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February Stats are due by March 5

MALA Updates

MALA Holiday Closure - Monday, February 20

MALA will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of the President's Day holiday - you will not have courier service that day. Normal courier service will resume on Tuesday, February 21.

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.

Work for MALA

MALA has two great positions open to join our team:

The **Professional Development Coordinator** 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 **Statewide ILL Service 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](#)

Collection Development in the Time of Book Banning

with Lacie Griffin, Johnson County Library

Tuesday, February 28, 10 a.m.

In this one-hour webinar, the presenter will discuss collection development policies, supporting selection practices and handling challenges to the collection.

[Register here](#)

Library Outreach: Effective Materials Delivery

with Kristen Sherry & Brittany Schaaf, St. Charles City-County Library

Thursday, March 9, 2 p.m.

In this one-hour webinar, the presenters will discuss what Library Outreach is and talk about different ways to connect underserved members of your community with physical library materials using innovative and effective strategies.

[Register here](#)

Horror Readers' Advisory: How to Help Your Scariest Patrons

with Becky Sprattford, RA for All

Wednesday, March 15, 10 a.m.

In this one-hour webinar, the presenter will explain how to talk to fans, break down the appeal of horror, identify what resources will serve you best, and most importantly, give you dozens of authors and titles to start suggesting with confidence.

[Register here](#)

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