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### **MOLIB2GO Receives Grant From the Missouri State Library to Expand Access to eBooks and Audiobooks**

**St. Louis, Mo. – June 18, 2020** – As part of a Missouri State Library grant program, Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft announced that Amigos Library Services (Amigos), which operates the Missouri Libraries 2 Go (MOLIB2GO) digital eBook and audiobook access program for 106 Missouri libraries, was awarded \$74,000 to expand access.

“Early on, as libraries were closing due to the coronavirus, we immediately recognized that demand for eBooks and similar resources would increase rapidly – and, because of its convenience, that the demand may never subside,” Ashcroft said. “State library staff worked quickly to make these funds available to Amigos Library Services, which operates MOLIB2GO. Providing digital access to all types of materials to library patrons, in light of COVID-19 disruptions, has become priority number one for Missouri libraries.”

Through Amigos, MOLIB2GO offers eBooks and audiobooks through the OverDrive platform, and provides a wide selection of popular materials that member library patrons can access for free with their library card. With their library card, members of the community can borrow from the digital collection by visiting their library’s OverDrive website or downloading [Libby](#), the award-winning one-tap reading app from [OverDrive](#).

“With almost 1.1 million checkouts this fiscal year, the demand for eBooks and digital audiobooks increased dramatically when libraries closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” says Jodie Borgerding, Continuing Education Services Manager and MOLIB2GO Coordinator at Amigos Library Services. “Having the ability to use the grant funds to purchase additional copies of high holds titles, such as *Where the Crawdads Sing*, will help patrons at MOLIB2GO libraries get the titles they want faster.”

Readers may browse their library’s MOLIB2GO digital collection, instantly borrow titles and start reading or listening for free with a valid library card. This service is compatible with all major computers and devices, iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phones and tablets and Chromebook™ without waitlists or holds. Through Libby, readers can also “send to Kindle®” [US only]. All titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period and there are no late fees. Readers can also download titles onto Libby for offline use.

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### **About Amigos Library Services**

Amigos is one of the largest consortia of libraries and cultural heritage institutions in the United States. For more than 40 years, Amigos members have collaborated to obtain affordable services and shared library resources and knowledge. Through membership in Amigos, libraries collectively gain access to the latest innovations and services in the library community; pursue opportunities for continuing professional education; and leverage their buying power. This collaboration strengthens each member's ability to serve and lead its community in the creative and effective use of information resources. [www.amigos.org](http://www.amigos.org)

### **About OverDrive**

OverDrive is the leading digital reading platform for libraries and schools worldwide. We strive to create "a world enlightened by reading" by delivering the industry's largest catalog of ebooks, audiobooks, magazines and other digital media to a growing network of 48,000 libraries and schools in 78 countries. Our popular reading apps provide best-in-class user experience and tools for staff management: the [Libby](#) app for libraries is one of PCMag's Best Free Software of 2019 and Popular Mechanics' 20 Best Apps of the 2010s, while the student reading app [Sora](#) is one of TIME's Best Inventions of 2019. Founded in 1986, OverDrive is based in Cleveland, Ohio USA and was named a Certified B Corp in 2017. OverDrive is owned by KKR, a leading global investment firm. [www.overdrive.com](http://www.overdrive.com)

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