

STATE LIBRARY REPORT

**Reference Services**

The State Library’s print collections have been thoroughly and completely evaluated. This de-accession/weeding project, which began in July 2008 following a rewrite of the Collection Development Plan, allowed for materials that no longer met the needs of state employees to be offered to academic and public libraries in Missouri. Twenty eight academic libraries and 10 public libraries received books, bound periodical volumes, and periodical microforms. More than 4900 volumes and 230 reels of microfilm were sent to libraries using the inter-library courier service made available through the MOBIUS consortium and Show Me The World participants.

**Wolfner Library**

*Wolfner Staff*



Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library is pleased to announce the appointment of Elizabeth Lang to the position of Deputy Director for Public Services of Wolfner Library, effective February 18, 2013.

Prior to this appointment Elizabeth served as Wolfner's Youth Services Librarian and earlier as the library's Special Services Librarian. Elizabeth's many initiatives included the automation of school registration for library service, planning and implementation of a yearly summer reading program and the initial set-up of the library's Facebook page.

Elizabeth's long experience of providing successful customer service to Wolfner Library readers makes her an excellent choice for this position.

***Cassette magazines move to digital flash cartridges***

Wolfner Library transitioned the audio magazine program to the digital cartridge media. This means all audio magazine subscribers will need to have a digital talking-book player to read magazines.

Over forty audio magazine titles are available from National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress for download or on digital cartridge.

## *NLS Survey*

The NLS is conducting a survey to understand how to better serve the needs of readers of talking books and braille. The 25 minute survey is designed to learn more about patrons' experiences with talking books and braille, what types of talking book and braille materials and services are sought, and what NLS can do to generate interest in the free program.

The NLS survey will be conducted from March 11–May 10, 2013.

## **Library Development**

### **State Aid and Athlete and Entertainer Funds for Public Libraries**

On Friday, April 12, 2013, the Missouri State Library released FY2013 third- and fourth-quarter per capita state aid payments to qualifying public libraries. Payments of \$1,361,732.75 were distributed to all qualifying public libraries. This completes all per capita state aid payments for state FY13.

Equalization grants totaling \$771,756 were awarded to fifty-five qualifying public libraries in February. These supplemental state aid payments target funds to library districts in areas of higher poverty and low assessed valuation. Funds may be used for any public library service.

All public library districts certified to receive state aid funds will also be awarded a portion of the FY13 \$100,000 appropriation from the Athlete and Entertainer Tax fund in early May. These funds are targeted for purchase of materials for the library's collection, helping libraries to keep materials in their collections up to date and relevant.

### **OCLC Resource Sharing**

OCLC began migrating its customers to the new WorldShare Interlibrary Loan platform on March 12, 2013. This software will replace the old WorldCat Resource Sharing software that public libraries in Show Me The World have been using. OCLC has been holding a series of web training sessions for public libraries that began in the last week of March. The new service will integrate discovery and delivery of electronic, digital and print materials within a single interface. It will also support evolving workflow changes in libraries, such as the option to purchase needed items rather than borrow them. A new WorldShare interface for the WorldCat database will be rolled out in July and public libraries using the Patron Initiated Request feature of OCLC WorldShare Interlibrary Loan will receive training at that time.

### **Missouri Evergreen Consortium**

The Missouri Evergreen Consortium has grown to 17 members. The following libraries will have migrated to the Evergreen platform by the end of July:

Poplar Bluff Public Library  
Grundy County Library  
Marshall Public Library  
Carrollton Public Library

Stone County Library  
Lebanon-Laclede County Library  
Webster County Library  
Doniphan-Ripley County Library  
Albany Carnegie Public Library  
Howard County Library  
Neosho-Newton County Library  
Little Dixie Regional Libraries  
Carthage Public Library

MOBIUS will begin migrating the following libraries starting in August 2013:

Bollinger County Library  
Washington Public Library  
Scenic Regional Library  
Caruthersville Public Library

MOBIUS is also in discussion with Ozark Regional Library about migrating in FY 2014.

### **Summer Reading Program**

Missouri participated in the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) Teen Video Challenge in which teen patrons submitted PSA's they had created for the theme *Beneath the Surface*. There were five entries: Daviess County Library (two entries), Kansas City Public Library—Central, Springfield-Greene County Library—Brentwood, and Mid-Continent Public Library.

### **Training and Continuing Education**

With the purchase of GoToWebinar software, webinars have become a major training tool for the State Library. In the past few months the youth services, CE, statistics, and grants consultants have made use of the license, with plans for more webinars in the future, including a technology series.

Requests for e-reader trainings have lessened since many libraries were able to purchase their own e-readers through an LSTA grant.

### ***Library Skills Institutes***

Winter Institute, originally scheduled for the last week in February, was postponed due to snow storms and potential hazardous travel, but was successfully rescheduled for March 26-28, retaining most of the presenters. Rescheduling did result in a slightly lower attendance however, with only 57 participants. Advanced courses at this Institute included Collection Development and Acquisitions and Library Services to Children.

Work is in progress to create an online form of Basic Library Skills using webinar and MOODLE course management software. If things go as planned, the online version will be available in Fall 2013.

### ***Summer Reading Program Workshops***

Jessie Alexander-East and Chelsea Estes, Springfield-Greene County Library, presented the *Digging into Reading*, the joint Children's and Teen Summer Reading Program workshops in March for 167 attendees. The workshops took place in St Louis, Poplar Bluff, Springfield, Jefferson City, Chillicothe, and Kansas City.

### ***Youth Services Webinar Series***

The Youth Services Webinar Series began in August 2012. The webinars presented thus far are Health Information Resources for Children and Teens (August), Summer Reading Program 101 (October), Partners in Community (November), Family Literacy Programs (December), and Make it Pop: Pop Culture Programming for Your Library (February).

### **Missouri Center for the Book**

The board met on March 16 and elected new members and officers. The Center recently produced a successful traveling exhibit on rare books and printing with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. The exhibit, with accompanying activities, travelled from St. Louis to Columbia to Springfield, over a period of 7 months.

The annual Letters About Literature awards ceremony was held April 24 at 4:00 p.m. Secretary Kander participated in the ceremony and Christine Taylor-Butler, a well-known Kansas City children's author and board member, gave the opening address.

### **LSTA FY2011**

IMLS approved Missouri's LSTA FY2011 State Program Report on April 4, 2013.

### **LSTA FY2012**

Thirty Summer Library Program grant applications were received, requesting \$265,154. Twenty-nine grants were awarded for a total of \$245,870

Twenty-five Technology Mini-Grant grant applications were received, requesting \$191,489. Twenty-four grants were awarded for a total of \$164,257.

Twenty-three eReader Exploration grant applications were received, requesting \$44,609. Twenty-three grants were awarded for a total of \$41,701.

Thirty-one Nonfiction Collection Makeover grant applications were received, requesting \$144,775. Thirty grants were awarded for a total of \$102,654.

Four Digital Imaging, six Spotlight on Literacy, eleven Technology Ladder, and one Website Makeover grant applications were received, requesting \$504,111. These applications are under review and awards will be impacted by the amount of funds Missouri is allocated in the LSTA FY2013 allotment.

Sixty-two Summer Reading Program Collection Development formula grants were awarded for a total of \$177,365. To qualify for the grants, libraries needed to meet the following criteria:

1. The library must be eligible to receive State Aid
2. The library must have reported a 2012 summer reading program that met or exceeded 4 weeks in length on the 2012 Summer Reading Program Survey

3. The library must have an operating budget less than \$1,000,000.
4. The library must not have received equalization funds during FY2013
5. The library must provide a 2013 summer reading program that meets or exceeds 4 weeks
6. The library must submit the necessary certifications and assurances forms and provide a plan for how funds will be spent

### **LSTA FY2013**

The Missouri State Library received official notice of its LSTA FY2013 appropriation in the amount of 2,853,508 (\$2,853,507.65) on April 25, 2013.

### **Other LSTA News**

**Estimated Appropriations:** Due to concerns about the legality of estimated appropriations, grant award procedures have changed. A signature is now required by both the library's certifying authority and the Secretary of State's Chief of Staff on the grant agreement form. The start of the grant period is now the date the grant agreement is signed by the Chief of Staff. Funds are no longer encumbered upfront for competitive grant projects.

**Certifications Regarding Form:** This form has been updated to ensure grantees are in compliance with Federal laws pertaining to trafficking in persons.