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Missouri State Library News

State Aid Certification Reminder

Please remember that annual State Aid Certification documents need to be submitted to the Missouri State Library by **July 31**. These documents must be submitted by this date in order to qualify for State Aid.

The three forms that must be submitted are:

1. State Aid Application
2. Board of Trustees List
3. Certification of Compliance

The forms may be submitted by email or fax:

- **Email** the forms to mostlib@sos.mo.gov
- **Fax** the forms to (573) 751-3612

Please submit all three forms together. If you have any questions, please contact Cory Mihalik at cory.mihalik@sos.mo.gov or by phone at (417) 895-5000.

Storywalk Excitement in Adair County

The Adair County Public Library and Thousand Hills State Park collaborated to add a permanent storywalk fixture at the park. The library funded the project while Thousand Hills took care of construction. The storywalk was placed along a paved trail for families to enjoy as they walk near the lake. Additionally, the library's Dial-A-Story phone line offers each month's selection for families to listen to as they walk the trail or enjoy while at home. The city of Kirksville's Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony April 14 to celebrate the opening of the storywalk.

Missouri Evergreen Celebrates its 10-Year Anniversary

During the June Missouri Public Library Directors conference in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Evergreen celebrated its 10-year anniversary. Directors of Missouri Evergreen libraries wore mint green t-shirts celebrating this milestone on the last day of the conference.

Missouri Evergreen Consortium began in 2011 when the Missouri State Library proposed a plan to establish a statewide network that would allow public libraries to share their books, audiobooks, music CDs, and DVD movies with other libraries.

Eleven libraries joined the consortium in the first active year, with Poplar Bluff Municipal Library being the first member library to join on July 1, 2012. The other libraries to join in FY13 were Grundy County Jewett Norris Library, Marshall Public Library, Carrollton Public Library, Lebanon-Laclede County Library, Stone County Library, Webster County Library, Doniphan-Ripley County Library, Albany Carnegie Public Library, Howard County Public Library, and Little Dixie Regional Libraries.

Over the next ten years, membership grew to include 60 Missouri public libraries, all sharing the same ILS and freely exchanging materials to benefit their patrons. Users at these libraries can borrow from a collection of almost four million items with a simple click of a button. Missouri Evergreen's combined collection is larger than any other single library collection in the state.

As of April 30, 2022, the consortium served 865,577 patrons, had 3,866,068 items and 1,359,697 bibliographic records in the catalog, and shared 314,463 among consortium member libraries (156,553 items requested and 157,910 items lent). A statewide courier delivery service transports requested items to the patron's home library. More than 40% of Missouri's public libraries of all sizes are currently Missouri Evergreen Consortium members. Based on the number of residents, the largest library is Scenic Regional Library with more than 140,000 residents, and the smallest member library is Albany Carnegie Library with fewer than 1,700 residents.

Congratulations to Missouri Evergreen and its member libraries for serving their patrons and Missouri citizens for 10 years. The Missouri State Library wishes you continued success!

Upcoming MOREnet Trainings

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

Unplugging Computer Science, Tuesday, July 12, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

In this era of technology, it is essential for young learners to have at least a basic understanding of computer science (CS) concepts. Unplugging CS is a great way to introduce key aspects without having to access any technology. This session will explore activities to teach key CS ideas such as how a computer interprets binary values, as well as looking into information theory and image representation. Registration is available [here](#).

Navigating Code.org and Its Resources, Tuesday, July 12, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Code.org is one of the industry leaders in computer science education, not just in the U.S. but globally. Backed by industry giants and classroom leaders, Code.org has amazing resources for learners and educators. Learners can choose to explore Hour of Code options covering functions and loops, done so with Star Wars and Minecraft characters. Educators and libraries can use Code.org resources to display computer science and all that it has to offer without having to invest resources of your own. Navigate through online courses tailored to early learners or choose to prepare students for career or industry with courses covering app development and text programming. Registration is available [here](#).

Upcoming Amigos Trainings

Know and Go: Engaging Beginning Readers in the Library, Monday, July 11, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

The transition from early reader to independent reader can be an exciting time for young library users and their families, even as it poses challenges as families look for the best books to help these skills grow. Catch up on some strategies and programs for beginning readers in the library during this Know & Go session. Learning objectives for this session include defining Beginning and Independent Readers, exploring collections and caregiver conversations to support Beginning Readers, and developing displays and programs to engage Beginning Readers. Registration is available [here](#).

Introduction to Health Literacy for Libraries, Thursday, July 21, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Health Literacy is the ability to obtain, process and understand basic health information and services. The National Assessment of Adult Literacy indicates only 12% of Americans have necessary health literacy skills, which include locating health services, understanding drug labels and following treatment instructions. Libraries are a natural conduit for working to improve the health literacy of their communities. Through print and digital resources, programs and partnerships – libraries can bring attention to the critical need for health literacy. Learning objectives for this session include describing facets of both personal and organizational health literacy, discussing types of library resources available and reference support for health literacy, and developing library programs for "Healthy People 2030", a health literacy initiative from U.S. Health and Human Services. Registration is available [here](#).

Reference Services for YOU: State of the Art

Government documents may not be the first place patrons look for art or entertainment, but the state of Missouri is filled with creative collections to appreciate and resources to promote. Libraries can also use these resources for opportunities to bring new entertainment to their spaces:

- [Featured Artists:](#) This Missouri Arts Council program highlights a new group of four artists from Missouri every month. Archives of artists previously featured are also available.

- [Missouri Digital Heritage:](#) These collections of art through the Secretary of State's Office feature many visual works created by Missourians or housed in Missouri institutions.

- [Missouri Division of Tourism:](#) Spotlight searches for Art & History throughout the state. Events are searchable by location, event dates, and other filters such as free admission.

- [Touring Performers Directory:](#) The Missouri Arts Council provides a directory of Missouri artists looking to tour and perform around Missouri.

- [Artist Opportunities:](#) The Missouri Arts Council posts call for artists in Missouri and nearby. Missouri and federal grant opportunities are also listed.

- [NEA Missouri Profile:](#) The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) support for Missouri's art profile features data as well as highlights of a variety of Missouri artists.

Questions? Contact Reference Services at (573) 751-3615, libref@sos.mo.gov, or [mostate.libguides.com](#).
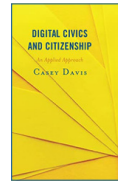
New Books from Reference Services

[Developing Library Collections for Today's Young Adults](#)

[Creating Accessible Online Instruction Using Universal Design Principles](#)

[Digital Civics and Citizenship](#)

[Copyright Policies and Workflows 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 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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