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MALA Updates

Dear MALA members,

This has been a spring of uncertainty at MALA. Fortunately, the State of Missouri has very recently been assured that next year's courier grant funding through IMLS Grants to States has been secured. This period also marks the beginning of a new three-year contract with our courier service provider, formerly Henry Industries, now known as Capital Express.

We successfully negotiated a 9% increase for the first year of our new contract—a significant improvement compared to the 33% increase in our previous three-year agreement. We're also pleased to share that Capital Express now offers the capability to scan and track materials. This should help address the frustration we've all experienced when items go missing for weeks—or disappear entirely. This new service is expected to launch sometime this autumn, and we'll keep you updated on its progress. As implementation approaches, video tutorials and step-by-step instructions will be posted on our website to support a smooth transition to this valuable feature.

We look forward to another year of service to you.
Sincerely,
Jane Mulvihill-Jones
Executive Director

Annual Agreements & Invoices

Annual Agreements and invoices will begin emailing out today into next week. Agreements are due back to MALA by June 2 and invoices are due back by August 4. If you would like any changes in your service, please contact Marcy (marcy.chiasson@malalibraries.org) immediately.

May 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, May 14, 2025 at 2:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83433495689?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83433495689?pwd=7iqyuh5gGK3paLaPxpqSAKnRjM24uch.1)

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Meeting ID: 834 3349 5689

Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

Network. Learn. Grow.

Early Bird 2025-26 MALAPro Memberships

MALAPro is our annual membership program that houses all of MALA's online professional development opportunities and runs from July 1st, 2025 through July 31st, 2026.

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.

Join between now and June 15 to receive your membership at a discounted rate.

MALAPro 2025-26 Early Bird Membership Tiers

Available through June 15

Individual Member - \$45 *(After June 15 - \$50)*

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

Libraries with 16-30 staff - \$180 *(After June 15 - \$200)*

Libraries with 31-25 staff - \$225 *(After June 15 - \$250)*

Libraries with 76+ staff - \$270 *(After June 15 - \$300)*

Regional Library Systems serving populations up to 500,000 - \$450 *(After June 15 - \$500)*

Regional Library Systems from 500,000 to 1 million - \$700 *(After June 15 - \$750)*

Regional Library Systems serving populations over 1 million - \$1150 *(After June 15 - \$1200)*

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