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

2017 Public Library Survey

The 2017 Public Library Survey (PLS) is open for data entry. Login and password information was emailed to library directors on July 28, 2017. Documents detailing training opportunities, electronic material placement, tutorials and implemented changes were sent on the same day. Data for MOLIB2GO consortia members was sent on August 7th. The PLS is due by November 15, 2017. Any questions or concerns about the PLS or the Bibliostat Collect program should be directed to Terry Blauvelt at (417) 895-6670 or terry.blauvelt@sos.mo.gov.

Missouri State Government Information Conference

Registration is now open for the Missouri State Government Information Conference, themed “Sunshine and Missouri’s Digital Future.” Co-sponsored by the University of Missouri Libraries and the Missouri State Library, the full-day conference will take place on Friday, November 3 in the Governor’s Office Building in Jefferson City. The conference will kick off with a special welcome by Trish Vincent, Missouri’s Deputy Secretary of State, followed by presentations from the Missouri State Archives, State Historical Society, Supreme Court Library, Legislative Library, MoDOT Library and the State Library. Library staff interested in state government documents and information are encouraged to attend! See the full list of presentations and register online at: http://libraryguides.missouri.edu/modocsconf/2017. Direct questions to Waheedah Bilal, Director of Reference Services, at Waheedah.Bilal@sos.mo.gov.
Summer Library Program Grant Application Now Available

The Summer Library Program grant application for summer 2018 activities is available online at Summer Library Program Grant Application. This grant assists qualifying public and school libraries in reaching people of all ages in innovative ways to keep them reading and learning throughout the summer months. The application deadline is November 13, 2017.

Public and school library staff with questions regarding what is and is not eligible, or who are new to grant writing and interested in these grant opportunities, are encouraged to attend the one-hour online information session that will provide eligibility guidance and grant writing tips to be held September 28, 2017 at 3 p.m. Registration is required and can be completed at Summer Library Program Application Overview. This webinar will be archived for those who are unable to attend the live session.

Questions about the Summer Library Program grant can be directed to Becky Wilson at (800) 325-0131 or becky.wilson@sos.mo.gov.

Show Me Steps to Continuing Education Grant 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 Association of School Librarians (AASL) 2017 Conference – Beyond the Horizon in Phoenix, Arizona from November 9-11, 2017
- Library and Information Technology Association (LITA) 2017 Forum in Denver, Colorado. from November 9-12, 2017
- Library Marketing and Communications Conference in Addison, Texas, from November 16-17, 2017
- The Collective 2018 Conference – The Library as Test Kitchen in Knoxville, Tennessee, from February 28 – March 2, 2018
- **American Library Association Midwinter Meeting and Exhibits 2018** in Denver, Colorado from February 9-12, 2018
- **Public Library Association Conference** in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from March 20-24, 2018

Libraries also have the option of bringing a trainer to the library for staff in-service training. Applications for individual training events are accepted 2-9 months prior to the continuing education event. Applications for group training events are accepted 3-12 months prior. The application forms are available online under LSTA Grant Application Forms. Questions about the grant program may be directed to Lisa Stock at lisa.stock@sos.mo.gov or (800) 325-0131.

**LSTA Grants Officer Vacancy**

Shay Young, who has guided grantees through the intricacies of the LSTA grant processes since September 2014, is no longer with the Missouri State Library. Until her replacement is found, grant questions should be directed to LSTA@sos.mo.gov or (800) 325-0131 where the request will be directed to the appropriate person. We apologize for any delays that may be experienced.

**Large Print Sticker Project Reminder**

Wolfner Library is offering Missouri libraries an opportunity to help promote its unique services. Wolfner Library has stickers designed to be placed on the inside covers of large print books. These stickers read “If you are only able to read large print, you may qualify for Wolfner Library Services” followed by some examples of available services and contact information for Wolfner Library. This is a great way to help promote a service to augment those offered by public libraries. Those interested in participating in this effort should contact Adult Services Librarian Amy Nickless at amy.nickless@sos.mo.gov or call (800) 392-2614 and ask for Amy.
Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities from the State Library

**Instagram: Effective Use for Libraries** webinar on Wednesday, September 13, from 2-3 p.m.

David Lee King will cover what Instagram is, how to best use it to connect with customers, and how to set a strategy for success. Instagram is a mobile photo-sharing app that allows users to take and share photos and video with others. It is also a great way to share a library’s story with customers, and it is a fun visual tool to drive people to the library and its services and programs. Registration is online at Instagram: Effective Use for Libraries. This webinar will be archived for those who are unable to attend the live session. Direct questions about the webinar to Becky Wilson at becky.wilson@sos.mo.gov.

**School Outreach and Collaboration** webinar on Thursday, September 21, from 10-11 a.m.

Join Casey O'Leary, Director of Youth Services and Library Programs at Mooresville Public Library to learn how they use outreach to support instruction and share resources with the school system, including reasons to develop collaborative outreach partnerships between the public library and schools; methods connecting with schools and teachers; and ideas for possible collaborative activities for outreach partnerships. Registration is online at School Outreach and Collaboration. This webinar will be archived for those who are unable to attend the live session. Direct questions about the webinar to Becky Wilson at becky.wilson@sos.mo.gov.

**Wolfner Library Presentation at the 2017 Missouri Library Association Conference**

For those attending MLA 2017, consider attending Wolfner Library’s program “Distance Programming for Adults: Wolfner Library’s Experiment in Book Clubs by Conference Call” presented by Adult Services Librarian Amy Nickless and Reader Advisor Meghan McCormack. It is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 6 in the St. Moritz Room. Program summary: “In May, 2016, Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library began offering book clubs by conference call to its patrons statewide. A great deal of thought and planning went into the process of crafting a workable program that consists of three different monthly book clubs. Learn about the challenges Wolfner Library staff faced to create this successful program,
ranging from the methods for conducting the book clubs to determining criteria for book selection, and how the process could be applied to bridge a gap in service for your own library’s homebound patrons.” Direct questions about the webinar to Amy Nickless at Amy.Nickless@sos.mo.gov.

**Code at Your Library** webinar on Tuesday, October 10, from 2-3 p.m.
Luke Miller, of Prenda, will explain why coding education is important, how to run a coding club without knowing how to code, and what free resources, curriculum and software are available to help library staff start and successfully run a coding club. Registration is online at Code at Your Library. This webinar will be archived for those who are unable to attend the live session. Direct questions about the webinar to Becky Wilson at becky.wilson@sos.mo.gov.

**Weeding Basics for Any Library** webinar on Thursday, October 12, from 10-11 a.m.
Jil Burket Ragase will discuss what weeding is, and where and how it fits into the overall Collection Development Plan for a library. Other topics addressed will be public/staff resistance to weeding; the opportunity costs of not weeding regularly; the MUSTY method and how to pair reports and analytics with MUSTY to improve the process; exceptions and special considerations with weeding; how to develop a weeding schedule; and common missteps. Registration is online at Weeding Basics for Any Library. This webinar will be archived for those who are unable to attend the live session. Direct questions about the webinar to Becky Wilson at becky.wilson@sos.mo.gov.

To be placed on the email list to receive Show Me Express, subscribe online, or contact the Missouri State Library at (800) 325-0131.