



Courier/ILL Newsletter

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March Stats are
due by April 5

MALA Updates

Annual Agreements coming in mid-April

Annual Agreements for July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 will be arriving in your inbox in mid-April and are due back to the MALA office by Thursday, June 1. Please make sure to update any new contacts at your library.

Thank you to the State Library of Missouri for generously continuing their commitment to resource sharing in Missouri. We look forward to servicing you in 2022-23.

Welcome Katrina High to MALA

MALA is excited to welcome Katrina as the new Courier Coordinator. She will be your point of contact with any courier questions or issues.

Katrina.High@malalibraries.org

Direct line: 816-575-6067.

Katrina High joins MALA after working as a Neighborhoods and Special Projects Coordinator for another nonprofit in Kansas City's Metro. Prior to entering the world of nonprofits, she spent seven years working for Mid-Continent Public Library. Bringing with her a friendly approach to customer service and thorough attention to detail, Katrina is excited to be back in the library realm.

Work for MALA

Library Training Coordinator – NEW updated Hybrid position

This position develops, manages, and implements professional development, 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 in all sizes and types of libraries. Responsible for coordinating and arranging all aspects of training events. 25 hours per week/hybrid schedule. Find that listing [here](#)

MALAPro 2023-24 Early Bird Membership

Network. Learn. Grow.

MALAPro is our annual membership program that houses all of MALA's online professional development opportunities. 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.

Purchase your 2023-24 annual membership at a discount April 1 through June 1.

MALAPro 2023-24 Early Bird Membership Tiers

Individual Member - \$45 (*After June 1 - \$50*)

Libraries with 2-15 staff - \$115 (*After June 1 - \$125*)

Libraries with 16-30 staff - \$180 (*After June 1 - \$200*)

Libraries with 31-25 staff - \$225 (*After June 1 - \$250*)

Libraries with 76+ staff - \$270 (*After June 1 - \$300*)

Regional Library Systems serving populations up to 500,000 - \$450 (*After June 1 - \$500*)

Regional Library Systems from 500,000 to 1 million - \$700 (*After June 1 - \$750*)

Regional Library Systems serving populations over 1 million - \$1150 (*After June 1 - \$1200*)

[Purchase your Membership here](#)

Your current 2022-23 membership is active through July 31, 2023

Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

Library Outreach: Engaging Community Experiences

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

Wednesday, April 5 at 10 a.m.

In this one-hour webinar, the presenters will talk about different ways library staff members can bring engaging and unique experiences outside library walls and build community relationships in the process.

Registration is open until 5 pm today

[Register here](#)

Youth Services Programming: Clubs for Kids

with Jenny Cook & Lauren Taylor, Lawrence Public Library

Tuesday, April 18 at 10 a.m.

Attendees will learn about creative clubs for kids of various ages, how to plan and facilitate them, and how to make them popular to keep kids coming back to the library for more.

[Register here](#)

Reconnecting & Restoring Wellness in Self

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

Wednesday, April 26 at 2 p.m.

Compassion fatigue is well documented in the library profession. And recent years have only ramped up the number of roles we as librarians try to fill. The saying "you can't pour from an empty cup" may be overused, but is very true.

This session focuses on reconnecting with oneself to avoid exhaustion and burnout

[Register here](#)

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