

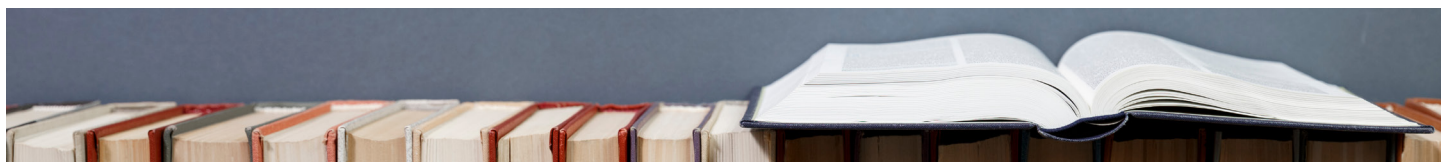
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State Library Newsletter

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State Library News

Register Now for Our Summer Library Programming Workshops!

We've investigated the clues, analyzed the available information, and deduced that our [2027 Summer Library Programming Workshops](#) are open for registration! Starting Sept. 1 and ending Oct. 2, you can sign up to start planning your 2027 summer library programs in one of our five in-person workshops around the state or one virtual workshop. Led by Will Stuck, our workshops will feature activity options beyond the upcoming CLSP's *Mysteries Await at Your Library* 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 or (573) 522-9564.



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We're Heading to the MLA Conference

Library Development and Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library staff will be attending the MLA Conference on Oct. 6–7. On both days, we will have an informational booth set up, so feel free to stop by to chat, learn about our services, and grab a pen, bookmark, or brochure.

You can learn more about both departments by attending our respective presentations. On Oct. 6 at 3 p.m. in the Kalahari room, Wolfner staff will lead the "Wolfner: That All May Read"

presentation during which you can learn more about Wolfner's services to Missourians who are blind or print disabled and how public libraries play a vital role in connecting patrons with Wolfner. On Oct. 7 at 3 p.m. in the Maui room, Library Development staff will lead the "Building Connections via the Missouri State Library" presentation, covering resources and services the Missouri State Library offers to public libraries. We hope to see you there!

Missouri Collection Analysis: Fitting Collection Analysis into Your Busy Work Day



TeachingBooks® Join us Sept. 15 at 2 p.m.
for the Missouri Collection

Analysis: Fitting Collection Analysis into Your
Busy Work Day webinar.

Join us to examine real world situations and work
tasks where TeachingBooks' Collection Analysis
tools can help you maximize your limited time.
Rather than another thing on your to-do list, leave
with examples of how the tools can support

and optimize your collection work from display
creation to purchasing.

The Missouri Collection Analysis fall webinars are
intended for both public library and school library
staff. Visit the [Collection Analysis webpage](#) for
more webinar descriptions and registration links.
Contact help@teachingbooks.net for
more information.



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Plan a Get-to-Know-Each-Other Activity using Author Name Pronunciations!

Planning a new book club? As your teens are
getting to know each other, introduce your
book club authors by listening to their name
pronunciations. Use the share tool to create shelf
cards. Place them around your club area for
students to explore before you even get started.

Extend your name activity by playing the [Author
Name Game](#). You can also send them to the
[Author & Illustrator Pronunciation Guide](#), then
have them write and share out loud about
their own names.



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Fall Webinars with TeachingBooks

This fall, join TeachingBooks for their 20 minute
webinars. Each session will present digital
resources, strategies, and integration ideas for
instructors and librarians using TeachingBooks.
The fall webinars include:

- TeachingBooks Essentials, Sept. 2, 1 p.m.
- How to Make the Most Out of Your
TeachingBooks Account, Oct. 7, 1 p.m.

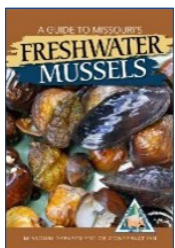
- Leverage Your Booklists and Collections,
Nov. 4, 1 p.m.

To learn more about these webinars and to
register, go to the [2026 Fall Webinar Spotlight
Flyer \(PDF\)](#) or [OverDrive's Upcoming Webinars](#).
If you are unable to attend live, the recordings
will be available after each session.



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Featured Government Document from the State Library



The [2026 Guide to Missouri's Freshwater Mussels](#) by the Missouri Department of
Conservation provides information on their habitats, characteristics, and conservation
status. 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](#).

NASA TechRise Student Challenge

The NASA TechRise Student Challenge is expected to open in September. In this free challenge, teams of middle and high school students guided by an educator and affiliated with U.S. public, charter, or private schools submit an experiment they design to test on a commercial space suborbital flight, which will be a high-altitude balloon this year. Sixty

winning teams will receive \$1,500 to build their experiment, a spot to test it on a NASA-sponsored flight, and technical support from NASA TechRise advisors.

Educators can pre-register at [Future Engineer's NASA TechRise Challenge](#) or contact techrise@futureengineers.org with questions.

Reference Services for YOU: State Publications Access Program

State publications are documents created by the government, for the people. Government documents provide an extensive range of important information to the public, including annual, financial, legislative, policy, statistical, and strategic reports from Missouri state agencies, commissions, and task forces.

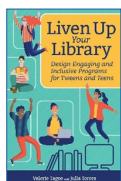
In 1976, the General Assembly designated the State Library as the distribution center of print state publications, creating a depository library program similar to the federal depository library system. The State Library would collect and distribute state government documents to public and academic libraries around Missouri, making government documents more accessible to the public through their local library. In its early form, agencies sent the State Library an average of 45 paper copies of each agency-produced

publication to be cataloged and distributed to participating libraries. However, in the early 2000s, more and more reports were only published digitally.

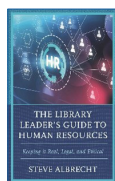
With guidance from the Secretary of State's Office, the [legislature created](#) the **State Publications Access Program** in 2004, which requires the State Library to provide a secure, electronic repository of state publications accessible to the public. Over twenty years later, the [Missouri State Publications collection](#) provides free public access to more than 28,800 government documents (and growing!).

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

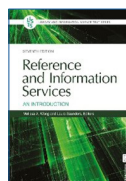
Featured Books from the State Library



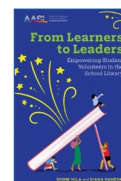
*Liven Up
Your Library*



*The Library Leader's
Guide to Human
Resources*



*Reference and
Information Services,
7th Ed.*



*From Learners
to Leaders*

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 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

Read, Score, Roar! & Pop in at the Park at Kansas City Public Library

At Kansas City Public Library, summer reading programming went beyond dinosaurs. With the excitement of being a World Cup host city, the metro area public libraries worked together and combined the CSLP *Unearth a Story™* theme with the World Cup to invite local residents and global visitors to *Read, Score, Roar!* all summer long!

Along with hosting World Cup watch parties, Kansas City Public Library hosted many soccer related activities. Sporting KC helped lead soccer workshops at the North-East Branch to teach mechanics, technical skills, dribbling, and passing to participants; a Sporting KC player and the mascot Blue joined in a session! Dial-a-Story featured guest appearances from a Sporting KC player with two different stories. The FIFA KC 2026 Committee even donated World Cup swag, such as mini soccer balls, to the library to give to patrons.

In addition to stopping in to cool off, explore the library building, or joining library programming, soccer fans visiting Kansas City could also sign up for a temporary library card that provided access to the full physical and digital collections from June 11 to July 11. This also gave soccer fans the opportunity to sign up for Kansas City Public Library's summer reading program and receive a free book for registering. Fans from around the world were excited to leave with a reminder of their stop at the Kansas City Public Library during the World Cup.

For local residents who may not be able to make it to Kansas City Public Library for Read, Score, Roar! programming, the library continued their Pop in at the Park initiative this summer. Started in 2020 and in continuing partnership with the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department, the library's outreach team brings summer library programming and Kids Café to neighborhood parks at the Pop in at the Park sessions. This mobile programming ensures that patrons of all ages can participate in summer library programming and that the library can connect community members to library resources and services regardless of their ability to go to a library building.

With the summer heat in mind, Kansas City Public Library plans the Pop in at the Park sessions in the evening as well as ensures that parks they go to are near splash parks and playgrounds to reach more of the community during the cooler hours of the day. Held four days a week, patrons can attend Pop in at the Park to sign up for summer reading and receive a free book. Kids can participate in fun, educational activities and special programs led by Missouri State Parks staff as well as receive a free Kids Café meal provided by Total Man.



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!



Grants

Grant Opportunities – State Library Grants

[Technology Mini Grant](#) • **Deadline: Oct. 1**

The 2026–27 Technology Mini Grant will open mid-Aug. 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, but are similar to the 2025–2026

grant offering. A grant overview session will be presented via webinar on Aug. 20 at 10 a.m.. The link will be sent out on Publibdir at a later date.

Please contact [Terry Blauvelt](#) or [Kathleen Schmidt](#) with 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 State 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.

Grant Opportunities – Other Grants

[Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize for Public Libraries](#) • **Deadline: Sept. 11**

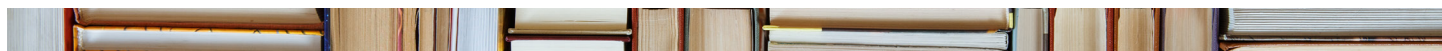
Open to all public libraries in the U.S., the Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize, developed in partnership between Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation and Library Journal, recognizes public libraries as vital community assets, especially when they help their community thrive through strong partnerships.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

receives \$250,000 in unfettered monies for programs and services that benefit their communities and is featured in the March 2027 issue of *Library Journal*. To learn more about the application requirements and decision criteria, visit the [Library Journal's Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize Submission Guidelines](#).

[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

Trainings include:

- Fitting Collection Analysis into Your Busy Work Day, Sept. 15, 2 – 3 p.m.
- Analyzing Big Lists for Big & Small Collection Decisions, Oct. 13, 2 – 3 p.m.

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



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Amigos Library Services

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

- Intermediate Cataloging: Subject Analysis, Sept. 10, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Know & Go: Identifying When Interactions Cross the Line, Sept. 16, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Creative Survey Design: Crafting Survey Instruments to Meet Your Library's Research and Evaluation Needs, Sept. 17, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Know & Go: Essential Steps for Selecting a Digital Repository Solution, Sept. 21, 1 – 2 p.m.
- The Flexible Library, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Readers Advisory Basics, Sept. 30, 1 – 3 p.m.

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

The Association for Small and Rural Libraries (ARSL)

Trainings include:

- 2026 ARSL Conference, Sept. 16–19, Montgomery, AL
- Document Accessibility Essentials: A Step-by-Step Guide from Word to PDF, Oct. 1, 1 p.m.
- 2026 ARSL Conference Debrief, Oct. 15, 1 p.m.

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

Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)

Speakers and trainings include:

- Where the Paletero Man Goes: A Journey of Neighborhood, Music, and Art with Lucky Diaz, Sept. 24, 8 or 9 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:

- Memory Café in Libraries: Creating Meaningful Connections, Sept. 15, 10 – 11 a.m.
- Readers' Advisory Presents: Combating Reading Decline, Sept. 23, 10 – 11 a.m.
- Rising Above Toxicity: Overcoming Workplace Trauma & Rebuilding Trust, Oct. 15, 2 – 3 p.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
- For the complete event list, visit [MASL Community Calendar](#).

Missouri Library Association (MLA)

Events include:

- 2026 MLA Conference, Oct. 6–7, Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, Springfield
- For the complete event list, visit [MLA Events](#).

MOREnet

Trainings include:

- AI Tools for Creators, Sept. 2, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., MOREnet Training Room, Columbia
- Google Gemini, Sept. 2, 1 – 2 p.m.
- WordPress WCAG/Title II Compliance, Sept. 8, 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- Magic Tools: AI in Canva Design, Sept. 9, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- EBSCO's Entrepreneurial Studies Source, Sept. 10, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.
- Introduction to Coding, Sept. 14, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., MOREnet Training Room, Columbia
- Teaching Digital Safety and Citizenship to Learners, Sept. 14, 1 – 4 p.m., MOREnet Training Room, Columbia
- 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.
- Level Up: Learn How to Bring Game-Based Learning into Your Space, Sept. 21, 1 – 4 p.m., MOREnet Training Room, Columbia
- Beyond Explora: Discover EBSCO's Newest Databases, Sept. 22, 8 – 9 a.m.
- Hands On STEM Electronics, Sept. 23, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., MOREnet Training Room, Columbia
- Libraries as Partners in Cyber Resilience: Securing the Heart of the University, Sept. 24, 3 – 4 p.m.
- Bring the Arcade to the Library: Designing Retro Games with Microsoft MakeCode, Sept. 28, 9 – 10 a.m.
- Creating Accessible Content, Sept. 29, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Creating Custom GPTs and Gemini Gems, Sept. 30, 1 – 4 p.m., MOREnet Training Room, Columbia

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

Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC)

Trainings include:

- Disaster and Emergency Planning Refresher, Sept. 22, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Environmental Monitoring: An Introduction, Oct. 6, 12 – 2 p.m.

- Fundamentals of AV Preservation, Sept. 24 – Nov. 5 (weekly Thursday sessions except Oct. 15), 1 – 3 p.m.
- For the complete training list, visit [NEDCC Current Training Programs](#).



Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM)

Trainings include:

- Supporting Long-Term Memory & Cognitive Health of Older Adults, Sept. 2, 12 – 1 p.m.
- Librarian's Guide to Consumer Health, Sept. 8 – Oct. 7, self-paced
- R4 Connections: DeafDiabetesCan.org: The First Diabetes Education Website in American Sign Language, Sept. 9, 2 – 3 p.m.
- Greatest Crimes in Statistics, Sept. 17, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Severe Weather Engagement: A New Resource from the Healing Library, Sept. 18, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
- Heat, Health, and Disasters: The Role of Libraries, Sept. 22, 1 – 2 p.m.

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

Niche Academy

Trainings include:

- Using Cross-Training to Develop Your Employees and Strengthen Service Excellence, Sept. 2, 1 p.m.
- Build a Training System, One Useful Program at a Time, Sept. 16, 1 p.m.
- Mastering Difficult Conversations, Sept. 23, 1 p.m.
- Refusal as Instruction: Talking to Patrons About AI, Sept. 30, 1 p.m.
- 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.

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

TeachingBooks

Trainings include:

- TeachingBooks Essentials, Sept. 2, 1 – 1:20 p.m.
- How to Make the Most out of Your TeachingBooks Account, Oct. 7, 1 – 1:20 p.m.
- 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:

- The Potential and Peril of Generative AI, Sept. 10, 2 – 3 p.m.
- How Gen Z Use and Don't Use Public Libraries: New Data and Analysis, Sept. 22, 2 – 3 p.m.
- How to Host a Job Fair at Your Library, Oct. 13, 11 a.m. – 12 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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