



Mid-America Library Alliance/ Kansas City Metropolitan Library & Information Network

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Welcome to the April issue of *Between the Margins*! This month find out about more available training, the latest member news, and how to participate in a copyright education survey. Plus, this month MALA/KCMLIN is hosting our annual meeting.

Be sure to scroll to the bottom to see what giveaway items we have to offer this issue!

Have a great month!

Your Friends at MALA/KCMLIN

MALA/KCMLIN Annual Meeting on April 26th!

The Mid-America Library Alliance/Kansas City Metropolitan Library and Information Network's Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 26 from 2-4 p.m. at the Mid-Continent Public Library's Administrative Headquarters in Independence, MO.

At this meeting we will:

- * Present & Vote on 2012-2013 Council Nominations
- * Present & Vote on 2012-2013 Dues Proposal
- * Present & Vote on 2012-2013 Budget Proposal
- * Recognize Committee Members
- * Recognize the Top Trainer of the Year
- * Recognize the Continuing Education Certification Program Graduates
- * Update members on MALA/KCMLIN projects and programs

If you are interested in attending, please register on our [event page](#).

Genealogy Workshop Kudos

The MALA/KCMLIN office received a great compliment on a recent workshop: *Genealogy: Military Records and Research*, which was held on March 27.

"Just a Thank You for letting me know about the class yesterday. I learned so much more than I thought possible. I never knew there was a National Archives in KC!!! I am so excited to come back up and research to my heart's content!! I am definitely anxious about the Immigration class in June."

Thank you to the presenters -- professional genealogist and lecturer Tiffany Wright, Lori Cox-Paul from the National Archives and Records Administration, and Angela

We encourage you to post any open positions in your organization for FREE on the MALA/KCMLIN website. To post a job, simply go to [Library Job Link](#) page, select the "Click here to create a new job listing" link, input your text, and then follow the instructions at the bottom of the page to submit it.

Quick Links

[Our Website](#)

[Continuing Education Calendar](#)

McComas from the Midwest Genealogy Center -- on a job well done!

The next genealogy workshop will be held June 14 on *Genealogy: Immigration Records and Research*. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Congratulations Albany Carnegie Public Library!

Carnegie Public Library in Albany, MO, has been chosen to receive \$2500 from America's Farmers Grow Communities. The library was nominated by a patron.

The check will be presented at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, at Carnegie Library's Spring Open House celebration. What a way to celebrate National Library Week!

Annual Children's Workshop Drawing Winners

Congratulations to the following attendees of the Annual Children's Workshop held on March 22. Their names were drawn to win the door prizes at the event:

Holly Tohlen, Mid-Continent Public Library - iPod Nano
Stacey Powell, Mid-Continent Public Library - 4GB Flashdrive
Laura Canales, Mid-Continent Public Library - Library Fairy
Donna Newell, Kansas City KS Public Library - Galley of "*The Moon Over High Street*" by Natalie Babbitt

Learn at Your Own Pace!

As a supplement to our popular continuing education face-to-face classes and webinars, [Self-Paced Learning at Your Desktop](#) is an affordable and extensive tool that allows our members to subscribe to hundreds of online training courses in different subject areas to expand a variety of skills or acquire new ones.

First, you select a subject area. Our subject areas are [Desktop Applications](#), [Business Skills](#), [Design & Media](#), [Programming & Web Development](#), and a stand-alone Anti-Sexual Harassment Training for [Employees](#) or [Supervisors](#) course with assessment.

Next, you subscribe to it on our [registration page](#). Click on one of the blue Subscribe Now buttons to begin registering for your course area subscription.

And then, enjoy unlimited access for a year to all the courses in that area! With the flexibility of online learning, you can stop in the middle of a course, save your work, and resume later. If you finish a course and want to go back for a refresher, you can do that, too.

There is so much flexibility and variety available through [Self-Paced Learning at Your Desktop](#). Visit our webpage or contact [Kirsten Myers](#) to learn more.

Workshops in April

* [Murder & Mayhem @ Your Library!](#) Crime Fiction/Suspense Reader's

Advisory , 4/17, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Mid-Continent Public Library Administrative HQ
MALA/KCMLIN Member Cost: \$65, Non-Member Cost: \$130

Join experienced Readers' Advisor Becky Spratford for a day of murder and detection as she walks you through the current state of crime fiction. Certificate: Reader's Advisory - Major Genre

* [Widgets, QR Codes, and Scholar](#): Innovative Patron Centered Web-Tools for Your Library, 4/25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Rockhurst University - Greenlease Library

MALA/KCMLIN Member Cost: \$35, Non-Member Cost: \$70
Join this hands-on workshop to discover low-cost ways to implement web-tools to interact with users. The workshop will also discuss database and social networking widgets and their usage in libraries.

Join Our Mailing List!

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On-Demand Group Webinars for Staff Meetings and Staff Development Days

Need a guest speaker for your staff meetings or staff development days? We have the answer. MALA/KCMLIN now offers on-demand group webinars for one flat fee. You pick the date, and the webinar will be available for you to show to your group for one flat fee.

Select from our pre-recorded topics:

- *Social Media: Pros and Cons*
- *How to Break the Rules: Offering Great Customer Service to Everyone*
- *How to Change the Dynamics in the Workplace Culture*
- *Make Your Workplace Safe from Bad Behavior*
- *Meeting Deadlines When Staff and Resources Are Cut*

Cost: MALA/KCMLIN/Get Connected Member Library: \$100/group
Non-Member: \$200/group

For more information and to book your on-demand group webinar, please contact [Mary Puhr](#).

Help Educate Librarians About Copyright

You can help progress copyright education in the U.S. by answering just five quick questions.

The U.S. Copyright Office is conducting a short survey as part of a public education and outreach project. The survey aims to document how diverse audiences understand copyright.

The purpose of the survey is to solicit information about how different audiences understand copyright; the data gathered will help to form the business plan for the future direction of copyright education. The Copyright Office would like to hear from copyright applicants, copyright owners, members of the public, Copyright Office staff, and others.

Help out by completing this short survey. The survey will be open until at least April 15, 2012. A summary of the U.S. Copyright Office's priorities as published in October 2012 is in the article, "The U.S. Copyright Office: The Next Two Years."

Please click [here](#) to take to survey.

For more information, visit www.copyrightlaws.com.

FREE Books*

MALA/KCMLIN is cleaning house! This month we have a selection of books to give away on a first-come, first-served basis while quantities last to MALA/KCMLIN members on the Get Connected courier delivery service. Unless noted otherwise, we have one copy each to give away of the following titles:

- *50 Ways to Tame a Toddler* by Hamlyn
- *Act Normal: A Stan Turner Mystery* by William Manchee (2 copies)
- *The Artemis Phenomenon* by Herbert G. Geist
- *Bound by Blood* by Rick Nelson
- *Crickets Would Sing* by Frances Fabri
- *Dragon House* by John Shors
- *Everything Nice* by Ellen Shanman
- *Feel the Music* by Steven Richard Hoffman
- *The Gifts* by Calesse Cardosi
- *Golf* by Henry Beard
- *The Heart of Glass* by Vivian French
- *I'm Right, You're Wrong!* by Ricardo Planas
- *Karate Kick* by Matt Christopher
- *Labors of the Heart* by Claire Davis
- *Metamorphosis: Junior Year* by Betsy Franco
- *NOT Anything* by Carmen Rodrigues
- *Outside the Box* by Deepa Kumar (2 copies)
- *Physical* by James McManus
- *Quondam* by Jayel Gibson
- *The Wildfire Season* by Andrew Pyper

We can provide one book per person, **but multiple staff at the same member library are eligible**. Your book will be sent to you via your regular courier delivery. To make your request, please contact [Kirsten Myers](#).

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