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Our Purpose

The Library and Media Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to all school library media programs in the state. Information is categorized into three areas: 1) current announcements, 2) professional opportunities and 3) DESE news.

The Digest is distributed electronically to the contact given to DESE for library media services in each Missouri public school district (and to others who have requested to be included) as a way of disseminating information that may be used by media specialists and others to assist students.

Upon receiving the Digest, contacts are asked to forward it to all professional school media specialists at all levels throughout their district (and to anyone else who might benefit from the information). For individuals not associated with a public school, you can request to be placed on the mailing list by sending an e-mail to michelle.garnett@desse.mo.gov.



Current Announcements

Summer Reading Program

This year, DESE and the Missouri State Library will provide each of the 523 public school districts with a program manual supporting the 2009 Summer Reading Program. This year's title is "Be Creative @ Your Library." (A special thank you goes to Deborah Sutton, director of Industrial Technology at DESE, for acquiring funding to support this initiative.)

Instead of every school receiving a copy, only one manual will be given to each district. The contact person listed for library services on Core Data screen No. 3 will receive the manual via the U.S. Postal Service. An enclosed catalog will give districts the opportunity to order additional copies at \$12 each (use order number RIW-96345 on page 5

of the catalog). The manual should arrive at your district in December. If you have questions, please call (573) 526-4219.

The state library will also be offering the following workshops about the program. Registration will open in mid-to-late December.

Summer Reading Workshops

- **Springfield:** The Library Center on Feb. 9 (*make-up date Feb. 17*)
- **Jefferson City:** James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center (Interpretive Center) on Feb. 11 (*make-up date Feb. 18*)
- **Dexter:** Keller Public Library on Feb. 13 (*make-up date Feb. 20*)
- **O'Fallon:** Middendorf-Kredell Library (St. Charles Library Dist.) on March 2 (*make-up date March 16*)

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Current Announcements (Continued)

- **Warrensburg:** Trails Regional Library on March 3 (*make-up date March 17*)
- **Gallatin:** Daviess County Library on March 4 (*make-up date March 18*)

Teen Summer Reading Workshops

- **Springfield:** The Library Center on Feb. 23 (*make-up date March 9*)
- **Farmington:** Farmington Civic Center on Feb. 24 (*make-up date March 10*)
- **St. Charles:** Kisker Road Library (St. Charles Library Dist.) on Feb. 25 (*make-up date March 11*)
- **Columbia:** Daniel Boone Regional Library on Feb. 26 (*make-up date March 12*)
- **Carrollton:** Carrollton Public Library on Feb. 27 (*make-up date March 13*)

Register online for the children's workshops at <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/workshop/summerreading>. For the teen workshops, go to <http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/workshop/teensummerreading>. (Online registration will open on or around Dec. 20.)

Internet safety

On Oct. 10, President Bush signed the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act. This legislation includes language requiring e-Rate recipients to teach students about appropriate behavior on social-networking and chat-room Web sites, as well as about the dangers of cyberbullying.

The Federal Trade Commission will be carrying out a nationwide public-awareness campaign of strategies to promote safe use of the Internet by children. More information about this will be forthcoming.

Professional Opportunities

Certification requirements for Library Media Specialist

Effective Sept. 30, 2008, the new certification requirements for Library Media Specialist are as follows:

LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST

K-12

1. Foundations of Librarianship	2
2. Library Media Administration	3
3. Developing and Managing Collections	3
4. Organizing Information	3
5. Reference Sources and Services	3
6. Action Research in School Libraries	2
7. Children's, Adolescent or Young Adult Literature	3
8. Library Systems and Information Technologies	3
9. Curriculum and the Media Center	3
10. Practicum	2
11. Electives	3
MINIMUM TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS	30

MASL 2009 Spring Conference

Get a "Passport to Treasures @ Your Library" during the Missouri Association of School Librarians (MASL) 2009 Spring Conference. The conference is scheduled for April 19-21 at Tan-Tar-A. Pre-conference webinars will be offered in conjunction with Linworth. To register for the conference and the webinars, visit <http://www.maslonline.org>. Remember to register in time to get the early-bird rate – have your registration postmarked by Jan. 31.

Library science classes for school media specialists

Presently, five institutions of higher education in Missouri offer classes in library/media services. DESE would like to highlight those institutions and make sure you have the information on what options are available. There are a large number of media specialists who have taken the Praxis test who would benefit from additional coursework. DESE will continue to meet with library educators throughout the year to explore these and other opportunities.

	Lindenwood University	Missouri Baptist University	Missouri State University	University of Central Missouri	University of Missouri
Official name of the program	Master of Arts in Education with Library Media Certification	Library Science	Library Science Education	Library Science and Information Services	School of Information Science and Learning Technologies (ALA accredited)
Contact person	Yvonne Gibbs	David W. Miller	J.B. Petty (until Dec. 19); Bill Edgar (beginning Jan. 7)	Patricia Antrim	Linda Esser
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Campus address	209 S. Kingshighway St. Charles, MO 63301	1 College Park Drive St. Louis, MO 63141	Meyer Library 210A 901 S. National Ave. Springfield, MO 65897	Lovinger 4102 Warrensburg, MO 64093	303 Townsend Hall Columbia, MO 65211
Program inception date	1968-1988, 1998-present	1975	1910	1947	1966 (ALA accredited since 1969)
Number of full-time/adjunct staff	0/3	0/5	2/some courses taught by other library science faculty	4/5	9/23
Number of offered courses relevant to school libraries	10	13	13	20	22
Delivery method: traditional	10	4	6	0	2
Delivery method: blended	0	0	4	5	7
Delivery method: online	0	9	4	15	13 (courses offered in KC, St. Louis, Columbia, Omaha)
Degrees offered	Master of arts	Initial certification via master of arts in teaching; endorsement (add-on option)	None – certification program only	M.S. in library science and information services; Ed.S. in human services learning resources	M.A. in information science and learning technologies, LIS emphasis; initial and advanced certification (concurrently or nondegree seeking); Ph.D. in information science and learning technologies
Number of degrees awarded in 2006-07	13 M.A. degrees in library media			8 M.S.; 1 Ed.S.	97 total LIS; 29 w/certification; 6 nondegree certification
Number of degrees awarded in 2007-08	7 M.A. degrees in library media			10 M.S.; 1 Ed.S.	126 total LIS; 58 w/certification 14 nondegree certification

DESE News

MOSIS information

The Missouri Student Information System (MOSIS) continues to track and collect more student data every year. Starting this year, MOSIS is tracking all regularly scheduled instructional time for all students.

Districts that utilize media specialists for weekly scheduled teacher-release time must report weekly minutes. Media specialist time should be coded under 992020 to reflect such activities. This will give DESE an accurate count of minutes that media specialists are involved with release time, which is important information as Fifth Cycle MSIP approaches.

Fifth Cycle MSIP standards and indicators

As stated in the Digest's August edition, Fifth Cycle MSIP library media services standards and indicators are being drafted. After the holidays, Curt Fuchs will be sharing a draft within his standards presentation.

Information literacy grade level expectations (GLEs)

The first meeting of the group to revise the information literacy GLEs met Nov. 7 in Jefferson City. Committee members are Amy Gates, Jenny Petty, Cathie Loesing, Lisa Merideth, Dana Humphrey, Lisa Walters, David Lininger, Mariano M. Marin-Gomez, Debbie Hughes, Monica Beglau, Jane Cunningham, Patty Roe, Janet Herdman, Rusty Schneeflock, Jennifer Baldwin, Tori Grable, Jennifer Halter and Trica Hile. Facilitators are Deborah Sutton, Sharon Hoge and Curt Fuchs.

In the recent study "Ed Tech from the Trenches: Shifting Media and Materials Use in K-12 Education," Sari Follansbee reported that in

the use of print and digital sources in K-12 schools, 51 percent are print references, 55 percent are Web resource subscriptions and 89 percent are Internet references.

A recent British Library report said that a common misconception of the "Google generation" is that it is naturally information literate. Follansbee's study indicates that "the information literacy of young people has not improved with the widening access to technology."

These two reports reflect the continued need for information-literacy skills. In its revision work, the GLE study group is using "Standards for the 21st Century Learner," a document developed by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL). Hopefully, Missouri will have revised GLEs for information literacy by spring 2009. The group's next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 29 in Jefferson City.

Social Security withholding

It was recently announced in the news that the Social Security Administration (SSA) has determined that many Missouri school districts have been improperly excluding some employees from Social Security coverage when these employees were working in positions covered by the districts' Section 218 agreements.

The 218 agreement dates back to the 1950s; what has evolved is that some groups of the current teaching staff were not identified in the 1950s agreement. The SSA has stated that on July 1, 2009, school districts must be compliant by withholding Social Security from staff not included in the districts' 218 agreements. Please note that *librarian* is included in the 218 agreement dating back to

the 1950s, so this does not involve media specialists.

If you have questions about Social Security changes, the Office of Administration has requested that all inquiries be sent to 218agreements@oa.mo.gov. You can also get clarification at <http://oa.mo.gov/acct/ssa.htm>.

Presentations on the Missouri Library Standards and Fifth Cycle MSIP

You are welcome to attend any of the following presentations by Curt Fuchs on the 2008 Standards for Missouri School Library Media Centers:

- **Lamar** – Jan. 22 (contact: Julie Y. at (417) 682-3548)
- **Southeast region** – Jan. 27 (contact: Toni H. at (573) 471-1720)
- **St. Joseph** – Feb. 12 at 1:30 p.m. (contact: Lynn S. at (660) 442-3737)
- **Kansas City** – Feb. 12 at 5:30 p.m. (contact: Jessica V. at (816) 986-3193)
- **Nixa** – Feb. 28 (contact: Kathy W. at (417) 875-5650)
- **Kirksville** – March 26 (contact: Beth Y. at (660) 665-2834)
- **MASL Spring Conference** – April 19-20

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