This Month in Missouri History: Sledding on Art Hill

It was January 1905. The World's Fair had ended in St. Louis and fair workers were busy setting Forest Park to rights when a snow storm hit. While these fair workers were at the Palace of Fine Arts, the only permanent building from the fair, they noticed that it was perched atop a magnificent hill, just perfect for a little sledding fun. Grabbing folding chairs and anything else they could find with a smooth surface, these fun-loving people launched themselves down the hill and created a new St. Louis tradition.

The Palace of Fine Arts survived — now the St. Louis Art Museum — and even 113 years later, the masses come to Art Hill to enjoy a spellbinding sledding sensation.

Winter fashion shifts and sledding technology evolves, but the thrill of launching yourself down a steep, snow-topped hill never changes.

View pictures of winter fun on Art Hill from 1905 up to 2014.

Learn more about the start of the sledding tradition.

Read more about the 1904 World's Fair
Upcoming Webinars

Less Grief with Stress Relief Webinar

January 24, 2019
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Stress is an unavoidable fact of life, but sometimes stress in the workplace can be detrimental to your health and your quality of work. In this session you will learn the varying effects that stress can have and discover some resources and techniques to help relieve that stress so you can have the best work life possible. Start the new year right by resolving to be a better you!

Register:
https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/730618175190767106

Accessing State and Federal Publications Webinar

February 28, 2019
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This session will examine several resources that will allow you to easily access the state or federal information you need. We will go over the features and capabilities of the State Publications Access Program database, govinfo.gov, and more!

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https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/7404427256395870210

Legislative Update

The Missouri House of Representatives and the Missouri Senate have pre-filed bills for the 100th General Assembly session. You can view a full list of the bills at the links below.

Check back next month for a look into how the bills are progressing.

Missouri House of Representatives Pre-filed Bills
Missouri Senate Pre-filed Bills

To learn how to search for bills, statutes, and regulations from all 50 states with the State Capital Universe database, view our webinar recording, Laws and Legislation with LexisNexis.

Newspaper Source

With Newspaper Source you can get selective full-text access to hundreds of regional, national and international newspapers, and television and radio transcripts from media such as CBS News, CNN, FOX News and NPR.

You can access Newspaper Source from the Find Articles page of our website at mostate.libguides.com/reference/articles, and using the "Search Articles" box.

There are also several freely accessible news sources that report on Missouri politics including:

Missourinet
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St. Louis Public Radio
news.stlpublicradio.org

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No-Call Registration Lookup

Enter your phone number to see if it is registered with the No-Call List through the Attorney General’s Office. By adding your home or cell phone (business numbers are not covered by law), you can avoid calls from telemarketers.

Databases like these are listed on the Missouri State Agency Databases LibGuide, available to state employees at http://godort.libguides.com/missouridbs. As part of the State Agency Database Project, you can find links to public databases from state governments of all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

New! Reference Chat

Reference Services is happy to announce that we now have Chat! If you have a quick question or are not quite sure where to go next, just click on the “Ask Us” tab on the right side of our website and a Reference Librarian will help you get the answers you need.

How can I help you today?
Name (optional/anonymous)

Your Question

Chat with a librarian
Gov Doc Talk: It's Budget Time!

As the budget process begins for the next fiscal year, here are some excellent sources for tracking state budget items:

Missouri Budget Explorer – A new feature from the Office of Administration. This tool features budget summaries, strategic management priorities, and budget bills.

Missouri Accountability Portal – By using the Missouri Accountability Portal (MAP), you can find salary information of state employees, state expenditures, budget restrictions, tax credits, bonds, federal grants and more.

Show-Me Checkbook – A relatively new financial data transparency portal from the Treasurer’s Office that pulls historical budget information from the Missouri Accountability Portal and transforms it into easy-to-use graphs and tables.

Legal Expense Fund – A report from the Attorney General’s Office, where you can find case numbers, payment dates, settlement amounts, fund transfer information.

State of Missouri Daily Spending – View the daily activity and cash balance for the state’s General Revenue Fund. This site also displays the amount of individual income tax refunds processed.

House Operating Budget Process – Once the legislative session begins, this is a wonderful resource for tracking the budget as it moves through the appropriations process.

Please direct questions to Government Documents Librarian, Laura Kromer, at Laura.Kromer@sos.mo.gov or (573) 751-4552.

Training Corner

Fish! Catch the Energy and Release the Potential

Imagine a workplace where everyone chooses to bring energy, passion, and a positive attitude with them each day. Watch the employees of Pike Place Fish Company do their jobs while you learn more about the Fish! philosophy: Play, Make Their Day, Be There, Choose Your Attitude.

This title comes with the DVD, Leader’s guide, and slideshow. Check it out!

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