



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

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Free JobLink

Did you know that you can upload your job openings directly to the MALA/KCMLIN website? To post a job, simply go to [Library Job Link](#) page, select the

Thank you for all of your response to our November issue of *Between the Margins*! We have exciting news to share about new member libraries, available online learning, and more giveaways in the December issue. Feel free to forward our newsletter to friends and contacts or to let us know who we ought to add to our mailing list.

Happy Holidays!

Your Friends at MALA/KCMLIN

MALA/KCMLIN Welcomes RiverShare Libraries

Beginning in January 2012, the Mid-America Library Alliance/Kansas City Metropolitan Library & Information Network (MALA/KCMLIN) Get Connected courier delivery service members will be able to share materials and resources with the [RiverShare](#) Libraries.

RiverShare is a consortium of libraries in Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois, including both public and academic libraries.



RiverShare's origins are based on a 40 year history of cross-border library cooperation in the Quad Cities.

The following libraries are the RiverShare members:

Ashford University Library	Clinton	IA
Bettendorf Public Library	Bettendorf	IA
Clinton Community College Library	Clinton	IA
Clinton Public Library	Clinton	IA
Davenport Public Library - Main Branch	Davenport	IA
Davenport Public Library - Fairmount Branch	Davenport	IA
Davenport Public Library - Eastern Avenue Branch	Davenport	IA
East Moline Public Library	East Moline	IL
Henry C. Adams Memorial Library	Prophetstown	IL

"Click here to create a new job listing" link, input your text, and the follow the instructions at the bottom of the page to submit it.

Latest *JobLink* Listings

[Head Librarian for Collection Development](#)
[Saturday Reference Librarian PT](#)
[Evening Reference Librarian PT](#)
[Branch Manager III](#)
[Document Services Scanner PT](#)

Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendars for the MALA/KCMLIN Annual Meeting, scheduled for April 26, 2012, at 2 p.m. Location to be announced.

Quick Links

[Our Website](#)
[Continuing Education Calendar](#)

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15624 E. US Hwy 24
Independence, MO

Kaplan University Library	Davenport	IA
LeClaire Community Library	LeClaire	IA
Moline Public Library	Moline	IL
Muscatine Community College Library	Muscatine	IA
Musser Public Library	Muscatine	IA
River Valley District Library	Port Byron	IL
Robert R. Jones Public Library	Coal Valley	IL
Rock Island Public Library	Rock Island	IL
St. Ambrose University Library	Davenport	IA
Scott Community College Library	Bettendorf	IA
Scott County Library System	Eldridge	IA
Sherrard Public Library District	Sherrad	IL
Silvis Public Library	Silvis	IL

With the addition of the 22 new libraries (including three branches of the Davenport Public Library), MALA/KCMLIN is now connected to 587 libraries in five states -- Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Iowa, and Illinois.

Now Registering for Online Learning Program!

Looking for economical, effective and efficient training options for your staff or yourself? We have the answer, and it is now open for registration.

[Self-Paced Learning at Your Desktop](#) is an annual subscription-based tool you can use to access hundreds of online training courses grouped by subject area. It is an affordable way to develop skills and proficiencies through convenient, self-paced instruction accessible from any computer with an Internet connection.

You select a subject area, subscribe to it, and have unlimited access for a year to all the courses in that area! Courses include a self-assessment and certificate of completion. Your computer will require the latest Flash Player 10.3 (minimum version 10.2X) to run the e-Learning model.

The subject area subscriptions are:

- *[Desktop Applications](#) -- \$99/person for 296+ courses
- *[Design & Media](#) -- \$185/person for 349+ courses
- *[Business Skills](#) -- \$224/person for 269+ courses
- *[Programming & Web Development](#) -- \$299/person for 509+ courses
- *[Anti-Harassment for Employees](#) and [Supervisors](#) -- \$10/person for one course each

Group rates are available if five or more people from the same member organization sign up for the same subject area subscription at the same time. Subscriptions are linked to a single user's e-mail address and are non-transferrable.

In order to subscribe to [Self-Paced Learning at Your Desktop](#), you must be a MALA/KCMLIN member. If you are employed by an organization

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that is a member of MALA/KCMLIN or the Get Connected Courier Delivery Service, you are a member and can participate in this program.

Once you register for your subscription, please allow processing time to access it. After the initial rollout, new subscribers will be added at the 1st and 15th of each month, depending upon when registration is received.

Any organization or individual is eligible to become an [Educational Affiliate](#), which allows you the opportunity to subscribe to Self-Paced Learning at Your Desktop and enjoy member pricing for professional development workshops, webinars and conferences.

If you would like more information, please visit our [website](#) or contact:

[Kirsten Myers](#) for *Self-Paced Learning at Your Desktop* and Group Rates

[Mary Puhr](#) for Educational Affiliate membership

[Susan Burton](#) for Full membership with courier delivery service

IMLS Grant Promotes Early Reading

In recognition of the role that museums and libraries play in early learning, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced on December 2, 2011, its intention to provide up to \$2 million of [National Leadership Grant](#) (NLG) funds over two years for library-museum collaborations in support of community efforts to further the goals the [Campaign for Grade Level Reading](#), including school readiness, summer reading loss, and chronic school absence. (This is subject to funding availability and agency discretion.)

The Library Museum Collaboration Category of the NLG program will focus on museums and libraries promoting early learning (learners from ages 0-8 and their parents and caregivers).

Libraries and museums are encouraged to partner with each other and/or with applicable community organizations to address at least one of the challenges identified by the Campaign for Grade Level Reading.



IMLS is providing one more Web conference for prospective NLG applicants who want to learn more about this opportunity, ask questions, and listen to the questions and comments of other participants:

Thursday, January 5, 2012, at 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Eastern Time

A few minutes before the start time, go to: https://imls.megameeting.com/?page=quest&conid=NLG_SPARKS.

You will be asked to enter your name and your e-mail address. For the audio connection, dial 1-888-272-8702 on your phone, and when prompted, enter the code 2053175#.

MO Book Challenge 2012

For librarians out there who are feeling competitive, the [MO Book Challenge](#) is recruiting teams for 2012. It is EASY to join and a lot of fun. Click the [link](#) for more information.

FREE Galleys and ARC Books*

With each issue of our newsletter, we are giving away a promotion on a first-come, first-served basis while quantities last to anyone who is a MALA/KCMLIN member on our courier delivery service.

This month, we feature **Galleys and Advance Reader Copies**. We have one copy each to give away of the following titles:

- *The Bedlam Detective* by Stephen Gallagher
- *City of Scoundrels* by Gary Krist
- *Death Comes to Pemberley* by P.D. James
- *The Deep Zone* by James M. Tabor
- *The Dressmaker* by Kate Alcott
- *History of a Pleasure Seeker* by Richard Mason
- *King Peggy* by Peggelene Bartels and Eleanor Herman
- *Watergate* by Thomas Mallon
- *What We Talk About When We Talk About Anne Frank* by Nathan Englander

We also have the following giveaways from the previous newsletters still available:

- *The Fat Years* by Chan Koonchung
- *The Fear Index* by Robert Harris
- *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson
- *A Vine in the Blood* by Leighton Gage
- *Microsoft Office Excel 2003, Level 2* training manual (2 copies)
- *Microsoft Office Word 2003, Level 2* training manual (2 copies)

We can provide one book per member, and your book will be sent to you via your regular courier delivery. To make your request, please contact [Kirsten Myers](#).

*Only MALA/KCMLIN members on the courier delivery service are eligible.