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January Stats are due Feb. 5

MALA Updates

Upcoming MALA Courier Holidays

There is no courier service on this day.

President's Day- Monday, February 16

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.

February 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, February 11, 2026 at 2:00 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.

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](#)

Hand in Hand: Strategic Planning and Grant Writing

Brittany Durgin, Director at Moultonborough Public Library, NH

Tuesday, February 10th at 10 a.m.

Hear about the benefits of grant writing and strategic planning and how the two activities complement, support, and help each other along. Participants will learn how to overcome the hurdle of getting started with grant writing and strategic planning, how these activities can be woven into day-to-day activities, and how they can engage staff and spark innovation in any size library. The session will include a discussion of how to engage trustees and community partners in the process.

[Register here](#)

Trans-Forming Allyship: How to Support Your Transgender Customers and Colleagues

Sam Begley-May, Library Supervisor at Augsburg Park

Thursday, February 26th at 10 a.m.

Join us for an exploration into creating inclusive library workplaces for trans employees and how to overcome barriers to library access for trans community members. Starting off with a basic overview on the definitions and terminology used when discussing transgender and/or nonbinary individuals, this training will cover various library-specific ways to be inclusive to both internal and external transgender customers in public libraries.

This is an extended session around an hour and a half long.

[Register here](#)

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