

# SHOW ME EXPRESS

## State Library Newsletter

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## State Library News

### Register Now for Our Summer Library Programming Workshops!

After surveying our dig site, the Missouri State Library has uncovered something exciting: our [2026 Summer Library Programming Workshop registration](#)! Starting Sept. 2 and ending Oct. 3, you can sign up for a roaring good time planning your 2026 summer library programs in one of our eight different workshops around the state. Our workshops will feature activities from the upcoming CSLP's *Unearth a Story* manual, present options outside the manual, include a few hands-on activities, and facilitate brainstorming with other library staff in your area.

Check out [our flyer](#) to decide which date and location works best for you, and sign up by filling out [our registration form](#). Due to space considerations, library districts will initially be limited to three registrants per district. Additional registrants will be added to a waiting list.

For more information, contact Katie Dunne at [katie.dunne@sos.mo.gov](mailto:katie.dunne@sos.mo.gov) or (573) 522-9564, or Merideth Johnson at (573) 751-1822 or [merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov](mailto:merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov).



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### Featured Government Document from the State Library



The [2023 Missouri Vital Statistics](#) report by the Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services provides statistical data on births, deaths, marriages, and divorces in Missouri during the 2023 calendar year. Discover more government publications in our [Missouri State Publications Collection](#) to share with patrons. For assistance with government information or publications, please contact the Reference Services team at the [State Library](#).



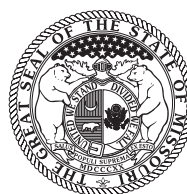
## Reference Services for YOU: Investor Protection and Securities

"Securities" refers to various financial assets, such as stocks, bonds, investment contracts, or notes. Patrons looking for more information on investments can explore the numerous resources from the Missouri Secretary of State's [Securities Division](#). This division includes three sections:

1. **Investor Education:** The Education Section is dedicated to making Missouri investors wise, safe, and informed by promoting [investor protection publications and tools](#).
2. **Registration:** The [Registration Section](#) reviews applications to register securities and regulates the activities of broker-dealers, agents, and investment advisers as well as performs routine and for-cause examinations for compliance with Missouri Securities Law.

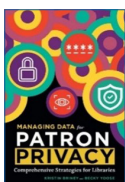
3. **Enforcement:** The Enforcement Section receives complaints and tips, then further investigates reported issues, and takes action against violations. Patrons can search for [enforcement or administrative orders](#) against certain investments and professionals. To make general inquiries or to report issues, patrons can call the toll-free Investor Protection Hotline at **(800) 721-7996** or file a [complaint online](#).

Questions? Contact Reference Services at (573) 751-3615, [libref@sos.mo.gov](mailto:libref@sos.mo.gov), or [mostate.libguides.com](http://mostate.libguides.com).

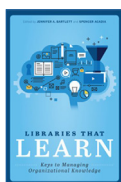


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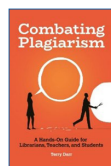
## Featured Books from the State Library



[Managing Data for Patron Privacy](#)



[Libraries That Learn](#)



[Combating Plagiarism](#)



[Book Club Reboot](#)

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. State Library books are also available for borrowing through both MOBIUS and WorldShare.

For assistance 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

## The State Library's Summer Road Trip!

The Library Development Team at the State Library was busy visiting libraries during July and August. Some of these visits were to monitor LSTA-funded grants; others were part of the

team's outreach goal to visit all libraries over the course of three years. If your library would like a visit soon, contact us at [mostlib@sos.mo.gov](mailto:mostlib@sos.mo.gov) or (800) 325-0131.



*Sikeston Public Library supports the local Quilt Guild by displaying quilts and offering programs related to quilting.*



*The Barton County Library in Lamar uses TeachingBooks to connect young readers to books and authors.*



*Conran Memorial Library in Hayti is starting a Tower Garden project.*



*A sample of artwork from this summer's Color Our World programming at the Carter County Library in Van Buren.*



*The Webb City Public Library used balloons to brighten their programming space for this summer's Color Our World theme.*



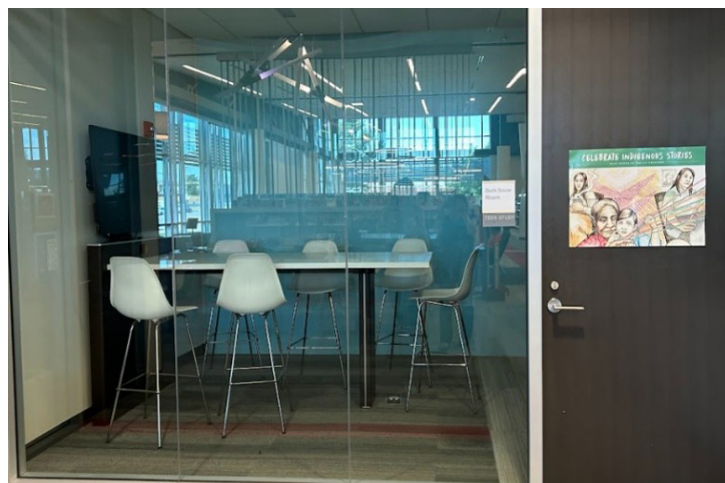
*A back-to-school display greets patrons as they enter the Daviess County Library in Gallatin.*







*The McDonald County Library in Pineville offers take and make activities for patrons of various ages.*



*The Joplin Public Library offers a variety of spaces for patrons who want to work in groups.*



*Daniel Boone Regional Library in Columbia celebrated some Excel High School Graduates this summer. Pictured on the left are the library staff and program coordinators Lauren Williams and Abby Rimmel along with four graduates showing off their diplomas!*



*The children's area at the Carthage Public Library allows for creative and imaginative play.*



*The Neosho-Newton County Library offers a STEAM room for patrons to explore, tinker and create.*



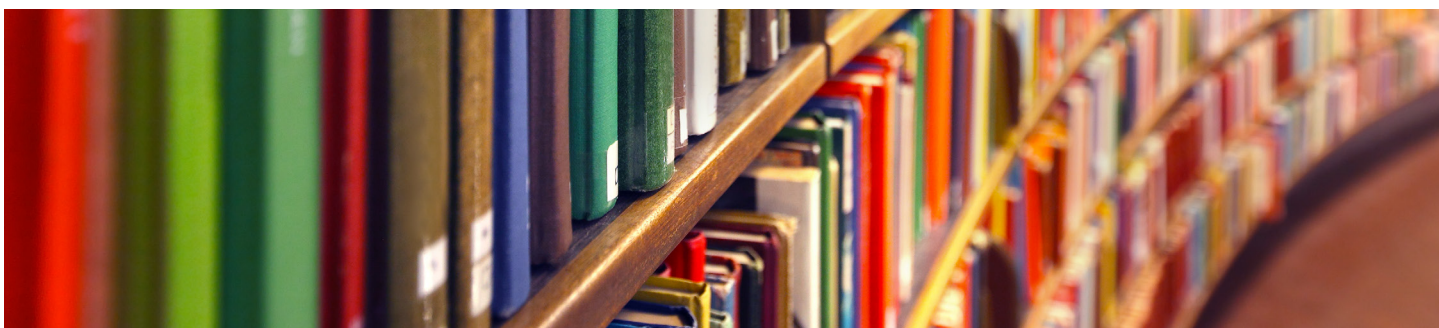
*A display at the Mound City Public Library introduces patrons to Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library resources.*





**Left:** A craft cart at the Hamilton Public Library allows patrons to create and explore.

**Right:** The Albany Carnegie Public Library first opened in 1906.



## Spotlights

### MEEA and the Salem Library Project

By Jamin Bray, Missouri Environmental Education Association (MEEA) Co-Director

Originally published in [Missouri Environmental Education News: July 2025](#)

Note from Jamin:

One of the most exciting trends MEEA has discovered over the past year or so is the opportunity for us to work collaboratively with local and regional libraries (especially in rural areas) to expand environmental education and literacy. This article is an overview of an amazing experience we had this past year with the Salem Missouri Public Library ([salempubliclibrary.net](http://salempubliclibrary.net)), thanks to the generous funding we received from the L-A-D Foundation. (We were also able to provide a professional development for educators using the Salem Library's gathering space, with support from the NAAEE [North American Association for Environmental Education]-Guidelines for Excellence Program).

We at MEEA are so grateful to the hard-working and brilliant Library Directors, Boards, and Staff across Missouri, who care deeply about the citizens in their regions and the services they provide to their communities. For this particular project, we salute Kate McBride and all of her friendly staff who were behind the creative force that sparked this project and provided a fantastic "place" for us to serve educators and community members!



## Roots to Canopy: Connecting Dent County to Nature's Classroom

*A community project made possible through the collaboration between MEEA and the Salem, MO Public Library with the generous funding from the L-A-D Foundation.*

### *The Vision: Project Overview and Community Needs*

Through the public library in Salem, Missouri, the headquarters of Pioneer Forest, MEEA sought to provide resources requested by the community that facilitate a connection to nature, promote place-based learning, and inspire environmental stewardship.

The Salem Public Library conducted a community survey, and results included items requested in this grant – nature-based reading and activity kits for families to check out, a telescope, and outdoor enhancements like nature-themed StoryWalks®. (StoryWalks® are an outdoor reading experience whereby a children's book is deconstructed and the pages of the book are laminated and placed on portable stakes or in permanent kiosks along a walking trail.)

Not only did this project meet these tangible community requests, it also provided an opportunity to introduce MEEA and the many resources available through our varied networks to the Dent County community with a splash. Access to high quality environmental education resources in rural Missouri is a big issue in our state. Rural communities lack ready access to many EE support resources that are readily available in large metro areas, and schools and families must do for themselves many things that urban and suburban schools take for granted (i.e. recycling and compost collection).

**In addition to our burgeoning relationships with rural libraries, MEEA can help fill this gap through our regional PD workshops, online credentialing, and our green schools programming.**

### **Environmental Education Activities:**

- Provided books and materials to create portable StoryWalks® (outdoor public installation to read a picture book along a trail); Salem Public Library id'd 10 local locations to rotate these StoryWalks® through.



- Provided 3 nature-based backpack kits for families to checkout. Themes: Birds, Bugs, Plants. These kits are available! They have nature exploration materials and books included in each.
- Collaborated with a regional park to install a permanent StoryWalk® feature.
- Provided adult-focused Natural and Cultural history books and other resources (Salem, Ozarks, Gateway to Scenic Riverways).
- Provided a telescope for community members to check out.

*\*\*For more information about how MEEA can collaborate with YOUR local/regional Libraries, contact us via email at: [director@meea.org](mailto:director@meea.org).*



*A recent StoryWalk® activity (one of the 'portable' stories that can be checked out from the Salem Library) set up at Echo Bluff State Park for visitors to enjoy.*



## Daniel Boone Regional Library Partners with MU to Offer “Gaming 4 Good”

By Daniel Boone Regional Library

Daniel Boone Regional Library participated in a [“Gaming 4 Good” grant with the University of Missouri \(MU\)](#) who received a National Science Foundation Grant.

The project enabled us to offer a four-week-long STEM class to students in grades 6-8 with neurodevelopmental disabilities. Twice a week, the class participants learned to create video games in a sensory-friendly space that also allowed them to develop problem-solving abilities and level up teamwork skills. The sessions were led by Noah Glazer and an expert team from MU including researchers and educators with expertise in STEM education, game design, accessibility and instructional design.

Eleven youth completed the program, and we celebrated their achievements with a pizza party. They were given the opportunity to present their



*Participants of Daniel Boone Regional Library's Gaming 4 Good program show off their certificates at their pizza party celebration. Image provided by Sarah Howard.*

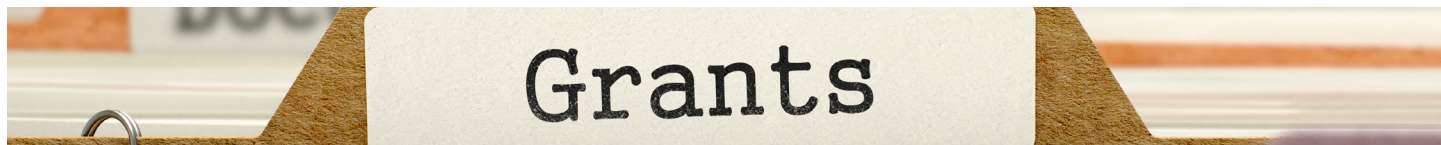
games, answer questions, and invite family and friends to play the games they created.

To learn more, contact Daniel Boone Regional Library's Youth and Community Services Manager Sarah Howard at [showard@dbrl.org](mailto:showard@dbrl.org) or (573) 817-7045.

## 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](mailto: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

### [Educational Presenter Grant](#) • Deadline: Ongoing

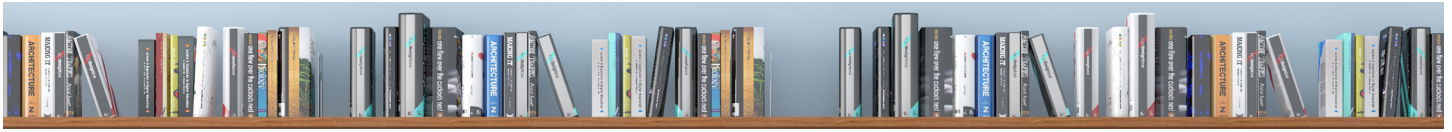
This open-call grant from the Missouri State Library provides funds for libraries to bring an author or educational presentation to their community. This application is open to Missouri

public libraries certified to receive FY26 state aid, Missouri school libraries publicly supported and publicly controlled, and Missouri academic libraries supported publicly or privately.

### [Show-Me Steps To Continuing Education](#) • Deadline: Ongoing

This open-call grant from the Missouri State Library provides financial assistance for library staff and trustees to participate in continuing education and training opportunities when local funds cannot finance the entire cost. Continuing education events can be for individuals or groups but must be pertinent to the operational

or service needs of the applicant's library. This application is open to Missouri public libraries certified to receive FY26 state aid, Missouri school libraries publicly supported and publicly controlled, and Missouri academic or special libraries supported publicly or privately.



## **Technology Mini Grant • Deadline: Oct. 1**

The 2025-26 Technology Mini Grant opened Aug. 15 with applications due by Oct. 1. The maximum available per library system grant request is \$20,000. 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.

All available grants are found in the [online grant management system](#) approximately 45 days prior to the application due date.



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This application is open to Missouri public libraries certified to receive FY26 state aid. A grant overview session was presented via webinar on Aug. 20 at 10 a.m.; the presentation can be found on [Niche Academy](#). Contact Merideth Johnson at [merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov](mailto:merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov) or Terry Blauvelt at [terry.blauvelt@sos.mo.gov](mailto:terry.blauvelt@sos.mo.gov) with questions.

## **Grant Opportunities – National Grants**

### **Rediscovering Our Revolutionary Tradition • Deadline: Sept. 4**

To honor the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, this grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) supports activities to preserve and improve access to primary source materials documenting the history of American independence, the establishment and/or expansion of the nation, and the history of local, state, and/or federal

government in the United States. Supported activities include conservation treatment and rehousing, digitization and description, transcription and translation, and updating existing digital resources. Awarded projects can receive up to \$350,000 for individual institutions and \$750,000 for consortia.

### **USDA Community Facilities Programs**

This 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](mailto:rd.mo.general.inquiries@usda.gov) or (573) 876-0976 for more information.

## **Other Grant Opportunities**

### **Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize for Public Libraries • Deadline: Sept. 15**

Open to all public libraries in the US, the Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize, developed in partnership between Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation and Library Journal, recognizes public libraries as vital community assets, especially when they help their community thrive through strong partnerships. The winner

receives \$250,000 in unfettered grant monies and is featured in the Library Journal. To learn more about the application requirements and decision criteria, visit the [Library Journal's Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize Submission Guidelines](#).



### **T-Mobile – Hometown Grants • Deadline: Sept. 30**

Open to small U.S. towns with less than 50,000 people, T-Mobile Hometown Grants provide funding to build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces that help foster local connections and provide a community benefit when otherwise difficult to secure funding. The projects should be shovel-ready, physical builds,

or improvements that can be completed within 12 months of receiving the grant. Some examples of funded projects include technology updates, outdoor spaces, the arts and community centers. Applications must include plans, budget, timeline, anticipated impact, and up to five letters of support.

### **Pilcrow Foundation's Children's Book Project Program Grants • Deadline: Oct. 1**

Open to libraries in rural areas with a limited operating budget, active children's department, and ability to raise \$200-\$400 through a local sponsor. The Pilcrow foundation will match 2-to-1 the local sponsor's funding to purchase up to

\$1,200 worth of new hardcover children's books from the provided list. For more information, visit the [Pilcrow Foundation's Children's Book Project Program Grants](#).

## **Professional Development Offerings**

### **Missouri Collection Analysis Initiative**

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Trainings include:

- Using Collection Analysis at the Public Library, Sept. 16, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- Celebrating Holidays and Heritage Months with Collection Analysis, Oct. 14, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

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

### **Amigos Library Services**

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

- Discover Hyku: Empowering Libraries with Open-Source Repository Solutions, Sept. 8, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
- Libraries Cultivating Community – an Amigos Online Conference, Sept. 10, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Know & Go: Tips for Cover Letters, Resumes, and Interviews, Sept 15, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
- The Hive: Tips and Tricks for Using Generative AI, Sept. 22, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
- Building a Practice of Plain Language in Your Library, Sept. 25, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Know & Go: Identifying When Interactions Cross the Line, Sept. 29, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

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

### **The Association for Small and Rural Libraries (ARSL)**

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Trainings include:

- [2025 ARSL Conference: Libraries Rise!](#), Sept. 17-20, Albuquerque Convention Center, New Mexico

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

### **Niche Academy**

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Events include:

- Agility in the Fog, Sept. 10, 1 p.m.

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

## Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)

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### Speakers include:

- Nuestra América: Stories of 30 Inspiring Latinas/Latinos Who Have Shaped the United States with Smithsonian Educators, Oct. 2, 1 p.m.
- 10 Years of Daring Heists and Lovable Outcasts in YA Fantasy with Leigh Bardugo, Oct. 9, 6 p.m.

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

## LibraryWorks

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### Trainings include:

- Quiet Leadership, Sept. 4, 2 – 3 p.m.
- Passive Aggressive Behavior: Sources and Solutions for Libraries, Sept. 11, 2 – 3 p.m.
- Emotional Labor and Burnout— "I'm Too Tired to Smile Today," Sept. 18, 2 – 3 p.m.
- Quiet Leadership 2.0, Sept. 25, 2 – 3 p.m.
- Proven Strategies for Library Outreach & Programming, Oct. 1, 2 – 3 p.m.
- Design for Libraries: Apply Principles of Design that Allow Your Library to Flourish, Oct. 9, 2 – 3 p.m.
- Creating More Joy & Resilience in the Library, Oct. 16, 2 – 3 p.m.

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



## MALA (Mid-American Library Alliance)

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### Trainings include:

- Keeping Up with Readers' Advisory News, Sept. 18, 10 – 11 a.m.
- Surviving and Thriving as a Neurodivergent Librarian, Sept. 23, 10 – 11 a.m.

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

## Missouri Library Association (MLA)

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### Events include:

- 2025 MLA Conference: The Joy of Libraries, Oct. 8 – 9, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel St. Louis - Chesterfield
- 2025 MLA Performers Showcase, Oct. 8, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., DoubleTree Hilton Hotel St. Louis - Chesterfield

For the complete event list, visit [MLA Event Calendar](#).

## Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC)

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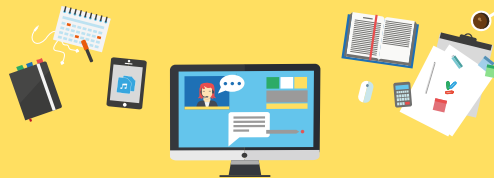
### Trainings include:

- Celebrating with Collections!, Sept. 9, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Exhibiting Your Collections, Sept. 18, 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.
- Exhibit Cradles for Bound Volumes, Sept. 25, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- Digitizing Scrapbooks, Sept. 30, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Strategies for Born Digital Collections, Oct. 2, 1 – 3 p.m.

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







## MOREnet

### Trainings include:

- AI Train the Trainer: From Learner to Leader (CS), Sept. 8, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Level Up: Learn How to Bring Game-Based Learning to Your Space (CS), Sept. 9, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The Mill Columbia
- Unplugging Computer Science (CS), Sept. 9, 1 – 2 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The Mill Columbia
- Google Gemini (CS), Sept. 11, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Mastering EBSCOhost: A Comprehensive Research Guide, Sept. 15, 9 – 10 a.m.
- Unearthing Missouri's Past: A Historical Research Guide, Sept. 15, 10 – 11 a.m.
- Programming with Scratch to Enhance the Summer Library Program (CS), Sept. 16, 9 – 10:30 a.m.
- Bring the Arcade to the Library: Designing Retro Games with Microsoft MakeCode (CS), Sept. 16, 1:30 – 3 p.m.
- Empowering Students with Rosen: Digital, Financial, and Health Literacy, Sept. 22, 10 – 11 a.m.
- Pixel Art = Modern Mosaics: A Library Activity for Teens (CS), Sept. 24, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Word Press for Libraries, Sept. 29, 9 – 11:30 a.m.
- Intersecting Digital and Media Literacy with Artificial Intelligence (CS), Sept. 30, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Summer Library Program Ideas (5-11 Year Olds): Let's Catch A Dinosaur!, Oct. 10, 9 – 10 a.m.
- Time Traveler's Gallery: Middle Ages to Renaissance, Oct. 13, 9 – 10 a.m.
- 2025 MOREnet Annual Conference, Oct. 20 – 23, 7 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tan-Tar-A/ Margaritaville Lake Resort Osage Beach

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

## Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM)

### Trainings include:

- Disaster Planning: Realities of Response and Recovery (Panel Discussion), Sept. 10, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Strengthening Our Foundation: Disaster Preparedness, Community Resilience, and the Future of Libraries, Sept. 11, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Mental Health First Aid, Sept. 17, 6-hour virtual workshop with 2.5 hours of pre-work
- Preparing Your Library for Weather Emergencies, Sept. 19, 12 – 1 p.m.
- Providing a S.H.I.E.L.D When Disaster Strikes: Librarians and Healthcare Providers Collaborate, Sept. 23, 12 – 1 p.m.
- Health Programming at Your Library, Oct. 1, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- Providing Mental Health Resources at Your Library, Oct. 9, 12 – 1 p.m.

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

## TeachingBooks

### Trainings include:

- TeachingBooks Newest & Favorite Features, Sept. 10, 1 p.m.
- Introducing Sora Discover & Sora Wishlist, Oct. 8, 1 p.m.

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



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