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January Stats are due by Feb. 5

MALA Updates

MALA Holiday Closure

MALA will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. holiday - you will not have courier service that day. Normal courier service will resume on Tuesday, January 17.

Work for MALA

MALA now has two great positions open to join our team.

Professional Development Coordinator, Portia Montoy is leaving MALA at the end of January to take a position with Johnson County Public Library as an assistant branch manager. She will be missed. This position develops, manages, and implements training programs targeting management, supervisory, and technical skills for library employees. Works independently and collaboratively with subject matter experts and leadership to identify new educational and developmental opportunities for library professionals. Coordinates and arranges training events by scheduling dates, venues, and other details. This position requires the ability to interact and communicate well with all levels of staff. Find that listing [here](#)

The Courier Coordinator manages inter-library loan delivery communications with MALA member libraries around Missouri serviced by a master vendor, local Kansas City metro customers, and a small roster of local delivery drivers. Excellent customer service skills as well as attention to details a must. Must be self-motivated and comfortable working independently. Good computer and Office Suite tools such as Outlook, Word, Excel, and Google Docs and Drive required. Find that listing [here](#)

Inclement Weather Policies - Reminder

If you have an IMMEDIATE/sudden closure due to inclement weather, road closure, broken pipe, power outage or any other emergency, please report those using the [Courier Delivery Service Issues form](#). It is very important that you let MALA know as soon as possible that your library will be closed, so that we can inform your courier. Please do not email any of the staff directly. The online form is accessible to all of us at MALA in case, we too, are at home.

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](#)

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](#)

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.

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