MALA Updates

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

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

**USPS Woes**
In early November, Henry Industries mistakenly sent a large gaylord full of MALA materials to USPS. These materials have, over the last few weeks, been delivered to receiving libraries by USPS.

Thanks so much to the libraries that have reported to us and please continue to report to MALA using the online Courier Issues form located [here](#).

If you are charged by USPS, please send a copy of your receipt to marcy.chiasson@malalibraries.org for reimbursement.

Henry has assured us that they are putting procedures in place to make sure that this does not continue to happen. We are so sorry for the inconvenience.

**Join the MALA Team!**
We are looking for an efficient, detailed person with great customer service skills to join us as [Courier Coordinator](#).

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**Upcoming MALAPro Webinars**

*Network. Learn. Grow.*

**Winter Readers' Advisory Networking Session**
*with Gregg Winsor, Johnson County Library*
*Angie Strathman, Mid-Continent Public Library*

Wednesday, January 18 at 10 a.m.
Join us for an online discussion for all things Readers' Advisory, led by some of your favorite local RA experts. Want to up your book recommendation game? Does your book group need a boost? Are you on the hunt for some training? Looking to diversify your library's collection? We'll discuss the topics YOU want to cover.

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 at 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

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**Ambiguity vs Librarianship**  
*with Savannah Ball, Wichita Public Library*

**Tuesday, January 31 at 2 p.m.**  
This class will discuss why library work is often ambiguous and practical strategies for dealing with ambiguity. Join Kansas librarian Savannah Ball as she helps library staff embrace ambiguity.

Register here

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