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**July Courier
Stats are due
today!**

MALA Update

MALA road trip to your library

Linda Tarantino, MALA's new Courier Coordinator, wants to get to know our member libraries. Once the pandemic situation is under better control, she'd like to visit your library to meet you in person. She'll stop in for a brief visit, introduce herself, see your library and answer any questions you or your staff may have about MALA and the statewide courier service.

Linda would like to start planning these visits over the next few months to set a tentative schedule before the end of the year. If you would welcome a visit, please email her at linda.tarantino@midamericalibraryalliance.org and let her know if there are any specific questions or issues that you'd like to discuss. She is looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible!

COKAMO services to fully resume in August

Starting August 10, with a couple of exceptions, the Colorado Library Consortium (CLic) and Western Peaks Logistics, will fully restore COKAMO services that were suspended due to the pandemic. Exceptions are school libraries and correctional facility libraries. While the restoration of these services will be seamless for Missouri libraries, we wanted to share this information with you.

Statistics for July

Your statistics for the previous month are due on the 5th of each month. This means that your July Stats are due TODAY These statistics are a crucial part of how MALA reports the use of LSTA grant money to the Missouri State Library. Use [this link](#) or the box to the left to report your July Stats today.

Scheduled Closings and Holidays

We have only received notification of scheduled closings and holidays from 44 of our 150 member libraries. It's very important that MALA have notification of days that libraries are going to be closed so we can notify Henry Industries. They, in turn, will notify their individual couriers to prevent unscheduled deliveries. If you haven't filled out the form on the MALA website, please follow this link to do so: <http://www.malalibraries.org/courier-service/>

A flood of bags coming home to MALA

Many thanks to those of you who have returned excess courier bags to MALA in the past few weeks. In addition to

your returns, our regional delivery partners in Texas and Colorado have also returned hundreds of bags to MALA. We are well-stocked with courier bags of all sizes, for now, so we invite you to use the [online form](#) on our website to request more bags as you need them. Ask for about 30 at a time. We need to keep the bag supply flowing, and the only way to do that is to recycle them continuously. Please, don't stockpile or keep excess quantities in your library. Thanks again, and let us know how many bags we can send you.

PRINCH Library Printing Solution

MALA is sponsoring a free informational webinar on the PRINCH Library Printing Solution on Tuesday, August 11 at 10:00 am. If you want expanded, user-friendly patron print options at your library, consider learning more by registering for this informational webinar. Princh is a versatile and intuitive printing solution for libraries of all sizes. Princh allows users to easily pay from any device or PC—just like online shopping—and there's no need to set-up payment agreements or provide hardware to accept transactions via cash, credit/debit card, or even PayPal.

[Sign up for the webinar here.](#)

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