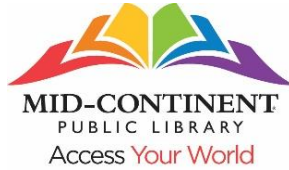


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## MCPL Launches ‘Legal Aid at the Library’

### Legal Aid of Western Missouri Offers Services at Local Library Branches

Greater Kansas City, MO – This month, Mid-Continent Public Library launched a new program in partnership with Legal Aid of Western Missouri aimed at expanding access to legal services for local residents. Each week at select MCPL branches, a Legal Aid attorney will host office hours and provide free consultations on a variety of civil legal matters, including family law issues, evictions, Medicaid and other public benefits concerns, Social Security questions, bankruptcies and foreclosures, taxpayer assistance, veterans’ issues, guardianships, and more.

“Connecting patrons to information is at the core of library service,” said Sherry Bridges, Outreach Manager with Mid-Continent Public Library. “Legal Aid at the Library is an extension of this mission and will help connect our communities with vital legal knowledge to help them make informed decisions on important topics for themselves and their loved ones.”

#### **Weekly Legal Aid Office Hours:**

**MCPL Blue Ridge Branch**

1st Thursdays: 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**MCPL Riverside Branch**

2nd Mondays: 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**MCPL Excelsior Springs Branch**

3rd Thursdays: 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**MCPL Grandview Branch**

4th Mondays\*: 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**MCPL South Independence Branch**

4th Saturdays\*\*: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

***Please Note: All office hours are available on a walk-in basis. No appointment necessary.***

Legal Aid office hours at MCPL branches will be held by attorney Billie Orr. Orr was named Managing Attorney of Legal Aid of Western Missouri’s central office in 2022, where she manages over 50 attorneys and support staff. Billie previously worked at Legal Aid from 2005 to 2009 and from 2012 to 2015 assisting clients

with Medicaid and Social Security appeals. Billie has also worked as a Guardian ad Litem in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She is a 2001 graduate of Dickinson College and a 2004 graduate of Notre Dame Law School. Orr is a member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, the Clay County Bar Association, and the Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City. Billie was previously named as an “Up and Coming Lawyer” by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly* and is a graduate of KCMBA’s Bar Leadership Academy.

“Legal Aid continues to work to expand points of access for our clients. We are really excited to be able to launch this new project in collaboration with the Mid-Continent Public Library,” said Alicia Johnson, Executive Director, Legal Aid of Western Missouri. “We appreciate the visionary nature of this library system and how they continue to think outside of the box in order to provide additional services for their patrons.”

In addition to office hours, Legal Aid will offer free programs at MCPL branches on a variety of civil legal topics, including **Low Income Taxpayer Clinic and Tax Tips**, which will be held on March 17 at 6:30 p.m. at MCPL’s Antioch Branch and March 23 at 6:30 p.m. at MCPL’s North Independence Branch. During this program, attendees will learn about Legal Aid of Western Missouri’s low-income taxpayer clinic and the services it provides. Legal Aid will provide information about what residents need to gather to prepare their 2025 federal and state income tax returns, and attendees can take home tax tips and ask questions.

MCPL also provides a number of online resources with legal information, including [Missouri Legal Forms](#), [LegalTrac](#), and [Universal Class](#). All of these resources and more can be accessed through the Library’s website with an MCPL card. **For more information about Legal Aid at the Library, visit [mymcpl.org/LegalAid](http://mymcpl.org/LegalAid).**

*Please Note: Legal services are provided by Legal Aid, an independent organization. Mid-Continent Public Library does not provide legal advice and is not responsible for services offered. Walk-ins are limited and available first-come, first-served. Eligibility and case acceptance are determined by Legal Aid. This program is not intended for emergencies or urgent court deadlines. Dates and times are subject to change.*

\*MCPL will be closed on May 25, office hours will be Tuesday, May 26

\*\*In May, office hours will be on the 5th Saturday, May 30

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### **Access Your World**

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