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 **State Library Newsletter**

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John R. Ashcroft



Missouri State Library News

Digital Imaging Grant Letter of Intent Instructions Now Available

Instructions for the Letter of Intent to submit a Digital Imaging Grant application are now available at [LSTA Grant Application Forms](#). Any library planning to submit a Digital Imaging Grant proposal by Feb. 15, 2023, should also submit

a Letter of Intent by Jan. 1, 2023. Please direct any questions about Digital Imaging Grants to Digitization Consultant Matt Butler at matthew.butler@sos.mo.gov, or (573) 522-1477.

School Librarian Basics Workshop

Join Dr. Rene Buress and Dr. Jenna Kammer as they present topics such as foundations, collection development and cataloging at the *School Librarians Basics Workshop* on Saturday,

April 15, 2023, at the Tan-Tar-A Conference Center. Contact lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov for any questions.

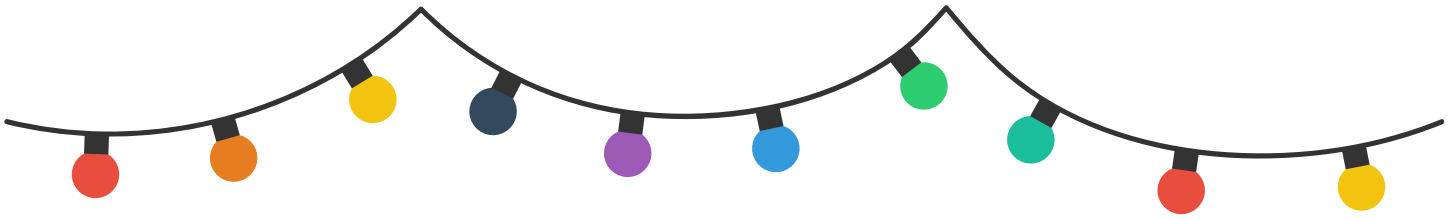
MOREnet's Online Resources

Members of MOREnet have access to a variety of online resources from EBSCO, HeritageQuest, LearningExpress, and Rosen. The databases cover a range of topics for grades K-12 and academic & public libraries. Subjects include computer skills, financial literacy, genealogy, health & medicine, science, and more.

resources, database buttons and logos to use on your website, remote access information, video tutorials, and more. Contact your [member service advisor](#) or MOREnet's technical support at help@more.net or (800) 509-6673 with questions about the online resources.

Visit search.more.net for a list of available databases. This site includes promotional





Digital Literacy Resources

The [Digital Literacy](#) database is available to MOREnet members. This resource empowers learners with digital citizenship skills to navigate today's virtual landscape. Interactive activities guide students through project-based learning activities using digital tools to create podcasts, multimedia presentations, social media campaigns, and more. Database articles explore a number of topics, including cyberbullying, digital research skills, and citizen journalism. (Rosen Digital)

MOREnet staff developed the [Missouri Digital Equity](#) site in partnership with the Missouri State Library to provide access to resources about

technology, how to be safe and secure with technology and how to evaluate information found online. Here we have pulled together top resources widely available on the internet, as well as unique resources that, because they are subscription-only research databases, are available only through your local school or library.

Contact your MOREnet [member service advisor](#) or MOREnet's technical support at (800) 509-6673 or help@more.net with questions about *Digital Literacy* or *Missouri Digital Equity*.

American Library Association Graduate Program Scholarships

The [American Library Association \(ALA\) Scholarship Program](#) has more than \$300,000 available to students who are studying in library science or school library media programs at the master's degree level. They include scholarships for students who are interested in children's librarianship, youth librarianship, federal librarianship, new media, and library automation. In addition, there are also scholarships available for minorities, persons with disabilities, and people who are already employed in libraries but do not have an MLS.

The scholarship process is open annually from Sept. 1–March 1. Applications and reference forms (which must be submitted online) are available during that period. Instructions and general information remain available year round. You can apply for a variety of scholarships through the single online application hosted by the ALA Scholarship Program.

Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities

The American Library Association (ALA) has a special grant opportunity for small and rural libraries. [Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities](#) will offer more than \$7 million in grants to small and rural libraries to increase the accessibility of facilities, services, and programs to better serve people with disabilities.

To be eligible, a library must have a legal service area population of 25,000 or less and be located

at least five miles from an urbanized area, in keeping with Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) definitions of small and rural libraries.

ALA is now accepting applications for grants to be distributed over the next three years, ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Applications are being accepted from Nov. 1, 2022, through Feb. 28, 2023.

Libraries & Veterans National Forum Toolkit

Libraries play a significant role in supporting veterans and military-affiliated patrons by welcoming them to the community, providing resources during transitions, connecting them with other veterans, and recognizing their service. The [Libraries and Veterans Toolkit](#) can help libraries create new or supplement current programs.

The Toolkit was created by librarians, for librarians. Their insightful contributions include success stories, ideas for library programming, and approaches to services for veteran and

military-affiliated patrons. It is intended as a resource for library staff who are working with veteran and military-affiliated patrons for the first time, as well as for those who are already engaged in this work and are looking for new ideas.

The Toolkit contains a host of practical ideas for how libraries of all types and sizes can better support their veteran and military-affiliated patrons, including outlines for exhibits, book clubs, creative events, collections, celebrations, and spaces.

Upcoming Amigos Training

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

Know & Go: Creating Effective Library Policies, Monday, Dec. 12, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Well-written, concise policies are the framework that holds a library together and makes everything run smoothly while ensuring fairness and consistency. Identify the key steps in the policy development process, from writing to

reviewing to publishing, and evaluate how policies fit with the vision and mission of the institution. Registration is available at [Effective Library Policies](#).

Know & Go: Library Services for Veterans and Military Patrons, Monday, Jan. 9, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Veterans, military service members, and their families can be found in every library type and size. Connecting with the veteran and military communities can be different from other patron groups. Learn how to design programs,

exhibits, and collections to serve veteran and military-affiliated patrons in all types of libraries. Registration is available at [Library Services for Veterans and Military Patrons](#).

Library Management: Workplace Communication, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Effective communication is what sets great leaders above the rest. Managers need to adapt their communication style to get the most out of different people while assertively providing direction through effective feedback. Become a master at using effective communication techniques for the diverse range of personalities

in a workplace. Attendees will learn to understand the benefits and challenges of effective workplace communication and develop effective listening, questioning, and feedback skills. Registration is available at [Workplace Communication](#).

Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

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

Sustaining Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: One Library's Journey, Thursday, Dec. 8, 2 - 3 p.m.

This session will focus on how the culture we cultivate within our libraries directly connects to our ability to provide an anti-oppressive environment for the communities we serve. Using the UMKC Libraries as an example, the presenter will discuss the organizational context,

relationships, and structures created to facilitate engagement, accountability, and a shared responsibility for creating and maintaining an anti-oppressive and anti-racist environment. Registration is available at [Sustaining Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#).



Winter Readers' Advisory Networking Session, Wednesday, Jan. 18, 10 - 11:15 a.m.

Join us for an online discussion for all things Readers' Advisory, led by some of your favorite local RA experts. Want to up your book recommendation game? Does your book group need a boost? Are you on the hunt for some training? Looking to diversify your library's collection? We will discuss the topics YOU want to cover. Join us for coffee, conversation, resource sharing and - of course - great books. We will email a form to participants to ask what

their interests and needs might be and send out an agenda with the results before the session. Discussion will be led by a rotating group consisting of Polli Kenn from the Lawrence Public Library, Kaite Mediatore Stover from the Kansas City Public Library, Angela Strathman from the Mid-Century Public Library, and Gregg Winsor from the Johnson County Public Library. Registration is available at [Winter Readers' Advisory Networking Session](#).

Upcoming MOREnet Trainings

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

The iPad: Your Digital Swiss Army Knife, MOREnet Training Rooms - The MILL, 221 N Stadium Blvd., Columbia, MO 65203, Tuesday, Dec. 6, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The iPad has long been a commanding force in classrooms and libraries across Missouri. This event will be a deep-dive into getting the most out of the device. Learn how to create video content to share with colleagues or young learners. Use GarageBand to build dynamic audio projects. Guide students through the easy-to-learn coding platform Swift Playgrounds. Explore the readily available eBooks to aid in teaching computer science,

photography or music. The iPad is a leader in accessibility features designed to bring equity to learning and sharing in the classroom. Apple Classroom allows educators the ability control the iPad environment and share content with students. Join to see how to make the most of your iPad and its built-in apps and features and see why it continues to dominate most learning spaces. Registration is available at [The iPad: Your Digital Swiss Army Knife](#).

Location! Location! Location! Google Earth for Geography, Wednesday, Dec. 7, 9 - 9:50 a.m.

Geography influences everything. All civilizations depend on their location for how they have developed over time. In this class, we will look at using Google Earth to show students how to understand that influence. We will use Latitude

and Longitude, current weather conditions, historical data for earthquakes and volcanoes, and many others. Registration is available at [Google Earth for Geography](#).

Setting the Stage for Reading with EBSCO and Google, Monday, Dec. 12, 9 - 10:20 a.m.

Having context and reference when reading is necessary. In this workshop we will explore how to use EBSCO's eBooks, Google Maps, Google Earth, and Arts and Culture to "set the stage" for reading. Attendees will learn how to find

an eBook and then use Google's tools to give students the background and setting for our book. Registration is available at [Setting the Stage for Reading](#).



Reference Services for YOU: Missouri-centric

Do you have patrons who love geography and Missouri trivia? The function of the [center of population](#) used by the U.S. Census Bureau is to be a balancing point, and Missouri is once again in the middle. The mean center of population is the point at which a flat representation of the states and the District of Columbia would balance for identical weights representing the population. Each weight would signify the location of one person per the census.

After the 2020 Census, the [national mean center of population](#) is 37.415725 N, 92.346525 W, the most western and southern center of population to date. The 2020 center is 11.8 miles from the 2010 center in Texas County, MO, and 885.9 miles from the 1790 center in Maryland. Hartville is the nearest incorporated municipality to the 2020 center of population, a town of 594 in Wright County, MO. This is the fifth consecutive decennial census with Missouri as the [mean center of population](#).

- **2020:** Hartville (Wright County)
- **2010:** Plato (Texas County)
- **2000:** Edgar Springs (Phelps County)
- **1990:** Steelville (Crawford County)
- **1980:** Desoto (Jefferson County)

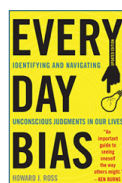
Want to inspire more learning about the centers of population locations? Direct patrons to this collection of [Story Maps](#) for information on current and previous centers of the United States. The Census Bureau Statistics in Schools provides a [Scavenger Hunt](#) and [Exploring Center of Population](#) activities. Alternatively, patrons can listen to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's [Podcast](#) on capturing snapshots of the population geography and how it helps GPS on phones.

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

Featured Books from the State Library



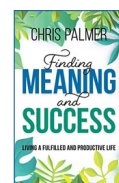
[The Four Fields of Leadership](#)



[Everyday Bias](#)



[Digital Body Language](#)



[Finding Meaning and Success](#)

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!





Around the State

Rolling Hills Consolidated Library



Rolling Hills Consolidated Library director Michelle Mears visited the State Library recently. Her library has the best car to promote libraries and literacy. Share your library's mobile promotion with us. We love to see how your library uses your cars/vans/bookmobiles as mobile advertising. Send your photos to lsta@sos.mo.gov.

Libraries & Veterans National Forum Toolkit

Sarah Bean Thompson of the Springfield-Greene County Library had been trying to get a book club going for years at her branch. For whatever reason, it just never takes off. She got the idea of combining Legos with books from a friend in Colorado who had started a Bricks and Books Club at her library. She kicked it off with *Dog Man* and has had three sessions. Each one has grown, and the club is becoming such a hit!

For each session, they talk about the selected book, share thoughts, etc. For the *Dog Man* club, Sarah showed a video of parts of the musical *Dog Man* that was performed at the Library of Congress. Participants spend the second part of the meeting building something themed from the book with Legos.

The kids have a blast and have had the same group come each month and bring friends to the other meetings. After *Dog Man*, Sarah selected two Mark Twain Nominees since the kids would probably already be reading them and familiar with them. We read *A Wish in the Dark* by Christina Soontornvot and then created boats and tested to see which designs would float. The next month the club read *The Winterborne Home*



for *Vengeance and Valor* by Ally Carter and built the Winterborne Mansion and a giant pencil, because why not?

The kids requested books that were a bit shorter with shorter chapters for the next round, so they will be doing a mix of graphic novels and some shorter books for winter/spring. The group loves it! One month, two of the regular attendees were not able to attend due to sickness. One of the sisters said, "I don't care if my sister is sick again next month, I'm making sure I come to Bricks and Books because it's so much fun and I don't want to miss it again!"

Grant Opportunities

Spotlight on Literacy Grant • Deadline: Jan. 31, 2023

Spotlight on Literacy (SLT) grants provide funds to create new or enhance current efforts to serve patrons of all ages through programs that support an educated and informed citizenry. Projects must identify a single target audience, as well as a literacy area to address such as early literacy, digital literacy, STEM literacy, health literacy, financial literacy, civic literacy, career literacy, etc. The SLT grant will open mid-December in the online grant management system, with applications being due by

Jan. 31, 2023. The minimum to request will be \$2,500, the maximum \$15,000, with up to \$110,000 being available for this grant round. The grant period will be March 15, 2023, to Feb. 28, 2024. See the award guidance for additional details and requirements. Please contact Lysha Thompson, Youth Services Consultant lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov, or Merideth Johnson, Adult Services Consultant merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov with questions.

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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