

SHOW ME EXPRESS

 *State Library Newsletter*

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Missouri Secretary of State
John R. Ashcroft



State Librarian Message

State library staff are on the road this summer doing grant support visits, meeting new library directors and popping in to visit and tour your facilities. Internally, we've set a goal of visiting every library district in the next 2 years. Considering that there are over 140 library districts, that's a pretty tall task! It's important, though, that you see us in person and we get to see you and your unique, localized versions of providing library services to your communities. During that time, we will feature some of our visits here in *Show Me Express* and on our Facebook page.

If you have a special event or can't wait for a visit, please let me know and we will get something scheduled. It gives every one of us a chance to visit you at your library, and if I happen to be

the one attending, you might be able to rope me in to shelving a few books or working your circulation desk. I may be rusty at those skills, but both are things I loved to do early in my library career. So, give us a reason, although I don't need a reason, to bust out singing "On The Road Again!"

This edition of *Show Me Express* contains a lot of useful information and our hope is that you sign up for some of our discussion lists, among other things. Additionally, if you are a director and would like to attend the monthly Public Library Forum, which is held the first Tuesday of every month, [here's the Zoom link](#) for the rest of our 2024 meetings; a new link will be sent out in December for the following year's meetings.



Missouri State Library News

Top 5 Reasons TeachingBooks is great for Back-to-School

[TeachingBooks](#) is designed for educators and librarians to help enrich their readers' literacy experiences. Whether you're a seasoned teacher or librarian or this is your first-year, TeachingBooks has something for everyone! You'll find:

1. [Book guides, activities and lesson plans](#) aligned with curriculum standards to complement the books you're using, saving precious planning time.
2. Original resources like [Meet-the-Author Recordings](#), [Author Name Pronunciations](#) and [Guest Blog Posts](#) that connect readers with authors on a personal level.
3. [Cultural experience collections](#) to promote inclusion and representation in your curriculum and displays.
4. [Award-winning titles](#) to introduce young readers to a wide range of voices and experiences.
5. Nineteen different [genres](#) from adventure to sports, helping readers find the perfect book to ignite a love of reading!

TeachingBooks is free for all Missourians. For more information, contact Katie Dunne, the Missouri State Library's Youth Services Consultant, at katie.dunne@sos.mo.gov.

Stay Connected with MOSL Discussion Lists

The Missouri State Library (MOSL), in partnership with MOREnet, offers several discussion lists designed to provide Missouri librarians with information, collaboration and training opportunities to better serve their patrons. Join one or more in order to stay connected and engaged!

- [Missouri Youth and Children \(MOYAC\)](#): A discussion list designed for staff providing children's and young adult services in Missouri public and school libraries.
- [Missouri Teen Services \(MO-Teen\)](#): A discussion list designed for staff providing teen services in Missouri public and school libraries.
- [Missouri Adult Community Engagement \(MOACE\)](#): A discussion list designed for staff to discuss adult patrons' needs and concerns and to share information and resources. This list also provides information from MOSL and MOSL partners about free continuing education opportunities.
- [Missouri Library Training \(MOLibTraining\)](#): A discussion list designed for Missouri library staff to discuss continuing education needs and concerns, share information and resources and provide information from MOSL and MOSL partners about free continuing education opportunities for Missouri public, school, academic and special library staff.
- [Missouri Ploud \(MO-Ploud\)](#): A discussion list designed for libraries that have a website through the Ploud program to receive information and updates about the program and related services.

InformationLiteracy.gov: A New Federal Resource

The federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) recently released InformationLiteracy.gov, a website with specialized tools and resources designed for library and museum professionals to engage diverse communities in developing critical information literacy skills.

The work of the Information Literacy Initiative focuses on providing library and museum

professionals with successful practices, tools and programs related to financial, health, digital and other information literacy subject areas. Training resources for professionals and community engagement materials are available. Resources at InformationLiteracy.gov can also be used to plan information literacy programs and help community members build these critical skills.

Reference Services for YOU: USDA ERS Data Tools

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service (USDA ERS) provides more than just economic information on farm-related statistics. It offers a comprehensive array of data and easy-to-use interactive tools to empower patrons with information on broad socioeconomic factors.

- [Atlas of Rural and Small-Town America](#): This interactive data tool provides a range of demographic, economic and agricultural data for small towns and rural areas across the United States. Users can compare rural economic and social conditions among counties, states or regions within particular areas of interest. The atlas provides more than 60 statistical indicators, capturing conditions and trends across different types of non-metropolitan regions.

- [Food Environment Atlas](#): This online atlas with an interactive data tool provides statistics on food environment factors, such as store or restaurant proximity, food prices, nutrition assistance programs and community characteristics.
- [State Fact Sheets](#): This page provides state-level reports, including a [Missouri Fact Sheet](#), that detail population, income, education, employment, farm characteristics and top commodities.

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

Books from the State Library



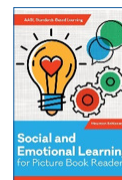
[The Disaster Planning Handbook for Libraries](#)



[The One-Shot Library Instruction Survival Guide](#)



[Creating Adaptable Digital Preservation Workflows](#)



[Social and Emotional Learning for Picture Book Readers](#)

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 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!

Around The State

To go along with its Missouri focus on the *Adventure Begins in your Library* summer programming theme, the Marion County Public Library recently offered its first Palmyra Heritage Day. Starting at the county courthouse, participants were able to interact with members of the South Fork Regulators, a historical reenactment group. They provided hands-on demonstrations related to life on the American frontier, including quilting, roping, chuck wagons, washboards and games for children. Participants could also tour the first log cabin built in Palmyra, the historic Gardner House built in 1828 and the Civil War era jail. Library books related to the era were also on hand and could be checked out. Approximately 100 community members participated in the event.



Young library patrons learn about chuckwagon cooking from a member of the South Forks Regulators.



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 it replaces 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 FY25 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 Technology Mini Grant will open applications around Aug. 15 with a submission due date of Oct. 1. Eligible public libraries can apply for funds to replace older technology or to purchase new technology in order to improve library services. See the award guidance for details and requirements. The project should be completed within a five-month time frame.

A Technology Mini Grant overview session will be presented on Aug. 15 at 10 am. Registration is [here](#).

Please direct grant program questions to Janet Caruthers at janet.caruthers@sos.mo.gov or (573) 526-1087, or Terry Blauvelt at terry.blauvelt@sos.mo.gov or (417) 895-6670.

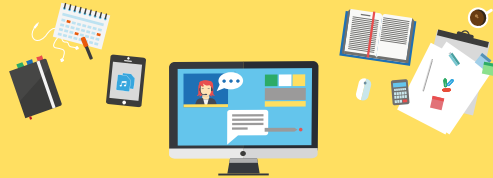
Professional Development Offerings

Amigos Library Services

Trainings include:

- Customer Service Essentials, Aug. 15 & 20, 2 – 4 p.m.
- Know & Go: Building Teams During Times of Transition, Aug. 19, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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



Arkansas Public Administration Consortium (APAC)

APAC is now taking applications for the [2024 Certified Volunteer Manager Program](#). The nationally recognized program is designed to help participants:

- Recruit, place, support, supervise, engage and recognize volunteers.
- Develop policies and procedures to mitigate risks and liabilities associated with volunteer programs.
- Design and implement strategic improvements to enhance your volunteer program's effectiveness.

Participation does require one week of in-person instruction that will be held at DeGray Lake State Park Lodge, Arkansas, Sept. 30 - Oct. 4. In-state and out-of-state participants are welcome. Total cost including all training materials, instruction and lodging is \$1,500.00. The registration deadline is Aug. 21.



MALA (Mid-American Library Alliance)

Trainings include:

- Eat, Play, Read, Aug. 13, 10 – 11 a.m.
- Programming for Teens: Understanding Teen Needs Through a Holistic Perspective, Aug. 22, 2 – 3 p.m.

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

MOREnet

Trainings include:

- Creative Commons Explained, Aug. 7, 9 – 9:45 a.m.
- New EBSCOhost UI Preview for MOREnet, Aug. 15, 10 – 10:30 a.m. (*This training will also be held on Sept. 3 and 12.*)

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



Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM)

Trainings include:

- Effective Health Communication and Health Literacy: Understanding the Connection, Aug. 7, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Collection Development and Reference Strategies for Sexual and Reproductive Health Information, Aug. 14, 10 – 11 a.m.

- [ClinicalTrials.gov](#) for Librarians, Aug. 20, 12 – 1:30 p.m.
- Health Programming at Your Library, Aug. 22, 12 – 1:30 p.m.

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

Niche Academy

Trainings include:

- “Toxic,” Traumatized or Neurodivergent? Setting Appropriate Boundaries Without Writing Anyone Off, Aug. 7, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Strengthening Your Communication Skills, Aug. 21, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Civic Literacy in Public Libraries: Why, What and How, Aug. 28, 1 – 2 p.m.

For the complete training list, visit [Niche Academy Upcoming Webinars](#).

Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC)

Trainings include:

- Digitizing Photographic Materials, Aug. 8, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Exhibiting Your Collections, Aug. 22, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Starting an Archive: Preservation Basics, Aug. 27, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

WebJunction

Trainings include:

- Work It Out @ Your Library with the Wombats! Aug. 8, 2 – 3 p.m.
- account to access webinar archives and training in the [WebJunction Course Catalog](#).

For the complete training list, visit the [WebJunction Webinar Calendar](#). Create a free



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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