



## Mid-America Library Alliance ILL/Courier Newsletter

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### Courier Transition Update March 27, 2019

The most up-to-date version of the Henry labels (V7) is now available on our website. ONLY Henry labels should be applied to outgoing materials. Your first pickups will begin the week of April 1. [Find them here.](#)

We are in our last week of service with 1st Choice. No pickups should be occurring, just drop offs. Some libraries are reporting no service at all from 1st Choice this week. This should be reported to MALA, as they are contractually obligated to stop at your library on scheduled days until March 29.

**If you do not receive regular service from 1st Choice in the week of March 25-29, please notify MALA by email, or use the [Courier Delivery Service Report form](#) on our website.**

MALA will document all service failures by 1st Choice through the end of the month.

Our new vendor, Henry Industries, is working with 1st Choice to transfer existing and incoming items from the 1st Choice facilities to the Henry facilities for relabeling. Materials will slowly enter the Henry delivery routes beginning April 1. Some libraries may receive nothing the first week, but most libraries should have outgoing ILL items. Please use the first few weeks of Henry service to meet and talk to your route driver. Establishing a friendly and professional relationship right away is important.

Libraries that use the Extended Delivery services to Colorado, Wyoming (COKAMO), Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arkansas (Amigos) and Mobius (primarily academic libraries) should use the MALA label maker on the MALA website to generate shipping labels. **The Extended Services label maker is under reconstruction. It will be ready for use no later than April. 1.** Thank you for your patience.

As always, [Marcy](#) and [I](#) are glad to hear from you with your questions and concerns. Call, text or write, and we'll respond promptly. Our new courier service should be up and running smoothly in just a few more weeks. Thanks to everyone for your patience and understanding during this transition.

FYI: This email is being sent to the Library Director and ILL contact listed on your annual contract with MALA. Please share this email with the appropriate people at your location. If you would like to add additional people to the ILL distribution list, please email [Marcy](#).

All best,  
[Mickey](#)

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### **New online Job Bank**

We were pleased to announce the launch of our new website at [www.malalibraries.org](http://www.malalibraries.org) earlier this month; you'll find it easy to navigate and much more intuitive.

**The self-serve Job Bank is ready for you to list your exciting openings. [Click here for the direct link.](#)**

*Please note that MALA will no longer include job listings in emails.*

Load up your logo to make an even bigger impact. Job listings will be live for 45 days. If you fill your position before then, please let [Marcy](#) know via an email and she'll change the status.

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**MALA 2019 Spring Workshop:**  
***Diversity in Children's Literature and Programming***

**Friday, April 26 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Lawrence Public Library**

Join MALA and the Lawrence Public Library in exploring the various ways libraries have become more purposeful and inclusive with diversity in youth services.

Jamie Campbell Naidoo, president of the Association for Library Service to Children, will lead the morning workshop entitled *Welcoming Library Spaces Where All Means All: Inclusive & Targeted Programs, Collections, & Outreach for Diverse Families*. This session explores how to plan programs and outreach activities using authentic print and digital materials that affirm and celebrate accurate depictions of everyday lives and experiences of culturally diverse children, teens, and their families.

Then after lunch, join in two mirrored breakout sessions on *Exploring Worlds Inside and Outside Our Communities through Picture Books* with Morgan Daigneault & Matthew Harper, *Exploring Windows and Mirrors with Diverse Booktalks* with Kim Patton, and *Diverse Programming Lightning Round* with Kansas & Missouri area librarians.

[Follow this link for more information and to register for the workshop.](#)

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Thank you for your participation with MALA!

Regards,

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