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## ALA 2014 Scholarship Online Application Now Available

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The scholarship process is open annually from October through March. More information is available online or by calling the ALA Scholarship Clearinghouse at (800) 545-2433, ext. 4279 or emailing [scholarships@ala.org](mailto:scholarships@ala.org).

**"Anyone who thinks  
this world is without  
magic, hasn't been  
to a library."  
- Amy Dominy**



## Dr. Pasco runs an "outside" comps review with Amanda Lewis and Michael Elsener



*Ideal Bookshelf* by Jane Mount

## IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS

### Registration

Registration for Spring 2014 classes begins **October 30**. Consult your Plan of Study and course schedules.

### Classes fill quickly on a first-come, first-served basis

Be ready to register on your assigned date and time! Visit <http://mu-direct.missouri.edu/catalog/index.asp> to complete your registration.

### Comprehensive Exams DRAFT date for Spring 2014 comprehensive exams is **March 8-16**.

### Graduation Ceremony – University of Missouri Hearnes Center

**Saturday, December 14, 2013 6:30 PM**

If you are graduating in Fall of 2013 and are planning to attend the ceremony in Columbia, you need to be making your travel arrangements immediately as hotels are filling NOW!

If there aren't rooms available in Columbia, there are also hotels in Boonville, Jefferson City, and Moberly.

## Declaration for the Right to Libraries

American Library Association. (2013). *Declaration for the right to libraries*. Retrieved from <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/declaration-right-libraries>

### LIBRARIES CHANGE LIVES

#### Declaration for the Right to Libraries

In the spirit of the United States Declaration of Independence and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we believe that libraries are essential to a democratic society. Every day, in countless communities across our nation and the world, millions of children, students and adults use libraries to learn, grow and achieve their dreams. In addition to a vast array of books, computers and other resources, library users benefit from the expert teaching and guidance of librarians and library staff to help expand their minds and open new worlds. We declare and affirm our right to quality libraries public, school, academic, and special – and urge you to show your support by signing your name to this Declaration for the Right to Libraries.

### LIBRARIES EMPOWER THE INDIVIDUAL

Whether developing skills to succeed in school, looking for a job, exploring possible careers, having a baby, or planning retirement, people of all ages turn to libraries for instruction, support, and access to computers and other resources to help them lead better lives.

### LIBRARIES SUPPORT LITERACY AND LIFELONG LEARNING.

Many children and adults learn to read at their school and public libraries via story times, research projects, summer reading, tutoring and other opportunities. Others come to the library to learn the technology and information skills that help them answer their questions, discover new interests, and share their ideas with others.

### LIBRARIES STRENGTHEN FAMILIES.

Families find a comfortable, welcoming space and a wealth of resources to help them learn, grow and play together.

### LIBRARIES ARE THE GREAT EQUALIZER.

Libraries serve people of every age, education level, income level, ethnicity and physical ability. For many people, libraries provide resources that they could not otherwise afford – resources they need to live, learn, work and govern.

### LIBRARIES BUILD COMMUNITIES.

Libraries bring people together, both in person and online, to have conversations and to learn from and

help each other. Libraries provide support for seniors, immigrants and others with special needs.

### LIBRARIES PROTECT OUR RIGHT TO KNOW.

Our right to read, seek information, and speak freely must not be taken for granted. Libraries and librarians actively defend this most basic freedom as guaranteed by the First Amendment.

### LIBRARIES STRENGTHEN OUR NATION.

The economic health and successful governance of our nation depend on people who are literate and informed. School, public, academic, and special libraries support this basic right.

### LIBRARIES ADVANCE RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP.

Knowledge grows from knowledge. Whether doing a school assignment, seeking a cure for cancer, pursuing an academic degree, or developing a more fuel efficient engine, scholars and researchers of all ages depend on the knowledge and expertise that libraries and librarians offer.

### LIBRARIES HELP US TO BETTER UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER.

People from all walks of life come together at libraries to discuss issues of common concern. Libraries provide programs, collections, and meeting spaces to help us share and learn from our differences.

### LIBRARIES PRESERVE OUR NATION'S CULTURAL HERITAGE.

The past is key to our future. Libraries collect, digitize, and preserve original and unique historical documents that help us to better understand our past, present and future.

**A library book, I  
imagine, is a  
happy book.  
-Cornelia Funke**

## LINKS TO STUDENT RESOURCES

### Graduate Office

University of Missouri  
Graduate Offices

### Academic Calendar

Registration dates, class  
dates, and holidays

### Graduate Record Exam

GRE requirements, tips,  
and practice tests

### Transcript Request Procedures

University of Missouri  
transcript procedures

### MU Online

Continuing and distance  
education support  
(formerly MU Direct)

### Course Schedule

University of Missouri  
course schedule search  
page

## PHOTO COLLAGE: September class weekend



*From Top Left: Erica Rose - Introduction to Information Technology Professor  
Top Right: Jamie Towne & Jessy Swift - sharing a laugh before class. Middle  
Left: Jessica Valasek, Stefanie Skrdla, & Lindsay Healey - Middle Right:  
Joyce Neujahr - wondering what she got herself into agreeing to teach the  
crazy class below. Bottom: The Management of Information Agencies Class -  
showing they're serious about the future of libraries.*

## UPCOMING WEBINARS

All webinars can be found on the Booklist [website](#).

### Creating a Makerspace Culture

10/08/2013

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (CT)

Some of today's most incredible innovations are coming from the global community of makers--thinkers, inventors, and programmers sharing information and using technology to push new ideas forward. Tune into this exciting webinar to learn tips and secrets to unlocking creative energy, innovation, and action in your library, staff, and patrons!

### What Not to Weed: Best Practices in Weeding Library Collections

10/03/2013

1:00 - 2:00 (CT)

Weeding library collections can be a tricky task. What stays? What goes? Following the successful weeding webinar "Weeding: The Basics and Beyond," Booklist Reference and Collection Management editor Rebecca Vnuk will discuss various pitfalls to avoid, and how to manage public perception. She'll be joined by Lindsey Dorfman, Director of Youth Services, Lisle (IL) Library District, who will show some before-and-after shots of a recent weeding project, and Nancy Kerr, Valencia Branch Manager, City of Santa Clarita (CA) Public Library, who will talk about weeding in adult collections.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: Anneka Ramirez

### What is your education/library/professional background?

I graduated from Norfolk Senior High School. Then I attended Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA where I earned my BA in American Cultural Studies with an emphasis in Cultural Anthropology. I began my MLS studies at the University of Missouri-Columbia in January of this year.

I have worked as the Director of the Scribner Public Library for the past 2.5 years but have recently made the decision to move on. I will be pursuing my MLS full time.

### What is on your reading list? What are your favorites/your recommended/your want to read lists?

Favorites: *Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follett; *Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza* by Gloria Anzalda; *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris; *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston; *Deadwood* by Pete Dexter; and probably a gazillion others

Recommend: *Feminist Theory: From Margin to Center* by bell hooks; *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks; *The Diviners* by Libba Bray; *Digital Dead End: Fighting for Social Justice in the Information Age* by Virginia Eubanks

Want to read: *Sleepwalk with Me and Other Painfully True Stories* by Mike Birbiglia; *The Kid: What Happened After My Boyfriend and I Decided to Go Get Pregnant* by Dan Savage; *Rum Punch* by Elmore Leonard; all of John Green's books; *Ask the Passengers* by A.S. King;

"I was born with a reading list I will never finish."  
-Maud Casey

### What is on your professional reading list?

*Running the Books: The Adventures of an Accidental Prison Librarian* by Avi Steinberg; *The Book Whisperer: Awakening the Inner Reader in Every Child* by Donalyn Miller; *Young Adult Literature: From Romance to Realism* by Michael Cart; *Tubes: A Journey to the Center of the Internet* by Andrew Blum; and of course the beat goes on...

### What do you do in your "down time"? Do you have any hobbies? How do you relax?

Well, I read but that pretty much goes without saying. Recently I have come to understand the power of a good run. I love to crochet, play board games, revel in the beauty of our world, spray paint things, write poetry, practice yoga, play Frisbee golf, spend time with family and friends and laugh (I love to laugh).

### What deep dark secret would you like to share?

It is possible that my first name was inspired by a model in Playboy. Also, I find gas station hot dogs delicious.

### Name one of your personal or professional qualities that will make you a leader in 21st century library and information centers.

I am inclusive and intentional about my interactions with people.

### What advice do you have for other students who are currently enrolled in Library Science studies?

Meet people! Take all the opportunities you can to meet folks in Libraryland.

### What do you see as key future trends and challenges for Library Information Specialists?

It will be challenging for Library Information Specialists to continue to counter many opinions that libraries are irrelevant and becoming obsolete. Staying ahead of the game, with creativity and innovation, requires constant diligence, but I think many librarians are up to the challenge.

### What do you think will be your legacy in this profession?

I hope my legacy will be creating a welcoming and safe space in a world that so often appears treacherous and cold; space to learn and create and share without judgment.

### What is your favorite quote?

"Let your soul stand cool and composed before a million universes."

Whitman, W. (1958). *Leaves of grass*. New York, NY: The New American Library.



Anneka wearing her serious face



Nebraska Library Association/  
Nebraska School Librarians Association

## Annual Conference

October 9-11, 2013  
Kearney, NE

### Mizzou Student and Alumni Presenters

#### Thursday

Marty Magee

9am - Business Communications: Library Style

Robin Clark

9am - Make It Personal - Your Professional Presence

Laura England-Biggs & Jake Rundle

11am - Breaking the Rules

Kathryn Brockmeier

3pm - Library Students Talk about Life In and Out of Library School

Jen Barnason, Brian Mass, Annette Parde

4pm - Essential Technologies for Special Libraries

#### Friday

Casey Kralik, Angela Kroeger, Robin Clark

8am - Confluence of Upheavals: Shifting Workflows with Library System Migrations and Other Sea Changes

Robin Clark

10am - Library Services for Adults with Special Needs

Karen Pietsch

1:30pm - Programming Planning Using Pinterest

For a full listing of presenters and program descriptions read the [full conference program](#).

### Attention NLA/NSLA First Time Members and Attendees!

**Help!** I would really like to attend the NLA/NSLA conference but I've never been before! What do I do? Where do I go? I'm not sure how to make sense of this conference schedule. How do I know what sessions to attend? How can I find other first-time attendees? What do you do at the vendor exhibits? I feel like I'm the only one that doesn't know what's going on.

Is this you? Are you attending the 2013 NLA/NSLA conference for the first time in 2013? The NMRT (New Members Round Table) and 5 professional librarians are looking forward to meeting you in October. Look for our easily identified table close to the entrance of the conference Thursday and Friday. We will have signage identifying our presence, guidance for navigating the conference, and a special "gift" for first-time attendees.

Join us at the NMRT networking breakfast session Thursday morning to meet other first-timers and begin making connections immediately. We're looking forward to meeting you!

~ Marie Reidelbach, Kathy Tooker, Gail Formanack, Terry Wingate, and Joyce Neujahr.

### Wednesday Night Welcoming Event

**Join fellow librarians for a night at the movies!** Doors open at 6 p.m. so you can meet up with friends from across the state, and the movie *Desk Set* begins at 7 p.m. One free drink ticket (beer, wine, soda or water) per attendee will be provided. Concession stand will also be available. Don't forget to try the original hot buttered popcorn recipe from The World Theatre of yesteryear!

**Need a ride to the event?** Kearney Trolleys, sponsored by Midwest Shelving, will be providing transportation between the Younes Conference Center and World Theatre. Trolleys will shuttle to the World Theatre from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. and back to the Younes Conference Center from 9 p.m. – 10 p.m. **Meet Amy Wenzl and your fellow classmates at 6 p.m. by the conference center entrance to ride the trolley over together.**

**A reader lives a  
thousand lives  
before he dies...  
The man who never  
reads lives only one."  
– George R.R. Martin**

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There is funding available for students pursuing library studies. Please take advantage of these opportunities. These scholarships are waiting to be snapped up by deserving students like you. Make the decision to apply. Your educational journey is worthwhile, but it's not free. Let ALA, NLA, and NEMA help!

For **Nebraska School Librarians Association Scholarships**, visit:

<https://sites.google.com/site/neshoolibrariansassociation/nsla-scholarships>

**Nebraska Library Association Scholarships**

<http://nebraskalibraries.org/member-resources/scholarships/>

**American Library Association Scholarships**

<http://www.ala.org/educationcareers/scholarships>

### DON'T FORGET MIZZOU!

As Missouri students you are eligible to fill out the Missouri Application for Graduate Scholarships. By submitting a completed Application for Graduate Scholarships, you will be considered for over 100 scholarships available through the University of Missouri College of Education.

The 2013-2014 application will be available to download on January 1, 2013, and completed applications are due March 1, 2013. This is a great opportunity to fund your education, so don't miss out!

For more information and to download the application form, visit:

[http://education.missouri.edu/academics/financial\\_aid/scholarships-graduate.php](http://education.missouri.edu/academics/financial_aid/scholarships-graduate.php)

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

It's important for all of our students to keep up with the current library job postings. You never know when your "perfect" job might come along. We regularly send out an email with the current postings. Please read these! Even if you're not looking for a job, you may see something that you want to pass on to a classmate or colleague. In addition to reading these emails, take the initiative to check the website periodically. We only send out Nebraska postings, but you can view regional postings by accessing the website.

Visit: <http://nowhiringatyourlibrary.nebraska.gov/JobsAndCareers.asp> and check out who is looking to hire in Nebraska and in other states as well. Directions: Once you access this link, select "view by location", pick your state and then hit "GO". This site provides access to postings in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.