MALA Updates

**Missing and Found Items**
MALA will assist libraries in recovering lost or missing items in transit between two MALA libraries using the MALA courier service. Items that have been lost or missing for at least thirty days can be reported through our [Damaged/Lost/Found Items](#) form. MALA keeps these records for one year and during that time attempts to track and locate the missing items.

If you have reported any missing items that are found, please report that the item has been found using the same [Damaged/Lost/Found Items](#) form.

**Annual Agreements Coming in Early April**
Watch your in-box for the 2024-25 Annual Agreements and new FY invoices (if applicable) coming in early April. Signed Annual Agreements are due back to MALA by Mon, June 3.

**April 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: April Meet and Greet**
Time: Wednesday, Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 2:30 PM
Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84300066370?pwd=WG0zUnd5aU1NWVNGQkVzSUZNWVMvZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84300066370?pwd=WG0zUnd5aU1NWVNGQkVzSUZNWVMvZz09)
Meeting ID: 843 0006 6370
Passcode: 164610

MALAPro webinars

**Network. Learn. Grow.**

**Cooking Among the Books: Culinary in the Library**
Xander Winkel-Mid-Continent Public Library, Greg Brown-Barry-Lawrence Regional Library, and Janea Coker-Barry-Lawrence Regional Library

Wednesday, April 10th at 2 p.m.
We all know that libraries are more than books, and our patrons are utilizing our spaces for more non-traditional ideas. Cooking and libraries isn't something that seems like it goes together! Join us with speakers from Mid-Continent Public Library's Culinary Center to see the steps they took to get that up and running, and from Barry-Lawrence Regional Library to learn how to make your own culinary space if you can’t dedicate a whole building to the program! Covering the bases from large to small, learn how to get your own culinary space up and running in a way that will suit your library.

Register here

Library Grad School, What Can it Do For Me?

Dr. Andrew Smith- Associate Professor at Emporia State University, Dr. Cindy Dudenhoffer- Associate Teaching Professor at the University of Missouri

Thursday, April 25th at 2 p.m.
Many librarians have asked the question, "Do I need a Master's in Library Science to be a librarian?" Dr. Dudenhoffer and Dr. Smith may be able to help answer this question. Hear their experiences and thoughts on the degree, and answer many questions like: Is it worth it? What can I do with this degree? Am I more marketable? What kind of jobs require a Master's that I’m not eligible for without having one?

While choosing to pursue further education is a personal choice, you can get some insight from our guest professors on their experiences and thoughts.

This is a discussion based webinar, please include some questions for our presenters with your registration.

Register here

Sharing is Caring: Hosting a Swap at Your Library

Megan Durham-Youth Services Librarian, Erin Swearngin-Youth Services Librarian, Katie Ziegler -Public Services Associate, Kat Stone Underwood-Public Services Librarian, Dana Bocke-Library Associate Children’s Team

Wednesday, May 8th at 10 a.m.
Join staff from Daniel Boone Regional Library as they share with you their model for hosting a community-centered swap event at your library. This panel-style presentation will share their experiences on how to set up a swap, what to do with leftovers, and some examples of swaps hosted at DBRL. Swaps are a great way to promote sustainability by reducing waste and encouraging people to give a second life to items they would otherwise throw away. These programs are perfect for libraries looking to engage their communities in a fun, environmentally-friendly way.

Register here

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