

SHOW ME EXPRESS

State Library Newsletter

February 2025



Denny Hoskins, CPA
Missouri Secretary of State

State Library News

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 five to ten-minute conversation highlighting different experiences with autism.

This month, our mini conversation is with Mandi Rickelman and Brian E. Harper II. Mandi Rickelman, MA, is the Director of the Welcoming Spaces Program, which 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. Brian E. Harper II is part of the Baldwin Wallace University Class of 2026 and Piano Performance Major. As a university student with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Brian provides suggestions for libraries on how to better support students on the spectrum. These tips focus on fostering inclusion, enhancing accessibility and creating an environment conducive to academic and personal success.

To hear this conversation, please click [here](#).

TeachingBooks Widgets Provide New Inspiration Each Day

Embedding widgets on your library website offers seamless access to a wealth of educational resources for students and young patrons. The widgets are designed to refresh daily, showcasing new content for engagement and inspiration. Integrate [these tools](#) to celebrate reading and learning in dynamic ways:

- **Today on TeachingBooks: Literary Calendar**
 - Stay updated with a list of literary events and notable moments in literary history.
- **Resource of the Day**
 - Discover handpicked resources for both elementary and secondary students and readers.



Integrating TeachingBooks widgets into your digital platforms is a simple yet powerful way to promote reading and literacy. Whether you're an educator, librarian, or administrator, these tools make it easy to inspire your community with quality resources.



The Best Thing About MOREnet You May Not Know About: Online Resources

When people think of MOREnet, they often focus on its robust networking services and technical support. However, one of the hidden gems of MOREnet is its extensive collection of online resources—a game-changer for schools, libraries and other member organizations. These tools provide valuable support for research, education and career development. Let's uncover why these resources might just be the best thing about MOREnet that you've yet to fully explore.

Comprehensive Research and Educational Databases

Whether you're a student tackling a big project, a teacher looking for reliable content, or a lifelong learner diving into a new topic, MOREnet's databases have you covered:

- [EBSCO Explora](#): A treasure trove of articles, videos and primary sources, organized by age group to ensure accessibility for elementary, middle and high school students.
- [EBSCO eBooks](#): With curated collections for public libraries and K-12 schools, MOREnet's eBook offerings span diverse subjects, making it easy to find titles tailored to your needs.
- [LearningExpress Library Complete](#): This all-encompassing resource is perfect for those preparing for standardized tests, honing academic skills, or exploring career pathways. Learning centers cater to everyone from college students to job seekers.
- [HeritageQuest](#): If genealogy and history are your passions, this database offers unique primary sources, local histories and family records — an indispensable tool for uncovering the past.
- [Rosen Digital Resources](#): Covering topics like teen health, financial literacy and digital safety, these resources promote informed decision-making and overall well-being.



Exciting New Additions and Upgrades

MOREnet recently raised the bar with its latest enhancements:

- [PrepSTEP Databases](#): These new tools are tailored for high schools, community colleges and universities, offering test prep, academic skill-building and career exploration. Even better, PrepSTEP integrates with learning management systems like Canvas and Blackboard, making it easier than ever for instructors to monitor progress.
- [Job & Career Accelerator](#): From crafting a standout resume to finding the perfect job, this tool guides users through every step of the job search process. It's a must-have for anyone entering or re-entering the workforce.

These resources elevate MOREnet from a network provider to an essential partner in education and professional development. They support students in achieving higher test scores, help job seekers find their dream careers and empower organizations to deliver high-quality services to their communities.

So, next time you think of MOREnet, remember this: it's not just about the network. The online resources might just be the most valuable—and perhaps underappreciated—perk of your membership.

For more information, visit [MOREnet's Online Resources](#) page.

Community Anchor Resources for Libraries

Because MOREnet is a member of the Internet2 community, our library members have access to the Internet2 Community Anchor Program (CAP) resources.

The [Toward Gigabit Libraries toolkit](#) is a powerful, FREE tool to help libraries learn about and improve their current broadband infrastructure and internal information technology (IT) environment. Using the toolkit helps library staff become better equipped to improve broadband services and become stronger advocates for their libraries' broadband infrastructure needs. The toolkit is designed for small, rural, Tribal and urban libraries with limited



IT support. Of course, your MOREnet team is always here to answer questions and brainstorm as well. Email us at info@more.net.

Reference Services for YOU: Road Awareness with MoDOT

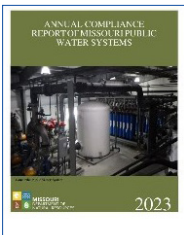
If you or your patrons have questions about roads in Missouri, check out the Missouri Department of Transportation's (MoDOT) [publications](#) and tools that inform the public on road conditions, transportation spending and construction projects around the state throughout the year.

- [Traveler Information Map](#): Check road conditions online or in the app before driving. This map shows winter weather road conditions, planned events, work zones, flooding, traffic and incident reports.
- [MoDOT E-updates and Text Alerts](#): Subscribe for statewide information and alerts for specific counties, routes, projects and more.
- [Express Lane](#): Receive the latest transportation news and information via this biweekly newsletter as well as a video of news highlights.

- [Carpooling Connections](#): Resources from commuter lots to carpool ride-matching assistance are available.
- [Citizen's Guide to Transportation Funding](#): Access detailed information on the condition of Missouri roadways that describes revenue, costs and how Missouri compares to other states in transportation funding.
- [MoDOT Results](#): View an accountability report measuring MoDOT's safety, service and stability progress throughout the year.
- [Year in Review](#): Read an update on major projects, highlights and safety initiatives for the year, including the National Performance Report Card.

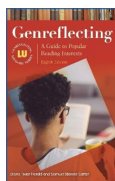
Questions? Contact Reference Services at (573) 751-3615, libref@sos.mo.gov or mostate.libguides.com.

Featured Government Document from the State Library

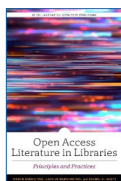


The [2023 Annual Compliance Report of Missouri Public Water Systems](#) released by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources details the compliance of the state's public water systems with health-based standards to provide safe drinking water. Discover more government publications in our [Missouri State Publications Collection](#) to share with patrons. For assistance accessing government information or publications, contact the Reference Services staff at the [State Library](#).

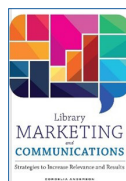
Featured Books from the State Library



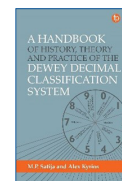
Genreflecting: A Guide to Popular Reading Interests



Open Access Literature in Libraries



Library Marketing and Communications: Strategies to Increase Relevance and Results



A Handbook of History: Theory and Practice of the Dewey Decimal Classification

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. State Library books

are also available for borrowing by library staff through both MOBIUS and WorldShare.

For assistance placing holds, requesting or replacing a card, or for additional information, please contact Reference Services by phone, [email](#), or [chat](#). We are available Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm, and are always happy to help!

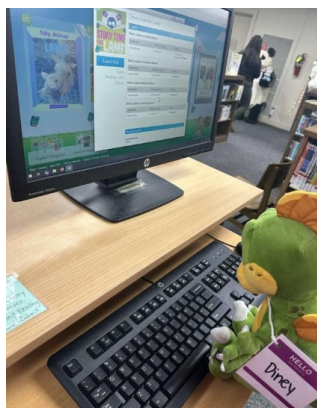
Around the State

Stuffy Sleepover and Story Time at Mexico-Audrain County Library

A partnership between the Mexico-Audrain County Library and their local Altrusa International group resulted in the library's first ever Stuffy Sleepover and Story Time for children ages three to eight. As Library Director Christal Bruner reported, the Sleepover event was held on Friday, Dec. 13 with 27 children, along with their chosen stuffy. The child/stuffy duo visited four different areas of the library:

- A story area where they listened to and participated in several stories
- A craft area where they assembled Christmas crafts of their choice
- A snack area where children and parents picked out a snack to eat in the library or at home
- A check in area where each stuffy was given a nametag with a personalized QR code

Each child took a picture with their stuffy and picked out a Scholastic book to take home before saying goodbye to their stuffy for the night. That is when the fun began! All night long, the library posted photos of each stuffy's adventures while at home, the stuffy's child and parent could see them via the stuffy-specific QR code.



The library received overwhelmingly positive feedback from families whose stuffies stayed the night. One grandparent said, "When you do this again, I plan to bring all of my younger grandchildren to the event." Another child, who was unable to attend the in-person portion, asked that his grandparent take his stuffy to the library to enjoy the sleepover fun. Given the ongoing interest, the library is planning more stuffy events for 2025. Stay tuned!





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 replaces 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 FY25 state aid, Missouri school libraries publicly supported and publicly controlled, and Missouri academic libraries supported publicly or privately.

[Spotlight on Literacy Grant](#) • **Deadline: Feb. 28**

Spotlight on Literacy is a programming grant, so programs must be the primary focus of your project and must span the length of the grant period – April 15, 2025 to March 31, 2026. Libraries can apply for funds to create new or improve current programs to serve patrons of all ages. Choose a single target audience as well as

a literacy area to address, such as civic literacy, cultural literacy, career literacy, early literacy, digital literacy, STEM literacy, health literacy, financial literacy, etc. See the award guidance for additional details. Applications are open and due on or before Feb. 28.

[Digital Imaging Grant](#) • **Deadline: March 15**

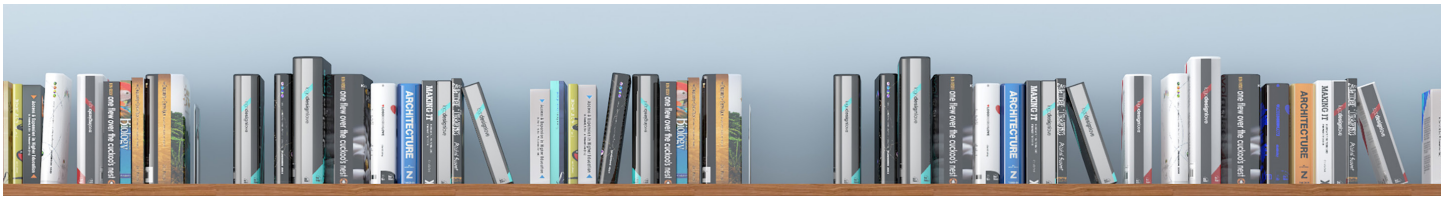
Digital Imaging grants provide funding for eligible libraries and their partners in the cultural heritage community to carry out projects involving the selection, digital capture, storage and provision of Web access to their important historical and cultural collections. These grants support creation of digital collections at institutions while at the same time adding expanded access to those collections via the Missouri Digital Heritage database and web site. The proposal must demonstrate the unique nature of the materials to be processed, show

how they can be characterized as original source materials and explain what value or benefit will accrue to the citizens of Missouri and other patrons by making them available in digital format via the Web. Collections should be generally representative of Missouri history and culture. It is important to demonstrate what demand exists for these collections already. A Letter of Intent was due by Jan. 15, and if approved, the grant application is due by March 15, 2025.

[Technology Ladder Grant](#) • **Deadline: April 1**

Public libraries eligible to receive SFY25 state aid can apply for funds to replace older technology or purchase new technology for projects that are intricate in nature and require more than five months to complete or to develop or redesign a

website for more effective service delivery. See the award guidance for information. This grant will open approximately Feb. 15, and applications are due by April 1.



Professional Development Offerings

Amigos Library Services

Trainings include:

- The People-Powered Library: An Amigos Online Conference, Feb. 12, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Electronic Resource Management Series
 - Acquisition and Implementation, Feb. 18, 1 – 3 p.m.
 - Maintenance and Troubleshooting, Feb. 20 1 – 3 p.m.
 - Assessment and Preservation, Feb. 25, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Know & Go: Welcoming Adult Learners to Your Library with Bilingual Programming, Feb. 24, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
- The Essentials: Library Values, Feb. 27, 1 – 3 p.m.
- Documenting Your Library's Work, March 4 or 6, 1 – 3 p.m.

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

LibraryWorks

Trainings include:

- **FREE WEBINAR!** How to Get the Most Out of Your Next Library Conference, Feb. 20, 1 – 2 p.m.
- Canva for Libraries: Page Layout, Social Media and More Design Tools, Feb. 27, 1– 2 p.m.

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

MALA (Mid-American Library Alliance)

Trainings include:

- Coasting in on Fumes: Budgeting When Your Budget is Broken, Feb. 25, 10 – 11 am

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

MOREnet

Trainings include:

- Exploring the Palette: Colors in Literature and Art Through Google Tools, Feb. 11 or 19, 9 – 10 a.m.
- Equip Students for Life with Rosen's Comprehensive Online Resources, Feb. 12, 10 – 11 a.m.
- Color Our Universe, Feb. 12, 2 – 3 p.m.
- 2025 Technical Training Summit, Feb. 18, 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Wyndham Hotels Columbia
- Intersecting Digital and Media Literacy With Artificial Intelligence (AI) (CS), Feb. 24, 1 – 3 p.m., MOREnet Training Room – The Mill Columbia

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



Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM)

Trainings include:

- An Ethical Reflection Aid for Implementing AI in Libraries and Archives, Feb. 12, 10 – 11 a.m.
- How to Apply for NNLM Funding, Feb. 13, 1 – 2 p.m.

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

Niche Academy

Trainings include:

- Brief, but Descriptive: Writing Effective Alt Text, Feb. 19, 1 p.m.
- Join the Civic Conversation, March 5, 1 p.m.

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

Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC)

Trainings include:

- Surface Cleaning Techniques for Paper-Based Collections, March 4, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

WebJunction

Trainings include:

- Turn Strategy into Action with Theory of Change, Feb. 26, 2 – 3 p.m.

free account to access webinar archives and training in the [WebJunction Course Catalog](#).

For the complete training list, visit the [WebJunction Webinar Calendar](#). Create a



Denny Hoskins, CPA
Missouri Secretary of State



James C. Kirkpatrick
State Information Center
600 W. Main St.
Jefferson City, MO 65101
(573) 751-4936
info@sos.mo.gov

State Capitol
201 W. Capitol Ave., Rm. 121
Jefferson City, MO 65101
(573) 751-2379

Visit www.sos.mo.gov to learn more about the Office of the Missouri Secretary of State.

Contact Us

Library Development

mostlib@sos.mo.gov

(573) 522-4036

Reference Services

libref@sos.mo.gov

(573) 751-3615

Wolfner Library

wolfner@sos.mo.gov

(573) 751-8720