

STATE LIBRARY REPORT

Reference Services

Reference Services is again serving as a practicum site for the University of Missouri School of Information Science and Learning Technologies (SISLT). Abbey Rimel (Collection Development Librarian) and A.J. Million (MoDOT Librarian) volunteered to develop a learning plan for student Ethan Cordrey for the Fall2009 semester.

In September, Library Card Sign-Up month, Reference Services sent staff to two new sites, DOLIR Workforce Development and the Governor's Office Building. We also staffed an information table at DNR's "Green" administration building.

Several reference librarians attended the Missouri Library Association Conference in October and volunteered at the Missouri State Library information booth. Annie Moots (Documents Librarian) presented on the State Publications Access Program and chaired a table topic on Missouri state agency databases at the Conference.

Wolfner Library

Digital Transition Update

Wolfner Library continues to lead the nation with the largest number of BARD users downloading digital books. All new digital players are distributed with an invitation for the patron to download from BARD. Missouri, along with Massachusetts, southern California, and Florida regional and sub-regional libraries will participate in a BARD training beta test project to validate the training process for BARD administration and patron technical support. Feedback will be incorporated into the next phase of the BARD transition. Richard Smith and Brandon Kempf will be the contacts with National Library Service (NLS) for this project. NLS hopes to roll BARD out to all libraries in the network within a month.

NLS has selected Wolfner Library and Perkins Institute to beta test the newest version of the Print/Braille labels software. This version adds support for print and Braille digital cartridge labels.

Library Development

State Aid

The first and second quarter state aid payments have been processed and the payments have been sent out to qualifying libraries.

The FY 2010 state aid to public libraries program again received an appropriation of \$4,004,456. A total of 167 libraries have been certified and qualify for state aid per capita payment this year at the same \$.55 per capita payment rate as last year. The total amount to be distributed as FY10 per capita payments for is \$2,815,315.80.

Each library eligible for per capita funding will receive its total allocated award in two payments. The first and second quarter payment transmittal to libraries is November 23, 2009. It is anticipated that the third and fourth quarter payment will be distributed in spring of 2010. A listing of the recipient library districts and payment amounts is posted on the State Library grants Web site [Public Libraries Eligible for State Aid, FY10](#).

E-Rate

It is now time for libraries to file Form 470, to start the process of applying for e-rate reimbursement for fiscal year 2011. The deadline to file Form 470 is January 13, 2010. We are encouraging libraries to file for their telephone reimbursement and have provided a PDF version of a PowerPoint presentation that includes step-by-step instructions for completing the Form 470 online.

The second step of the process, filing Form 471, opened on December 3, 2009 and will close on February 11, 2010. Libraries must have their Form 470 posted for 28 days before filing their Form 471. A PDF tutorial is also available on the SOS web site for completing the Form 471 online.

Gates Opportunity Online Hardware Grant Update

The ALA Turning the Page Symposium was conducted in St. Louis at the Hyatt Riverfront Conference Center. Library staff, library board members, library trustees, and friends of the library members were invited to attend. Of the 75 eligible libraries and library systems, 64 were represented. The remaining 11 libraries and library systems were required to attend sessions through an online portal. Missouri public libraries provided 119 of the attendees (33 attended from Vermont and 3 attended from Hawaii.) The first distribution of grant money was processed on December 4, 2009 and included \$11,340 in grant funds.

2010 Summer Reading Program

The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) 2010 manuals for three programs were distributed to public libraries in early November. The mailing included a copy of the “*Make a Splash – READ*” children’s program manual, the “*Make Waves at your Library*” teen program manual and the “*Water your Mind – READ*” adult program manual complete with DVDs of the manual contents and artwork for 2010. Many libraries were issued vouchers to purchase materials and incentives from the Upstart CSLP catalog. The Collaborative will be sponsoring free shipping on all catalog orders shipped to member libraries this year. Workshops will be sponsored in February and March to support both the children’s and teen programs.

The summer reading program workshops schedules are:

- Teen summer reading program workshop dates are February 22-26, 2010
Registration opens on December 10, 2009 and will close on January 29, 2010
- The children’s summer reading program workshop dates are March 1-10, 2010

Training and Continuing Education

2010 Winter Library Skills Institute

This year, Winter Institute is being held at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia on February 16-18, 2010.

Courses being offered are:

- Library Skills Institute – Basic
- Young Adult Services
- Developing Strong Community Library Services

‘Tween Workshops:

From October 23 through 26, four Library Programs for ‘Tweens workshops were presented by Teri Lesesne of Sam Houston University. The workshops included information on the physical, psychological and social developmental needs of youth from ages 8 to 14, programming ideas to attract and involve ‘tweens and instill a love of reading and books and recent literature, publications, and information relating to serving ‘tweens in libraries. The presenter is a professor at Sam Houston State University where she teaches graduate and undergraduate classes in young adult and children’s literature in the Department of Library Science. Teri coordinates an annual YA conference for her university, now in its 19th year.

Babies and Toddlers Workshops:

One hundred and fifty-one Missouri children’s library staff and community partners attended one of the four Programs for Babies and Toddlers workshops presented by Saroj Nadkarni Ghoting. Saroj was a children's librarian for more than 30 years and is now an Early Childhood Literacy Consultant. She is the coauthor of the best-selling Early Literacy Storytimes @ Your Library and the upcoming The Early Literacy Kit: A Handbook and Tip Cards. Ghoting is one of the national trainers for the program "Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library," an early literacy initiative co-sponsored by the Public Library Association and the Association for Library Service to Children. The workshop characterized using the six basic pre-reading skills of the Every Child Ready to Read program for younger children. The workshops were held in St. Charles, Jefferson City, Springfield and Independence from September 14 through 18. Community partners represented Parents-As-Teachers, Head Start, Born to Read, Missouri Humanities Council, and school based pre-school staff. The very active sessions drew a number of positive comments from the participants.

Adult Services Direct

The first three sessions of Adult Services Direct have been held, and as alluded to at the last Secretary’s Council meeting, the monthly schedule proved to be too challenging to manage. Consequently, the scheduled December session on “Programming to Promote Reading for Adults” has been moved to January 26, 2010. The remaining sessions will be presented in alternating months, with the exception of the summer months, which will be devoted to youth summer reading programs exclusively. Because of the change in scheduling, presenters have to be reassigned new dates, and this rescheduling is currently in progress.

The overall concept of offering adult services training via videoconference has been well received and we will continue the series through the coming fiscal year.

The upcoming direct videoconference workshops are:

- Programming to Promote Reading for Adults – January 26, 2010
- Library 411: Library Services to Patrons with Mental Disabilities – March 16, 2010
- Baby Boomers Back in the Library – May 18, 2010

Technology Planning Using TechAtlas Regional Workshops

Five workshops are planned for assisting libraries in updating their technology plans. Attendance preference will be given to libraries that are required to submit their library's technology plan to the State Library before May 15, 2010 to qualify for e-rate funding. Postcard registration forms were sent to these libraries.

Locations and dates of workshops:

- Springfield-Greene County Library, The Library Center, Springfield – February 2, 2010
- Keller Public Library, Dexter – February 4, 2010
- Daviess County Public Library, Gallatin – February 8, 2010
- Macon County Public Library, Macon – February 10, 2010
- Scenic Regional Library, Union – February 12, 2010

Spanish That Works...in the Library

Two libraries are currently participating in the Spanish that Works program: Kansas City Public and St. Louis Public. Libraries that have participated all reported success with the program, citing specific cases of individual library staff who have reported instances of using their new-found Spanish language skills with Spanish speaking patrons. Kansas City Public Library is attempting to train all public services staff in Spanish.

GED Connection and Workplace Essential Skills

Since most public libraries have obtained copies of these two video series, we are still promoting them to local cable access channels and public television. Time Warner of Kansas City is providing the series as free video on demand. We currently also have JCTV21 of Hillsboro, Lebanon Community Access Channel 3, TV23 Springfield, St. Peters SPTV10, Ste. Genevieve Community Access, Kansas City Public Television, KETC of St. Louis, and Higher Education TV of St. Louis airing the series.

Missouri Center for the Book

The Center for the Book held a Celebration of the Book on October 10, 2009. The 2009 Celebration of the Book, a collaboration between the Missouri Center for the Book and the Stephens College English/Creative Writing Department and supported with funding from the Missouri Arts Council, offered an excellent array of panel discussions and readings, as well as an award ceremony to honor the career and achievements of Margaret Sayers Peden. The First Lady of Missouri, Mrs. Georganne Nixon, was on hand to present the award to Mrs. Peden for

her translations from Spanish of many of the great literary works of Spain, Central, and South America.

Center for the Book board members Virginia Brackett, Tom Dillingham, Mike Holland, and MCB coordinator, Ann Roberts, attended the National Book Festival as representatives of the Missouri Center in the Pavilion of the States. The Festival attracted a record breaking 130,000 participants, 5,000 of which stopped by the Missouri booth to take away bookmarks and books and to have their “50 Good Reads” map stamped.

Show Me the World

Using an LSTA grant, the Kansas City Library & Information Network (KCMLIN) implemented a project to introduce public libraries to the benefits of using the “Get Connected” courier service for interlibrary loan. In the first phase, 75 library systems signed up for a state subsidy that provided for two stops per week. Grant funds for this phase totaled \$148,888. After the Council approved an additional \$50,000, KCMLIN was able to sign up an additional 37 libraries for service in the remaining part of State Fiscal Year 2010. To date, funding for this second phase has amounted to \$44,805. By December 31, there will be a total of 114 libraries signed up.