

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.

New Public Library – James Memorial Public Library, St. James, Mo.

The residents of St. James voted to approve a library tax levy twice in less than 60 days. The Aug. 5 election results for the tax passed by two votes, 340-338, but because of the close margin of the vote and ballot irregularities, the county clerk's office contested the vote.

A special election was held on September 30, in which voters approved the tax again, with 287 in favor and 255 opposed. The library tax levy of 30 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation will provide an income stream for the continued operation of the James Memorial Library by the city of St. James.

The James Memorial Library had operated in St. James for decades through funding and management from the James Foundation. Last year the James Foundation turned over ownership and operation of the library to the city of St. James. At that time, the city charged membership fees to all patrons of the library. The library tax was necessary for the city to fund the continued operation of the library and become a truly public library.

Digital Inclusion Survey

We encourage all public libraries to participate in the 2014 Digital Inclusion Survey, which is available **through November 21, 2014**. As community-based digital hubs, public libraries are critical community assets that facilitate the development and sustainability of digitally inclusive communities. The survey generates unique and valuable data that informs policy- and decision-makers about the essential contributions of libraries in the areas of digital literacy, economic and workforce development, civic engagement, broadband and public access to the Internet. The study uses your data in a number of ways to show how libraries help build inclusive communities — including interactive mapping tools (<http://digitalinclusion.umd.edu/content/interactive-map>), issue briefs, state

summary pages and more, found at <http://digitalinclusion.umd.edu>. You can access the survey by going to <http://digitalinclusion.umd.edu>. The Digital Inclusion Survey is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and conducted by the American Library Association and the Information Policy and Access Center at the University of Maryland College Park, in partnership with the International City/County Management Association.

2015 Summer Library Program Grant Application Now Available Online

The Missouri State Library is providing an application overview on the 2015 Summer Library Program. Summer Library Program grants are intended to help public and school libraries reach people of all ages in innovative ways to keep them learning and growing throughout the summer months. Grant applications are due November 14, 2014 (postmarked or hand-delivered).

Online information sessions will provide eligibility guidance and grant writing tips. Public and school library staff with questions regarding what is and is not eligible, or are new to grant writing and interested in these grant opportunities, are encouraged to attend one of two one-hour, online information sessions. Sessions for the Summer Library Program will be held today, October 21, 2014 at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Registration is required and can be completed [online](#).

The application for the Summer Library Program is available online at [Missouri LSTA Grant Programs in the LSTA Grant Report Forms section](#). For further information about any of the LSTA grant opportunities, contact Shay Younger at (800) 325-0131 or shay.younger@sos.mo.gov.

LSTA Technology Mini Grant Application for 2015 Projects Now Available Online

The Missouri State Library is pleased to announce a grant call for 2015 Technology Mini Grant projects. Technology Mini Grants are intended to help public libraries with funds for technology and automation equipment to improve network infrastructure. Grant applications are due January 7, 2015 (postmarked or hand-delivered).

Public library staff with questions regarding what is and is not eligible or are new to grant writing and interested in the Technology Mini Grant program, are encouraged to attend one of two one-hour online information sessions that will provide eligibility guidance and grant writing tips. Sessions will

be held on November 6, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. Registration is required and can be completed [online](#).

Applications are available online at [LSTA Grant Application Forms](#). For further information about any of the LSTA grant opportunities, contact Shay Younger by phone (800) 325-0131 or email at shay.younger@sos.mo.gov.

Library Development Team Update

Brenda Allee-Bates, public library consultant, is leaving the State Library to take a new position. Since 2011, Brenda Allee-Bates has guided public library staff through the intricacies of library administration, management and Missouri library law. Most recently, she also undertook the challenge of facilitating continuing education events to help improve library service in all types of libraries. Her wealth of knowledge and positive outlook will be greatly missed. However, her extensive knowledge about and passion for public libraries will continue to be put to good use as she joins the Scenic Regional Library team as their business and human resources manager. Brenda's last day in the office will be October 31, 2014. Beginning November 3, 2014, questions normally directed to Brenda will be referred to Barbara Reading at barbara.reading@sos.mo.gov, Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov or by telephone (800) 235-0131.

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