Resources for Youth Services Staff

Racing to Read Statewide Early Literacy Program
Racing to Read is an early literacy program created by the Springfield-Greene County library and adopted in 2014 by the Missouri State Library (MOSL) as a statewide initiative. It identifies five activities that help children to age 6 develop early literacy skills: Loving Books, Singing and Rhyming, Telling Stories, Talking and Reading, and Playing with Letters. MOSL provides grants, resources and early literacy training for library staff as part of the Racing to Read initiative. For more information, please visit https://www.sos.mo.gov/library/programs/library-racing-to-read.

Missouri Youth and Children Discussion List (MOYAC)
MOSL provides a Youth Services discussion list, called MOYAC, for library staff who work with children and teens. Use the list to connect with Missouri public or school libraries, to learn about youth-related workshops and grants provided by MOSL, and to ask questions and seek advice about youth services. For details, go to https://tinyurl.com/ybwymch8. To subscribe, visit http://lists.more.net/mailman/listinfo/moyac.

Archived Early Literacy and Youth Services Webinars
A collection of almost 30 video recordings of youth services and early literacy webinars sponsored by MOSL are archived for later viewing at http://tinyurl.com/j4es9p4.

Continuing Education Discussion List (MoLibTraining)
MOSL has a continuing education (CE) discussion list called MoLibTraining. The list provides a place for library staff to discuss CE and promotes FREE training opportunities for libraries. For more information, view https://tinyurl.com/ygfnz564 or subscribe at http://lists.mo.gov/mailman/listinfo/molibtraining.

Continuing Education Grant Opportunities
Show Me Steps to Continuing Education grants provide reimbursement for up to 75% of the costs of any non-credit continuing education event. Individual grants are used to send an individual to a conference or training, and the group grant may be used to bring a trainer to a group. Applications are accepted year-round and are available at https://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/lstagrants.

Visit the LSTA Grant Programs page for more information on MOSL grants: https://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/lstagrants.

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TumbleDeluxe provides an online collection of 550 animated talking picture books for children in preschool through grade 3. The site also features Spanish and French books, read-along chapter books, nonfiction books, and educational games and puzzles.

All state-aid-eligible public libraries have a subscription to TumbleBook Library Deluxe. For more information, check out the TumbleBooks Basics webinar at https://tinyurl.com/zoa0eo5.

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