



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

Between the Margins Newsletter

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Welcome to 2012 and the January issue of *Between the Margins*! This month, we feature news about our upcoming webinars and face-to-face seminars, online learning, a teaser for the Spring/Summer workshop catalog, and more giveaways. 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 New Year!

Your Friends at MALA/KCMLIN

RiverShare Resources Are Now Connected!

Since January 3rd, the RiverShare consortium of 20 public and academic libraries in Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois has been moving resources via the MALA/KCMLIN *Get Connected* courier delivery service.

If you would like to share resources with our new members, you can find them as part of the MALA OCLC Group Holdings list.



Also, each new library member has been added to the *Get Connected* label maker on the MALA/KCMLIN website.

With the addition of the 20 new libraries and two additional branches of the Davenport Public Library, MALA/KCMLIN is now connected to 587 libraries in five states -- Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Iowa, and Illinois.

Upcoming MALA/KCMLIN Training:

[Lincoln City Libraries
Teen Services Librarian](#)

Free *JobLink*

Did you know that members can upload your job openings directly to 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 the follow the instructions at the bottom of the page to submit it.

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](#)

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

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15624 E. US Hwy 24
Independence, MO

Annual Children's Workshop

Save the date for March 22, 2012. The annual MALA/KCMLIN [Children's Workshop](#) will be here soon!

This year's keynote speaker is Molly Postlewait. Molly is a naturalist, storyteller, and school age programming specialist with the Johnson County Parks and Recreation's Ernie Miller Nature Center. Presenting as Mother Nature, she will discuss Nature Deficit Disorder and how public libraries and librarians can help counter it.

Other sessions (subject to change) include, What's New and Hot in Juvenile Literature, The Annual Helbie Awards, Reader's Advisory tips and tactics, Hands-on from the CLSP manual focusing on Pre-K, Summer Reading for School Age Kids, Story Time Presentations, and 4 x 4 Booktalks.

This [course](#) counts as an elective (1/2) toward the [Library Paraprofessional Certificate](#).

Cost:

MALA/KCMLIN Member: \$65 (lunch included)

Non-Member: \$130 (lunch included)

Available Webinars in January and February

[How to Break the Rules: Offering Great Customer Service to Everyone](#)

(Pre-recorded) 2/15/12

Length: 1 Hour

[Social Media: Pros and Cons](#)

(Pre-recorded) 1/13/12, 2/7/12

Length: 1 Hour

[Make Your Workplace Safe from Bad Behavior](#)

(Pre-recorded) 1/26/12, 2/23/12

Length: 2 Hours

[Meeting Deadlines When Staff and Resources are Cut](#)

(Live Webinar) 2/29/12

Length: 1 Hour

Cost:

1-Hour Webinars

Individual MALA/KCMLIN Member: \$10

Individual Non-Member: \$20

Group Rate MALA/KCMLIN Member: \$100

Group Rate Non-Member: \$200

2-Hour Webinars

Individual MALA/KCMLIN Member: \$15

Individual Non-Member: \$30

Group Rate MALA/KCMLIN Member: \$150

Group Rate Non-Member: \$300

Please click the links for more information about the topics. If you have any questions about a group viewing, please contact [Mary Puhr](#).

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Spring/Summer 2012 Workshop Brochure

Watch your mailboxes between the end of January and beginning of February for the new workshop catalog. The brochure will feature our complete list of offerings from February through July.

For more information about upcoming workshops and webinars, please contact [Mary Puhr](#). To find the most current information about upcoming workshops and webinars, please check the MALA/KCMLIN online [workshop calendar](#).

Build New Tech and Business Skills Online

[Self-Paced Learning at Your Desktop](#) is an economical, effective and efficient training option for your staff or yourself. Develop skills and proficiencies through convenient, self-paced instruction.

Offered as an annual subscription, this tool provides access to hundreds of online training courses grouped by subject area. 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.

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 that is a member of MALA/KCMLIN or the *Get Connected* courier delivery service, you are a member and can participate in this program. For information about membership, please contact [Mary Puhr](#).

Once you register for your subscription, please allow processing time to access it. You can login from any computer with an Internet connection, and your computer will require the latest Flash Player 10.3 (minimum version 10.2X) to run the e-Learning model.

For more information about *Self-Paced Learning at Your Desktop*, please visit our [website](#) or contact [Kirsten Myers](#).

Library Skills Winter Institute 2012

February 28 - March 1, 2012
Hilton Garden Inn
Columbia, Missouri

Offered by Secretary of State Robin Carnahan and the Missouri State Library, Winter Institute provides an opportunity for public library staff members who do not have an advanced degree in library/information science to learn the basics of librarianship or to update their library skills.

The Institute offers both Basic Library Skills courses and Advanced Library Skills courses.

Basic Library Skills is a series of sessions covering a range of library skills focused on public libraries in Missouri.

The courses in the Advanced Library Skills series offered during this Institute are Readers' Advisory Services and Cataloging & Classification.

Winter Institute is underwritten with federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds for registration, lodging, and designated meals. Transportation and other expenses are the responsibility of the library or individual.

Don't hesitate! **Registration closes January 13, 2012**, and classes are filling up fast! Click on the link for [more information and a registration packet](#), You can also register [online](#). Please direct questions to Sharla Lair at 800-325-0131, ext. 16, or sharla.lair@sos.mo.gov.

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
- The Deep Zone by James M. Tabor
- Defending Jacob by William Landay
- The Dressmaker by Kate Alcott
- The Fat Years by Chan Koonchung
- The Fear Index by Robert Harris
- History of a Pleasure Seeker by Richard Mason
- The Orphan Master's Son by Adam Johnson
- Thief's Covenant - A Widdershins Adventure by Ari Marmell
- A Vine in the Blood by Leighton Gage
- Watergate by Thomas Mallon

We also have the following training manuals to give away:

- 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.