



# Courier/ILL Newsletter

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August Stats are due by Sept. 5

## MALA Updates

### Upcoming MALA Courier Holiday Labor Day - Monday, September 2

MALA will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day. There will no courier service on that day.

### Excess Courier Bags

Please return all excess courier bags to MALA so we can get them back in the system. Thank you.

**MALA Labels** PLEASE make sure that your library is using the most recent courier label by visiting [here](#). The label database is updated frequently, so do NOT stockpile labels in case you have an older version. Several of the MALA libraries are consistently receiving materials late because the sending library is using an old label.

### September Meet and Greet Courier Meeting

Join Katrina High for the monthly Meet & Greet. Meet new librarians, share information and learn what's going on around the state.

Topic: Meet and Greet

Time: Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 2:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84300066370?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84300066370?pwd=WG0zUnd5aU1NWWNGQkVzSUZlZWVvZz09)

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Meeting ID: 843 0006 6370

Passcode: 164610

## Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

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**September Readers' Advisory, Building a Culture Around Books and Reading in Your Library**

Angela Strathman - Reader Services Librarian at Mid-Continent Public Library, and Amber Liposchak - Collection Development at Olathe Public Library

**Thursday, September 12th at 2 p.m.**

Free for MALAPro members!

Readers' advisory is not just about helping readers find specific books they like, but also celebrating and promoting the importance and joys of reading itself. Come join us in a discussion on how to build and sustain a culture around books and reading in your library and in library staff. We'll talk reading challenges, knowledge sharing, and other ways to get your staff thinking and talking about books.

[Register here](#)

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### **Reducing Social Isolation in Seniors: Connection Through Technology**

*Becky Stewart - Caregiver Advisor/Information & Referral Specialist, Starting Point; Macon County Health Department. And Katie Eytchison - Librarian, Decatur Public Library*

**Tuesday, September 17th at 10 a.m.**

Learn how to reduce social isolation among community members through community partnerships. In Decatur Illinois, the organization Starting Point works with the Illinois Department on Aging to serve seniors in our community. They wanted to combat the issue of social isolation that's felt by many seniors—especially those who are homebound. Starting Point got a grant to provide free tablets to seniors who qualify for the program as a way to provide connection to the outside world. Through the tablet, these individuals can video chat with family and friends, participate in virtual programming and access free e-resources through the local library. However, the issue was, how do we provide technology to a group of individuals who might not be tech savvy? The library was the key to the solution and we'll explain how we made that happen. In this session, we'll lay out the data collected on social isolation in Decatur, details about the grant and then how we implemented the tablet formatting program.

[Register here](#)

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## **MALAPro 2024-25 Membership**

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MALAPro is our annual membership program that houses all of MALA's online professional development opportunities. MALAPro offers you discounted rates to attend 20+ live webinars annually, as well as two FREE preselected networking webinars each year. Additionally, members have access to past webinars for free through MALAPro's Niche Academy library.

### **MALAPro 2024-25 Membership Tiers**

Individual Member - \$50

Libraries with 2-15 staff - \$125

Libraries with 16-30 staff - \$200

Libraries with 31-25 staff - \$250

Libraries with 76+ staff - \$300

Regional Library Systems serving populations up to 500,000 - \$500

Regional Library Systems from 500,000 to 1 million - \$750

Regional Library Systems serving populations over 1 million - \$1200

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