

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.

ABCmouse.com Free for Library and School Use

The American Library Association and Age of Learning Inc., have launched ABCmouse.com. This is an award-winning resource that provides curriculum in reading, math, science, social studies, art and music for children ages 2-7. The site contains six levels with more than 450 lessons and 5,000 individual learning activities. Both libraries and schools can obtain free access to this engaging and educational online resource. Public Library staff can find more information about ABCmouse.com and register for a free account at [ABCmouse.com for Libraries](#). More information and a link to a free account registration for public schools, private schools and Head Start programs is available at [ABCmouse.com for Schools](#). ABCmouse.com members can also download the free [ABCmouse app](#) available for iOS, Android and Kindle Fire (2nd generation and above) devices.

2016 Summer Reading Program Workshops

Sherry Norfolk, professional storyteller and consultant, will present ideas for new programs, displays, hands-on activities and practical tips for outreach programming for the 2016 Missouri statewide summer library programs, “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!” for children and “Get in the Game: Read” for teens. These workshops are free and open to Missouri public and school library personnel who serve children and their families. Locations, dates and times include:

- Lebanon-Laclede County Library, October 28, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Kansas City Public Library, Plaza Branch, October 30, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- Keller Public Library, November 4, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- University City Public Library, November 5, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Registration is required and can be completed [online](#). Registration closes **October 12, 2015**.

There will also be three webinars on three separate topics from the live workshops. These webinars will be free and open to Missouri public and school library personnel who serve children and their families. Dates, times and topics will be announced in the next issue of *Show Me Express* and on the [MOYAC](#) discussion list.

Please direct questions to Lisa Hellman, Youth Services Consultant, at lisa.hellman@sos.mo.gov, or call (573) 522-9564.

School Nonfiction Collection Development Grant Opportunity

School Nonfiction Collection Development grants provide funds to public schools to strengthen nonfiction collections in support of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) learning programs. Grantees must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. The school district must be provisionally or fully accredited;
2. The school library must provide an accessible, centrally-housed and organized collection of resources;
3. The school district must have a line item in the district's budget for library materials;
4. The school library must be staffed by a person who either is, or is supervised by, a certified school librarian;
5. The free and reduced lunch percentage for the school building is between 85 and 100 percent as listed at [2015 Free and Reduced Lunch Percentage by Building Report](#);
6. The school district must have a clear plan regarding how the funds will be spent;
7. All materials purchased must be added to the school library's collection and made available for circulation to students.

Grant writers with questions regarding the program are encouraged to attend an online information session that will provide eligibility guidance and grant writing tips. The session will be held at 3 p.m. on October 8, 2015. Registration is required and can be completed [online](#).

The application is available at [School Nonfiction Collection Development Grant](#). Approximately \$80,000 is available to award. Applications are due November 13, 2015. Direct questions about the grant program to Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov or Lisa Hellman at lisa.hellman@sos.mo.gov. This grant is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library.

Upcoming Continuing Education Opportunities from the State Library

Strengthening Communities through Technology on November 19 from 10-11 a.m.

Join Patrick Wall, Christa Van Herreweghe and Bill Coleman from the University City Public Library (UCPL) as they share their experience advancing technology-based library services. They have provided access to equipment such as telescopes, a 3D printer and scanner, audio/video production equipment, and software to create 3D models and edit videos. They will also discuss how to learn more about these services via lynda.com. UCPL is also using technology for the StoryCorps@Your Library oral history project and is working in partnership with the Ferguson Public Library. Through a three-year Library Research Project funded through MOREnet, LSTA and other sources, UCPL has removed technological barriers from people's lives and work, while identifying and creating tools and services that libraries can use in coming years. The presenters will also discuss potential funding sources.

Registration is required and may be completed at [Strengthening Communities](#).

Direct questions about the webinar to Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov.

Librarian411: Improving Service for People with Disabilities on December 17 from 10-11 a.m.

Approximately one in five adults and one in ten children meet the criteria for mental illness. Mental illness impacts nearly 4 million Americans. Libraries and library staff are uniquely placed to aid patrons with different needs by offering many services and opportunities that might otherwise be unavailable to these populations.

This webinar will examine societal beliefs and biases of mental illness and give practical tips for serving customers with different needs. Participants will explore training and other resources available on the Librarian411 website. Presenter Tonya Hays-Martin has worked in the mental health field for 22 years and is a librarian at Fulton State Hospital. Fulton State Hospital Library serves both professional staff and clients with severe and persistent mental illness. Hays-Martin was instrumental in developing the web-based training program, Librarian411. Complete required registration at [Librarian411](#) and direct questions about the webinar to Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov.

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