

Missouri State Library

Show Me *Express*

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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.

Polk County Passes Library Tax Levy Increase

Congratulations to the Polk County Library on a successful tax levy campaign. On April 7, 2015, voters passed a tax increase of \$0.15 per \$100 assessed valuation. This exceeds the previous rate of \$0.10 per \$100 assessed valuation tax set in 1948. The additional funds will be used for maintaining and improving all physical locations, extending services to smaller communities, expanding the electronic and DVD collections, providing a relevant print materials collection, expanding programming, implementing outreach services and providing up-to-date technology at all locations. Funds can also be used to extend hours of operation in branches as needed, and for general operating expenses.

State Funding for Libraries Payments in Process

The Missouri State Library recently processed 3rd and 4th quarter State Aid Per Capita payments for the 141 library districts serving populations up to 40,000 that had received 1st and 2nd quarter payments in November 2014, and 1st through 4th quarter payments for the remaining 25 larger libraries.

The State Library is currently processing 3rd and 4th quarter Athletes and Entertainers (A&E) tax fund payments for all eligible libraries. Equalization payments will be made once a formula for distribution is determined.

Libraries that would like to track receipt of these funds should check the [Missouri Vendor Payment Portal](#). This site provides information on all payments issued through the State of Missouri, including automatic notification when a payment is made. Access is through the library's Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). Payments will also be listed at [State Funding for Missouri Libraries](#).

Any questions about State Aid Per Capita, A&E and Equalization payments may be directed to Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov or (800) 325-0131.

Legislative Update Webinar on April 30, 2015

State Librarian Barbara Reading will host the final Legislative Update webinar on April 30 at 2 p.m. 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. The webinar will be about 45 minutes, or until all questions are answered.

Registration is required and may be completed at [April 30 Legislative Update](#). 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.

Show Me Steps to Continuing Education Opportunities

Show Me Steps to Continuing Education is an LSTA grant program for Missouri library personnel to participate in training opportunities when local funds cannot finance the entire cost. The Show Me Steps grant is open to staff from public, school, academic and special libraries. Individuals may attend regional, state or national workshops and conferences, seminars etc. Upcoming conferences include but are not limited to:

- [Public Libraries and STEM](#) to be held August 20-22 in Denver, Colorado
- [National Conference of African American Librarians](#) to be August 4-8 in St. Louis, Missouri
- [Family Place Training Institute](#), dates and location vary
- [Rare Book School](#), topics, dates and locations vary

Libraries also have the option of bringing a trainer to the library for staff in-service training.

Applications are accepted no earlier than four months and no less than two months before the selected CE event. The application is available online at [Show Me Steps](#). Questions about the grant program may be directed to Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov or (800) 325-0131.

Data Released from FY14 Public Library Survey

The data sets from the FY2014 Public Library Survey are now available online at [Public Library Statistics](#). As in past years, the datasets are divided into Circulation and Services, Collection, Expenditures and Personnel, and Income. New this year is data comparisons between Revenue and Expenses and Population Usage. Each dataset is available in Excel and PDF files and show individual library numbers and population group numbers. Questions about the files should be directed to Terry Blauvelt at terry.blauvelt@sos.mo.gov.

Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities from the State Library

Creating Successful Adult Programs Webinar

On May 21, 2015, from 10-11:30 a.m., the Missouri State Library will host a webinar on planning, implementing, marketing and evaluating adult programs. The presenter is Joey Holmes from the Laurens County Library in Laurens, South Carolina. Holmes has arranged, or been involved with 100 events ranging from wood lathe and pottery wheel demonstrations to lectures on moonshine, ghosts and extreme couponing, as well as more traditional musical presentations and author events. He has presented for the South Carolina State Library, the Humanities Council of South Carolina, the Association of Rural and Small Libraries and WebJunction. Registration is required and may be completed at [Creating Successful Adult Programs](#). Please direct any questions regarding the webinar to Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov or (800) 325-0131.

Introduction to Missouri Digital Heritage Webinar

On June 18, 2015, from 10-11 a.m., the Missouri State Library will host a webinar on the online resources available through Missouri Digital Heritage (MDH). MDH is a collaborative initiative that assists institutions across the state in digitizing their records and placing them online for easy access. The presenter is Matt Butler, digital collections coordinator for the Missouri State Library.

Registration is required and may be completed at [Introduction to MDH](#). Any questions regarding the webinar should be directed to Matt Butler at matthew.butler@sos.mo.gov or (800) 325-0131.

WorldCat Discovery Services to Replace OCLC FirstSearch in Missouri Public Libraries

[WorldCat Discovery Services](#) will replace OCLC FirstSearch service access provided by the Missouri State Library in December 2015. WorldCat Discovery enables library staff and users to discover more than 1.8 billion electronic, digital and physical resources locally and in libraries around the world.

Missouri public libraries that access FirstSearch through the Missouri State Library subscription can use WorldCat Discovery now as a part of the existing subscription. FirstSearch and WorldCat Discovery will operate in parallel up to December 31, 2015, when support for FirstSearch will end.

What the service includes

Current FirstSearch users will receive:

- Ongoing access to [WorldCat](#) by library staff and library users
- Access to a [central index](#) that represents more than 2,000 e-content collections
- Staff-specific features such as a MARC record display and initiation of ILL requests
- An interface that automatically adjusts for use on desktops, tablets and mobile devices
- Access to full-text content from over 8 million open-access materials
- Use of [CONTENTdm Quick Start](#) at no additional charge to showcase and manage digital collections
- A library-specific URL and custom branding

Additional benefits for libraries that maintain holdings in WorldCat

If a library's collections are in the WorldCat database, their resources are listed first in search results. When a library's data is in the WorldCat knowledge base, WorldCat Discovery gives built-in link resolution to content in that library's e-content subscriptions and an A to Z list of resources provided.

Upcoming introduction webinars with links to registration are:

- [May 12](#) from 10-11:00 am
- [June 10](#) from 1-2:00 pm Eastern time

Get started today

- [Register](#) with OCLC to begin using WorldCat Discovery
- Use WorldCat Discovery [Training](#) Resources
- Review WorldCat Discovery [Documentation](#)
- [Contact](#) OCLC with questions at WorldCat Discovery

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