



# Courier/ILL Newsletter | September 17, 2021

**Please return any unused courier bags to MALA, we are getting low on them again.**

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**September Stats are due October 5**

## MALA Updates

### A Note from MALA's Executive Director:

I'd like to thank the Barry-Lawrence Regional District for inviting me to their groundbreaking last month. I enjoyed meeting Gina Milburn in person and being on site for this exciting event.

Our courier, Henry Industries, is experiencing staffing issues in a few areas of the state. In our communities, we have all experienced the struggle to find workers in certain service industries. I wanted to point this out because it has resulted in some inconsistent drivers on a few routes on some days. Henry sometimes brings in subs to drive routes who may not be familiar with the libraries. Please, as always report any problems on our website form. We are in contact daily with Henry based on these problem reports. We can provide better responses when you report them daily rather than let them accumulate. As always, feel free to reach out to me at any time. Thank you for all you do for access to library materials for the residents of the State of Missouri.

All best, Jane

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### Columbus Day & Veteran's Day Closures

Please make sure that you have reported to MALA if you will be closed on either of these Federal Holidays. The courier system IS running on that day and we need to alert Henry and your courier in advance if you are closed. [Report closures here](#)

### October Meet and Greet Courier Meeting

Join Linda Tarantino for the monthly Meet & Greet. Meet new librarians, share information and learn what's going on around the state.

**Time: Wednesday, October 13 at 02:30 PM Central Time**  
**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/92954855465?pwd=VHFtclVKdFRCam1ZYjltRG4wZktUQT09>

## New Year, New Labels (Reminder)

New Henry labels have been uploaded onto MALA's website with a few changes. Please make sure that you note these changes and discard any old labels.

[Click here for labels](#)

### **New members**

Webster County Library - Rogersville (branch)

### **Change in Hub**

Nevada Public Library is now serviced by the Kansas City Hub - make sure that you discard any old labels and print new ones if you send ILL to this library.

### **No longer part of the MALA Membership**

Linda Hall Library

Metropolitan CC Library - Longview

St. Pius High School

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## **Upcoming MALAPro Webinars**

### **A Coffee Chat with Your Local Readers' Advisory Experts**

*with Kaite Stover, Kansas City Public Library, Gregg Winsor, Johnson County Library and Polli Kenn, Lawrence Public Library*

**Wednesday, September 22, 10 to 11 a.m.**

This hour-long interactive Zoom session moderated by Gregg Winsor, Kaite Stover, and Polli Kenn will provide an opportunity for Readers' Advisors from across the area to come together for community networking, professional growth, or just to find out what everyone else is reading/watching/listening to. Listen in for insights to the latest book group trends and programming ideas that will leave you with a fresh outlook and new colleagues to discuss where RA is headed next.

**Free for MALAPro members and only \$5 for non-members**

[Register here](#)

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### **Transforming Teen Services: Facilitating Engaging Activities & Discussions**

*with Anna Foote, NEKLS*

**Wednesday, October 6, 10 to 11:30 a.m.**

This webinar will explore facilitation techniques your library can use to engage youth (or anyone, really) in activities and discussion, whether in person or virtually.

[Register here](#)

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### **Technology Ownership: Examine the Total Cost**

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

**Wednesday, October 20, 10 to 11:00 a.m.**

Need to buy new technology for your library? Have you considered the total cost of ownership? Librarians need to be informed fully before deciding where to allocate funds. Join Lauren Hays, as we examine a total cost of ownership model and provide helpful tips for how librarians can decide what technology is worth the cost.

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