



Creating Connections: Public Libraries & Government

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Connecting with COSLA

Chief Officers of State Library Agencies



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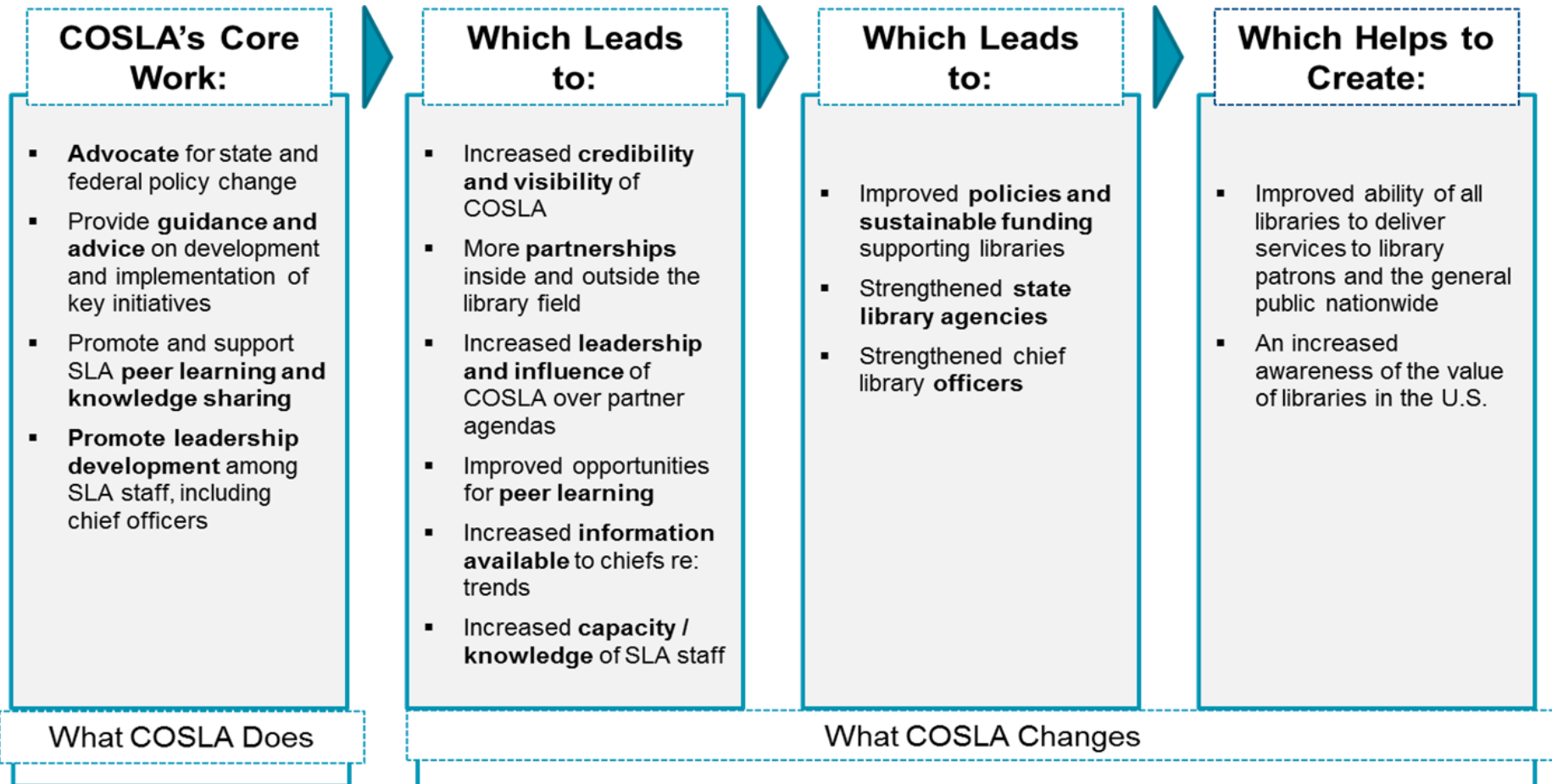


COSLA's Mission

- To provide leadership on issues of common concern and national interest, to further state library agency relationships with the federal government and national organizations, and to initiate, maintain, and support cooperative action for the improvement of library services.



Theory of Change





Unique Characteristics

- National Reach
- A Network of Peers
- Cross-State Lens
- Recognized Leadership
- Channel Partner



Key Areas of Focus

1 Strengthen State Library Agencies

- 1) Increase the knowledge, skills, and leadership capacity of State Library Agency staff
- 2) Share expertise across states to enhance the effectiveness of state programming for libraries
- 3) Equip agency staff to make the case for the sustained value of state library agencies

2 Strengthen the Library Field

- 1) Proactively engage in national projects and library initiatives
- 2) Promote supportive federal policies and sustainable funding for all libraries
- 3) Form strategic partnerships within and beyond the library field to benefit all libraries



Selected Current Initiatives

- Promoting value of federal funding, IMLS
- “Measures that Matter” data initiative
- Broadband and E-Rate Assessment and Planning
- Promoting importance of net neutrality
- Supporting partners in grants focusing on STEM, national digital platform, and e-rate support



Strong Suits

- Piloting
- Scaling
- Distribution
- Assessing
- Convening
- Continuing education development and delivery



Inner Workings

- 3 national meetings annually
- Numerous (and growing) # of regional meetings
- Association staff + contractors
- Active committee structure
- Communities of practice



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E-Government Services in Public Libraries

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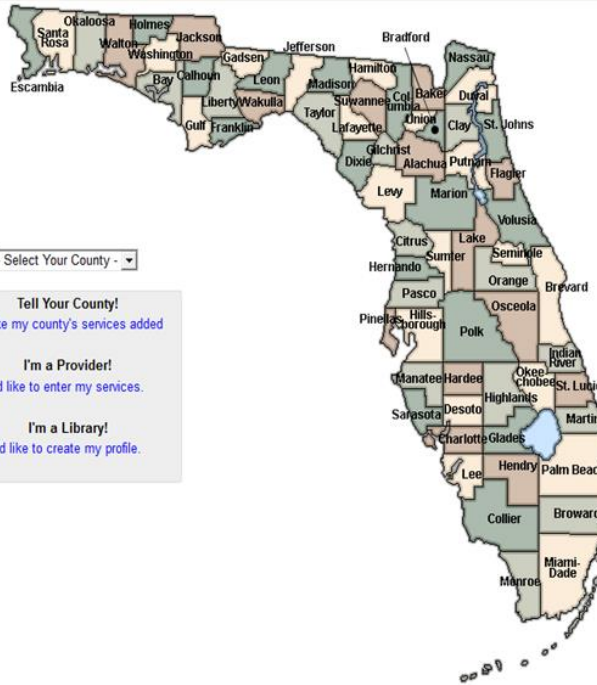
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That's nice; where are the tax forms?





E-Government and Services



YOUR HEALTHY ANSWERPLACE

COVERAGE TO CARE:

HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN LAB

An Insurance Navigator from the Cover Missouri Coalition will give individual consultations on health insurance statements, bills, plan details, patient advocacy, and enrollment options. Please bring all documents with you.

MK Thursday, September 8 2:00 pm ★

Individuals will be seen on a walk-in basis. No appointment needed. Los pacientes de habla hispana bienvenida!

COVERAGE TO CARE: CHOOSING THE RIGHT INSURANCE PLAN

Selecting the right health insurance plan can be confusing. Learn how to evaluate options based on your family's health & financial needs.

MK Wednesday, September 21 6:30 pm

Thursday, September 22 2:00 pm

Individuals will be seen on a walk-in basis. No appointment needed. Bienvenidos, se habla español!

Civic Engagement



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

CELEBRATE CONSTITUTION DAY!

Come celebrate Constitution Day with us! We'll have trivia, games, crafts, and a photo booth with fun props. Learn about government apps and websites that are not only educational but fun! We will even have a writing station where you can write or email your local government officials.

MK Friday, September 16

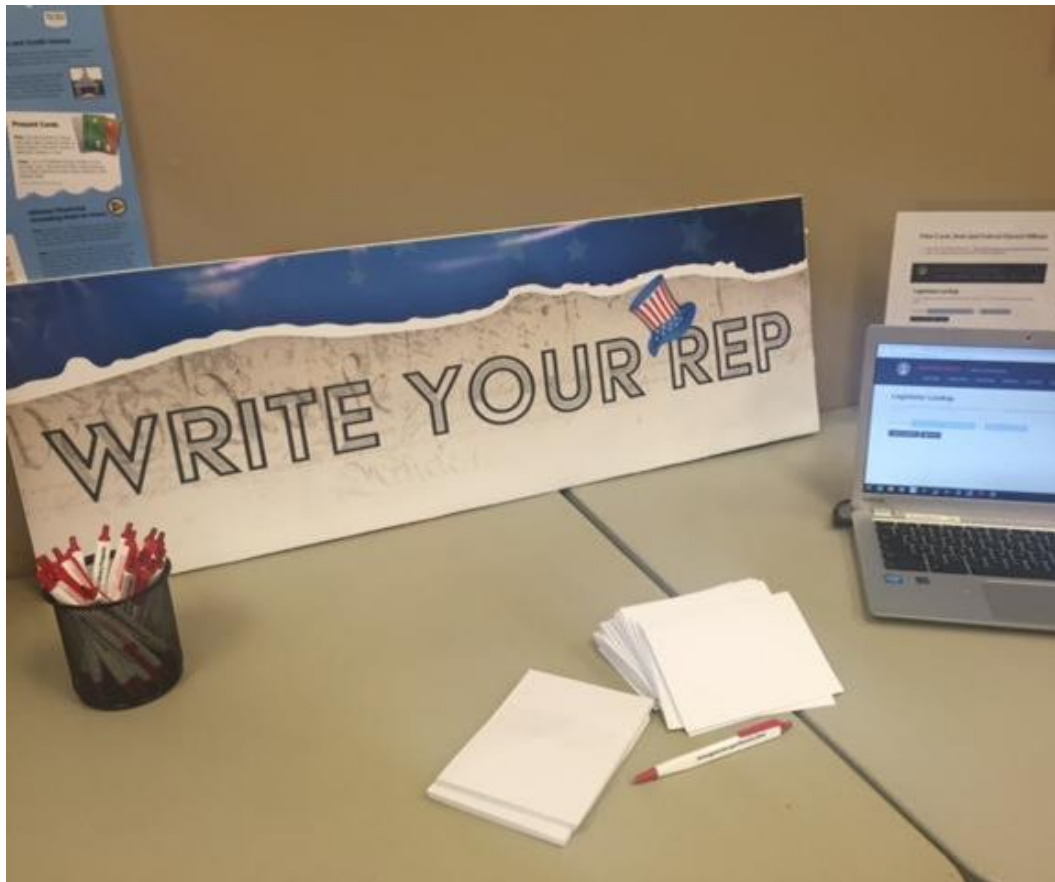
All Day ★

KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT!

With the election coming up, have you ever wondered, "How does our government really work?" Join us as Lindenwood University political science professor and political analyst, Dr. Joseph Cernik, discusses the role of government, how it functions, and the need to understand it.



Civic Engagement



Want to be prepared for 2016 Elections?
Let's start with a few simple steps to ensure a great voting experience.

1

REGISTER:

Click on the following to learn more about registering.

- Register to vote
- Change your address



2

RESEARCH & INFORM :

Click on the following information to form your decision.

FEDERAL

- See how your candidate votes, the issues he or she sponsors, contact information (*Library of Congress*)
- Congressional Committee hearings, public laws, Senate & House Documents, and more (*US Government Publishing Office*)
- Campaign finance information (*Federal Election Commission*)
- Campaign contributions, sponsorships, etc. For candidates who haven't held office (*Federal Election Commission*)

STATE

- Information regarding the Missouri Senate, Missouri House, Governor, etc. (*Missouri Legislature*)
- State legislation, information on state legislators, campaign contributions, and more (*Open States*)

3

VOTE:

Click on the following to learn more about voting.

- Find your polling place
- Request an absentee ballot
- View sample ballots

4

STAY ENGAGED:

Click on the following to stay engaged.

WEBSITES

- St. Charles County Election Authority
- C-SPAN Campaign 2016
- Project Vote Smart
- Vote 411
- Fact Check

APPS

- Matches you with a candidate:
 - Smarter Vote (Android)
 - Voter (Apple)
- Congress.gov (Mobile friendly)

News:

Want to learn more? Click on the following to stay informed.
*Library card and pin number may be required
Build News Resources Bar
Newslink Access World News
Opposing Viewpoints In Context

St. Charles City-County
Library District
www.youranswerplace.org





Digital and Media Literacy



VOTE SMART 2016: GOVERNMENT APPS FOR INFORMED VOTERS

Demo free government apps to help you track the candidates and issues this election season.



Tuesday, May 24

Wednesday, June 29

6:30 pm

10:30 am



Collection Highlights



Today in CONGRESS

Monday,
February 27, 2017

Senate

House

Confirmation vote for
Wilbur Ross, nominee for
Secretary of Commerce

H.R. 1033: Open Book on Equal
Access to Justice Act

Cloture vote on the
nomination of Rep. Ryan
Zinke (R-MT) as Secretary
of the Interior

S. 442: National Aeronautics and
Space Administration Transition
Authorization Act of 2017

H.R. 88: Shiloh National Military
Park Boundary Adjustment and
Parker's Crossroads Battlefield
Designation Act

H.R. 228: Indian Employment,
Training and Related Services
Consolidation Act of 2017

H.R. 699: Mount Hood Cooper
Spur Land Exchange
Clarification Act

H.R. 863: To facilitate the
addition of park administration
at the Coltsville National
Historical Park

Check out what's
happening in
Congress!



Questions?