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MALA Updates

Upcoming MALA Courier Holidays

MALA is open on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, Nov 11.

If your library is closed on that day, please report your closure to our 2025-26 Scheduled Holidays and Closures form [here](#) if you have not already done so.

Thanksgiving Holidays

We are closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for Thanksgiving.

Christmas Holidays

MALA is closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25

New Year's Holidays

And we are closed on Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1.

There is no courier service on the above mentioned days. If you have additional closures around Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's, please report it to our 2025-26 Scheduled Holidays and Closures form [here](#).

Calling all extra bags!

Please return to the MALA office any surplus bags you have at your library so we can get them out into the system. Another bag order is in the works but we are currently critically low on supplies

Another quick update on the label tracking project

MALA is still working out some of the details of the new tracking system with Capital Express. Stay tuned for more information to follow – hopefully in the late fall.

November 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, November 12, 2025 at 2:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83433495689?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83433495689?pwd=7iqyuh5gGK3paLaPxpGSAKnRjM24uch.1)

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Meeting ID: 834 3349 5689

Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

Network. Learn. Grow.

Engaging Grown-Ups: Programming for Adult Patrons

Anna Merrit, Assistant Director, Richland Community Library

Thursday, November 13th at 10 a.m.

While some questions might never be answered - "What came first, the chicken or the egg?" "Is one really the loneliest number?" Other questions - "How do we get more people using the library?" can be a bit easier – Programming! It isn't the only answer, but it is key to keeping your library active within your community. Examining the importance of both in-person & passive adult programming will allow your library to provide much needed information and entertainment to your patrons.

[Register here](#)

Looking Back and Looking Ahead: Best Titles of 2025 and Trends for 2026

Gregg Winsor, Johnson County Library and Angela Strathman, Mid-Continent Public Library

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 2:00 PM

Join us for our next Readers' Advisory webinar! We'll examine some of the best-of books of 2025 and then look ahead for trends going into 2026.

Free for MALAPro members

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