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 **State Library Newsletter**

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John R. Ashcroft



Missouri State Library News

Storywalk Kits

Missouri State Library staff installed a Braille-enhanced StoryWalk® at Memorial Park in Jefferson City. Soon we will have StoryWalk® kits available for check out to public and school libraries. The project is a collaboration between the state library's Library Development division and Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library.

Robin Westphal (left) and Lysha Thompson (right) install accessible story pages along paths at Memorial Park, Jefferson City, MO.



Summer Library Programs

The time has come, once again and the Missouri State Library would love to know about the amazing programs happening this summer. Are you having a program you think we should know about? Did you have a program that you'd like to share? Send pictures and/or a description and it could be highlighted in the monthly newsletter. As always, consultants are here for you to answer questions or simply lend an ear. Lysha Thompson,

Youth Services Consultant (lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov) and Merideth Johnson, Adult Services Consultant (merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov). Be sure to keep up with the Collaborative Summer Library Program by subscribing to the [newsletter](#), checking the manual page frequently for updates, and joining the [CSLP Official Summer Library Programming Group!](#)

TeachingBooks Ideas and Ready-To-Use Resources

Explore resources for jumping-off points that deepen discussions, inspire reading interest, and support connections to books and authors. [Summer Reading Resources](#) include lists of titles and resources to go along with them, including titles to support Collaborative Summer Library Program's *Adventure Begins at Your Library* and *Vooks Storytime* with each title including a

Vooks-exclusive video book reading that includes beautiful animation, read-aloud narration, engaging music and sound, and read-along text. Check out [Monthly Lesson Ideas](#) and [Timely Topics archive](#) for additional resources as well. Be sure to sign-up for [TeachingBooks newsletters](#) for resources to enrich and deepen connections to books and authors.

Voices in Autism

The Missouri State Library in partnership with the Monarch Center for Autism, presents ***Voices in Autism*** series. Every month we will have a short 5-10 minute conversation highlighting different experiences with autism. This month our mini conversation continues from last month with Mandi Rickelman and Jenna Winkelman. Mandi Rickelman, M.A., is the director of the Welcoming Spaces Program at Monarch Center for Autism, a *division of Bellefairs JCB*. Welcoming Spaces Program hopes to increase the number of community-based venues that are able to successfully meet diverse sensory processing needs, provide helpful communication outlets, and deliver predictability for a neurodivergent

world. Jenna Winkelman, M.A. is an individual with Autism pursuing a PhD in Clinical Psychology. Her research interest has focused primarily on ways to diagnose trauma and PTSD in individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Jenna is also an advocate for both clients and herself, pushing through stereotypes of ASD and trying to create an acceptance versus an awareness of the disorder. This month's session is the second part of Awareness vs. Acceptance, to hear this conversation please click [here](#). If you have a program you would like to promote or have a representative from the State Library attend, please reach out to Merideth Johnson at merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov or (573) 751-1822.

Reference Services for YOU: Global Legal Research

If patrons need to review worldwide legal news and developments, the Law Library of Congress provides digital collections of foreign, comparative and international legal materials. These collections feature publications focused primarily on current legal developments, with older issues archived for in-depth study.

- [Global Legal Monitor](#): The Law Library of Congress's online publication covers legal news internationally. Information is sourced from official national legal publications and reliable press sources.
- [Legal Reports Collection](#): Research reports on legal topics prepared by staff for members of Congress or federal agencies on issues concerning international law.
- [Nations of the World](#): Part of the Guide to Law Online, the Nations of the World is a

compilation of legal resources with links to resources for individual countries. Additional resources are geared toward research focused on reviewing historical international issues.

- [The United States Treaties and Other International Agreements Collection](#): A collection of treaties between 1776 and 1984 to which the United States is or was a party.
- [Foreign Legal Gazettes](#): Gazettes are primary sources of law published by individual national governments. This collection contains gazettes from the mid-nineteenth century onward.

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



New Databases Available for MOREnet Members Explora-Academic

Explora-Academic will allow a single search interface for academic level (college) resources currently available to MOREnet members. Explora-Academic will search the following currently available resources: Academic Search

Elite, Education Resources Information Center, Professional Development Collection, and eBook Open Access Monographic Collection. IP recognition and username/password authentication are available.

Exploring Race in Society

Exploring Race in Society is a full text academic level database that provides background information on topics related to race, ethnicity, diversity and inclusiveness. Although it can be accessed freely by anyone on the internet, MOREnet staff can assist you with adding it to your EBSCO account and integrating it into both your Explora and EBSCOhost profiles.

Read the [Introducing Explora-Academic](#) blog post to learn more. For assistance with MOREnet's online resources, visit <http://search.more.net> or email MOREnet technical support at help@more.net.



Around the State

Rockwood Elementary Battle of the Books

The Sixth Annual Rockwood Elementary Battle of the Books was held on April 18. Each of Rockwood's nineteen elementary schools were represented by a team of eight fourth and fifth grade students. Similar to a trivia night, the competition involved the teams facing off to

answer eighty questions about this year's Mark Twain books. As always, the competition was friendly but fierce. At the end of eight rounds, Chesterfield Elementary School had the most correct answers and claimed the championship for the second consecutive year.

St. Louis County Library & St. Louis Public Library

St. Louis County Library (SLCL) and St. Louis Public Library (SLPL) are teaming up to offer a joint summer reading and exploration program called STL Summer Adventure! This brand-new program invites youth, 17 and younger, to go on an adventure with a variety of activities in STEM, Art, Outdoors, St. Louis and reading. To celebrate the launch of STL Summer Adventure, the library systems unveiled new library cards sponsored

by St. Louis CITY SC. Everyone who signs up will receive a free book at registration. The program offers 5 paths of learning, which contain a variety of activities such as reading a book, putting together a puzzle, making a sidewalk chalk creation, visiting a local attraction like the Science Center or The Magic House. Learn more at <https://www.stlsummeradventure.org/>.



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 FY24 state aid, Missouri school libraries publicly supported and publicly controlled, and Missouri academic libraries supported publicly or privately.



Professional Development Offerings

Amigos Library Services

Trainings include:

- Strategic Communication Planning for Libraries, June 4 & 11, 2 – 4 p.m.
- Know & Go: Effective Committee and Board Service, June 10, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
- Know & Go: Expanding Library Services for Justice-Involved Patrons, June 17, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

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

MOREnet

Trainings include:

- Prep Step-Overview and Sign Up, June 10, 9 – 9:45 a.m. Four other 45-minute webinars about specific Prep Step tools are also available.
- EBSCO Host for Research, June 24, 9 – 9:45 a.m.
- Rosen Databases from MOREnet, June 24, 10 – 10:45 a.m.
- Missouri History and Genealogy Resources, June 24, 11– 11:45 a.m.
- Understanding Cyber.org and Its Resources, June 25, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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

Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM)

Trainings include:

- The Dementia Friendly Library: Increasing belonging in Virginia Libraries, June 25, 1 – 2 p.m.
- 5 Steps to an Accessible Document, June 27, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

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

Niche Academy

Trainings include:

- Leveraging the Power of Advocates and the Devil's Advocate in Change Management, June 12, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Managing Effective Library Boards, June 26, 1 – 2 p.m.

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

Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC)

Trainings include:

- Writing A Disaster Plan, June 6 & 13, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Digital Preservation Storage 101, June 18, 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

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

WebJunction

Trainings include:

- Supporting Domestic and Sexual Violence Survivors at Your Library, June 6, 2 – 3 p.m.
- Data Storytelling 101, 2 – 3 p.m.

For the complete training list, visit the [WebJunction Webinar Calendar](#). Create a free account to access webinar archives and training in the [WebJunction Course Catalog](#).



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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