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**Upcoming
Courier Holiday**
Monday, January 18
for MLK Day

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MALA Updates

January Meet and Greet Courier Meeting

Join Linda Tarantino, MALA's Courier Coordinator, for an online meeting to share information, problems, solutions or just visit about courier related items.

Topic: Meet and Greet

Time: Jan 14, 2021 2:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91837696714?pwd=VWxFSisvdFBNN09BYUd5QWFuZzh3dz09>

Meeting ID: 918 3769 6714

Passcode: 668587

Library Closures or Suspension of Courier Service

If your library is closing for any reason such as inclement weather, Covid exposure or an emergency repair, please make sure to **notify MALA immediately** by using the Courier Delivery Service form at <http://www.malalibraries.org/courier-service/courier-delivery-service-report-form/> so we can notify your courier.

Missing Totes

Does your library have any RED Mid-Continent Public Library totes? If so, please send them back to MALA with your courier. These totes were purchased specifically for Mid-Continent and are meant to be used locally only. Thank you.

New MALA Courier Bags

MALA has just received a shipment of new small and medium-sized courier bags. If you are low on courier bags, please request some through the MALA website at <http://www.malalibraries.org/courier-service/courier-delivery-service-report-form/>.

Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

**Story Time and Outreach Skills in the Pandemic:
Staying Connected to Our Youngest Library Users**

with Patrick Peterson, Children's Services Librarian, Basehor Community Library

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 ~ 2:00 to 3:00 PM

COVID-19 has dramatically changed the way we interact with our most faithful library patrons. Librarians have created virtual opportunities to replace library programs like story time and after school outreach, but we struggle with the lack of person-to-person interactions. Join Patrick Peterson as he shares his ideas about embracing virtual formats for our youngest users. This one-hour webinar will help you revitalize your story times and youth outreach with tips and tricks on how to engage youth, parents, and caregivers.

[Register here](#)

Summer Reading 2021: Network, Share & Learn

with Lauren Taylor, Children's Librarian, Lawrence Public Library

Friday, January 29, 2021, 9:15 to 10:00 AM

This FREE 45-minute interactive Zoom session moderated by Lauren Taylor will provide an opportunity for Children and Youth Services staff from across the area to come together for sharing, professional growth and networking. Come join us to discuss what worked and what did not in 2020, share your performer recommendations, network with other Youth Services professionals, and get the ball rolling on Summer Reading 2021. Connect with others who understand the challenges of designing safe, interactive Summer Reading programs and events.

[Register here](#)

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