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# Courier/ILL Newsletter

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## MALA Updates

### Upcoming Holidays - have you reported?

Are you closed on Columbus or Veteran's Day? Have you reported all of your upcoming holidays on the Schedule Holiday & Closings sheet so MALA can notify your courier? Please do that [here](#) if you have not.

### Call for additional bags

Have an excess of bags at your library? Please send them back to MALA. Thank you.

### October Meet and Greet Courier Meeting

Join Katrina High for the monthly Meet & Greet. Meet new librarians, share information and learn what's going on around the state.

#### Topic: October Meet & Greet

Time: Wednesday, October 11 at 2:30 PM Central Time

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84300066370?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84300066370?pwd=WG0zUnd5aU1NWWNGQkVzSUZlZWVvZz09)

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Meeting ID: 843 0006 6370

Passcode: 164610

## Upcoming MALAPro webinars

*Network. Learn. Grow.*

### The Weird and Wonderful World of Circulating Unusual Library Materials

*with Keith Darrock- Port Townsend Public Library*

**Tuesday, September 26 at 10 a.m.**

Camping gear, bear canisters, musical instruments, craft kits, projectors, tools, and so many more non-traditional library materials! Learn how to get started with building, storing and maintaining your own unusual library materials collection.

[Register here](#)

## Reframing Failure: How to Keep Calm and Carry On

Caitlin McMahan, Eugene Public Library

Wednesday, October 18th at 2 p.m.

This session is about reframing how we look at “failures” and how we as staff can learn from our “mistakes,” give ourselves grace, and create a more realistic understanding of what it means to lead programs in libraries.

[Register here](#)

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## Inclusion of Justice-Involved Individuals in Library Services

Megan Phifer-Davis and Rebecca Clarke, St. Louis County Library

Wednesday, October 25th at 2 p.m.

Learn how SLCL has successfully brought virtual library programming to individuals at the St. Louis County Justice Center, with more than 60,000 views of 50 library programs in just six months. Learn how the Reference department supports currently incarcerated patrons through their Reference by Mail service, as well as supporting formerly incarcerated patrons with starting their own business through the Small Business Launchpad.

[Register here](#)

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