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November Stats  
are due by Dec. 5

## MALA Updates

### **MALA November Thanksgiving closures**

MALA will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving. Normal courier service will resume on Monday, November 28.

### **MALA Christmas and New Year's Closures**

MALA will be closed on Monday, December 26 in observance of Christmas and on Monday, January 2 in observance of New Year's Day. Normal courier service will resume the Tuesday after each.

### **Upcoming Scheduled Holidays**

Please make sure that you have reported ALL of your library's upcoming scheduled closures for over the holidays on our online form so we can notify your courier. [Report here](#)

### **MALA says goodbye to Linda Tarantino**

After nearly three years with MALA as Courier Coordinator, Linda is leaving to take a job as a branch manager with the New Bedford, MA library system. During her tenure here, she has helped streamline our reporting systems and offered great personal customer service, among many other things. Her last day is Wednesday, November 30. We wish her all the best in her new adventure but will miss her!

Moving forward, please make sure that you continue to use the online reporting spreadsheets for courier issues ([here](#)) and if you have any other related questions, email [jane.mulvihill-jones@malalibraries.org](mailto:jane.mulvihill-jones@malalibraries.org) or [marcy.chiasson@malalibraires.org](mailto:marcy.chiasson@malalibraires.org)

### **Join the MALA Team!**

We are looking for an efficient, detailed person with great customer service skills to join us as [Courier Coordinator](#)

The perfect job for a retired person who only wants to work 15-20 hours per week... join us as a [Courier Driver](#)

## Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

*Network. Learn. Grow.*

**Ambiguity vs Librarianship**

*with Savannah Ball, Wichita Public Library*

**Tuesday, December 6, 10 a.m.**

With the library's traditional love of all things order, organization, policies, and procedures, there isn't often room to practice working with the unknown. Join Kansas Librarian Savannah Ball as she helps library staff embrace ambiguity.

[Register here](#)

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**Sustaining Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion: One Library's Journey**

*with Tracey Hughes, Miller Nichols Library, University of Missouri Kansas City*

**Thursday, December 8, 2 p.m. - Rescheduled Date**

Using the UMKC Libraries as an example, the presenter will discuss the organizational context, relationships, and structures created to facilitate engagement, accountability, and a shared responsibility for creating and maintaining an anti-oppressive and anti-racist environment.

[Register here](#)

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**Reconnecting & Restoring Wellness in Self**

*with Jessica L. Bennett & Tracy Stout, Duane G. Meyer Library, Missouri State University*

**Wednesday, January 25, 2 p.m.**

This session focuses on reconnecting with oneself to avoid exhaustion and burnout. The presenters will cover tips and techniques to restore physical, mental, and emotional well-being. They will also discuss the benefits of health and wellness programming for libraries.

[Register here](#)

## 2022-23 MALAPro Memberships

MALAPro is our annual membership program that houses all of MALA's online professional development opportunities and runs from July 1st, 2022 through July 31st, 2023. MALAPro offers you discounted rates to attend 20+ live webinars annually, as well as two FREE networking webinars each year. Additionally, members have access to past webinars for free through MALAPro's Niche Academy library.

**MALAPro 2022-23 Membership**

Individual Member - \$50

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Libraries with 16-30 staff - \$200

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Regional Library Systems - \$500

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