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 **State Library Newsletter**

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Missouri Secretary of State
John R. Ashcroft

Missouri State Library News

Missouri Library Staff LibGuide

Did you know a collection of helpful resources on various library administration topics is readily available? Check out the [Missouri Library Staff Guide: Helpful Resources](#) tab. Featured this month is a series on Parliamentary Procedures for Libraries, which is under the Library Administration heading. This webinar is a four-

part series, presented by Minitex and Minnesota Library Association. The series is designed to give library staff the knowledge they need to do a better job running meetings as well as participating in them. Professional Registered Parliamentarian Pat Reymann will lead the sessions.

Summer Library Program FAQs

Reading Challenges suggestions:

- Reading Challenge requirements – Encourage patrons to set their own goal for the summer reading challenge. Instead of a quantity of books, pages or minutes, stress the importance of reading each day. Your requirement can be simply reading every day and having patrons set their own goal for the amount of time they challenge themselves to.
- Research recommends reading a minimum of 20–30 minutes per day. ([Benefits of Reading Books: For Your Physical and Mental Health, healthline.com](#); [What are the benefits of reading books? A lot, actually, today.com](#)).
- Benefits of reading 20 or more minutes per day:
 - Increase vocabulary
 - Strengthen communication
 - Enhance writing
 - Help to develop empathy
 - Build imagination
 - Can prevent summer slide
 - Reduces stress
 - Prevents cognitive decline
- Get creative with prizes and celebrations instead of only rewarding for the number of books or number of pages. Make completions and prize eligibility equitable for all patrons.

Reference Services for YOU: We're in Session

Following the current session of the Missouri General Assembly is easier than ever before! Below are resources to help your patrons stay on top of the happenings at the state Capitol this legislative session:

- [Joint Bill Tracking](#): Search by keyword, sponsor or bill number. Search results will display a bill's number, summary, and sponsor as well as the last action taken.
- [House of Representatives Videos](#): View live, in-progress floor debates and committee hearings as well as archived videos for past sessions from 2015 to the present.
- [Senate Audio](#): Listen to the audio of live proceedings in the Senate chamber. The Senate's [audio archive](#) includes audio from 2009 up to the previous day's session.
- [Legislator Lookup](#): Find and verify current legislators by entering a Missouri address or ZIP Code.
- [Missouri Legislative Districts](#): View the Missouri Congressional, state House, and state Senate districts in this online map with layers for users to add or remove to best fit their needs.
- [Governor's Legislative Actions](#): Review legislative actions such as signatures or vetoes of bills sent to the Governor.
- [Missouri Revised Statutes](#): For current laws of the state of Missouri, search this site by keyword(s) or browse by chapter.
- [Lobbying Searches](#): Search for registered lobbyists, principals, and expenditures from the Missouri Ethics Commission.

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

Featured Books from the State Library



[Better By Design](#)



[Planning and Implementing a Sustainable Digital Preservation Program](#)



[Serving Teens and Adults on the Autism Spectrum](#)



[The Special Collections Handbook](#)

Discover 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

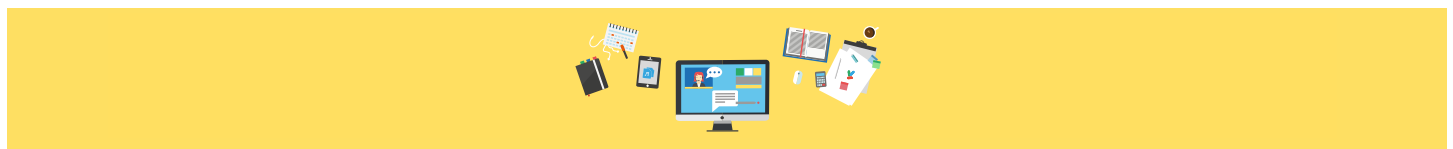
Spotlight Program: Storytime with Adair County SB40 and Adair County Public Library

On February 2nd the Adair County Public Library and Adair County SB40 held their first Open Hearts Storytime at the Community Learning Center. The Center began in 2009 as a place for adults with developmental disabilities to get together and engage in fun activities and offer specific classes that teach everything from self-advocacy, cooking skills, appropriate relationship skills, budgeting and more. Adair County Public Library Director Dana DeVore, and SB40 Community Engagement Specialist Melissa Cline, worked together to find ways to engage these patrons with their local library in an environment that they felt comfortable. They decided to have a monthly storytime where the library came to the community center since the patrons were already familiar with that location.



Children's Librarian Breann Turner got to work and created a wonderful interactive story time. Being Groundhog Day, they decided to use that as the theme. The books included, *Will I See My Shadow?* and *Groundhogs Day Off*. Following the reading, participants were encouraged to create and decorate a groundhog head band. Breann used fun voices and interactions with the audience and everyone enjoyed it greatly. This will continue to be a monthly event and Adair County Public Library is excited to watch this partnership grow.

If you have a program to promote or would like a representative from the State Library to attend, please reach out to Merideth Johnson: merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov, (573) 751-1822.



Grant Opportunities

As of the writing of this newsletter, U.S. Congress has not established a budget for FY24 which stops the allocation and distribution of IMLS funding. At this time, the State Library does not foresee an issue with any of the grants, but a prolonged delay in enacting a federal budget could result in delays in first payments of the three long term grants. Since the long-term

grants come earliest in the Missouri State Library grant cycle, these are most likely the only grants affected. However, all future grants potentially can be susceptible to this funding allocation, or a lack thereof. The [grant call schedule](#) lists the application due dates and report due dates of all scheduled grants.

The **Digital Imaging Grant (DIG)** is currently open in the online grant management system. This grant required a [Letter of Intent](#) be submitted by Jan. 15, 2024 as one of the eligibility

requirements. If you have any questions on the DIG, please contact Matt at matthew.butler@sos.mo.gov. The Digital Imaging Grant application is due March 15, 2024.

[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

Missouri Collection Analysis Initiative

Register for the [Missouri Collection Analysis Initiative](#) to attend the spring webinar series:

- March 14: Analyze and Enhance Your Summer Reading Lists
- March 21: Simplifying Audits of Large Collections
- March 28: Getting Started with the Missouri Collection Analysis Initiative
- April 11: Celebrating and Surveying African American Youth Literature
- April 25: Navigating the Literary Landscape: Phonics & Collections
- May 2: Recap: The Missouri Collection Analysis Initiative

Missouri's Office of Broadband Development launches interactive map to help invest \$1.7 billion in BEAD funding

Missouri's Department of Economic Development's (DED) Office of Broadband Development (OBD) announced on Feb. 23, 2024, that it has launched the first version of the new [Missouri Public Broadband Availability Interactive Map](#). The map, which uses the Sanborn Map Company's Broadband Navigator technology, will assist in the investment of \$1.7 billion in funding provided by the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program.

The interactive map will assist Missourians during the BEAD challenge process, which will allow for the reporting of locations that lack service and

should be eligible for funding. The challenge process is scheduled to open on March 18, 2024, and close on April 19, 2024. To be notified when the challenge process begins, [subscribe for email updates from OBD](#).

The full press release is available online in the [Missouri Development of Economic Development Press Room](#).



Amigos Library Services

March trainings:

- Know & Go: Creating Effective Library Policies, March 11, 1:30–2:30 p.m.
- Know & Go: Documenting Library Work: Lessons We Can Learn from Technical Writers, March 25, 1:30–2:30 p.m.
- Serving the Neurodiverse Library User, March 26 & 27, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

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

MALA

March trainings:

- Breaking Down Barriers: Building Inclusive and Equitable Libraries Through Identity Literacy, March 21, 2–3 p.m.

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

MOREnet

March trainings:

- Intro to Online Education Resources, March 6, 1–2 p.m.
- Missouri History & Genealogy, March 19, 9–10:30 a.m.
- Digital Literacy – Search and Research Skills, March 19, 3:30–4 p.m.
- Internet Safety & Digital Citizenship for Elementary Students, March 25, 9–11 a.m.

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

Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM)

March trainings:

- Blue Marble Librarians: Libraries Helping Their Communities Prepare for Extreme Weather and Foster Socially and Ecologically Conscious Culture, March 12, 4–5:30 p.m.
- Health Programming at Your Library, March 22, 4–4:30 p.m.
- Wikipedia + Libraries: NNLM, March 25–April 19, self-paced course delivered in Moodle
- Fostering Connection: Addressing Library Employee Loneliness, March 26, 4–5 p.m.

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



Niche Academy

March trainings:

- Library Boards and Intellectual Freedom: How to Combat Censorship with Your Library Trustees, March 13, 3–4 p.m.
- Anxiety in Academia: Librarians' Guide to Recognizing, Responding and Collaborating for Student Well-Being, March 27, 3–4 p.m.

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

Northeast Document Conservation Center

March trainings:

- Handling Book and Paper-Based Collections: A Primer for Staff, Interns & Volunteers, March 12, 1:30–2:30 p.m.
- Introduction to Audio Preservation, March 26, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

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

WebJunction

March trainings:

- Creating a Person-Centered Library: Supporting Patrons While Avoiding Burnout, March 13, 4–5:30 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](#).

Big Talk From Small Libraries

Big Talk from Small Libraries is a free one-day conference tailored for staff from small libraries. In 2024, the conference was held on February 23. Each of the speakers were from a library serving fewer than 10,000 people, or were directly partnered with a small library and co-presenting with the library. Topics ranged from technology to programming to new roles for the library. If you did not attend, no worries. Unless otherwise

noted, sessions are recorded and posted to the [Previous Conferences](#) page as soon as possible after the event. You do not need to register for the conference to access the recordings. This conference was organized and hosted by Christa Porter of the Nebraska Library Commission and was co-sponsored by the [Association for Rural & Small Libraries](#).



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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