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  **State Library Newsletter**

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Missouri Secretary of State  
**John R. Ashcroft**



## Missouri State Library News

### Excel Online High School

Starting January 2021, the Missouri State Library partnered with Excel Online High School to help adults complete and obtain their high school diploma. Several Missouri libraries have implemented this program, and St. Louis County Library is one that has had great success. Since they started this program in January 2018, they have had over 103 graduates, with their most recent ceremony being March 4, with 32 graduates and 350 guests. Highlights of this joyous ceremony can be seen [here](#). Under the direction of Ricqui Brooks, Adult Literacy Coordinator, Excel Online has changed not only the lives of the graduates, but their families and communities as well. When asked about what advice she would give to libraries thinking about starting this program, she stated: 

**If your library has any interest or questions about starting this program, please contact Merideth Johnson, Adult Services Consultant at [merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov](mailto:merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov) or (573) 751-1822.**

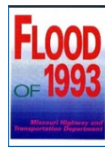
*"I want to make sure I share just how absolutely fulfilling it is to offer this program to our patrons. When interviewing patrons for scholarships, you learn about all of the challenges and barriers they faced trying to get their high school diplomas. It is humbling to be a part of their journey and to witness them in their caps and gowns at the graduation ceremony. This program is an investment that pays dividends beyond what we put into it via funding or managing the program. Furthermore, managing the program is easy because of the amazing support team at Gale (a global provider of research and learning resources.) I guess I am a bit biased toward this program because I have witnessed the joy of our graduates, and it is remarkable."*



## Reference Services for YOU: Flood of '93 Gov Docs

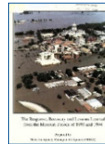
Government publications are often used for discovering current data as well as plans for the future. However, government documents are also important for their historical value and can be easily included with library displays. In the spring and summer of 1993, flooding was a significant issue in Missouri, impacting citizens all over the state. Inspire your patrons to take a look back at the Great Flood of '93.

More State of Missouri government reports on this historic flooding can be found in the Missouri State Publications' [Flood of 1993](#) topic section as well as print editions at the State Library. Questions? Contact Reference Services at (573) 751-3615, [libref@sos.mo.gov](mailto:libref@sos.mo.gov), or [mostate.libguides.com](http://mostate.libguides.com).



[Flood of 1993](#) by the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department

[The Great Flood of '93](#) by the Missouri National Guard

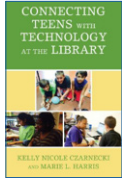


[Response, Recovery & Lessons Learned](#) by the State Emergency Management

[Water Over Road: A Tribute to the Men and Women of the Missouri Highway and Transportation Department Who Battled the Flood of 1993](#)



## Featured Books from the State Library



[Connecting Teens with Technology at the Library](#)



[The Teen Library Internship Handbook](#)



[Teaching Life Skills at the Library](#)



[Library Services to Homeschoolers](#)

Discover more of our new Library Professional Development titles as well as recorded webinars, government publications, and more on the [Missouri Library Staff Guide](#).

Directors and branch managers are able to 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.

For assistance with placing holds, requesting a card, 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!



## Grant Opportunities

### [Educational Presenter Grant](#) • Deadline: Ongoing

This open-call grant is a combination of the previously offered Author Visit Grant and the Bicentennial Programs Grant, and will replace the two separate grants. Libraries can apply to bring an author or educational presentation to their

community. This application is open to Missouri public libraries certified to receive FY23 state aid, Missouri school libraries publicly supported and publicly controlled, and Missouri academic libraries supported publicly or privately.

# Professional Development Offerings

## Upcoming Amigos Trainings

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

### **Know & Go: What's New in Romance Fiction, Monday, April 10, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.**

Romance fiction titles are often the highest circulating items in public library collections. Multiple subgenres have high appeal for readers – from LGBTQ+ to paranormal, historical, religious, and more. Fall in love again, with a

refreshed understanding of the genre, new titles, and engaging programs for romance fans. Registration is available at [What's New in Romance Fiction](#).

### **Debriefs and Retrospectives for Evaluating Library Projects and Services, Wednesday, April 19, 1 - 3 p.m.**

All ongoing library projects and programs deserve evaluation. When a project concludes or a large event wraps up, it is important to pause, gather feedback, and define the next steps. Debriefs and retrospectives are powerful tools for documenting library success and engaging library teams in continuous improvement. Learn the fundamentals of debriefs and retrospectives

and plan for their implementation into existing workflows. Attendees will learn about defining the role of debriefs and retrospectives in libraries, initiating tools and resources for implementation, and accessing debrief and retrospective templates for immediate use. Registration is available at [Debriefs and Retrospectives](#).

### **Know & Go: Making Your Catalog Work for Your Community, Monday, April 24, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.**

The consistency obtained through standards is important in cataloging and classification. However, technical services staff should feel empowered to utilize and adapt cataloging standards, such as homegrown classification

systems and local subject headings, to best fit their institution's needs. Utilize tips to make sure these practices still provide the consistency needed in a well-maintained catalog. Registration is available at [Making Your Catalog Work](#).

## Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

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For the complete webinar list, visit [MALAPro Professional Development](#).

### **Youth Services Programming: Clubs for Kids, Tuesday, April 18, 10 - 11 a.m.**

Looking for innovative programs for your youth patrons? Wanting to know ways to keep kids engaged in book clubs? Join Lauren Taylor and Jenny Cook from Lawrence Public Library as they discuss the many exciting clubs they provide for children. They'll cover their book, rainbow, tween, and action clubs as well as their

popular parent support group. Attendees will learn about creative clubs for kids of various ages, how they plan and facilitate them, and what makes them popular and keeps kids coming back to the library for more. Registration is available at [Youth Services Programming](#).

### **Reconnecting & Restoring Wellness in Self, Wednesday, April 26, 2 - 3 p.m.**

Compassion fatigue is well documented in the library profession. And recent years have only ramped up the number of roles we as librarians try to fill. The saying "you can't pour from an empty cup" may be overused, but is very true. This session focuses on reconnecting with oneself to avoid exhaustion and burnout. The

presenters will cover tips and techniques to restore physical, mental, and emotional well-being—simple things that an individual can easily incorporate into every day. They will also discuss the benefits of health and wellness programming for libraries. Registration is available at [Reconnecting & Restoring Wellness in Self](#).



## Upcoming MOREnet Trainings

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

### **Online Resources & Ebsco Host, Friday, April 14, 9 - 10 a.m.**

Learn to use the valuable online research resources provided as part of your MOREnet membership, including EBSCOhost and Learning Express Library. All library and K-12 staff should

have this training. This includes free ACT and SAT (and more) resources! Registration is available at [Online Resources & Ebsco Host](#).

### **LearningExpress Tools to Get Hired, Tuesday, April 18, 3:30 - 4 p.m.**

Join us for a workshop focusing on LearningExpress Library's Codie Award-winning resume and letter building tools. 30 minutes.

Registration is available at [LearningExpress Tools To Get Hired](#).

### **Internet Safety, Friday, April 21, 12 - 3 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The Mill, Columbia**

This session will cover the basics of how to make well-informed decisions online, how to secure personal information, and what it means to participate with integrity in a digital/internet age. We will demonstrate how to ethically hack, how to use manipulatives that help students understand coding, and how to create strong

passwords. We will also show members games and curriculum designed to reinforce good online habits. Registration is available at [Internet Safety](#). This [training will occur again in Columbia](#) on Friday, April 28, 12 – 3 p.m. at the MOREnet Training Room.

### **Making Content Accessible, Friday, May 5, 10 - 11 a.m.**

Creating great content, whether it is in the form of videos, websites or even just documents, needs to be done with all users in mind. This session will discuss tips and techniques for making all of your content as accessible as possible to your

audience. Be they students, faculty, parents or the public, everyone deserves to experience as much of each of your awesome creations as possible! Registration is available at [Making Content Accessible](#).

### **Training Those Who Are Just Getting Started with Technology (For Public Libraries) - St. Peters Regional Training, Tuesday, May 9, 1 - 4 p.m., St. Charles City-County Library District, Spencer Road Branch - Community Commons Room, St. Peters**

This three-hour class is intended to help librarians work with patrons who are new to technology. In this session we will show activities and content that you can use to help your patrons. You will receive access to lesson plans that can be used to develop programming at your library to build confidence and skills for those who are hesitant to adopt technology.

Some of the content includes password security, setting up a basic home network, and how to access affordable internet. Registration is available at [Training Those Who Are Just Getting Started](#). This [training will also occur in Columbia](#) on Monday, June 5, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m and in [Chillicothe](#) on Wednesday, June 7, 1 – 4 p.m.

## Free Webinars from the Northeast Document Conservation Center

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For the complete training list, visit the [NEDCC Current Training Programs](#).

### **How to Host a Community Scanning Day, April 11, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. (Eastern)**

As members of the cultural heritage community, we want our collections and activities to reflect all people in our communities. Hosting a community scanning day is an interactive, participatory way to collect--and digitize--memories from our communities for the sake of documenting our own history. However, a lot of planning goes into hosting one, with a

set of logistics to consider, as well as selecting equipment, determining access and delivery systems of scanned content, and ensuring the rights to view and disseminate information online. This webinar provides an overview of each of these tasks and will help you organize your next event. Registration is available at [How to Host a Community Scanning Day](#).

### **Writing Grants for Audio Preservation and Reformatting, May 2, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. (Eastern)**

Audio collections are at a high risk of loss due to the relatively short lifespan of their carriers and dependence on obsolete media for playback, but reformatting is a challenging and technical process that can require the involvement of vendors whose services might be difficult to afford without outside funding. This webinar will introduce participants to a variety of grants that fund audio preservation and reformatting

activities and offer guidance on selecting a grant-worthy project for their institution. Director of Audio Preservation Bryce Roe will also walk participants through each major section of a grant with tips and advice for preparing a successful application. Registration is available at [Writing Grants for Audio Preservation and Reformatting](#).



## Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft

John R. (Jay) Ashcroft is Missouri's 40th secretary of state. Each year Secretary Ashcroft travels to all of Missouri's 114 counties to talk with local officials, students, library executives, and business owners to promote Missouri and learn how he can help make Missouri even better.

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