

Missouri State Library

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Show Me Express features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Legislative Update Webinars for 2015

State Librarian Barbara Reading will host Legislative Update webinars on February 26, April 2 and April 30, at 2:00 pm. Tune in to catch up on the legislature's activity and stay current on topics of importance to the library community. Randy Scherr from the Missouri Library Association will also share his views of the legislative session. Each webinar will last approximately 45 minutes, or until all questions are answered.

Registration is required and can be completed [online](#). Registration will be available up to the webinar start time. Microphone use will not be available to participants during the webinar. All questions or comments need to be submitted through the chat box on the webinar screen.

Library Development Team Update

The Missouri State Library is pleased to welcome Matthew Butler to the Library Development team as the new Digital Collections Coordinator. Matt has a Masters of Library Science degree from Indiana University. He joins us from the Missouri Office of the Secretary of State, Records Management division where he served as Electronic Records Archivist. Matt will begin work with Library Development on February 2, 2015, and will be reachable at matthew.butler@sos.mo.gov, (800) 325-0131 or (573) 522-1477.

Register Now for Introduction to GCFLearn.Org Online Webinar

This webinar is designed to acquaint library staff with the free online learning opportunities made available through GCFLearnFree.org. From Microsoft Office and email to reading, math and more, GCFLearnFree.org offers over 90 tutorials, including more than 1,000 lessons, videos and interactive activities. Registration is required and may be completed [online](#). Any questions regarding the webinar should be directed to Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov or 800-325-0131.

Sign Up Now for Access to Customer Service/Disability Training

The Missouri State Library is pleased to provide access to the first module of ASCLA's AccessAbility Academy, *Positive Interactions: Making the Library a Welcoming and Empowering Place for People with Disabilities*. This webcast provides tips and practical advice to help prepare library employees from all library types to effectively communicate and interact with people with disabilities.

A password is required to view the webcast and may be obtained by contacting Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov or 800-325-0131. The password is meant for access per library building and can be used for multiple views and by multiple library staff members.

Escape the Ordinary Webcast Archived

The webcast *Escape the Ordinary*, led by Rachael Grime and Karen Hayden from Little Dixie Regional Libraries, is now archived for viewing at [Escape the Ordinary](#). In this webinar, viewers are presented with a wide variety of program ideas that are tied to the 2015 national adult summer reading program theme. Special effort was made to gear the webinar to small- and mid-sized libraries that do not have a lot of money or staff, but want to have a successful adult program.

Missouri State Agency Databases

Missouri state government agencies are creating and maintaining online databases full of useful information. For a list of their links and descriptions check out the [Missouri State Agency Databases](#) page. Annie Moots, government documents librarian at the Missouri State Library, compiled the list for Missouri that includes over 200 links to state government produced databases. The Missouri page is a part of the [State Agency Databases wiki](#) sponsored by the Government Documents Roundtable of the American Library Association. Missouri's page has had the most visits since statistics began being kept in 2011. Since its inception in 2007, Missouri's page has had over 90,000 visits. For more information contact Annie Moots at annie.moots@sos.mo.gov.

Public Library Survey-Survey

The Missouri State Library recently sent an invitation to public library directors to respond to a survey regarding the Public Library Survey (PLS). Several changes were made with the FY2014 PLS and we would like to make sure these were beneficial. The survey also gives the opportunity to offer suggestions on how to improve it and give ideas for new data points for collection. Comments and concerns are welcome anytime, but the survey will end on February 13, 2015. Questions can be directed to Terry Blauvelt at terry.blauvelt@sos.mo.gov or (417) 895-6670.

FREE Bookmarks and Posters to Public Libraries for Read Across America!

Join libraries across the country to celebrate reading and Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2, 2015 for [Read Across America Day](#). The State Library has received 15,000 [bookmarks](#) and 250 [posters](#) from the Missouri National Education Association to help honor the occasion. Mailings are done at no cost to Missouri's public libraries and are on a first come basis. School libraries need to request these materials from their regional [Missouri NEA offices](#). If a school does not have a regional MNEA office, please contact the headquarters at 1-800-392-0236.

Instructions for ordering:

To receive posters and bookmarks from the State Library, e-mail your request prior to February 12, 2015, to the Missouri State Library at mostlib@sos.mo.gov with the subject heading: FREE BOOKMARKS AND POSTERS. In the body of the e-mail include the following:

1. Library name
2. Contact name
3. Contact email
4. Complete mailing address-**not** a PO Box (Mailings must be made to a library)
5. The number of bookmarks requested
6. The number of posters requested

E-rate Modernization Changes in 2015

The Federal Communications Commission has made significant changes to the E-rate Program to modernize the products and services it subsidizes and to streamline the application process. These changes fall into two main areas: **Broadband Connectivity** capable of delivering gigabit service

("Category One") and **Robust Wi-Fi Networks** inside schools and libraries to support individualized learning ("Category Two"). The FCC has also increased funding for these two areas in 2015 through 2019.

Brief Summary of Significant Changes:

Ensuring all libraries and schools have access to high-speed broadband connectivity:

- Removing the multi-year amortization requirement for broadband build-out
- Allowing multi-year payment of capital costs for broadband build-out
- Equalizing the treatment of lit and dark fiber
- Allowing construction of applicant-owned fiber
- Providing greater discounts if states offer matching funds for broadband build-out
- Ensuring affordable broadband in rural, high-cost areas

Taking actions to be reasonably certain that all applications will be funded:

- Increasing the E-rate fund by \$1.5 billion annually starting in 2015
- Setting a \$1 billion annual target amount for Category Two applications for 2015-2019
- Increasing the Category Two funding formula for urban libraries from \$2.30 per square foot of the library building to \$5 per square foot.
- Making basic maintenance, managed Wi-Fi and caching eligible as Category Two services through 2015

Correcting language in the July order that defined many rural libraries and schools as "urban," thus reducing their discounts:

- The "urban" designation now applies only to libraries and schools in communities with a population of over 25,000.
- Use the [Urban/Rural Look-Up Tool](#) to check your library's status.

Technology Plans are no longer needed for either Category One or Category Two requests.

Applicants must file FCC Form 471 between January 14 and March 26, 2015.

More detail on these and other changes to the E-rate Program are available at:

- [ALA Summary of December 2014 FCC Order](#)
- [USAC website on the Modernization Orders](#)
- [MOREnet E-rate Assistance](#)

Or by contacting Chris Schneider, MOREnet E-rate Program Manager, 573-882-8429 or schneider@more.net

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