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Please report your May Courier Stats

MALA Update

The statewide ILL courier network is back up and running as of this writing, with almost full participation by member libraries. We appreciate your ongoing patience and flexibility as we return to a regular delivery schedule.

Online Courier Meeting this Friday, June 5, 10:00 am

Please attend this first meeting since the pandemic shutdown of the MALA courier service. Having a webcam is a huge plus. Please invest a few dollars in a USB webcam so we can see you in the meeting. It makes a big difference.

Join Zoom Meeting: MALA Courier Meeting

Time: Jun 5, 2020 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

[https://zoom.us/j/92134588441?](https://zoom.us/j/92134588441?pwd=WmJra1p0d3NEZVBnd2tnMEVjMDBSUT09)

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Meeting ID: 921 3458 8441

Password: 282220

Courier route drivers have adopted new protocols to reduce the risk of virus spread

“No contact” delivery is the preferred method of delivery until further notice. The more we reduce person-to-person contact, the better. If you can arrange for library materials to be securely dropped off and/or picked up, please do so. Drivers will wear masks for any staff interactions. Drivers have been reminded to pay attention to changes in drop location, different parking and/or entry paths, and modified library hours. These specifics have been shared with Henry in advance when available. Finally, I’ve requested that drivers cooperate with local library staff as much as possible, and be responsive to new procedures and delivery instructions. If you have any concerns about your driver observing these protocols, please contact MALA immediately so we can address them.

MOBIUS service is back, COKAMO service is running again, and Amigos service will resume in mid-June.

Service to our academic libraries via MOBIUS began this week. The Colorado Library Consortium is resuming courier service in a phased manner, and is accepting COKAMO connector shipments to their delivery network. Amigos service into Texas and adjoining states is slated to return in mid-June. Please do not ship any items through Amigos; however, you may resume courier shipments via MOBIUS and COKAMO at this time.

Library directors should have received the annual MALA Get Connected Courier Service Survey, which was sent via Constant Contact on Monday, June 1. Only one person from your library should complete it, and responses are due by June 23. Your feedback is very important, so please return the short survey and tell us how we're doing.

Annual Agreements for 2020-21 have been sent, and are due back to MALA by June 15Invoices have been sent, and payment is due no later than August 3. Please make sure to update your ILL contact information when you submit your new agreement.

Job Bank postings on the MALA website

Post your library's job openings on the MALA website, completely free. Use the easy self-service, step-by-step interface, and have your jobs posted in minutes. Your job posting will be approved and visible on the site within hours. The listing expires automatically in 45 days, or you can request early removal via email.

MO-ILL successfully launched in May

The new MO-ILL discussion list is for interlibrary loan practitioners working in any type of library-public, academic, special, or school. Most discussion topics pertain to public libraries in Missouri and the region served by the Mid-America Library Alliance courier service, but anyone is welcome to join this interlibrary loan community of interest. *Everyone on the MALA ILL contact list has been sent an invitation to join.* If you wish to opt out, you may do so with the click of a button. If you did not receive an invitation and want to join the list, subscribe here:

<https://lists.more.net/mailman/listinfo/mo-ill>

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