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**November Stats
are due
December 5**

MALA Updates

Thanksgiving Courier Holidays

The MALA office is closed on Thanksgiving Day (11/25) and Friday (11/26). **There will be NO courier service on those days.**

Upcoming Christmas and New Year's Closures

The MALA office is closed on Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31. There will be NO courier service on those days. Have you reported YOUR closures around the holidays? If you have not already done so, do it here: [Report closures here](#)
It is very important that you let MALA know in advance when you are closed so we can notify Henry and your courier not to service you.

MALA Monthly Newsletters

Please make sure that at least one of your ILL staff is receiving and reading our monthly newsletters. They are short (& sweet!) and contain important information about your courier service. Constant Contact statistics tell us that only 50% of our sent newsletters are actually opened.

Courier Bags

Excess courier bags can be returned to the MALA office through the courier driver, there is no need to mail them to the MALA office. Any bags that are damaged and can't be used, should be thrown away and not returned to MALA.

December 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.

Wednesday, December 8 at 2:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/98428635759?](https://zoom.us/j/98428635759?pwd=TEZ3UVF2aUF1TVRuWHJRReEpFNVNRUT09)

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Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

Readers' Advisory for Mystery Book Clubs
with Shirley Braunlich, Lawrence Public Library

Wednesday, November 17, 10 to 11:00 a.m.

Mystery is a widely varied and popular genre. Shirley Braunlich facilitates a book club where members read a different subgenre of mysteries for each meeting. Thanks to the popularity of this book club, she has developed a strong knowledge of the wide range of mystery subgenres and is excited to share what she's learned. In this one-hour live webinar, she will present an overview of how and why her book club has a unique structure and share her favorite readers' advisory resources.

[Register here](#)

Library Safety and Security

with Dustin Koopman, Mid-Continent Public Library

Wednesday, December 1, 10 to 11:00 a.m.

Library staff need to understand basic safety and security practices, such as situational awareness, verbal de-escalation, and incident documentation. This training will cover these concepts in ways that can be valuable to a variety of different libraries. The topics covered will encourage attendees to think outside of the box and challenge them to think about different safety and security practices and how they can align with a library's core values and principles.

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