This Month in Missouri History: Missouri Roots of the Plant Doctor

The celebrated botanist George Washington Carver was born into slavery in what is now known as Diamond, Missouri, in July of the early to mid-1860s. He and his mother were kidnapped not long after, and only George was returned. His former masters, Moses and Susan Carver, decided to raise him as their own after the Civil War and taught George to read, write and how to tend a garden, jump-starting his love for botany.

When he was 11, he decided to go to a school for African Americans in the town of Neosho. He rented a room during his stay with a kind woman named Mariah Watkins, who reportedly told him that he “must learn all you can, then go back out into the world and give your learning back to the people.”

After roaming the Midwest getting his education, he became an agricultural researcher and teacher at the Tuskegee Institute.

He encouraged farmers to plant peanuts in the fields where cotton crops had degraded the soil, and in turn discovered many practical uses for peanuts and other agricultural products. George made good on the words from Ms. Watkins and spread his knowledge and revitalized agricultural life across the world.

Learn more about George Washington Carver
Visit Carver’s page on the Tuskegee website
Visit his national monument
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The Innovative Woman: Creative Ways to Reach Your Potential in Business and Beyond

Act Like a Leader, Think Like a Leader

Powerful: Building a Culture of Freedom and Responsibility

Invisibles: Celebrating the Unsung Heroes of the Workplace

Think Again: How to Reason and Argue

Managing Transitions: Making the Most of Change

Managing for Happiness: Games, Tools, and Practices to Motivate Any Team

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Check a Charity

Use this tool to search for a charity by name to identify its mission, administrative costs, expenses, revenue and contact information.

You can also browse the entire list of charities included in the database.

Read helpful tips for donating to charities here.

New Database

Agricultural Science Collection

Reference Services has added a new database to our collection, the Agricultural Science Collection!

This database contains agricultural science related full-text articles, granular access to figures and tables within articles, and the entire range of bibliographic records from AGRICOLA, which is the definitive bibliographic database to agricultural science literature.

You can access the database by going to the Find Articles page of the Reference Services website.
**Upcoming Webinars**

**Anything But PowerPoint**

**July 23, 2019**  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PowerPoint has been the go-to presentation tool for years but it’s not your only option. There are many other tools available online for FREE!

This class will examine PowerPoint alternatives Prezi, Canva, Ludus, and Genially, while exploring their functions and how they can be used to create vibrant, engaging presentations.

Register:  
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**Accessing State and Federal Publications**

**Aug. 20, 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 examine the features and capabilities of the State Publications Access Program database, govinfo.gov and more!

Register:  
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**Legislative Update**

**Governor's Office**


**2020 FY Budget is signed**

**Bills signed by Governor Parson**

**News of Note:**

**Governor's Child Care Working Group issues its report**

**Ethics Commission rules that lawmakers can eat for free when giving speeches**

**Dr. Steve Strubberg named Missouri State Veterinarian**

**State Honorees: 3 employees save coworkers life**

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**Professional Development Podcasts**

Add to your professional development toolbox with podcasts! Podcasts come in all lengths and genres, and References Services scoured the internet for some of the best professional development podcasts.

Visit this section for the next few months to discover new titles and find the podcast that's right for you.

**Safe for Work**: Helpful career advice that's lively and fun, just like your work life should be. In every episode, Liz and Rico talk with callers, business leaders and noted know-it-alls who share their hard-earned wisdom from the trenches.

**Manager Tools**: Get insight on the best practices of delegation, coaching, conducting meetings and how to create effective relationships with your employees.
Sponsored by the Missouri State Library, the Missouri Census Data Center (MCDC) is the go-to source for census data and statistics about the state of Missouri.

From the MCDC website, state employees will find easy-to-use data sets by county, population trends, demographics and much more! View their collated statistical analyses, or build your own through their easy-to-use interface and tools.

**Check out the following tools:**

- Cost-Burdened Housing in Missouri
- Missouri Educational Attainment and Income
- Population Estimates by Age
- Census 2010 Profile Reports
- State/County Annual Population Change
- ZIP Code Lookup

Watch the Navigating the Census recorded webinar for basic U.S. Census information and tools.

For assistance with finding census data and tools, contact Government Documents Librarian, Laura Kromer, at Laura.Kromer@sos.mo.gov or 573.751.4552.