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September Stats are due by Oct. 5

MALA Updates

Your Upcoming Holiday Closures through December

Please make sure that you have reported of all of your Holidays Closures through December. Use the form on the website located [here](#).

MALA is not closed on Columbus Day (10/14) or Veterans Day (11/11) but many libraries are, and we would like to notify your courier in plenty of time.

MALA will be closed for Thanksgiving Day and Friday (11/28 & 29) and we will notify you of other MALA Courier Holidays in upcoming monthly newsletters later this fall.

Courier Totes Available

We have some MALA Courier Totes available. These totes can be used to hold outgoing materials at the library, or they may be sent out with couriers. If a significant number of items are going to one library, items can be sent in a tote, zip-tied closed, with the library's courier label taped to the top of the tote.

If you need courier totes, please request them through our "[Report Courier Delivery Service Issues/Request Supplies](#)" form. We do not have an endless supply of totes, so we encourage you to only let the courier take a tote if they are also leaving one.

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.

October 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, October 9, 2024 at 2:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84300066370?>

Upcoming MALAPro Webinars

Network. Learn. Grow.

Getting the Interview, Getting the Job: Advice From Hiring Managers

Allyson Renell, Children's Services Manager at Downers Grove Public Library and Rene Leyva, Library Director at Fossil Ridge Public Library District

Thursday, October 17th at 2 p.m.

The job market can be competitive, especially early in your career. Learn tips and tricks from hiring managers on how to end up in the interview pile, and gain insights into what those managers look for in a prospective new hire. Like almost everything else in life, this is not a one-size-fits-all process. The panel includes managers from a variety of library sizes, types, and budgets, each with their own advice to share.

[Register here](#)

Creating a Balanced and Inclusive Collection For Spanish Speaking and Bilingual Patrons

Monica Boyer, Senior Manager of Children's Services at Aurora Public Library District and Rebecca Rutkowski, Youth Collection Librarian at Mount Prospect Public Library

Thursday, October 24th at 10 a.m.

Are you trying to improve your Spanish language collection, but are not sure where to begin? Do you need help finding high-quality Spanish language and bilingual materials? We will discuss how to build a Spanish language collection. We will talk about the different approaches used by a variety of libraries, and how to make sure your Spanish language collection is balanced and inclusive.

[Register here](#)

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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