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Welcome to the May issue of *Between the Margins*! We had a great Annual Meeting on April 26th and have some exciting new announcements for our members. This month find out about new services available through MALA/KCMLIN, upcoming training, and the latest member news.

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

Amigos Collaboration Adds Four States

The Mid-America Library Alliance/Kansas City Metropolitan Library & Information Network (MALA/KCMLIN) is growing again, and has formed a partnership with [Amigos Library Services](#) to provide connecting courier delivery service between the two organizations.



Beginning July 1, 2012, all MALA Extended Services members (MALA/KCMLIN members on 5-day per week, 12-month courier delivery) will now be able to connect with more than 260 Amigos libraries on Trans-Amigos Express courier delivery, and extend their reach to Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and New Mexico.

With the addition of Amigos Library Services, MALA Extended Services members will have access to nearly 900 libraries in 10 states --Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Colorado, Wyoming, as well as the four new states served by Amigos.

Collaborating and seeking opportunities for libraries to work together has always been a major goal for MALA/KCMLIN. We are excited to include our membership in this new venture, and the MALA Extended Service program is just the beginning of our regional courier delivery service.

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 the follow the instructions at the bottom of the page to submit it.

Quick Links

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

For more information about this exciting initiative, please contact [Kirsten Myers](#).

New Leadership at Johnson County (KS) Library

MALA/KCMLIN welcomes Sean Casserly, new County Librarian for the Johnson County (KS) Library.

He comes to Johnson County from the Allen County (IN) Public Library, and will be the sixth County Librarian since the founding of the library in 1952. For more information, please visit the [link](#).

Johnson County Library has been a long-time member of MALA/KCMLIN, and we look forward to working with the new administration.

New MALA/KCMLIN Council Members

At the MALA/KCMLIN Annual Meeting on April 26, 2012, voting members elected the FY2012-2013 MALA/KCMLIN Council Members:

Top Five Network Users:

Kansas City Public Library - Cheptoo Kositany
Cass County Public Library - Christie Kessler
Mid-Continent Public Library - Steven Potter
Johnson County Library - Carolyn Weeks
North Kansas City Public Library - Steven Campbell

Term through 6/30/2014:

Academic/Higher Education Library: DeVry University - Beth Caldarello
K-12 School Library: St.Teresa's Academy - Jackie Hershewe
Special Library: MRI Global - Kim Carter
At-Large: K.C. KS Community College - Cheryl Postlewait
At-Large: Johnson County Community College - Mark Daganar
At-Large: Shook, Hardy & Bacon - Joyce Sickel

Term through 6/30/2013:

Public Library: Kansas City, KS Public Library - Christopher Barnickel
Health Science Library: Linda Hall Library - Michelle Lahey
At-Large: Trails Regional - Karen Hicklin
At-Large: St. Joseph Public Library - Mary Beth Revels
At-Large: Park University Library - Ann Schultis

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MALA/KCMLIN Top Trainers of the Year Awards

To determine the MALA/KCMLIN Top Trainer of the Year, continuing education workshop trainers and coordinators receive points throughout the year for coordinating and/or presenting workshops.



This year we had a *tie* for the top trainer of the year, and both recipients are new trainers for MALA/KCMLIN.

Congratulations to **Susan Brown**, Lawrence (KS) Public Library marketing director, and **Kelly Fann**, Tonganoxie (KS) Public Library director. Both winners were announced at the MALA/KCMLIN Annual Meeting held April 26, 2012.

Kudos to Certificate Program Graduates!

For more than 10 years, the MALA/KCMLIN Continuing Education Committee and Metro Area Reader's Round Table (MARRT) Committee has been offering three certification programs to help library staff develop the skills needed in a variety of fields.

The certificate program graduates receive a pin at their final workshop in the curriculum, and each year are recognized with a certificate of program completion at the MALA/KCMLIN Annual Meeting, in front of the library directors in attendance.

Our congratulations to the participants and their libraries for the commitment it takes to complete these certifications. The following individuals have achieved certification between Annual Meeting 2011 and Annual Meeting 2012:

Supervisor Certification Program:

- Stephen Chalmers - Mid-Continent Public Library
- Linda Foster - Mid-Continent Public Library
- Lisa Gooden - Kansas City, Kansas Public Library
- Charlotte McIntosh - Mid-Continent Public Library
- Debra Newton - Kansas City Kansas Community College

Paraprofessional Certification Program:

- Carolyn Graves - Kansas City Public Library
- Susan Howard - Kansas City Public Library
- Sheryl Mullins - Mid-Continent Public Library
- Bobbi Shaw - Park University

MARRT - Reader's Advisory Certification Program:

- Lorie Hyten - Olathe Public Library

For more information about the [certification programs](#), please visit the web page or contact [Mary Puhr](#).

Workshops in June and July

* [Redefining RA: Introduction to Reader's Advisory Workshop](#)

6/12, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Kansas City KS Public Library-West Wyandotte Branch

MALA/KCMLIN Member Cost: \$45, Non-Member Cost: \$90

In this introduction to reader's advisory boot camp, Top Trainers of the Year Susan Brown and Kelly Fann offer tips and tricks, genre overviews, and other tools to answer the ever-present question of what to read next. Reader's advisory resources and practices will be explored providing participants with a leading edge training to help serve their patrons.

Certificate: Reader's Advisory Required

* [Genealogy: Immigration Records and Research Workshop](#)

6/14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Midwest Genealogy Center

MALA/KCMLIN Member Cost: \$35, Non-Member Cost: \$70

One of the hardest research tracks for genealogists is finding where the first ancestors came from and how they landed where they did. Few of these records are indexed. It takes a true detective to find these aliens. Speakers Janice Schultz, Angela McComas, Kathleen Brandt, and Beth Foulk will cover knowing Naturalization Records, Your U.S. Records, How and Why We Came, and Colonial Immigration.

* [Art Libraries Tour](#)

7/12, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Kansas City Art Institute and Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

MALA/KCMLIN Member Cost: \$15, Non-Member Cost: \$30

M. J. Poehler, library director at the Kansas City Art Institute, and Marilyn Carbonell, head of Library Services at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, will be your guides. The Kansas City Art Institute library tour will begin at Jannes Library and Learning Center. The library is housed in a restored and renovated 1908 mansion, with the stacks filling a newly constructed two-story addition to the west side of the original home. At the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, we will visit the Spencer Art Reference Library, the museum archives, and the slide/visual resources library. Lunch will be at Rozzelle Court at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. You will be responsible for paying for your own lunch.

* [Be the Best Boss You Can Be Workshop](#)

7/24, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Location TBA

MALA/KCMLIN Member Cost: \$45, Non-Member Cost: \$90

You've had good ones, and you've had bad ones, and you promised yourself if you ever got to be a boss, you would be the best ever. Then the reality of being the boss hits. At this workshop, presenter Vicky Baker, North Regional manager for Mid-Continent Public Library, will help you analyze what's in your way of reaching your lofty goal of being the best boss ever. It will also give you ideas of what might work well and things you need to add to your boss tool box. *This workshop is the first in a series.*

Certificate: Supervisor Elective

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.

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

FREE Books*

This month at MALA/KCMLIN we have a selection of ARC 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. We have one copy each to give away of the following titles:

- *Amped* by Daniel H. Wilson
- *Bunch of Amateurs: A Search for the American Character* by Jack Hitt
- *Calling Invisible Women* by Jeanne Ray
- *The Kissing List* by Stephanie Reents
- *Niceville* by Carsten Stroud
- *The Paris Detective* by Gerald Jay
- *Seating Arrangements* by Maggie Shipstead
- *The Unfair Trade: How Our Broken Financial System Destroys the Middle Class* by Michael J. Casey
- *White House Burning: The Founding Fathers, Our National Debt, and Why It Matters to You* by Simon Johnson and James Kwak
- *Zoobiquity: What Animals Can Teach Us About Health and the Science of Healing* by Barbara Natterson-Horowitz, M.D., and Kathryn Bowers

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](#).

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

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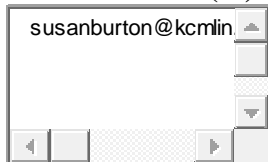


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