

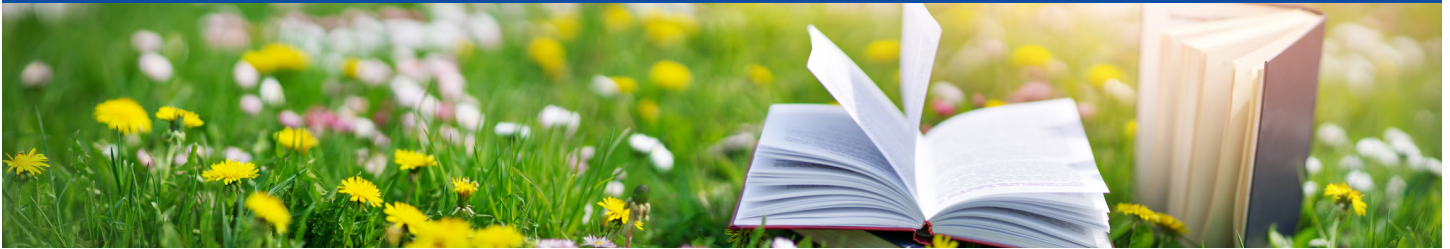
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 **State Library Newsletter**

August 2023



Missouri Secretary of State
John R. Ashcroft



Missouri State Library News

Gloria Fordyce Joins State Library Team as Library Administration and Management Consultant

On July 17, Gloria Fordyce joined the state library team as Library Administration and Management Consultant. She will be working on new director resources and training as well as providing support on issues related to public library administration and management.

Gloria brings with her extensive library experience and is currently working on her Master of Library Science at UCM.

When asked what she wanted library staff to know, Gloria remarked, "I have worked for Missouri libraries for 15 years by serving in two branches in a regional library district, an academic library, and as a Friend of the Library board

member. I understand and have experienced the challenges of running a small rural branch. I know that having the appropriate resources and support is essential. As the new Library Administration and Management Consultant, I hope to provide you with the support you need and equip you with necessary state resources to ensure that your library will thrive."

Gloria can be reached at 573-526-6734 or gloria.fordyce@sos.mo.gov. She will begin traveling around the state soon, so if you have a regional meeting or other event that you'd like her to attend, please let us know.

Summer Programming with We Are Water: Resource List from STARnet

Get some last-minute planning ideas connected to the 2023 Collaborative Summer Library Program theme "All Together Now." The We Are Water project celebrates our connections through water. These resources will support you

to inspire community conversations, explore water-related hands-on activities, and recognize our shared values around water and what it means to us. Find the blog post [here](#).



Sheila Michaels named YALSA's 2023 MAE Award Winner

Sheila Michaels, Library Media Specialist at Nixa High School, was recently awarded the 2023 Margaret A. Edwards (MAE) Award for Best

Literature Program for Teens for her BookBag Program. You can read the full press release [here](#).

Reference Services for YOU: Governor's Executive Orders

Executive orders from Missouri's governors shape and reflect the history of our state. They include vital information for the citizens of Missouri about emergency declarations, task force recommendations, department reorganizations, and more.

Part of the Reference Services' core mission is to make state government documents easily available to the public, which includes providing [online access to digital Executive Orders](#) from 1980 to the present. The text of these orders is formatted to be fully searchable by keywords such as the governor's name, a specific agency, a task force, or topic to find relevant orders.

- [04-18](#): Retrocession of federal jurisdiction over the St. Louis Army Ammunition Plant.
- [90-07](#): Declares executive public department meetings must be accessible to disabled citizens.
- [86-08](#): Authorizes transfer of historic military records of the Missouri National Guard to the State Archives.

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

A selection of Executive Orders of interest:

- [23-01](#): Orders the commencement of Missourians Aging with Dignity Initiative.
- [11-14](#): Activates state militia in response to May 22, 2011 Joplin tornado.



Featured Books from the State Library



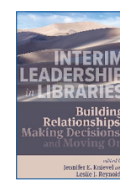
[Telling the Technical Services Story](#)



[Fostering Wellness in the Workplace](#)



[Risk Management and Insurance Manual for Libraries](#)



[Interim Leadership in Libraries](#)

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 finding 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.

Technology Mini Grant • **Deadline: October 1**

The 2023–24 Technology Mini Grant will open mid-August with applications being due by Oct. 1, 2023. The maximum available per library system grant request is \$22,000. Please review the grant eligibility requirements and eligible costs in the award guidance and remember to print the award guidance for your grant file. Eligible costs are more limited than in prior

years' grant offerings. A grant overview session will be presented via webinar on Aug. 16 at 10 a.m. To register, click [here](#). Please contact Janet Caruthers at janet.caruthers@sos.mo.gov or Terry Blauvelt at terry.blauvelt@sos.mo.gov with questions.



Professional Development Offerings

State Library STEM Kits Workshop on Aug. 24, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Missouri State Library provides excellent STEM kits that libraries can check out for programming. Kits include robots, engineering kits, Cubelets, and other tools for use in leading STEM-based programs. This workshop is an all-day, hands-on look at these tools, including best practices, tips and tricks, and resources for programming. Libraries considering checking out these great kits will find this workshop beneficial in jumpstarting programs in coding, robotics, engineering and more!

The workshop will be held at MOREnet's state-of-the-art makerspace, The MILL (MOREnet Immersive Learning Lab) and will include a working lunch. MOREnet is located at 221 N. Stadium Blvd., Suite 201, Columbia. Registration is required to attend. Register [here](#). Contact Lysha Thompson at lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov, Youth Services Consultant, with questions.

Fiske Planetarium New Short Film Series: Science Through Shadows



Over the next three years, the Fiske Planetarium production team (in collaboration with the Chabot Science Center and the Michigan Science Center) will produce and distribute short three- to six-minute videos about eclipses,

occultations, and transits. All videos will be provided FREE in both English and Spanish.

The second episode, *Total Eclipse of the Sun*, has just been released! This video highlights the upcoming total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024 across North America. It teaches audience members what to expect on eclipse day, how to safely view the eclipse, and why it will be worth traveling to the path of totality! Video Access is [here](#).



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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Eclipse Experts for Your Programs!



The SEAL team is working on a number of fronts to find "eclipse experts" who can work with their local libraries and provide eclipse information, programs, or safe

viewing instructions. Many libraries already have professional or amateur astronomers, or science

teachers that they worked with in 2017 and are getting back in touch. If you are new to eclipse outreach, and want to take the initiative, we have a resource for you. Project astronomers and dedicated list maker Andrew Fraknoi have put together a [guide](#) to where and how you can find local eclipse experts.

Upcoming Amigos Training

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

Know & Go: When Culinary Adventures and Libraries Meet, Monday, Aug. 7, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Stories of family, culture, and geography are often conveyed through cooking and food traditions. Libraries can provide unmatched spaces to freely explore these stories in print and digital culinary collections, cooking classes, and even kitchen tool lending. Peek at culinary

programs and cookbooks in libraries today. Something is baking, brewing, and simmering for all library users in this session. Registration is available at [When Culinary Adventures and Libraries Meet](#).

Know & Go: Library Assessment: Gathering Data and Acting on It, Monday, Aug. 21, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

With increasing pressure to demonstrate their value and impact, library professionals need to be able to measure and assess the effectiveness of their services. Gain a stronger comprehension of library assessment, identify opportunities to

collect data, and develop strategies for acting on the gathered data. Create a plan to make assessment an integral part of library operations. Registration is available at [Library Assessment](#).

Know & Go: Babies in the Library, Serving our Youngest Users, Monday, Aug. 28, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

With first smiles, rolling over, sitting up, first words, and grasping at a board book, a baby's first year is exciting and exhausting for parents and caregivers. Explore best practices to support

new parents and caregivers in the library with a focus on new books and resources ideal for the first 24 months (about two years). Registration is available at [Babies in the Library](#).

Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

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

Creating a Safe Space for Teens, Tuesday, Aug. 22, 10 – 11 a.m.

Is your library becoming a popular hangout spot for your local teenagers? Join us and learn how to create a safe and fun environment for them!

We'll go over physical spaces and policies. Registration is available at [Creating A Safe Space For Teens](#).

Upcoming MOREnet Trainings

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

Training Those Who Are Just Getting Started with Technology - Hannibal Regional Training, Thursday, Aug. 10, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This two-hour class is intended to help libraries, non-profits and community colleges work with community members who are new to technology. You will receive access to lesson plans that can be used to develop programming 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. Email MOREnet at info@more.net to register.

More LearningExpress Library for MOREnet Members, Thursday, Aug. 10, 10 – 11 a.m.

Did you know that MOREnet's access to LearningExpress Library is growing? Join us for a tour of your enhanced subscription, LearningExpress Library Complete, the most

comprehensive version of the platform. This webinar will also occur on Sept. 7. Email MOREnet at info@more.net to register.

LearningExpress Prep Step Resources for High School & College, Thursday, Aug. 24, 3:30 – 4 p.m.

In this session, we will focus on resources most relevant to high school and college students, including practice tests, tutorials, and college

prep. This webinar will also occur on Sept. 19. Email MOREnet at info@more.net to register.

Job & Career Accelerator Overview for MOREnet, Wednesday, Aug. 30, 3:30 – 4 p.m.

Learn how Job & Career Accelerator can help your patrons effectively navigate through the modern-day job search, from exploring occupations and up-to-the-minute job postings,

to creating the tools necessary to get hired using our award-winning résumé and letter builders. This webinar will also occur on Sept. 13. Email MOREnet at info@more.net to register.

Training Program from the Northeast Document Conservation Center

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

Preventing and Responding to Mold in Book and Paper Collections, Tuesday, Aug. 8, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Mold can pose a serious threat to cultural heritage materials. In this one-hour webinar, participants will learn how to assess and identify mold, how to safely clean moldy materials, and

how to prevent future mold outbreaks through proactive preservation measures. Registration is available at [NEDCC Current Training Programs](#).

Care and Reformatting of Microfilm, Thursday, Sept. 7, 11:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Have you inherited a microfilm collection but are unsure how to properly preserve and provide access to it? Or are you maintaining the collection you've had for years but seeking options for improving access and minimizing wear to the originals? This webinar will first introduce micro formats (including microfiche, microfilm, and more) and the role they've played in preserving and disseminating information,

from their introduction until today. It will then move on to cover the best practices of microfilm storage, housing, handling, and use. The webinar will conclude with a discussion of the digitization options available for microfilm as well as questions to consider when taking on a microfilm digitization project. Registration is available at [NEDCC Current Training Programs](#).