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 *State Library Newsletter*

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Missouri Secretary of State  
**John R. Ashcroft**



## Missouri State Library News

### Missouri State Archives Offers New Database

The Missouri State Archives has launched a new database with a wealth of county and municipal records. [The County and Municipal Records Database](#) offers access to 5,800 volumes and individual records from 81 of Missouri's 114 counties. Users can view a range of records, from

marriage certificates, court records and deeds to city council minutes and ordinances. Though not searchable by name, they are browsable by county, office, type and date. There is also a keyword field for more targeted searches.

### State Aid Certification Reminder

The annual deadline to submit state aid certification documents is July 31. All documents must be submitted to the State Library by this date in order to qualify for fiscal year 2024 aid.

The three forms that must be submitted are:

1. [State Aid Application](#)
2. [Board of Trustees List](#)
3. [Certification of Compliance](#)

This year, libraries will also need to submit all policies that comply with the new [Administrative Rule 15 CSR 30-200.015](#). These documents will be kept on file at the State Library and will only

need to be resubmitted in the future if you have had a change to your policies.

All documents may be submitted by email or fax:

- Email the forms to [mostlib@sos.mo.gov](mailto:mostlib@sos.mo.gov)
- Fax the forms to (573) 751-3612

If possible, please submit all forms and additional documents together. If you have any questions, please contact Cory Mihalik at (417) 895-5000 or [cory.mihalik@sos.mo.gov](mailto:cory.mihalik@sos.mo.gov).

 **JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>!**



## Reference Services for YOU: Celebrating Fatherhood

Considering promotions for Father's Day celebrations in the library? From encouraging new fathers, celebrating dads, and inspiring families, the [National Responsible Fatherhood Clearinghouse](#) (NFRFC) is committed to honoring as well as helping fathers and their families. The NFRFC provides many useful resources for individuals and groups like research on responsible fatherhood, suggested activities for dads and kids to do together, and tips for program practitioners on facilitating engaging group work geared toward fatherhood.

Service providers in the planning stage or those currently running a program can review [toolkits](#) for working with incarcerated and re-entering

fathers, dads of children with special needs, non-residential fathers, low-income dads, and more. These resources are freely available to assist agencies and organizations in developing new or enhancing existing fatherhood programs.

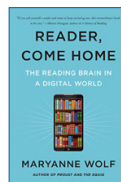
Use the [Program Map](#) to find a fatherhood program in your area, including state and regional agencies. Highlight [#Dadication PSAs](#) to promote the importance of fathers in the lives of their children. And no fatherhood celebration would be complete without sharing some [Dad Jokes!](#)

Questions? Contact Reference Services at (573) 751-3615, [libref@sos.mo.gov](mailto:libref@sos.mo.gov), or [mostate.libguides.com](http://mostate.libguides.com).

## Featured Books from the State Library



[Library Signage and Wayfinding Design](#)



[Reader, Come Home: The Reading Brain in a Digital World](#)



[Library Marketing and Communications](#)



[Exhibits and Displays: A Practical Guide for Librarians](#)

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!



## MOREnet Announces New & Upgraded Online Research Resources

One of the high-value benefits of membership in the MOREnet Consortium is access to EBSCO, LearningExpress Library, HeritageQuest and Rosen databases. Purchased separately, these resources are out of reach for many, if not most, organizations. We are proud to bring this value to our members.

We are excited to share with you that we have negotiated added value to the Online Resources included with your MOREnet Membership Service Package! Beginning in the new fiscal year, July 1, 2023, PrepSTEP databases will now be part of your tool kit, and two existing resources will now include additional features.

## New Databases: PrepSTEP

PrepSTEP for High Schools includes content from LearningExpress Library Complete, but comes with a custom interface for a targeted search for this age group. This tool integrates with Schoology, Canvas, Blackboard and Brightspace for instructor oversight of student performance.

PrepSTEP for Community Colleges assists students to achieve their goals by improving core academic skills, offering them study resources to score higher on college placement tests, explore careers, prepare for occupational exams or build workplace skills. Targeted Learning Centers are ACT and SAT Test Prep, College Success Skills, Core Math and Science Skills, Core English Skills, Career Prep, High School Equivalency, Basic Computer Skills, Placement Test Prep, Spanish Center (Recursos Para Hispanohablantes). This tool also integrates with Schoology, Canvas, Blackboard and Brightspace for instructor oversight of student performance.

## Upgraded Resources: LearningExpress Library Complete and Job and Career Accelerator

LearningExpress Library Complete was upgraded from the current LearningExpress Library database.

With similar content to the existing MOREnet online resource LearningExpress Library, this upgrade contains a third more resources! Here you will find upgraded resources for academic, skill building, test prep and career-related resources, all in one online platform. This resource includes tests, tutorials, microlessons, eBooks, articles and flash cards. We think you will love the new microlessons, which are short, interactive lessons that make it easy for learners to develop their reading and math skills at their own pace.

LEL Complete is organized into targeted learning centers including Adult Core Skills, Basic Computer Skills, Career Preparation, College Students, High School Equivalency Center, Prepare for College, Grades 4-8 Educator Resources, High School Students and the Spanish Center (Recursos Para Hispanohablantes).

Job & Career Accelerator includes the currently available Resume and Cover Letter Builder, and so much more.

PrepSTEP for Colleges & Universities builds foundational skills for college success, improves core English, math and science skills, and offers study resources to enable students to score higher on college placement tests. Other benefits of this database include practice for basic computer skills, building workplace skills and exploring careers, and preparing for grad school as well as occupational exams. Targeted Learning Centers are College Success Skills, Basic Computer Skills, Core Math and Science Skills, Core English Skills, Career Preparation, Grad School Admissions Prep, Placement Test Prep, and Spanish Center (Recursos Para Hispanohablantes). All PrepSTEP resources integrate with Schoology, Canvas, Blackboard and Brightspace for instructor oversight of students' performance.

Offer job seekers the tools they need to explore careers, find open positions, apply for jobs and get hired. Find award-winning information on careers, skills and interest assessments to match individuals with ideal career paths. In addition to tools to create professional resumes and cover letters, your patrons and students can search for jobs or internships as well as colleges and scholarships.

Information about the resources can be found at [Search.more.net](http://Search.more.net), our hub for all things related to online research resources. Promotional resources can be found under the Tools tab. Tutorials and training sessions can be found under the Training tab. Virtual training opportunities for the new online resources can be found on the [Online Training Schedule](#).

Contact Jeanne Sullivan, public libraries member service advisor, by email at [jeanne@more.net](mailto:jeanne@more.net) or by phone at (573) 884-7646 with questions.







## TechSoup for Libraries

TechSoup has been supporting libraries with donations and discounts on needed hardware and software since 2002 and free content, webinars, and newsletters since 2008. More than half of public libraries in the United States use TechSoup.

Read the May 19 blog post, [TechSoup's Top Offers for Libraries](#), to learn about offerings from the TechSoup catalog that can help libraries

better support staff and operations. Software from Adobe, Intuit, Microsoft, and Norton is available along with hardware from Dell, Lenovo, and Mobile Beacon.

Learn more about resources for libraries and subscribe to the TechSoup for Libraries Newsletter at [TechSoup for Libraries](#).

## Around the State

### Missouri Lifetime Arts Trainings



In May of 2023, the Institution for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Califa Group, Missouri and Wyoming State Libraries and Lifetime Arts kicked off their three-year initiative to train librarians on how to create Advancing Creative Aging programs in their libraries. Over the span of two weeks, three trainings were held in Kansas City, St. Louis and Springfield, where the topics of ageism, creative aging concepts, and social engagement and artmaking were covered.



Lifetime Arts teaching artists broke down the Creative Aging Arts Education Model and program design, and demonstrated how it can be adapted to libraries. These activities included workshops, lively discussions and highlighted tools that will help librarians and library programmers in creative aging program planning, design, marketing, implementation, and documentation. In the coming months, these libraries will be starting Creative Aging projects that are designed for their patrons that are ages 55 and better. These include but are not limited to: photography, sculpture, music, choir, painting, storytelling and acting.



The project is generously supported by a \$646,000 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian grant from IMLS. For more information regarding this program please reach out to Merideth Johnson at (573) 751-1822 or [merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov](mailto:merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov).



## Missouri Evergreen Consortium's New Executive Director, Steven V. Potter

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Kansas City, MO – Missouri Evergreen Consortium's Executive Board approved a contract to hire Steven V. Potter as the consortium's new Executive Director.

Beginning June 1, 2023, Potter will assume MEC's leadership position, overseeing the statewide consortium's 65-member libraries. Potter moves to Missouri Evergreen after a distinguished career as the CEO of Mid-Continent Public Library, the largest library system in the Kansas City metropolitan area. "Steve Potter is a legend among Missouri libraries, and a nationally recognized and respected figure in the library world," said Sue Lightfoot-Horine, Board President of Missouri Evergreen. "His proven leadership skills, vision, and operational acumen will allow Missouri Evergreen to continue its phenomenal growth as the largest library resource sharing project in the state of Missouri. We are excited for the visionary leadership Steve brings to our consortium."

In his previous position at Mid-Continent Public Library, Potter served as Library Director and CEO for 12 years. All told, his career at Mid-Continent spanned three decades. Potter holds master's degrees in both Library Science and Public Administration. Potter has served as board member and chair for Amigos Library Services, one of MEC's strategic partners. He is the owner and principal of Potter Training and Consulting, LLC. "I am eager to bring my experience managing a large, complex, board-directed organization, as well as my experience as a community builder and community connector to Missouri Evergreen," Potter said. "The opportunity to continue serving my friends and colleagues in the Missouri library community is deeply gratifying."

Mickey Coalwell, MEC's retiring Executive Director, said, "On behalf of the Missouri Evergreen board and membership, I warmly welcome Steve Potter to Missouri Evergreen. He is the right person to lead this consortium into the future. Steve's knowledge and experience serving Missouri libraries is unparalleled. I can't think of anyone more capable of ensuring this project's long-term success."

## Grant Opportunities

### [Educational Presenter Grant](#) • **Deadline: Ongoing**

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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

## Upcoming Amigos Training

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

### **Know & Go: The Accidental Cataloger: Tips and Tools to Help You Use the Rules, Monday, June 12, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

New to library cataloging with no previous experience? No need to worry! Brush up on free resources to help with cataloging and find the best path to get cataloged materials into patrons' hands. Understand the standards for library cataloging and computer encoding

of catalog records, and identify resources, including free sources, of information to work with Machine-Readable Cataloging (MARC) records. Registration is available at [The Accidental Cataloger](#).

### **Introduction to Storytimes and Early Literacy Programming, Tuesday & Wednesday, June 13 & 14, 1 – 3 p.m.**

Whether new to planning and facilitating storytimes or looking for new inspiration, this introduction provides the fundamentals of storytime and early-literacy program planning. Discover ways to help caregivers and community partners foster a love of reading through engaging events and services, and stay up to date with the latest trends and opportunities

in library services specifically for ages 0 to 5. Attendees will learn to identify the foundations of early literacy, discuss the library's role in family literacy, utilize planning tools for 0 to 5 programs, and examine new trends in early literacy programs and services. Registration is available at [Introduction to Storytimes](#).

### **Know & Go: Trends and Changes for the Future of Libraries, Tuesday, June 20, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

Thinking about the future is not about prediction. It is about seeing the changes and trends in our world – across society, technology, education, economics, politics, and the environment – and finding opportunities for learning and actions that can help us move forward. This overview

will share a bit about futures thinking before diving into some recent (and continuing) trends and their possible implications for libraries. Registration is available at [Trends and Changes for the Future of Libraries](#).

## Upcoming MOREnet Trainings

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

### **Libraries! Give your stories context with EBSCO and Google Tools! Monday June 12, 10 – 11:30 a.m.**

Having context and reference when reading is a must. 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 [Give your stories context with EBSCO and Google Tools](#).

### **Training Those Who Are Just Getting Started with Technology Webinar, Wednesday, June 14, 10 – 11 a.m.**

MOREnet has developed content for public libraries, non-profits and community colleges to assist community members who are new to technology. Join us for this webinar to learn about the content and how to access teaching notes, slides, and supplemental material. This content would make great programming

and outreach. Some of the content includes password security, setting up a basic home network, and how to access affordable internet. This webinar will also occur on June 19 and June 28. Registration is available at [Training Those Who Are Just Getting Started with Technology](#).



**More LearningExpress Library for MOREnet Members, Thursday, June 15, 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 July 13, August 8, and September 7. Registration is available at [More LearningExpress Library](#).

**Training Those Who Are Just Getting Started with Technology - Warrensburg Regional Training, Wednesday, June 21, 1 - 4 p.m., University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg**

This three-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. This training will also occur on July 12 in St. Joseph. Registration is available at [Training Those Who Are Just Getting Started](#).

**Training Program from the Northeast Document Conservation Center**

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

**Digital Preservation Storage 101, Tuesday, June 20, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Providing the right kind of storage with the right number of copies for your digital files can make the difference between losing and saving your organization's digital cultural heritage. If you are completely new to digital preservation storage, or simply need a refresher or tips for how to work with your IT department, this webinar will

help you improve storage at your institution. The instructor will cover requirements for storage environments as well as several affordable and scalable options to meet small and midsize organizations' needs for storage. Registration is available at [Digital Preservation Storage 101](#).



## 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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