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 *State Library Newsletter*

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Missouri Secretary of State
John R. Ashcroft



Missouri State Library News

Welcome New Public Library Directors

Have you become a library director within the last year? Please reach out to Gloria Fordyce, Library Administration and Management Consultant, at gloria.fordyce@sos.mo.gov, for

an official welcome and to receive specific information from the State Library to help you thrive in your new position.

Reference Services for YOU: Federal Budget Tracking

For the federal government, the next fiscal year is almost here (Oct. 1 – Sep. 30). Are your patrons curious how and where the money is spent? Resources from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and other federal agencies highlighted below will help patrons track federal budget collections and spending:

- [Spending Explorer](#): This explorer tool offers federal spending breakdowns by budget function, agency, or object class.
- [America's Finance Guide](#): This guide provides information on how much revenue the federal government collects and how

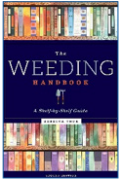
much it spends in a fiscal year. Information about the national debt and deficit is also available.

- [USA Spending Missouri Profile](#): View federal spending in the state of Missouri.
- [Budget Publications](#): View the federal budget and related publications issued by the Office of Management and Budget.

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



Featured Books from the State Library



[The Weeding Handbook](#)



[Compact Copyright: Quick Answers to Common Questions](#)



[Bold Minds: Library Leadership in a Time of Disruption](#)



[Creating Fundable Grant Proposals](#)

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!



Around the State

Game Time at Riverside Regional Library!

Last month, Riverside Regional Library started a new program "Adult Game Day" designed for seniors to come together and enjoy card games and conversation. The libraries friends group pointed out that there was a need for seniors to get together and have some sort of activity. After throwing around a few ideas, branch manager Joyce Luten decided to start with card games and add other games as the program grows. Due to demand, the group now meets every Wednesday from 1-3pm at the Scott City Branch. This program is promoted with signs, the

library activities calendar and the city's website. It is a relatively new program, but has already been successful, with the most popular games being Uno, Spades and Dominoes. There is also talk about expanding to a teen game day. "It is a relatively low-cost program to implement while encouraging our adults to come in and enjoy our library -- it is great to hear them laughing together!", Joyce explains. We look forward to seeing this program grow and bring more adults to their library.

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 FY23 state aid, Missouri school libraries publicly supported and publicly controlled, and Missouri academic libraries supported publicly or privately.

Technology Mini Grant • Deadline: October 1

The 2023-24 Technology Mini Grant opened August 15 with applications being due by Oct. 1, 2023. The maximum available per library system grant request is \$22,000. Please review the grant eligibility requirements and eligible costs in the award guidance and remember to print the award guidance for your grant file. Eligible costs are more limited than in prior years' grant offerings. A grant overview session

was presented via webinar on Aug. 16, and the recording can be accessed at [Technology Mini Grant 2023-24 Overview Session](#). Slides are also available on the [LSTA Grant page](#).

Please contact Janet Caruthers at janet.caruthers@sos.mo.gov or Terry Blauvelt at terry.blauvelt@sos.mo.gov with questions.

Professional Development Offerings

Free United for Libraries Board of Trustee Training

[Short Takes for Trustees](#) is a series of short videos that can be shown during trustee meetings to stimulate discussion about the important role that trustees play in the governance of their libraries. [Register](#) to access the free Board of Trustee training from United for Libraries. This is a perfect opportunity if you are a new library director, assistant director, and/or have new board members.

Are you interested in hosting the trustees training during your library board meetings? Any

registered user (library director, assistant director, or board member) can host a group training. Please contact Gloria Fordyce at gloria.fordyce@sos.mo.gov for more information.



Digital Asset Map

Missouri's [Office of Broadband Development](#) is asking libraries to add their location to a Digital Asset Map that shows organizations around the state that provide digital assets. This map is where Missourians can go to learn about the resources available to help them get connected. Resources include, but are not limited to: hotspot

lending, laptops and other device lending, and public wi-fi. Working with digital navigators, booking librarian services for technology, and other tech training are also considered resources for this purpose. Go to [Digital Asset Map](#) then click on Add/Edit Digital Asset to add your library to the list.

Upcoming Amigos Training

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

Libraries Address Inequities: An Online Conference, Thursday, Sept. 7, 10 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

People experience inequities - instances of injustice and unfairness - in many parts of their lives, and may even experience them when engaging with library policies, services, or programs. Central to the mission of libraries is a commitment to addressing long-entrenched and newly emerging inequities in society - whether they be inequities in access to information, education, opportunity, or representation.

Addressing inequities requires assessment of library resources, examination of existing programs and services, and direct engagement with the communities experiencing inequity or injustice. This conference will examine ways in which libraries build partnerships, raise community awareness, and center dialogue in addressing known and emerging inequities. Registration is available at [Libraries Address Inequities](#).



Know & Go: Plain Language Communication in Libraries, Monday, Sept. 25, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Plain language must be organized, clear, and concise for all audiences. Libraries can implement plain language to ensure communications are understood the first time the message is seen or heard. Investigate the

guidelines for using plain language in library communications and initiate strategies to improve existing language in library documents. Registration is available at [Plain Language Communication in Libraries](#).

Know & Go: Trend Scanning for Libraries, Monday, Oct. 2, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Many libraries wade into trend scanning occasionally for strategic planning or to help inform a new program, service, or target audience. But a regular program of trend scanning can prove a manageable and beneficial practice across the organization. Borrowing from futures and foresight practices, library staff

can adapt a "scan, clip, and review" process to identify new pieces of information. With simple set-up strategies and a clear sense of what to look for, scanning provides a quick path to analyze and socialize new ideas and anticipate changes in our communities. Registration is available at [Trend Scanning for Libraries](#).

Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

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

Emergency Preparedness, Wednesday, Sept. 13, 10 – 11 a.m.

Join Dustin Koopman to learn about emergency preparedness for your library. This training will provide you with information on creating an Emergency Preparedness Manual for your location(s) along with providing insight into basic security practices. You will also gain a better

understanding of security-related events and verbal de-escalation. Dustin Koopman is the Security Director at Mid-Continent Public Library, Independence, MO. Registration is available at [Emergency Preparedness](#).

The Weird and Wonderful World of Circulating Unusual Library Materials, Tuesday, Sept. 26, 10 – 11 a.m.

Camping gear, bear canisters, musical instruments, craft kits, projectors, tools, and so many more non-traditional library materials! Learn how to get started with building, storing and maintaining your own unusual library

materials collection. Presented by Keith Darrock, Public and Technical Services Manager, Port Townsend Public Library, Port Townsend, Washington. Registration is available at [Circulating Unusual Library Materials](#).

Upcoming MOREnet Trainings

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

More LearningExpress Library for MOREnet Members, Thursday, Sept. 7, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Did you know that MOREnet's access to LearningExpress Library is growing? Join us for a tour of your enhanced subscription, LearningExpress Library Complete, the most

comprehensive version of the platform. Registration is available at [More LearningExpress Library](#).

Job & Career Accelerator Overview for MOREnet, Wednesday, Sept. 13, 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Learn how Job & Career Accelerator can help your patrons effectively navigate through the modern-day job search, from exploring occupations and up-to-the-minute job postings,

to creating the tools necessary to get hired using our award-winning resume and letter builders. Registration is available at [Job & Career Accelerator Overview](#).

Lost in the World of E-rate, Tuesday, Sept.19, 9 – 10 a.m.

Time dedicated for open dialogue about issues participants are facing, get answers to your questions, and create a roadmap to navigate the

world of E-rate. Registration is available at [Lost in the World of E-rate](#).

LearningExpress Prep Step Resources for High School & College, Tuesday, Sept. 19, 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

In this session, we will focus on resources most relevant to high school and college students, including practice tests, tutorials, and college

prep. Registration is available at [LearningExpress Prep Step Resources](#).

Learning Express for Job Research! Tuesday, Sept. 26, 10 – 10:50 a.m.

Learning Express Library gives you access to research for hundreds of careers. This information is great for anyone who wants to help students understand what is involved in

pursuing a certain job. Good for counselors and anyone involved in working with career readiness. Registration is available at [Learning Express for Job Research](#).



MOREnet Annual Conference 2023, Oct. 9 – 12, Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia

The first two days of conference is geared towards teachers, faculty, and administrators of K-20 grade levels and takes a deep dive into new applications, devices, and ideas. This time will provide ways for you to discover new technologies, network with your peers, and walk away with new ideas you can adopt in your classroom and organization.

The second two days of the conference is designed for higher education institutions, K-12 schools, libraries, or anyone wanting to discover the latest in the world of technology management and infrastructure. It brings together attendees ranging from newly assigned tech administrators from small schools to veteran CTOs and CIOs from large schools, libraries and universities. Registration is available at [MOREnet Annual Conference 2023](#). See the announcement below for public-library-focused sessions.



Training Program from the Northeast Document Conservation Center

For the complete training list, visit the [NEDCC Current Training Programs](#).

10 Practical Steps for Getting Started with Digital Preservation, Thursday, Sept. 21, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The task of establishing a digital preservation program at your institution can be daunting. Join NEDCC's Preservation Services Department to learn about 10 tips to help move your program and its practices forward. The first half of this webinar will address introductory concepts to digital preservation, making this an ideal webinar for beginners. The second half will

cover 10 achievable tips for launching a digital preservation initiative, addressing topics such as policy writing, developing intellectual control over digital collections, and storing and providing access to the files your organization preserves. Registration is available at [NEDCC Current Training Programs](#).

Disaster Planning for Extended Closures, Tuesday, Sept. 26, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. (Eastern)

Closing a cultural heritage facility may be part of an institution's seasonal schedule or caused by a disaster or stay-at-home order. Regardless of the cause, extended closures have serious implications for the preservation of an organization's collections. This webinar introduces participants to collections concerns that arise when a building is not accessed regularly, and recommends practical solutions for adapting an organization's disaster plan

and implementing practical mitigation and monitoring strategies in-house. A portion of the webinar will be reserved for attendees to ask questions and share their own experiences with extended closure. Participants are encouraged to contact the instructor with specific questions following the conclusion of the webinar. Registration is available at [NEDCC Current Training Programs](#).



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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