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**UPCOMING
Courier Holiday
Friday, July 3**
(4th of July observed)

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**Report your June
Courier Stats**

MALA Update

Happy Fourth Third of July!

Please remember the Independence Day (Observed) holiday this Friday, July 3. **There is NO courier service on Friday.**

Statistics and Survey

Each year, MALA is required by the terms of the LSTA grant administered through the State Library to provide a Final Report for the grant year ending June 30. Collected statistics and a participant Survey are essential elements of the report. With the COVID-19 closures and attendant disruptions, many libraries have failed to report courier statistics for March-June. Please do so immediately if you have not already. We need to have accurate and complete courier statistics for the report. Additionally, several libraries have not yet responded to the Survey. Marcy at MALA and Janet Caruthers at MOSL have both sent emails requesting those few libraries who have not completed the survey to do so. We appreciate your immediate attention to these issues.

MALA welcomes our new Courier Services Coordinator

Say hello to Linda Tarantino, our new Courier Coordinator. Linda will be the main contact for courier-related issues effective immediately. She will need some time to come up to speed on the job, but I'm sure that you will appreciate her professionalism and friendly personality.

Linda joined MALA early this year as a courier driver, and she is transitioning into her new role this month. Linda is a degreed librarian, with an MLS from the University of Missouri, and worked in a library for several years. Linda is also a certified paralegal. Her email address is linda.tarantino@mid-americalibraryalliance.org. For the time being, use MALA's main number, 816-521-7257, to reach her by phone.

News about COKAMO, the MALA-Colorado connection

Sara Wright, the Deputy Director of the Colorado Library Consortium, writes to say, *'Hi Mickey. CO libraries are slowly but steadily starting to resume courier service. Every Friday I send an updated spreadsheet to several CO organizations, such as the Alliance that operates Prospector. I'll add you to this distribution list.'*

As of this writing, about 140 Colorado libraries have returned to service. MALA is sending tubs of materials to our COKAMO connector point in Goodland, KS, so feel free to use the COKAMO connection, with the understanding that

ILL deliveries may be considerably delayed. If you have any questions about whether or not a Colorado partner is open and has resumed courier service, contact Mickey or Linda at MALA.

Missouri State University in Springfield joins MALA

The MSU libraries have left MOBIUS, and have joined the MALA Get Connected courier service. Discard any pre-printed MOBIUS labels you have for them, as they will receive service via the Henry courier, and items sent to them will require a Henry label. Their label has been added to the new Henry PDF file on our website.

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