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 **State Library Newsletter**

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John R. Ashcroft

Missouri State Library News

New Listserv Announcement

If you're a new public library director, join the New Public Library Director listserv! The Newpld is an unmoderated listserv sponsored by the Missouri State Library. Its purpose is for new library directors to have the space to receive support, voice questions and concerns about

being new to the position, receive information about State Library resources, and form connections with one another. Please contact Gloria Fordyce at gloria.fordyce@sos.mo.gov to register.

Reference Services for YOU: Earthquake Preparedness

October 19 is International ShakeOut Day, and while Missouri may not be your first thought for earthquakes, it doesn't mean citizens should be unfamiliar with earthquake resources. The Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and other agencies provide ample resources to help learn, plan, and prepare for earthquakes in the New Madrid seismic zone that includes Missouri.

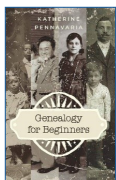
- [Earthquake Maps, Tools, and Locators](#): DNR created a one-stop list of tools with hazard maps, recent earthquakes, magnitude calculators, and studies from both local and federal resources.
- [Recent Missouri Earthquakes](#): SEMA tracks and provides information about recent earthquake activity for the past week, which can be viewed by searching an address, ZIP Code, or by utilizing the map.

- [Feel an Earthquake](#): SEMA also created a tool to experience a virtual earthquake and learn about potential damage based on magnitude.
- [Earthquake Insurance](#): The Missouri Department of Commerce and Insurance publishes an earthquake insurance shopping guide and insurance coverage report. Current and previous editions are available through our [Missouri State Publications Collection](#).
- [Missouri Region](#): The U.S. Geological Survey provides information by region with hazards, topics of interest, and organizations for Missouri earthquake preparedness.

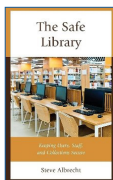


Questions? Contact Reference Services at (573) 751-3615, libref@sos.mo.gov, or mostate.libguides.com.

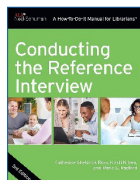
Featured Books from the State Library



[Genealogy for Beginners](#)



[The Safe Library](#)



[Conducting the Reference Interview](#)



[100+ Ideas to Inspire Smart Spaces and Creative Places](#)

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

Upcoming Amigos Training

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

Amigos Community Conversations: Libraries and the Letter of the Law, Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2 – 4 p.m.

This is an exclusive, no-charge event for Amigos Library Services members.

Laws and rules governing libraries are rapidly being re-evaluated and updated nationwide. Join us for the next Amigos Community Conversations event and delve into some of the key legal developments affecting libraries, such as censorship and access to library services. Leaders will take center stage to share their insights, expertise, and experiences on how these new laws are affecting the way libraries operate.

Join us for an interactive town hall discussion on the effects and implications of changing laws and

rules for library collections and services. Submit your law change questions, concerns, and opportunities in advance to be answered by the panelists.

Panelists are Robin Westphal, State Librarian of Missouri; Shirly Robinson, Executive Director of the Texas Library Association; Lisa Varga, Executive Director of the Virginia Library Association; and Natalie Currie, State Librarian, Archivist, and Director of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries. Registration is available at [Libraries and the Letter of the Law](#).



Parliamentary Procedure 101, Tuesday, Oct. 17, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Librarians encounter parliamentary procedures in a variety of places such as board meetings, the Faculty Senate, and association councils. This workshop provides a general overview of parliamentary procedure, introducing the concepts explained in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (In Brief)*, and a path to fully participate in meetings, identify effective functions, and formulate motions. Whether new to parliamentary procedures or needing a refresher, master the skills and confidence to

navigate meetings effectively and contribute to impactful decision-making processes.

Attendees will learn to understand the purpose and benefits of parliamentary procedures in organizational settings, understand meeting structures and the roles of different participants, and navigate common procedures, such as making and seconding motions, debating, and voting. Registration is available at [Parliamentary Procedure 101](#).

Know & Go: Customer Service Basics, Monday, Oct. 23, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Library staff leverage customer service skills to address a range of information needs. This review of retail customer service skills and techniques will support any interaction with a patron, whether in person, on the phone,

or virtually. Identify barriers to effectively communicating with patrons and develop a strategy for staff to practice their customer service skills. Registration is available at [Customer Service Basics](#).

Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

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

Reframing Failure: How to Keep Calm and Carry On, Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2 – 3 p.m.

This session is about reframing how we look at “failures” and how we as staff can learn from our “mistakes,” give ourselves grace, and create a

more realistic understanding of what it means to lead programs in libraries. Registration is available at [Reframing Failure](#).

Inclusion of Justice-Involved Individuals in Library Services, Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2 – 3 p.m.

Discover innovative methods St. Louis County Library (SLCL) has developed to serve justice-involved people in St. Louis. Learn how SLCL has successfully brought virtual library programming to individuals at the St. Louis County Justice Center, with more than 60,000 views of 50 library programs in just six months.

Launchpad. Finally, learn how innovative collaboration among Bail Project St. Louis, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and the circuit court led to the creation of the Tap-In Center at St. Louis County library. The Tap-In Center provides a welcoming and safe space for individuals to meet with an attorney, get their case information and court date, apply for a public defender, and even resolve active criminal warrants--all in a safe place without risk of arrest. Registration is available at [Inclusion of Justice-Involved Individuals in Library Services](#).

Learn how the Reference department supports currently incarcerated patrons through their Reference by Mail service, as well as supporting formerly incarcerated patrons with starting their own business through the Small Business



Upcoming MOREnet Trainings

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

Internet Safety & Cyber Defense, Friday, Oct. 20, 3 – 4 p.m.

This session will give a brief overview of how to make well-informed decisions online, how to secure personal information and what it means to participate with integrity in a digital/ internet age. We will use manipulatives that help

students understand coding and how to create strong passwords. We will also show members games and curriculum designed to reinforce good online habits. Registration is available at [Internet Safety & Cyber Defense](#).

MOREnet Annual Conference 2023, Oct. 9 – 12, Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia

The first two days of conference is geared towards teachers, faculty, and administrators of K-20 grade levels and takes a deep dive into new applications, devices and ideas. This time will provide ways for you to discover new technologies, network with your peers and walk away with new ideas you can adopt in your classroom and organization.

The second two days of the conference is designed for higher education institutions, K-12 schools, libraries or anyone wanting to discover the latest in the world of technology management and infrastructure. It brings together attendees ranging from newly assigned tech administrators from small schools, to veteran CTOs and CIOs from large schools, libraries and universities. Registration is available at [MOREnet Annual Conference 2023](#).



Training Program from the Northeast Document Conservation Center

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

Moving and Renovation: Collections Concerns, Thursday, Oct. 26, 3 – 5 p.m.

Renovation and construction projects in your facility can present significant risks to your collections. In this webinar, you will learn the most common risks for collections, risks for

personnel, strategies for risk mitigation, and issues with temporary storage. Registration is available at [NEDCC Current Training Programs](#).

Writing Your PAG, Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1:30 – 2:30

NEH Preservation Assistance Grants for Smaller Institutions are relatively easy to apply for and have launched successful preservation projects and programs in institutions across the country. Be ready for the round of applications! This webinar is presented by an NEDCC Preservation Specialist and covers the issues that should be

considered when preparing to submit an NEH Preservation Assistance Grant. Emphasis will be on preparing the grant narrative, making the case for your project, and getting requisite information from consultants. Registration is available at [NEDCC Current Training Programs](#).



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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