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December Stats are  
due January 5

## MALA Updates

### Upcoming MALA Courier Holidays

*There is no courier service on these days.*

#### Christmas Holidays

Closed on Wednesday, December 24  
and Thursday, December 25

#### New Year's Holidays

Closed on Wednesday, December 31  
and Thursday, January 1

If you have additional closures (not yet reported on the Scheduled Holidays form) around Christmas or New Year's, please report them to our Courier Delivery Service Report form [here](#).

### Refresher: How to report inclement weather closures

If your library is closed because of inclement weather, please report to MALA as soon as you decide to close so that MALA can notify the couriers.

Use the Courier Delivery Service Report found [here](#).

**Do not call or email the MALA office.** If the roads are bad, MALA staff may also be working from home. The website form is accessible to all of us wherever we are... thank you.

### Quick update on the label tracking project

MALA is getting ready to test-drive the new tracking system early in the new year with several pre-chosen libraries. Stay tuned for more information to follow... we are getting closer!

### January 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, January 14, 2026 at 2:00 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83433495689?pwd=7iqyuh5gGK3paLaPxxgSAKnRjM24uch.1>

Meeting ID: 834 3349 5689

Passcode: 757172

# Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

*Network. Learn. Grow.*

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## Teens Don't Read . . . Or Do They?

### Rethinking What 21st Century Teen Literacy Might Look Like

*Kate Brunner, Youth and Family Services Principal Consultant at Colorado State Library*

**Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 10 AM**

How many times have we heard today's teens don't read? Even though one of their primary modes of communication requires near constant reading and writing, we seem to perceive teenagers as non-readers. Perhaps we could even more effectively support and develop all the reading and writing they are doing every day both in and out of school. Join us to explore today's adolescent & adult literacy, reflect on the purposes of literacy in the 21st century, and help each other to create teen literacy opportunities in our libraries.

[Register here](#)

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## Stay Interviews: A Method to Maintain Employee Retention in Libraries

*James Pugh, Director at Cedar Springs Public Library, MI*

**Tuesday, January 27th at 10 a.m.**

Libraries face unprecedented burnout and turnover rates due to numerous internal and external factors. Stay interviews-1-on-1 manager-employee conversations-can help by discussing what motivates employees. Adopting strategies from the private sector and understanding current workforce preferences, libraries can use stay interviews for retention. Key steps, best practices, and a quick discussion will prepare attendees to implement stay interviews at their library no matter their management level.

[Register here](#)

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