

Missouri State Library

Show Me *Express*

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Show Me Express features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

MALA All-Access Pass Eligibility Expanded

The Missouri State Library has a few passes to the Mid-America Library Alliance's Online, Anytime Webcast Series for Libraries available to staff people from any sized public library. This series is unique as it focuses specifically on library staff, patrons and boards. All subject and topic areas are specific to education and development of skills and services that will impact daily library operation. With the pass, access is also available to the new Library Espresso Shot Training Tutorials, which are three to 10-minute tutorials on timely topics of interest to library staff.

Categories explored in this series include: library reader's advisory, basic library skills, library supervisory/management/leadership, library paraprofessional skills, library programs and trends, library human resource management, library health and wellness.

The pass is for use by one staff member only. Passes may not be shared. To register, go to [All Access Pass for Libraries](#). For additional information, contact Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov or (800) 325-0131.

Show Me Steps to Continuing Education Opportunities

Show Me Steps to Continuing Education is an LSTA grant program for Missouri library personnel to participate in training opportunities when local funds cannot finance the entire cost. This grant is open to staff from public, school, academic and special libraries. Individuals may attend regional, state or national workshops, conferences, seminars, etc.

Upcoming conferences include, but are not limited to:

- [American Library Association Mid-Winter](#) to be held January 8-12, 2016 in Boston, MA
- [Computers in Libraries](#) to be held March 8-10, 2016 in Washington, D.C.
- [Innovative Users Group](#) to be held March 16-18, 2016 in San Francisco, CA

Libraries also have the option of bringing a trainer to the library for staff in-service training.

Applications are accepted no earlier than four months and no less than two months before the selected CE event. The application is available online at Show Me Steps. Questions about the grant program may be directed to Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov or (800) 325-0131.

Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities from the State Library

LAST CALL: Strengthening Communities through Technology on Nov. 19 from 10-11 a.m.

Join staff from the University City Public Library (UCPL) as they share their experience advancing technology-based library services by offering telescopes, a 3-D printer and scanner, audio/video production equipment and more. UCPL is using technology for the StoryCorps@Your Library oral history project and are working in partnership with the Ferguson Public Library. Complete required registration at [Strengthening Communities](#). Direct any questions about the webinar to Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov.

Librarian411: Improving Service for People with Disabilities on Dec. 17 from 10-11 a.m.

This webinar will examine societal beliefs and biases about mental illness and give practical tips for serving customers with different needs. Participants will explore training and other resources available on the Librarian411 web site. Presenter Tonya Hays-Martin has worked in the mental health field for 22 years and is a librarian at Fulton State Hospital. Fulton State Hospital Library serves both professional staff and clients with severe and persistent mental illness. Hays-Martin was instrumental in developing the Web based training program, Librarian411. Complete required registration at [Librarian411](#) and direct questions about the webinar to Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov.

Adults Are People, Too! Best Practices for Adult Summer Reading Programs on Jan. 21 from 10-11 a.m.

This webinar is for libraries planning to hold a 2016 summer reading program for adults. The presenters will be Morgan Pershing and Heather Cousin, who have extensive experience with Adult Summer Reading Programs (ASRP), having presented on ASRP for the California public library community and the Ohio Library Association. This webinar will focus on summer reading programming ideas for adults, successful outreach, marketing strategies and resources in general, and the national 2016 ASRP theme, Exercise Your Mind, in particular. Registration is online at [Adults Are People, Too!](#) Direct questions about the webinar to Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov.

2016 Winter Technology Mini-Grant Application Now Available Online

The Missouri State Library is providing an application overview on the 2015 Technology Mini-Grant. Technology Mini-Grants are intended to help public libraries with funds for technology and automation equipment to improve network infrastructure. Grant applications are due Jan. 7, 2016 (postmarked or hand-delivered).

There will be online information sessions providing eligibility guidance and grant writing tips on Dec. 3, 2015 at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Registration is required and can be completed [online](#).

The application for the Technology Mini-Grant is available [online](#). For further information about any of the LSTA grant opportunities, contact Shay Young at (800) 325-0131 or shay.young@sos.mo.gov.

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