



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

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MALA/KCMLIN Announcements

Find Us at *Brick & Click*

We will be at the Brick & Click conference on Friday, Nov. 4th at Northwest Missouri State University. Please visit our booth to learn more about the services we offer, find out about new training opportunities, and to enter a drawing for prizes.

Save the Date:
Annual Meeting

Please mark your calendars

We have a lot going on at MALA/KCMLIN! To keep our members informed about our updates and announcements, we introduce our new online newsletter, *Between the Margins*. We welcome your comments!

New Online Training Program Launching December 1st...

Self-Paced Training at Your Desktop

We are pleased to announce the December 1st, 2011, availability of *Self-Paced Training at Your Desktop*, an affordable and extensive tool that allows you to subscribe to hundreds of online training courses to expand your skills.

As a supplement to our popular continuing education classes and webinars, *Self-Paced Training at Your Desktop* features all the benefits of e-Learning -- a highly effective, economical, and efficient way to develop skills and proficiencies.

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 areas are:

- Desktop Applications
- Business Skills
- Design & Media
- Programming & Web Development

Convenient self-paced instruction is accessible from any computer with Internet access, whether at home, work, or out of town. Your computer will require the latest Flash Player 10.3 (minimum version 10.2X) to run the e-Learning model. *Subscriptions are linked to a single user's e-mail address and are non-transferrable.*

In order to subscribe to *Self-Paced Training at Your Desktop*, you must be a MALA/KCMLIN member. We offer full

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

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 "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

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memberships and Educational Affiliate memberships.

For more information about *Self-Paced Training at Your Desktop*, including more details on subject area courses, please contact [Kirsten Myers](#).

MoBroadbandNow Summit on Nov. 17

MoBroadbandNow invites you to attend the 2011 MoBroadbandNow summit on Thursday, November 17 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, MO, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This year's theme is "Breaking New Ground in Missouri", celebrating new projects, new ideas and new partnerships.

There is no registration fee or charge for this event, but you must pre-register. Registrations must be received by November 10th.



Expanding and enhancing broadband accessibility and adoption across Missouri is critical to our global competitiveness. Libraries and resource centers, large and small, play a critical role in the broadband discussion.

Several librarians, curriculum and instruction professionals and research institutions have already partnered with MoBroadbandNow, participating on regional planning teams and working with providers on new infrastructure projects.

The MoBroadbandNow initiative was established by Governor Nixon in 2009 to bring providers and community stakeholders together with the goal of making at least 95% of Missouri accessible by the end of 2014.

You can register online at <http://mobroadbandnow.com/mo-broadband-initiatives/2011-summit/>. You must register to attend. Day of event registration will not be accepted. For more information, visit www.mobroadbandnow.com.

EBSCO Scholarships for 2012 ALA Midwinter Meeting

The American Library Association (ALA) and EBSCO are partnering to offer five scholarships for librarians to attend the 2012 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Dallas.

The meeting takes place Jan. 20-24, 2012, and offers an opportunity for continuing education, meetings and interaction with colleagues.

Each EBSCO scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,500, and one of the five scholarships will be awarded to a first-time conference attendee. The scholarship money is to be used for conference registration, travel and expenses.

Deadline for entry is Nov. 1, 2011; scholarship recipients will be notified no later than Dec. 12, 2011.

To apply, candidates must complete the [application](#) criteria and submit an essay that addresses the following topic: "If you could change anything about your current workplace or job responsibilities, how would you position them to meet future needs?"

Essays and applications will be judged by a jury designated by ALA.

Second Annual College Readiness Dialogue

The 2nd annual College Readiness Dialogue is an opportunity for conversation focusing on developing students' information literacy skills for academic success in college. Hosted by the Blue Valley School District and Rockhurst University, this FREE event takes place on Nov. 12, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Blue Valley High School in Stillwell, Kansas. This is a Bring Your Own Lunch event.

Although the event is FREE, [online registration](#) is required. Additional information can be found on the College Readiness Dialogue wiki <http://college-readiness-dialogue.wikidot.com/>.

FREE Training Manuals*

As part of our promotion of *Self-Paced Training at Your Desktop*, we are offering our members free standalone, self-paced training manuals from Element K. With each issue of our newsletter, we will offer a few of the course manuals available FREE on a first-come, first-served basis while quantities last to anyone who is a MALA/KCMLIN member on our courier delivery service.

These manuals contain CDs with the setup you can load onto your computer to train yourself on specific software applications. Please note that the manuals have different experience levels, with beginners starting at Level 1.

This month the following titles are available:

- Microsoft Office Excel 2003, Level 2 (5 copies)
- Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2003, Level 1 (4 copies)
- Microsoft Office Publisher 2003, Level 1 (2 copies)
- Microsoft Office Word 2003, Level 2 (5 copies)
- Microsoft Office Word 2007, Level 1 (2 copies)

If you are interested, please contact [Kirsten Myers](#). We can provide one manual per member per month, and manuals will be sent to you via your regular courier delivery.

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