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 **State Library Newsletter**

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Missouri Secretary of State
John R. Ashcroft

Message from the State Librarian

Robin Westphal, State Librarian



At the State Library, one of our priorities is to meet the needs and demands of library managers across Missouri. Therefore, we have added to our team an Administration and Management Consultant to focus on providing guidance

and training for library directors, branch managers and library boards of trustees. It is exciting anytime you get to add a new position, but to be able to fill that position with a qualified, proven library leader is the icing on the cake!

Dr. Diana Very started her library career right here at the Missouri State Library in 2005. Dr. Very was part of the Library Development team and worked as a consultant and LSTA grants officer. That experience led her to a position at the Georgia State Library, where she worked for over seven years as their LSTA grant administrator

and Georgia's State Data Coordinator. Dr. Very rounded out her career in Georgia as Regional System Director of the Three Rivers Regional Library System in Jesup.

Diana returned to Jefferson City—in fact, she is back in the same home she and her husband left when they moved to Georgia—and we feel privileged that she wanted to be part of the Missouri State Library team again!

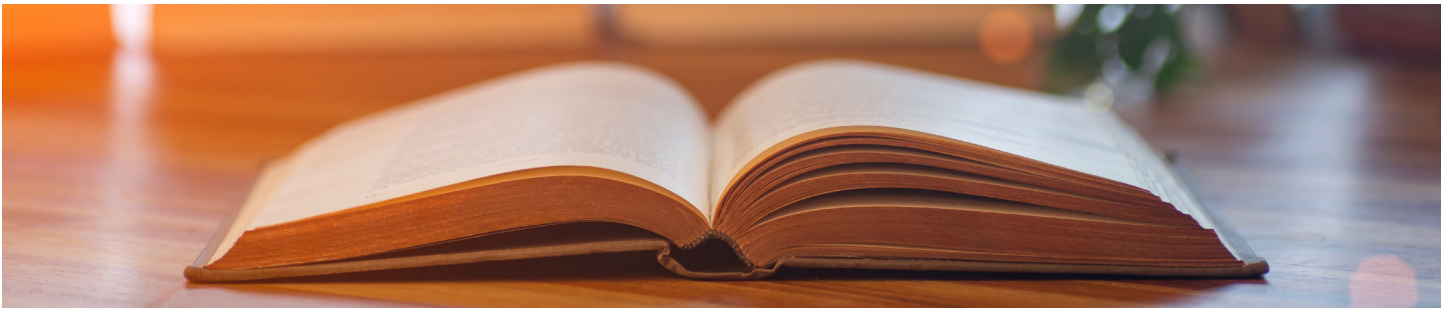
Having extensive state library experience coupled with years as a system director makes Dr. Very immensely qualified as a Library Administration and Management Consultant. Over the next few months, Dr. Very would like to get out and meet as many library directors as she can. She and other members of the team will be at MLA and the Grand River Library Conference fall meeting. Please reach out to Dr. Very at diana.very@sos.mo.gov or (573) 526-6734.

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Intro to LSTA Grant Applications Webinar

The Missouri State Library will present an Introduction to LSTA Grant Applications on Sept. 13 at 10am. This session will be a more in-depth discussion of Library Service and Technology Act grant components, requirements, and many little

nuances you did not know about. New library directors and libraries interested in applying for LSTA grants should consider attending this webinar. Register [here](#).



New Collection in Missouri Digital Heritage

A new collection from the Missouri State Archives is now available through Missouri Digital Heritage. The [Civil War in Missouri Collection](#) contains non-governmental resources from several manuscript collections at the State Archives, varying from original correspondence and documents to photographs, newspapers

and illustrations that represent both civilians and soldiers. Explore more Missouri history collections at www.MissouriDigitalHeritage.com. Institutions wishing to participate in Missouri Digital Heritage may contact mdh@sos.mo.gov.

School Librarian Basics Workshop

Dr. Rene Burress and Dr. Jenna Kammer, library science professors from the University of Central Missouri Library Science program, will present a full-day workshop sponsored by the Missouri State Library on Oct. 18 at the Boonslick Regional Library. The presenters will cover foundations of school librarianship, collection development, cataloging and programming.

Workshop attendance is free and a Show Me Steps grant is available to help in covering

expenses to attend. You will find the link to the online grant management system [here](#). If you are a new school librarian, a school librarian who has not received formal training in Library and Information Science, or a school librarian who would like to refresh basic skills, contact Youth Services Consultant Lysha Thompson to register at lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov. You must currently be employed as a school librarian in a Missouri school to attend.

Statewide OCLC ILL Contract Change for FY23

The Missouri State Library renewed our contract with OCLC for the WorldShare ILL subscription and FirstSearch/WorldCat Discovery Services for FY23. This contract has a change that will benefit public libraries. During fiscal year 2023, the Missouri State Library will pay the WorldShare ILL access fee, which was paid by individual libraries in previous years. This means there will be no cost to a library for using OCLC ILL or FirstSearch/WorldCat Discovery from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The services contracted from OCLC by the State Library for public libraries may change for FY24. State Library staff will be gathering information about the OCLC services used by Missouri public libraries. Library director and staff input is important to make

sure we provide needed resources to you and your patrons. More information about how you can share your feedback will be provided later. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Caruthers, Technology and Resource Sharing Consultant, at janet.caruthers@sos.mo.gov or (573) 526-1087.

The OCLC WorldShare ILL and FirstSearch/WorldCat Discovery Services are supported by the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.



TumbleBooks Contract Not Renewed

The Missouri State Library will not be renewing the contract for *TumbleBook Library* provided by Tumbleweed Press. Use has decreased dramatically and we need to allocate funds spent on this to other projects. The statewide subscription for this online resource will end on Sept. 30, 2022. Information about and links to

the *TumbleBook Library* on your website need to be removed by Sept. 30 unless you purchase a library subscription to this resource from Tumbleweed Press. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Caruthers, Technology and Resource Sharing Consultant, at (573) 526-1087 or janet.caruthers@sos.mo.gov.

Programming Ideas for Veterans Day

Please join us Thursday, Sept. 15 at 10am for a webinar on programming ideas to incorporate with your story hours or other programming honoring veterans. Ideas and resources for programming are for all ages of patrons.

Register [here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the training. If you have any questions, please contact Merideth Johnson at (573) 751-1822 or merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov.

Reference Services for YOU: Show Me Numbers

Patrons in search of relevant and reliable data from government agencies or a variety of sources may not be aware of many helpful, freely available resources. Check out these suggestions to find data and statistics to help your patrons make their point:

- [Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis](#) includes resources for teachers and students in economics or personal finance. [FRASER](#), the Federal Research Archival System for Economic Research, provides access to historical economic, financial, and banking data. [FRED](#), Federal Reserve Economic Data, provides current economic data.
- [Data.gov](#): For federal statistics across many agencies, Data.gov is a cooperative federal resource of U.S. government open data.

- [State of Missouri Data Portal](#): Search our state government data portal for data sets, lists, calendars, charts, and other information.
- [Missouri Economic Research and Information Center \(MERIC\)](#): MERIC is the research division of the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development's Office of Performance Strategy. MERIC provides research on Missouri industries, workforce, regions, and economic conditions.
- [Missouri Census Data Center \(MCDC\)](#): MCDC is a collaboration between Missouri state agencies and the [U.S. Census Bureau](#). This program provides Missouri-specific census data collection.



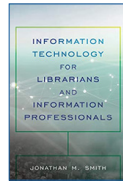
Questions? Contact Reference Services at (573) 751-3615, libref@sos.mo.gov, or mostate.libguides.com



Featured Books from the State Library



[Foundations of Library Services: An Introduction for Support Staff](#)



[Information Technology for Librarians and Information Professionals](#)



[Public Libraries and Their Communities](#)



[Library Management Problems Today](#)

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.

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!

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 will replace 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 FY22 State Aid, Missouri school libraries publicly supported and publicly controlled, and Missouri academic libraries supported publicly or privately.



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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