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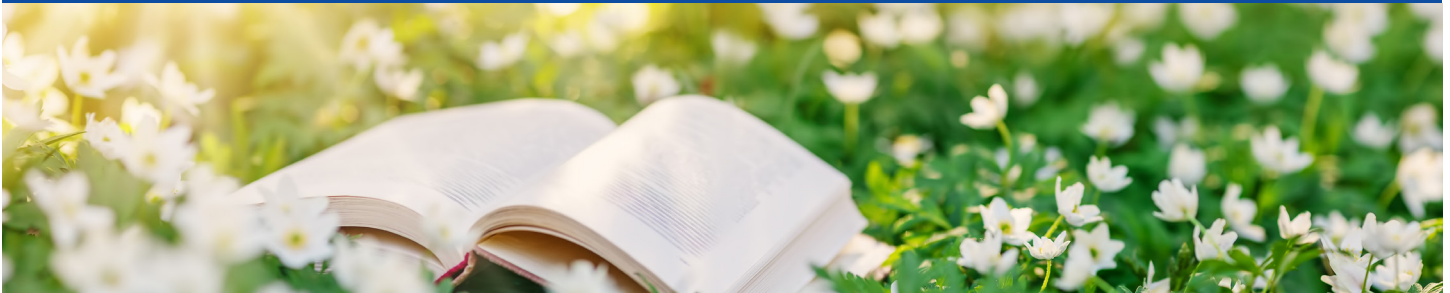
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Reference Services for YOU: Chronicling America

Government documents are reliable sources for historical research, but for the full picture, newspapers published at the time can provide additional context and insight.

Chronicling America Historic American Newspapers is a free database from the Library of Congress and National Endowment for the Humanities. Chronicling America provides access to a growing collection of newspapers from 1770 to 1963, with millions of pages available from newspapers in all 50 states.

Not sure where to start? Check out their interactive map, as well as the Topics A-Z page, an easy way to find widely covered subjects from Jesse James to the St. Louis World's Fair.

Or encourage patrons to take a moment to peruse old headlines from their hometown to see what they might discover. Use the Newspaper Directory (1690 – present) to narrow down to

State > County > City. Patrons can also add limiters and enter keywords to narrow their results. Newspapers are also a gold mine for genealogical research!

Beyond the text included in articles and advertisements, historic newspapers are rich in visual content like photographs, maps, and cartoons. The Newspaper Navigator makes it easy to search the captions corresponding to each visual element. When you find an image of interest, it will provide a link to the issue in which the image appeared in Chronicling America.
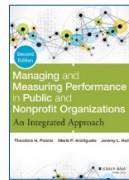
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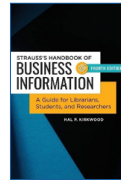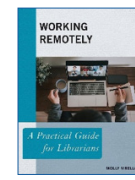
Featured Books from the State Library

Digitization and Digital Archiving

Managing and Measuring Performance in Public and Nonprofit Organizations

Strauss's Handbook of Business Information

Working Remotely

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!

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.

Professional Development Offerings

State Library STEM Kits Workshop • August 24, 9 a.m. to 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) on August 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. including a working lunch. MOREnet is located at 221 N. Stadium Blvd Suite 201, Columbia, MO. Contact Lysha Thompson, Youth Services Consultant, with questions. lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov. Registration is required to attend and available here.

Upcoming Amigos Training

Library Management: Managing Change, Tuesday, July 11, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Libraries regularly adapt to new technologies, changing user needs, and evolving societal trends as they fulfill their missions to meet the needs of their communities. Through this course, learners will formulate strategies for managing change and mastering the skills and relationships necessary to build a culture of innovation and continuous improvement. Attendees will learn to create a change-management plan, engage stakeholders, overcome resistance to change, and discover best practices for implementing change effectively. Registration is available at [Managing Change](#).

Know & Go: Managing Remote, Off-Site, and Hybrid Staff, Monday, July 17, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Leading a team who are not physically present every day can be a daunting challenge, but it can also be advantageous and fulfilling for both management and staff. Learn how to successfully lead and manage individuals and teams who work in different locations. Acquire the tools, skills, and methodologies that will help overcome the significant obstacles that are created by managing and working from a distance. Registration is available at [Managing Remote, Off-Site, and Hybrid Staff](#).

Know & Go: Managing Workplace Conflict, Monday, July 31, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Unresolved conflicts can lead to decreased productivity, low morale, and even legal issues. Learning how to manage conflicts among employees is an essential skill for any manager. Uncover different conflict resolution strategies and identify tools to manage employee conflicts effectively, recognize the root cause of conflicts, employ active listening techniques, and leverage negotiation skills. Registration is available at [Managing Workplace Conflict](#).

Know & Go: When Culinary Adventures and Libraries Meet, Monday, August 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](#).

Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

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

Summer 2023 Readers' Advisory Networking Session, Tuesday, July 25, 10 – 11:15 a.m.

Designed to be conversational, exchange ideas and be interactive (even if we have to do it on Zoom), MALA's Summer Readers' Advisory Networking Session will focus on "Library Displays and Collection Marketing."

Please come prepared with responses and ideas for the following talking/thinking points:

- Does your library have a display policy? If so, please be prepared to share a copy with attendees! If not, please tell us why not? Are you considering a display policy? Do you need one?

- How do you schedule/structure displays in your library? Is there a committee? A couple of especially artistic staffers who like to do displays? How does doing displays fit into their workday?

- Where do you get your display ideas? Please bring any online resources to share with the attendees!

- What are some of the challenges you have with creating displays?

- How are you measuring the success of a display? Reports? The number of times the display is refilled?

Registration is available at [Summer 2023 Readers' Advisory Networking Session](#).

Upcoming MOREnet Trainings

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

More LearningExpress Library for MOREnet Members, Tuesday, July 11, 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. Registration is available at [More LearningExpress Library](#). This webinar will also occur on August 10 and September 7.

Training Those Who Are Just Getting Started with Technology – St. Joseph Regional Training, Wednesday, July 12, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., East Hills Library, St. Joseph, MO

This three-hour class is intended to help libraries, nonprofits 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. Registration is available at [Training Those Who Are Just Getting Started](#). This training will also occur on August 10 in Hannibal.

Write that Resume!, Monday, July 17, 9 – 11 a.m.

You know EBSCO has great resources, but did you know it also has a world-class resume builder? It has example resumes, keyword help, and cover letter writing. This workshop will focus on the aspects of using all the great features. Registration is available at [Write that Resume](#).

Getting the most from MOREnet!, Monday, July 24, 9 - 10 a.m.

This course is designed for individuals who are interested in learning more about the resources available through MOREnet for their school or library. The course will cover topics such as MyMOREnet, EBSCO, training opportunities, and how to maximize the benefits of your MOREnet subscription. Whether you are new to MOREnet or an experienced user, this course will provide valuable insights into the resources available to you. Registration is available at [Getting the most from MOREnet](#).

Career Readiness Resources, Wednesday, August 2, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

If you are a teacher or librarian looking to share some great resources about careers, job skills and career research tools, this is your session! We will begin by exploring tools that address skills gaps for learners and job seekers, such as computer competency and literacy. Then we will look at how you can blend these tools to assist patrons and students. We will also explore tools for researching careers and identifying the skills needed to get the job! Registration is available at [Career Readiness Resources](#).

Training Program from the Northeast Document Conservation Center

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

Getting Ready for Preservation Grant Season, Thursday, July 13, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Many applications for U.S. preservation grant opportunities are due in the winter. Get a head start on the application process and join NEDCC for an overview of preservation grants, including eligible projects, important deadlines, and administrative steps like creating a Grants.gov account. The presenter will also provide application tips that are useful for all programs, no matter the grant you plan to apply to. Registration is available at [Getting Ready for Preservation Grant Season](#).

Digitizing Photographs, Thursday, July 20, 1 – 3 p.m.

This webinar provides an in-depth overview of photograph digitization. Digitizing photographic collections can foster research, engage users, and help preserve the original objects, but a one-size-fits-all approach to reformatting will not provide the best results given the variety of photographic formats and processes that exist. This two-hour webinar will address prioritizing materials for reformatting based upon preservation needs, the benefits and drawbacks of various digitization methods, equipment options and workflows, and present considerations related to file formats and resolution to assist you in choosing an approach that is right for your project. While not exhaustive, the webinar will address glass- and film-based negatives and slides; daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, and tintypes; photographic prints ranging from carte-de-visites to panoramas; and photograph albums. Registration is available at [Digitizing Photographs](#).

Preventing and Responding to Mold in Book and Paper Collections, Tuesday, August 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 [Preventing and Responding to Mold in Book and Paper Collections](#).

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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