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 **State Library Newsletter**

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John R. Ashcroft

Missouri State Library News

Technology Mini Grant

Applications for the Technology Mini Grant will be accepted from mid-August until Oct. 1, 2022. The grant period will be Nov. 15, 2022, to May 15, 2023. Public libraries can apply for funds to replace older technology or to purchase new technology in order to improve library services. This grant will be eligible for Missouri Public Libraries that are certified to receive State Aid in State Fiscal Year 2023. If a library has a website,

it must be actively maintained and include links to Book Connections and VetNow online resources. Websites for libraries that are REAL Program members must also link to EBSCO, HeritageQuest, LearningExpress Library, and Rosen databases. A Unique Entity Identifier from www.sam.gov must be on file with the Missouri State Library for a library/organization to be eligible for payment.

Upcoming Amigos Trainings

For the complete training list, visit the Amigos [online course schedule](#).

Materials on the Move: Strategies for Delivery, Distribution and Storage

Registration is opening soon for the Sept. 8 Amigos Library Services online conference. This conference will explore changes and trends in delivery, courier services, distribution, and storage of library materials. Register [here](#).

Introduction of Library Services to Teens

What's new for today's teens and what's new in teen services? With a focus on best practices and proven methods for engagement, this session will help improve services and include ideas for connecting with teens. Register [here](#).

Creating a Library Marketing Plan

Effective library marketing reinforces the organization's mission and fuels support from the community. Learn how successful marketing starts with a successful plan – auditing current communications, setting objectives, developing a budget, presenting the plan to stakeholders, and implementing with staff. Register [here](#).

Introduction to Story Times and Early Literacy Programming

Story time and early literacy programs foster a love of reading for the littlest patrons, age birth to five. With guidance for supporting caregivers and engaging community partners, this course will help libraries create engaging events and services for families. Register [here](#).



Reference Services for YOU: Just the Education Facts

Prepare patrons for a new school year with government educational data to plan, measure, and compare program success in elementary, secondary, or beyond educational opportunities:

- [DESE Comprehensive Data System](#): Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's database on Missouri's individual school districts. View graduation rates, enrollment, finances, ACT scores, discipline reports, staff ratios, and more.
- [ED Data Express](#): U.S. Department of Education shows state and district-level education data including assessments and graduation rates. Grant program information such as funding, participation, and performance may be viewed in graphs and charts or downloaded into a spreadsheet.
- [National Center for Education Statistics \(NCES\)](#): Chock-full of data tools to find the exact statistics relevant to your patron's situation such as [School & District Navigator](#) to [College Navigator](#), the NCES has statistics related to all things education. Your staff may want to take a break to review the NCES [Library Statistics Program](#) for Academic Libraries.

- [Institute of Education Sciences \(IES\)](#): IES provides research and evaluation of educational practices with IES data and statistics, evaluation, and tools for educators. [What Works Clearing House Practice Guides](#) presents recommendations for educators based on a careful review of research. Don't forget the [Education Resources Information Center \(ERIC\)](#) full-text database of education research and information is also a member of the IES family!
- [U.S. Census Bureau](#): Educational data collected as part of the Census for your community on educational attainment, school costs, enrollment, and financing with current data and historical tables. [Statistics in School \(SIS\)](#) gives census statistics to use in the classroom.



Questions? Contact Reference Services at (573) 751-3615, libref@sos.mo.gov, or mostate.libguides.com.



Featured Books from the State Library



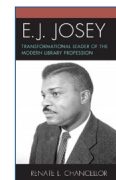
[Great Library Events: From Planning to Promotion to Evaluation](#)



[Sustainable Enterprise Strategies for Optimizing Digital Stewardship](#)



[Open Source Library Systems](#)



[E.J. Josey: Transformational Leader of the Modern Library Profession](#)

Discover more of our 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 receiving 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 FY22 State Aid, Missouri school libraries publicly supported and publicly controlled, and Missouri academic libraries supported publicly or privately.



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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