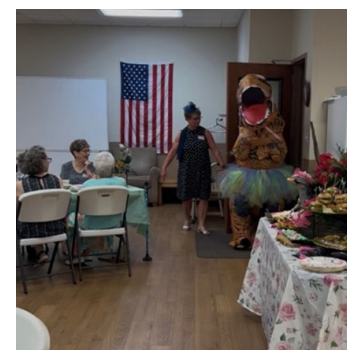
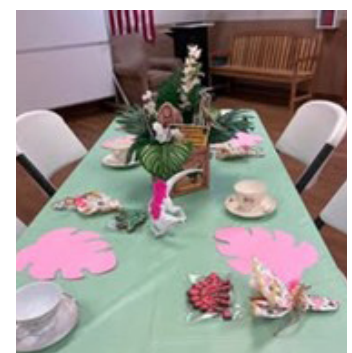
From left: Lisa Ziegelbein (Chief People Officer, Summit Restaurant Group, LLC), Molly Koenig (Marketing Coordinator, Cape Girardeau Public Library), Ken White (Operations and Marketing Manager, Summit Restaurant Group, LLC), Katie Earnhart (Library Director, Cape Girardeau Public Library), Alli Boyer (Youth Services Coordinator, Cape Girardeau Public Library), Brian Gremard (local Pizza Hut General Manager), and Kurt Landmann (Chief Operations Officer, Summit Restaurant Group, LLC).

the library will use funding to give away free books to participants and purchase supplies for the program's hands-on STEAM stations. They will also fund a new program called Junior Anatomists, in which participants will learn about animal anatomy and conduct dissections.

A Tea Party with a Twist

by Luanne Andrews, Assistant Librarian at the Montgomery City Public Library

On July 30, guests showed up at the Montgomery City Public Library donning their very best tea party hats only to find they were now a dinosaur! Yes, that's right: once they entered, they created their name tag by following directions and attaching a funny name to a dinosaur. A bulletin board was set up with descriptions of each dinosaur, so they could compare themselves... a great ice-breaker! At their tables, they found a crate filled with tropical plants and dinosaurs, some with dinosaurs in tutus and others with gold or silver dinosaurs. A pink leaf placemat lay atop a green tablecloth with silverware wrapped in a floral napkin tied with jute and a dinosaur skeleton. A dinosaur skeleton sugar cookie wrapped to take with them sat near their teacup and saucer.





The evening started with simple conversation and moved to some trivia about books and tea. Soon the door burst open and one of the library workers, Luanne Andrews, tumbled in, exasperated. She'd met their guest of honor and there was some kerfuffle about a skirt... Anyway, she was now ready. Miss Dinah Saur entered wearing her tutu and tea party hat. She made her way to the front of the room with oohs and aahs. Gaylee Harris, our director and speaker, introduced her and started the slideshow of the etiquette Miss Dinah had provided. As it went on, Miss Dinah showed how to do each of them... not exactly like the audience expected. There was a lot of laughter! When she was finished, some guests wanted photos with Miss Dinah, so she stuck around for that. She's quite a diva. Once she left, guests took turns visiting the food table. Many treats awaited them from sweet to savory. A truly magnificent buffet of little sandwiches, fruit skewers, dips, scones with clotted cream and jam, mini quiches, and so much more! Beverages were served from a cart. There were three types of hot tea, complete with sugar cubes, lemon and milk for those who wanted that. Cold tropical tea and water were

also offered. We give much thanks to our caterer Pat Garrett and her helper Carole Harness and to Becky Coil for the wonderful tea selections.

There was much chatter as guests enjoyed their food and discussed the etiquette practices they'd learned. They were then invited into the library to take pictures using the green screen.

So many guests asked if we would please do this again! They loved it. We had a really good turnout and heard the best compliments all night long. It was a lot of fun to set up this type of program for adults. They really enjoyed the night out. We had a lot of comments from others that didn't participate that, after seeing the photos, realized they'd really missed something fun. We always ask patrons to do a survey after our Summer Reading Programs. The comments were outstanding from kudos about the food and drinks to the decorations, program, and what a wonderful experience it was. Next year, we may incorporate the new theme into a Tea Party. This event took many hours of planning and preparation by several different people, but it really was worthwhile. You should definitely try it.

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

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 Nov. 4 at

10 a.m., and you can register at [Summer Library Program Grant Application Overview – Webex registration](#). 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 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 or (573) 876-0976 for more information.



Professional Development Offerings

Missouri Collection Analysis Initiative

Trainings include:

- Analyzing Big Lists for Big & Small Collection Decisions, Oct. 13, 2 – 3 p.m.
- Building a Reading Community with Collection Analysis, Nov. 17, 2 – 3 p.m.

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



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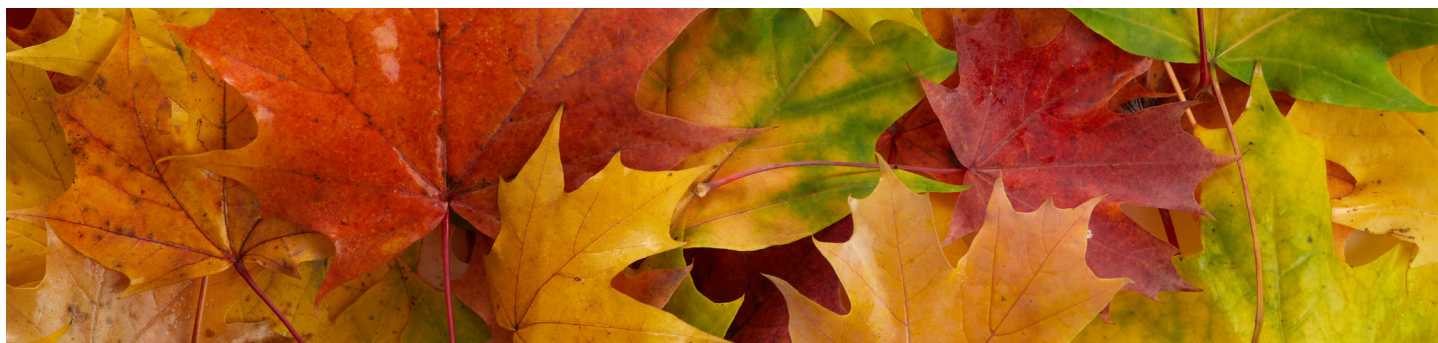
The Association for Small and Rural Libraries (ARSL)

Trainings include:

- 2026 ARSL Conference Debrief, Oct. 15, 1 p.m.
- Compassion Without Collapse: Boundary Setting for Library Staff Under Pressure, Nov. 5, 1 p.m.

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





Amigos Library Services

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

- Metadata Principles and Practices Micro-Credentialing & Capstone Project, Oct. 13 – 16, self-paced
 - Metadata Basics, Oct. 13, 1 – 3 p.m.
 - Know & Go: Managing Workplace Conflict, Oct. 15, 1 – 2 p.m.
 - Metadata Standards and Types, Oct. 20, 1 – 3 p.m.
 - Know & Go: Practical AI Prompting, Oct. 21, 1 – 2 p.m.
 - Metadata Quality, Customization, Exchange and Transformation, Oct. 27, 1 – 3 p.m.
 - The Hive: Quick Wins for Improving Digital Accessibility in Libraries, Oct. 29, 1 – 2 p.m.
 - Metadata Relationships, Nov. 3, 1 – 3 p.m.
 - Know & Go: Tools for Job Seekers in Libraries, Nov. 5, 1 – 2 p.m.
 - Digital Accessibility as Library Strategy: An Amigos Community Conversation, Nov. 10, 1 – 3 p.m.
 - Know & Go: Instructional Design Strategies for AI Literacy, Nov. 12, 1 – 2 p.m.
- For the complete training list, visit the [Amigos Continuing Education Services Schedule](#).

Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)

Speakers and trainings include:

- Reclaiming Your Inner Wisdom: Sacred Indigenous Teachings with Author Asha Frost, Nov. 3, 1 p.m.
- Summer Symposium 2026, Dec. 3, 12 – 5:30 p.m.

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

MALA (Mid-American Library Alliance)

Trainings include:

- Rising Above Toxicity: Overcoming Workplace Trauma & Rebuilding Trust, Oct. 15, 2 – 3 p.m.
 - Boundary Building with Patrons, Nov. 10, 10 – 11 a.m.
 - Protecting Patrons' Privacy with Digital Vendors, Oct. 22, 10 – 11 a.m.
- For the complete training list, visit [MALAPro Professional Development](#).

Missouri Association of School Librarians (MASL)

Events include:

- 2026 MASL Fall PD Day, Oct. 26, 9 a.m., Long Elementary School, St. Louis
- LIL Book Club Preview, Nov. 5, 6 – 7 p.m.

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



MOREnet

Trainings include:

- AI Literacy for Parents, Oct. 12, 10:30 – 12 p.m., MOREnet Training Room, Columbia
- AI Foundations: AI Practice, Oct. 12, 1 – 2:30 p.m., MOREnet Training Room, Columbia
- Explore, Learn, and Read Your Way Through America's Parks!, Oct. 13, 9 – 10 a.m.
- Creating an AI "Style Guides," Oct. 14, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., MOREnet Training Room, Columbia
- Magic Tools: AI in Canva Design, Oct. 14, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Customizing Phishing Training for Current Threats, Oct. 14, 1 – 1:30 p.m.
- What's New in AI, Oct. 14, 3:30 – 4 p.m.
- Word Press for Libraries, Oct. 20, 9 – 11:30 a.m.
- Key to Data Privacy is Data Minimization, Oct. 20, 1 – 1:30 p.m.
- Unplugging Computer Science, Oct. 26, 9 – 10 a.m.
- Unlocking Family Secrets: Genealogy Research with HeritageQuest, Oct. 27, 9 – 10 a.m.
- Canva Design Made Simple, Oct. 28, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- MOREnet Annual Conference: Looking Back, Moving Forward, Nov. 2–5, St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles
- MOREnet Reunion and Anniversary Party, Nov. 3, 4 – 7 p.m., St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles
- Google Gemini, Nov. 12, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Coding the Future: Empowering Young Minds With Code.org in Schools and Libraries, Nov. 16, 10 – 11 a.m. or 1 – 2 p.m.

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



Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM)

Trainings include:

- Data for Everyone: An Introduction to Spreadsheets, Nov. 2, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Rural Health, Libraries, and Alaska: Perspectives from the Far North, Nov. 4, 1 – 2 p.m.
- How PubMed Works: Introduction, Nov. 5, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- Pathways to Wellbeing: How Libraries are Addressing Rural Health Needs in their Communities, Nov. 17, 12 – 1 p.m.
- Rural Health Resources, Nov. 19, 12 – 1 p.m.

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



Niche Academy

Trainings include:

- Creating a Person-Centered Library: Supporting High-Needs Patrons While Caring for Staff, Oct. 14, 1 p.m.
- AI Literacy Made Practical: Ethical & Effective AI Use in Libraries, Oct. 21, 1 p.m.
- Appeals That Work: Crafting Appeal Letters that Bring in the Bucks!, Oct. 28, 1 p.m.
- Connecting Library Programs to Strategic Priorities, Nov. 4, 1 p.m.

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

Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC)

Trainings include:

- History of the Book and its Structure, Oct. 20, 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.
 - Grant Writing for Collections Preservation, Oct. 27, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 - Creating Preservation-Quality Oral Histories, Nov. 3, 11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.
 - Care and Reformatting of Microfilm, Nov. 10, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 - Caring for Photographic Collections, Nov. 12, 1 – 3 p.m.
- For the complete training list, visit [NEDCC Current Training Programs](#).

TeachingBooks

Trainings include:

- Leverage Your Booklists and Collections, Nov. 4, 1 – 1:20 p.m.
- For the complete training list, visit [OverDrive's Resource Center: K-12 Schools Staff Training](#).



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WebJunction

Trainings include:

- How to Host a Job Fair at Your Library, Oct. 13, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 - Middle Management Strategies for Success in Public Libraries, Nov. 3, 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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