There is so much going on at the Missouri State Library these days! In this issue, you’ll find announcements about two major statewide programs that you and your patrons can take advantage of: TeachingBooks/Book Connections and Gale Presents: Excel Adult High School! These very different, yet relevant, programs are funded by the State Library through the American Rescue Plan Act grant and give you the opportunity to provide new or expanded programs through your library. With both of these, your response and usage will help us determine if these are programs to keep in our LSTA plan. I encourage you to not just read about them, but seek out more information actively use, fund and promote TeachingBooks/Book Connections and Gale Presents: Excel Adult High School. For more information on both of these programs, read further in this newsletter or reach out to Library Development staff. We will also talk about them at our next Public Library Director Forum, September 14 at 10am. The Zoom link for the meeting is [here](#). Any interested library staff person is welcome to attend!

The other exciting news is how additional REAL Program funds appropriated in HB12 are being used to help MOREnet's public library members!

**Benefits include:**

- Larger subsidies on Membership Service Package Fees. Login to [my.more.net](http://my.more.net) to see how much your annual fees have decreased.
- Larger subsidies on Network Connectivity Fees. Again, check out [my.more.net](http://my.more.net) to see your new fee.
- 50% discount on MOREnet’s webhosting service
- Managed firewall and access points will be funded for libraries asked to participate based on security assessments and their low tax revenue received.

**And finally:**

- InfoSec Security Service, which helps educate library staff about cybersecurity by providing phishing simulation and other cybersecurity awareness training.

Please contact Jeanne Sullivan, (573) 884-7646 or [jeanne@more.net](mailto:jeanne@more.net) for more information about any of these programs or to join MOREnet if you are not already a member. Thank your legislator for supporting this increase and tell them your MOREnet story. The more they hear about how these benefits and everything MOREnet provides truly impacts your patrons, the greater the chance that this increase is left intact during the next legislative session.
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CSLP Annual End-of Summer Survey
The Summer Reading Program survey looks a bit different this year. This is the final year of the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) pilot survey before it will be implemented nationwide. In an effort to keep reporting for Missouri libraries as easy as possible, we chose to collaborate with CSLP and combine the two surveys. You can access the survey at CSLP Survey.

2023 Programming Ideas Needed
The 2023 Manual Idea and Resource Submission forms are live and CSLP needs your program ideas for children, teens and adults. The annual collaborative programming manual is made up of submissions from public librarians like you. The 2023 theme is Friendship & Kindness. Submit your idea or resource today! cslpreads.org/submit-a-programming-idea/

TeachingBooks and Book Connections Available to Public Schools, Public Libraries and Higher Education
A statewide subscription is now available to TeachingBooks (schools and higher education) and Book Connections (public libraries and higher education). The database contains resources to engage readers from over 260,000 books including Meet-the Author videos, audio name pronunciations, audio book readings, discussion guides, vocabulary lists and more. These are the perfect tools to use with book clubs, class units, reading groups and reader’s advisory. You can access each at: teachingbooks.net and bookconnections.org. Information on site setup and training will be coming soon. Watch for an email from TeachingBooks for that information. You may also contact Lysha Thompson, Youth Services Consultant at lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov with questions. These resources are possible with support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the American Rescue Plan Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Secretary of State.

Partnership with Gale Presents: Excel Adult High School
The Missouri State Library is pleased to announce its partnership with Gale Presents: Excel Adult High School! Excel Adult High School is a 100 percent online learning program that allows adults 18 years and older to earn an accredited high school diploma with the support of highly qualified instructors, success coaches, academic tutors and advisors to help with college and career planning. This program changes lives and drives positive outcomes for libraries.

By having the option to earn a high school diploma online, students are able to have more flexibility and be able to attend classes from
either their homes or their local libraries. This is ideal for students who may want to:

- Fast track their education
- Study online at their convenience
- Make up credits to graduate on time or ahead of schedule
- Join the United States military

More information about trainings and implementation will come available soon!

**Digital Imaging Grant Letter of Intent Instructions Now Available**

Instructions for the Letter of Intent to submit a Digital Imaging grant application are now available at [LSTA Grant Application Forms](#). Any library planning to submit a Digital Imaging Grant proposal in February should also submit

**State Library Bicentennial Programs**

The State Library continues to offer programs celebrating Missouri’s bicentennial. Readers are invited to participate in the Read Across Missouri reading challenge, try their hand at a few scavenger hunts throughout Missouri Digital Heritage, and explore other bicentennial resources and activities through our one-stop Bicentennial Guide. To participate in or learn more about these activities, visit [MOSL Bicentennial Programs](#). Be sure to check back later as more scavenger hunts are added!

**NEW in the Missouri State Library Webinar Archive: Understanding Compassion Fatigue in Your Library**

During this session, led by Trainer/Library Consultant Linda Bruno, viewers will learn what “compassion fatigue” is, how you can we recognize it, how it affects your working environment, and what you can do about it. The webinar archive and handout are available at [Library Administration Videos-Human Resources](#).

**Tech Connections in the Midst of a Pandemic, Sept. 21, 10 a.m.**

A webinar presented by Eric Button, St. Louis County Library, discusses how the St. Louis County Library developed two unique approaches using technology to bring people socially isolated during the Covid-19 pandemic together. Learn how GrandPads, a senior-friendly tablet and portable projectors made these connections possible. Registration is required and can be completed at [Tech Connections](#).
MOREnet Training

**New MOREnet Database - Teen Health and Wellness from Rosen Digital, Sept. 16, 1-1:30 p.m.**

Sometimes kids are not alright, and neither are we. How can we help? Welcome to the new Teen Health & Wellness Calm Room—videos, sounds and resources to help you relax and refocus. This is Rosen’s “care package” for YOU, your students and colleagues. The Teen Health & Wellness subscription database, grades 7-12, provides up-to-date, nonjudgmental, curricular and self-help support on topics including COVID-19, stress, academic anxiety, gender identity, nutrition & fitness, green living, life skills and more. Registration is available at [Teen Health and Wellness](#).

**New MOREnet Database - Digital Literacy and Financial Literacy from Rosen Digital, Sept. 22, 3:30-4 p.m.**

**Digital Literacy, grades 7-12**, empowers 21st-century learners with the knowledge and skills to safely and effectively navigate the digital world. Database articles explore cyberbullying, digital etiquette, search and research skills, safe communication and social networking, computer science and programming, digital etiquette and more. Features include: lesson plans, project-based learning activities that guide students to become citizen journalists, instant translation into over 100 languages, instant translation into over 100 languages, including Spanish, new foreign language read-aloud in 13 languages, including Spanish, text-to-speech, enhanced text visibility (color, font, size) to ensure all learners read and succeed, and so much more.

**Financial Literacy, grades 7-12**, makes economics readily comprehensible and highly engaging, from personal finance and entrepreneurship to market economics and globalization. Features include: financial calculators, lesson plans, teen digital storytelling opportunities via the Young Entrepreneurs Story (YES) Project, instant translation into over 100 languages, foreign language read-aloud in 13 languages, text-to-speech, enhanced text visibility (color, font, size) to ensure all learners read and succeed, and more. Registration is available at [Digital Literacy And Financial Literacy](#). Additional webinars available from MOREnet on various topics can be found at MOREnet’s Training Schedule.

**MOREnet Annual Conference 2021, Oct. 18-21, Branson**

Join staff from libraries, K-12 schools, higher education institutions, and MOREnet for learning and networking. Also, celebrate MOREnet’s 30th anniversary at the conference. Oct. 18-19 will cover instructional topics including STEM in the classroom, exploring digital platforms and more. Oct. 20-21 will cover technical topics including digital equity and inclusion, cybersecurity and more. Reserve your hotel room by Sept. 17 to guarantee the conference room rate. Register for the conference by Oct. 13, 11 a.m. More information is available at [MOREnet Conference 2021](#).

**Basic Supervision Webinar Series**

This four-part webinar series, presented by Tiffany Hentschel, will train library directors and others in library supervisory positions on legal responsibilities, people skills, performance assessments and coaching and mentoring, to improve knowledge and skills of staff involved in library administration and management. Each session will last one-hour and begin at 10 a.m. Registration is required and can be completed at [Basic Supervision](#). Topics and dates are:

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- Oct. 29 and Nov. 12: Human Resources 101
- Nov. 19: Creating a Welcoming and Inclusive Workplace Culture
- Dec. 10: Motivation and Performance Management
Effective Library Boards – Series Continues

This four-part webinar series, led by Bonnie McKewon from the State Library of Iowa, will provide library directors and trustees (regardless of library type, size, or budget) with information on library board basics, including roles and responsibilities, library policies, effective board meetings and the importance of telling your library’s story. The first webinar, Problem-Solving the Upstream Way and handouts are available at Library Governance.

Reference Services for YOU: Marvelous Maps

When we think about government publications, usually reports, statistics, or legal documents come to mind, forgetting that many government agencies also produce maps. Take a peek at some of these maps and see which ones your patrons might be interested in:

- **Official Highway Map** – The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) released the latest edition of this roadmap last month. The highway map can be viewed online or your patrons can request a copy to be sent to them.

- **Interactive Maps** – Many Missouri agencies utilize interactive maps to display helpful information. Maps to find Warming and Cooling Centers, Food Assistance and Medical Facilities are just a few of those listed on our State Agency Databases guide.

- **The National Map** – This tool from the U.S. Geological Survey combines their topographical maps with data from other federal agencies to display geologic features, landmarks and even current weather radar. Users can select between different base maps, layers and datasets to customize the information to suit their needs.

Registration is still open for the remaining sessions in the series and can be completed at Effective Library Boards. Each session will last one-hour and begin at 7 p.m. Future topics and dates are:

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- **Sept. 14:** Policies for Results: An Overview
- **Nov. 9:** The Art of the Board Meeting
- **Jan. 11, 2022:** The Board’s Role in Storytelling

- **National Parks Maps** – Planning a road trip? The National Parks Service produces hundreds of maps outlining each of their parks, historic sites and trail systems.

You can find more Missouri maps in our collection of state publications. Additional interactive maps are available from our State Agency Databases guide and our Federal Government Information guide.

Need help? If you or a patron have questions about government information or State Library resources, 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!

**Phone:** (573) 751-3615  
**Email:** libref@sos.mo.gov  
**Chat:** visit mostate.libguides.com and click the “Ask Us” tab on the right.
The Bicentennial Program Grant application deadline is Sept. 15, with events being concluded on or by Dec. 15. To celebrate the 200th anniversary of Missouri statehood, the Bicentennial Program Grant is offered to Missouri public libraries certified to receive State Aid, Missouri school libraries that are publicly supported and publicly controlled, and Missouri academic libraries, either publicly supported or private to bring an educational presentation to their community. Collaboration between local academic, school and public libraries will be given high priority. Questions? Contact Matt Butler, Digitization Consultant, at (573) 522-1477 or matthew.butler@sos.mo.gov.

Grant Opportunities

Bicentennial Program Grant • Deadline Sept. 15

State Library cards are issued in the name of the library director or branch manager. Directors and branch managers are encouraged to borrow items for themselves or any of their library’s staff with this card by placing a request in our catalog. Holds and renewals can be managed from the catalog under My Library Account.

To sign up for a card, visit our guide for Missouri public library directors. The guide also features new books, recorded webinars, government publications and more helpful resources.

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!

Phone: (573) 751-3615
Email: libref@sos.mo.gov
Chat: visit mostate.libguides.com and click the “Ask Us” tab on the right
Technology Mini Grant • Open for Applications

The Technology Mini Grant will open for applications on Sept. 1st with a due date of Oct. 15th. This grant is open to Missouri public libraries that are certified to receive State Aid in State Fiscal Year 2022. If a library has a website, it must be actively maintained and include a link to the TumbleBookLibrary Deluxe resource. If a REAL Program member, the library’s website must also link to EBSCO, HeritageQuest and Learning Express Library. The goal of this grant is to replace older technology or to purchase new technology in order to improve library services. The maximum eligible award amount has been increased to $28,500, but the five-month duration remains the same as in the past. An online grant management session will be presented on Sept. 22, 2021, at 10 a.m. (register here). If you have questions, please contact Merideth Johnson at merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov or (573) 751-1822.

Author Visit Grant • DEADLINE: Ongoing

This grant is specifically designed for school or public libraries to bring an author to their community. Virtual events are also applicable. Grants range from $500 up to $5,000. All travel for the author must be included as part of a flat rate fee for the author. Other additional costs allowable: publicity and promotional items, up to $500 towards library materials for collection development related to the project, additional staff hours and transportation for youth from school or licensed childcare. These grants are supported by IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. Questions? Contact Lysha Thompson, Youth Services Consultant, at (573) 522-9564 or lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov.

Show Me Steps Grants • DEADLINE: Ongoing

Interested in attending a professional development opportunity, but need additional funds? Show Me Steps to Continuing Education grants provide reimbursement for up to 75% of the cost of eligible, non-credit continuing education event. The grant may be used to send an individual to a training or to bring a trainer to a group. Applications are accepted year-round. Upcoming eligible conferences include, but are not limited to:

- Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Reno/Sparks, Nev., Oct. 20-23
- Public Library Association Portland, Ore., Mar. 23-25, 2022

The Institute of Museum and Library Services support these grants under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. If you have questions about the Show Me Steps grant opportunities, please contact Merideth Johnson at merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov or (573) 751-1822.
Grants in the Works

The State Library has four grants that will be going live for applications in the next month:

**Summer Library Program** grant will be open for applications the first week of October, with applications being due by Dec. 1. This grant is open to all Missouri public libraries certified to receive FY22 state aid or school libraries located in a community where there is no access to a public library with a summer library program.

**Strengthen Missourians** will be available for projects relating to homework assistance, workforce recovery and health, including health education and telehealth. This grant opportunity is open to public libraries certified for state aid. The application will open by Sept. 8. The final application deadline is Dec. 1, but libraries are encouraged to submit earlier as applications will be reviewed and grants awarded as they are reviewed and approved.

**Mobile Digitization Lab** will help academic and public libraries to digitize local history resources held by libraries, historical societies and other cultural institutions—especially when a vendor or other off-site imaging service is not be an option—and to encourage staff training for digital imaging projects. This application will be available by mid-September with applications being due by Nov. 1.

**Educational Programs Grant** this open call grant will be a mash up of the current variations of the Author Visit Grant and the Bicentennial Programs Grant and will replace the two separate grants.

Each grant opening will be announced on the PUBLIBDIR listserv. Grant applications will be available on the [online grant management system](#).