



# Courier/ILL Newsletter | January 27, 2021

**Upcoming  
Courier Holiday  
Monday, February 15  
for President's Day  
(No service)**

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**January Stats  
are due Feb. 5**

## MALA Updates

### **Please UPDATE your MALA Contacts**

With the recent personnel changes at MALA, please update your contacts and make sure to remove Mickey Coalwell's info from your contact list.

#### **NEW Executive Director: Jane Mulvihill-Jones**

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*Please use the online [Courier Service form](#) to report service delays, immediate closures and bag requests.*

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### **Library Materials through USPS**

Recently MALA discovered that a Henry contract driver had been using USPS tubs for his MALA materials at a Henry warehouse. Unfortunately, the warehouse assumed it was postal items not courier items, so the tubs were sent to the main mail sorting location in Indianapolis. Henry is not certain how many items were sent to the sorting location, but items do continue to trickle in and could presumably do so for the next little while.

Henry's operations manager has decided that for now, everything will be delivered to Kansas City to be sorted before it goes to its final destination. We realize that this could mean a delay of a day or two, but MALA and Henry want to make sure that items are delivered to their correct destination.

If you receive a MALA courier bag through USPS and it is not for your library, please send it on to the destination library; the label should still be intact on the courier bag. If you are not sure who it goes to, please send it back to MALA with a short note explaining the situation.

We are very sorry for this inconvenience.

## Return Unused MALA Courier Bags

MALA just received a shipment of 500 small and medium-sized courier bags and we are already out of them! Please don't 'hoard' bags; only keep on-hand what you need and send back the extras to MALA so we can get them back into the system. Thank you!

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## 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.

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## February MALA 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: MALA Meet and Greet**

**Time: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 2:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/93935225771?pwd=UEJhVTBhYXE3T0dWTzkrcHFRaGo1Zz09>

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# Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

## 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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## Fostering Digital Citizenship in Your Library and Community

*with Lauren Hays, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Instructional Technology at the University of Central Missouri*

Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 2:00-3:00 PM

Digital Citizenship is the ability to use technology in safe, ethical and appropriate ways. What happens to all the things you post online? What practices endanger your online privacy? What is a positive digital footprint? Lauren Hays will explain how librarians, as facilitators of digital knowledge consumption and creation, have a unique role to play in fostering digital citizenship among their users. This webinar will target those serving K-12 youth, but will cover positive online behavior for people of any age.

[Register here](#)

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## Cultivating Resilience and Well-being Within the Library

*with Brandy Sanchez, Youth Service Librarian at Daniel Boone Regional Library*

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 10:00-11:00 AM

Resilience is the process through which we adapt to adversity; and at no time in recent history has the resilience of library staff been tested as it has been during the COVID-19 pandemic. Brandy Sanchez will discuss powerful, yet

simple strategies to help you ease common workplace stressors. Rooted in self-compassion and mindfulness, these practices will also support your overall mental health and emotional well-being.

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