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

Update on end of 2017 Legislative Session

The legislative session ended on May 12 with passage of several bills of interest to libraries. These bills are waiting for the governor’s signature.

SB 112 Consolidated Library District. This bill updating the language regarding the composition of the library boards was passed on the last day of the session. Prior to passage, the text of approximately 30 other bills relating to political subdivisions was added to the bill.

HB 12 – Appropriations for Elected Officials. This bill includes all funding for the State Library, as well as the funds for library services. The final figure for State Aid is $2,323,776, an increase of $1,600,000 over the amount in the governor’s recommended budget. The REAL Program is level funded at $2,000,000, as is the Athlete and Entertainer funds for library materials, at $800,000. These funds are subject to the governor’s signature, which may not occur until late June.

HB 2 – State matching funds for E-rate for Broadband for Schools

This new appropriation would provide funds so Missouri could participate in the State Matching Provision of the E-rate program through the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). With the State Matching Provision, E-rate would increase the entity discount by up to 10 percent for equivalent funds from the state. This will increase the current E-rate discounts of 20-90 percent, as determined by the number of students available for the National Free and Reduced Lunch Program. The USAC match is limited specifically to costs for new fiber construction for broadband internet connections, referred as Special Construction Costs. Details of the state requirements and process...
are not known at this time. The funds will be transferred to the State Broadband Fund and administered by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

**Technology Mini Grant Applications Are Due June 30, 2017**

The grant application for 2017 Summer Technology Mini Grant projects, due June 30, 2017, is now available at [LSTA Grants Program](http://www.lsta.grantsprogram.org) in the LSTA Grant Application Forms section. Technology Mini Grants are intended to help public libraries with funds for technology and automation equipment to improve network infrastructure. Public libraries that need to replace hardware due to May 2017 flood damage are encouraged to apply. Projects must be completed by March 31, 2018.

Public library staff with questions regarding what is and is not eligible or are new to grant writing are encouraged to attend a one-hour online information session that will provide eligibility guidance and grant writing tips. The session will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Registration is required and can be completed [online](http://www.lsta.grantsprogram.org). For further information about any of the LSTA grant opportunities contact Shay Young at (800) 325-0131 or [shay.young@sos.mo.gov](mailto:shay.young@sos.mo.gov).

**21st Century Community Learning Centers Call for Readers**

The Extended Learning Section of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is seeking qualified grant readers for its upcoming 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) competitive grant application process. Readers will read and score their assigned applications during the week of July 11-14, 2017 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, 494 Tantara Drive, Osage Beach, Missouri. For more information, go to [21st CCLC](http://www.21stcclc.com).

**FY2016 Public Library Survey**

The data sets from the FY2016 Public Library Survey are now available online at [Missouri Library Statistics](http://www.missourilibrarystatistics.org). The datasets are divided by Circulation and Services, Collection, Expenditures and Personnel, Income and data comparisons between Revenue and Expenses and Population Usage. Each dataset is available in Excel and .pdf files and show individual library numbers and population group numbers. A Services and Use, FY2012-2016 .pdf is also available and show a five-year trend for library visits, circulated materials and computer sessions. Questions may be directed to Terry Blauvelt at [terry.blauvelt@sos.mo.gov](mailto:terry.blauvelt@sos.mo.gov).
Security and Privacy for Librarians

The news is filled with headlines about major retailers and organizations suffering data breaches and ransomware attacks; however, more often than not, the target is closer to home. Many security and privacy threats, such as phishing or third party tracking, require the technology user’s participation, albeit their unknown participation. The good news is that this means such threats are preventable with the right precautions. Below is a brief list of online resources that can help libraries train staff and patrons in secure web-browsing, privacy best practices and media literacy.

1. The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) created the Surveillance Self-Defense (SSD) toolkit for library staff and patrons who are interested in strengthening cyber security and defending themselves from digital surveillance. Recommendations include using protected browsers such as Mozilla Firefox and Chrome, using extensions such as Privacy Badger which detects third party trackers, and creating more secure passwords through the use of diceware.

2. The American Library Association is offering a new workshop titled “Cyber Security and Privacy: Protecting Yourself and Your Users”. The 90-minute online workshop will take place on July 6, 2017. The cost is $60.

3. “SANS Securing the Human” provides libraries with training to effectively manage their human cybersecurity risk. The training consists of short, high quality video clips that are pertinent to everyday security and privacy situations that staff may encounter. MOREnet members can receive a discount on this training. The price for one license for a MOREnet member is $2.20. This includes unlimited access to 40 video modules for one year. Contact security@more.net for more information.

Public Library Association (PLA) Leadership Academy

PLA is accepting applications through July 10, 2017, for the PLA Leadership Academy: Navigating Change - Building Community. The academy will take place from December 4–8, 2017, in Chicago. This event is for public librarians and is designed to empower participants with the knowledge necessary to be innovative and successful leaders of change. PLA, with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is able to waive participant registration
fees for this program. Participants are required to pay for their own travel and lodging. All meals will be provided.

**Program on Financial Literacy available from Secretary of State’s Securities Division**

**Financial Literacy 101:** The Secretary of State’s Securities Division will be providing a Financial Literacy presentation to selected libraries statewide. The program covers an array of financial matters including saving and borrowing and investment education, including fraud and payday loan awareness. The presenter, Todd Hurt, is the manager of the newly formed Vulnerable Citizens Services Unit. Mr. Hurt was previously the Capitol police chief and has held other law enforcement positions statewide. His presentation is approximately 40 minutes plus a question and answer segment. To request consideration to host this program e-mail Mr. Hurt at todd.hurt@sos.mo.gov with a request. Please include expected attendance and rationale for the community’s need of this program. If selected, be prepared to provide details about availability of audiovisual equipment and a meeting room. For further questions or details, contact Mr. Hurt at (573) 522-9054 or (855) 653-7300.

**Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities from the State Library**

**Missouri Digital Heritage: County Histories** webinar on Thursday, June 15, from 10-11 a.m. The Missouri County History project, sponsored by the Missouri State Library, has gathered county histories from all over the state and made them accessible through Missouri Digital Heritage. These publications are predominantly from late 19th and early 20th centuries and portray the state during a period of commercial and industrial growth. Join Digitization Consultant Matt Butler and learn how county histories can offer a gold mine of information for genealogists and local historians. Registration is online at Missouri Digital Heritage: County Histories. Direct questions about the webinar to Becky Wilson at becky.wilson@sos.mo.gov.

**Missouri Sunshine Law Compliance for Public Libraries** webinar on Wednesday, June 21, from 2-3 p.m. Jean Maneke of The Maneke Law Group, L.C., will present on best practices in compliance with Missouri Sunshine Law, including: what is public record and/or a meeting, how are records kept, how
are meetings held, how do you respond to a record request, what you are allowed to close and what is involved when litigation ensues. The session will include examples of cases that have arisen and tips to address frequent concerns. Registration is online at Missouri Sunshine Law Compliance for Public Libraries. Direct questions about the webinar to Becky Wilson at becky.wilson@sos.mo.gov.

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