

SLRLN NET NEWS

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COUNCIL UPDATES:

We have two exciting new changes on the SLRLN council. Christina Pryor has taken a new position at AMIGOS, which makes her ineligible for SLRLN Council. Nina O'Daniels of Fort Zumwalt West High School has been voted in to take her 2014-2017 council seat. Lynn Grimshaw Maitz has been elected as the new Vice President.

Christina Prucha has also taken a new position at State Technical College of Missouri, which makes her ineligible for SLRLN Council. We voted in Jamie Emery of St. Louis University to take her 2015-2018 council seat.

We welcome Nina and Jamie!

Call for Tech Expo Proposals

The St. Louis Regional Library Network is calling for presentation and poster proposals for the 2016 Tech Expo to be held at Logan University on March 9.

Please choose a presentation (40 minute talk with 10 minutes for Q&A), a digital poster session, or a physical poster session.

Proposals are due December 4, 2015. [Proposals Form](#)

SLRLN's Newest Member

The Wright City School District recently joined the St. Louis Library Network. Located primarily in Warren County, the district includes over 1500 students and 200 staff/faculty. The district is composed of five schools: Wright City East Elementary (K-1), Wright City West Elementary (preschool, 2-5), Wright City Middle School (6 - 8), Wright City High School (9 - 12), and Wright City Academy (8-12).

Welcome Wright City School District!

Yearbook Digitization at Fontbonne University

Fontbonne University's Taylor Library received a grant from the Fontbonne Community Connection (FCC) to digitize their collection of student yearbooks. The digital images are now available for viewing on the Archives' website: <http://library.fontbonne.edu/yearbooks>. The FCC is a women's giving circle that funds projects proposed by Fontbonne University staff, faculty, students, and student organizations. The Library wishes to thank the FCC for their generous gift and continued support.

Cooperative Purchasing Updates

St. Louis Regional Library Network offers cooperative purchasing with vendors to provide discounted rates for their members. In the past four months, we have added new vendors to our program to pass along savings to you. Discounts are now available from 19 vendors who have been provided with a current list of libraries who are members and eligible for these discounts. For contact information and details of vendor vendor, please refer to the [CO-OP Purchasing Page](#), which includes the password protected [manual](#). The password has recently been updated and distributed to all current members.

SLRLN CO-OP Vendors

Baker & Taylor	Data 2, Inc.	Midwest Library Services
Booksource	Demco	Perma Bound/Hertberg-New Method, Inc.
Bound to Stay Bound Books, Inc.	Follett School Solutions, Inc.	Rainbow Book Company
Brodart Books	Gaylord Archival	University Products, Inc.
Brodart Supplies	Ingram	WT Cox Subscriptions
Capstone Publishers	The Library Store	
Children's Plus Inc.	Mackin Educational Resources	

Invigorating your space: Rethinking the library at De Smet Jesuit High School

By Lynn Grimshaw Maitz, Librarian

As I enter my third year at De Smet Jesuit High School I cannot believe how far we have come! The needs of our students have changed and the library is keeping pace with those demands. Our library has been primarily used to study and provide refuge for those students looking for a silent study space. With the addition of a new Principal two years ago and a new President this year; we were ready to utilize the space a bit differently.

I decided in order to continue to increase our visibility and become a more welcoming space, a dramatic reconfiguration needed to take place. This summer with the assistance of a crew of six young men, we began a massive weeding project and removal of nine shelving units.





I have been doing regular weeding, but had such a large number of items that needed to be removed that the pace needed to increase in order to complete this project quickly. We removed 6,495 items from the collection in about ten days.

The boys were busy breaking down shelving while I deleted items as fast as the keyboard would allow! They assisted in removing items and did most of the heavy lifting. We cleared the floor and installed shelving along the back wall. The wall shelving has

seven rows and plenty of room for expansion with the addition of new materials.



The goal for our new space was to create more light, an airy feeling, and additional space for meetings, classes and presentations. The library is now continuously booked for presentations, speaker series, meetings and faculty meetings. We are in constant use during the day and tend to be even busier at night. The kids love the new space and it gets so crowded during our “free period” that it becomes difficult to find a space to sit.



We plan to begin some additional remodeling in the near future. De Smet Jesuit High School is a one-to-one school so every student has a laptop. In keeping up with technology, we will be renovating our space to create a media center that focuses on technology, collaboration and student-centric learning. I welcome your questions, visits and feedback! Please feel free to contact me by email lmaitz@desmet.org.

Free Legal & Governmental Resources – September 18, 2015

SLRLN and the St. Louis Metropolitan Chapter of the Special Library Association co-hosted a workshop covering free resources.

Lynn K. Hartke,
Reference and Educational Services Librarian at SLU's Immel Law Library, presented on free legal research websites and Rebecca Hyde,



Research, Instruction & Government Documents Librarian at SLU's Pius Library, presented on free government resources. The event concluded with a tour of the Saint Louis University School of Law's impressive roof-top event space. Thank you to all those who attended.

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