We want to remind you that there is no delivery service on the following upcoming MALA Courier holidays:

- Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Day
- Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day
- Tuesday, December 31 – New Year’s Eve Day
- Wednesday, January 1 – New Year’s Day

Please let us know if you are closed any additional days (besides those listed above) over the next few weeks by emailing Marcy and Mickey ASAP.

You can also text to 816-521-7257!
maladirector@mid-americanlibraryalliance.org
marcychiasson@mid-americanlibraryalliance.org

We view Holidays and Closures as two separate things, and therefore have two methods of reporting them.

**Closures:**
If you have an IMMEDIATE/sudden closure due to inclement weather, road closure, broken pipe, power outage or any other emergency please report those using the [Courier Delivery Service Issues form](mailto:maladirector@mid-americanlibraryalliance.org?subject=Courier%20Delivery%20Service%20Issues). It is very important that you let MALA know as soon as possible that your library will be closed, so that we can inform your courier. If you do not have easy access to this link, please email both Mickey and Marcy. Add both of our email addresses to your library’s distribution list. Both of us need to be notified in the event one or the other is out of the office. Thanks.

**Holidays:**
We want you to report all of your [2020 Holiday Closures](mailto:maladirector@mid-americanlibraryalliance.org?subject=Holidays) on our new form. You will see that MALA’s 11 annual courier holidays are already pre-checked on this form. (MALA Courier Holidays are days that you do not get delivery service.) On this form, we ask you to report any other scheduled holidays that you have throughout the year – this includes staff meetings, retreats, etc. Please don’t hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Happy Holidays!
MALA Professional Development Training 2.020
Readers’ Advisory 101

with Angie Strathman, Readers’ Advisory Librarian, Mid-Continent Public Library
and Gregg Winsor, Readers’ Advisory Librarian, Johnson County Library

Thursday, January 16, 2020
9 AM to Noon ~ 8:30 AM check-in
Kansas City Public Library: Waldo Branch
201 E 75th St, Kansas City, MO 64114

This fun-filled three-hour workshop with Readers’ Advisory experts Angie Strathman and Gregg Winsor, will give you a better understanding of the ins and outs of recommending a great book, audio or movie to your patrons – in person, or online.

Register Here

Early Bird registration until January 3. Registration deadline by January 10

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