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February Stats are
due by March 5

MALA Updates

MALA is closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of the President's Day holiday.
You will not receive delivery service on that day.

Inclement Weather Procedures

As we move into winter and inclement weather, remember to report delayed openings or closures to MALA as soon as possible.

Use our Delivery Services Issues form online, located [here](#). Please do not use the Scheduled Holidays and Closings form.

Please do not call the MALA office or email specific staff members as the MALA office might be closed as well. Our online forms are accessible to MALA staff from home or wherever we have internet access, and is the best way to ensure that we can contact your courier to halt service.

Annual Agreements/Invoices Heads-Up

July 1, 2025 will usher in a new courier provider 3-year contract. RFP's are out to several companies and due back to MALA by the end of February.

We do know that there will be an increase in rates but do not know by what percentage. In July 2022 rates went up 34% and we are hopeful that it will not be as high this time.

We'll keep you in the loop as we find out details.

March 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: Meet and Greet

Time: Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 2:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83433495689?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83433495689?pwd=7iqyuh5gGK3paLaPxxgSAKnRjM24uch.1)

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Meeting ID: 834 3349 5689

Passcode: 757172

Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

Network. Learn. Grow.

Coasting in on Fumes: Budgeting When Your Budget is Broken

Maribeth Shafer, Director at Great Bend Public Library

Tuesday, February 25th at 10 a.m.

What happens when you are only halfway through the year, and your budget is broken? How do you keep your doors open and make it to the end of the year? How do you plan for the future when the present is so bleak? Using real-life experience, we will take you on a journey through treading water to survive one budget year, while making long term changes to thrive in the future.

[Register here](#)

Social Services for Teens in the Library

Estrella Hernandez and Helen Li, Kansas city Public Library

Wednesday, March 12th at 10 a.m.

Social Services is often a hot topic in the LIS world. However, the conversation often centers around adult services which can be exclusionary or inaccessible for teens under 18. This presentation will highlight some unique challenges that teens face, provide examples of teen-specific social services that we found helpful, and look into some larger theoretical questions and frameworks around social work and libraries. Finally, we hope that this will be a place where people can connect and exchange ideas of how to better serve teens who are facing difficult circumstances.

[Register here](#)

Kitchen Sink RA: Everything but the Books

Lucy Donnelly, Kansas City Public Library and Kari Bingham-Gutierrez, Olathe Public Library

Wednesday, March 26th at 10 a.m.

Free for MALAPro members!

Library collections have expanded well beyond books and so can you readers' advisory skills! Learn how to apply RA basics to any form of content and about some helpful resources for everything from video games to movies.

[Register here](#)

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