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To: Superintendents
From: Curt Fuchs
Re: Training for media specialists on free electronic resources provide by State
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The Missouri State Library recently announced the availability of electronic library resources that are free to all Missouri schools through the MOREnet network.

Gale databases cover a wide range of subject areas including general, K-12, health and business periodical and reference content. Primary documents, biographies, literary criticisms and science experiments are included. A wide variety of multimedia content is also available including video and audio clips and thousands of flags, maps, seals and photographs. Spanish-speaking users or Spanish students could use full-text of popular Hispanic magazines – not just translations. The ReadSpeaker technology allows every article available to be listened to online or downloaded as an MP3. Access at: <http://infotrac.galegroup.com>

LearningExpress Library is a comprehensive collection of test-preparation tools, skill-building materials and career resources. More than 770 online practice tests (ACT, SAT, AP, etc.) and interactive skill-building tutorials are available, along with more than 130 e-book titles developed by expert academic and industry professionals. You can access LearningExpress Library at www.learningexpresslibrary.com.

These free resources will help to meet the information needs of your students. In order to better prepare schools to utilize these resources, DESE, MOREnet and the Missouri Association of School Librarians have organized regional meetings during September and October. I strongly encourage that you send your media personnel to the closest regional meeting so that your students and staff can take full advantage of these resources.

Below you will find the schedule of these sessions. We would request an RSVP to the email address in the far right column. If you have additional questions, don't hesitate to contact me via email (curt.fuchs@dese.mo.gov) or by phone at 573-526-4219. Hope to see your media specialist personnel at one of these sessions.

TRAINING SESSIONS FOR ELECTRONIC RESOURCES PROVIDED FREE FOR MISSOURI SCHOOLS

Region	Date	Location	Address	Time	RSVP Info
Central	9/10/2009	Kirkpatrick Library UCMO Room 1468	Corner of 13 Hwy and Clark Street - Warrensburg	4:30 pm - 7:00 pm	jrobins@ucmo.edu
Northeast	9/16/2009	Hannibal High School Library Computer Lab	4500 McMasters Ave - Hannibal - 63401	1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	byount@marceline.k12.mo.us
Northwest	9/17/2009	Central High School LRC Lab 1 & 2	2602 Edmond St. - St. Joseph, MO 64501	1:00 pm - 3:30 pm	kristy.johnson@sjsd.k12.mo.us
South Central	9/19/2009	Sullivan Middle School	1156 Elmont Dr. - 63640	10:00 am 12:30 pm	jcunningham@stjsschools.org
Greater KC	9/21/2009	Raytown South High School	8211 Sterling Ave. Raytown, Mo. 64133	5:30pm- 8:00pm	cathy.betz@raytownschools.org
Mid-Missouri	9/22/2009	Midway Elementary Computer Lab	8130 W. Hwy 40 - Columbia, 65202	5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	rthiesse@nfranklin.k12.mo.us
Southeast	9/24/2009	Cape Girardeau Public Library	711 N. Clark - Cape Girardeau	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	thowe@sikeston.k12.mo.us
St. Louis	9/29/2009	Edgar Road School	1131 Edgar Road Webster Groves 63119	4:30pm - 7:00 pm	vmiller@pkwy.k12.mo.us
East Central	10/13/2009	Farmington High School	1 Black Knight Dr. - 63640	2:30 pm - 5:00 pm	sroth@farmington.k12.mo.us
Southwest	10/17/2009	Springfield, Parkview High School	516 W. Meadowmere, Springfield, MO 65807	9:00 am - 11:30 am	knightl@mail.billings.k12.mo.us