

# SLRLN NET NEWS

Spring 2015



## COUNCIL UPDATES:

At the Spring Speaker Series and Annual Business Membership Meeting, we elected three librarians to fill vacancies on the council. We welcome Christa van Herreweghe from University City Public Library. We also would like to welcome back Tori Lyons from Richmond Heights Memorial Library and Christina Prucha from Logan University.

We would also like to thank Michael Boddy from Eden Theological Seminary, who served on the council for three years and is finishing his term.

Current officers include: President Heidi Vix (Webster University), Vice-President Christina Pryor (St. Louis County Library), and Secretary Meredith McCarthy.

June 23: Summer Workshop, Disaster Planning  
9:00 – 4:00

Webster University, East Academic Building

The Supervisory Preservation Specialist for the National Archives and Records Administration ([nara.gov](http://nara.gov)), **Sara Holmes**, will give a presentation on disaster planning. It is important for all libraries to have a plan in place for responding to a disaster, large or small. In this workshop you will learn how to customize a disaster plan for your institution and staff.

The workshop will include:

- Preparing a written disaster plan
- Mitigation activities before and after an incident
- How staff can implement a plan
- Strategies for salvage of books, documents, and media
- Health and safety concerns

The workshop will include tabletop exercises with wet materials so that attendees can get hands-on experience in triaging damaged collections.

Participants will leave with the resources and knowledge to develop their own disaster plan, train their own response teams, and select a disaster response company if needed.

Morning refreshments and box lunches are included

[Current SLRLN members](#) may register at the discounted

price of \$20.00; Non-members may register for \$35.00

Registration will be open at: <http://slrln.org> between May 18 – June 18. Seating is limited.

## Spring Speaker Series

We had a wonderful turnout at the annual Spring Speaker Series and Annual Business Membership Dinner held at Fontbonne University on April 28, 2015. Roughly 50 people enjoyed the presentation given by Virginia Millington, the Recording & Archive Director at StoryCorps.

Millington covered how StoryCorps worked with libraries across the country to preserve their patron's stories. She shared clips and experiences, which were poignant and moving.



StoryCorps is one of the largest oral history projects of its kind. Since 2003, StoryCorps has collected and archived more than 50,000 interviews from more than 80,000 participants. Each conversation is recorded on a free CD to share, and is preserved at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. Millions listen to the weekly broadcasts on NPR's Morning Edition and on StoryCorps' Listen Page.

StoryCorps @ your library (SCL) is a project of the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office and StoryCorps, with support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Pilot libraries receive equipment, training, promotional materials, and other resources to help them develop community documentation projects using the popular and unique StoryCorps-facilitated interview model. Public libraries participating in SCL will be encouraged to expand their influence and engagement in the communities they serve by collecting and preserving local voices.

As part of the StoryCorps approach, each interview participant receives a copy of their recording. With participant permission, and based upon a written agreement with StoryCorps, local libraries retain copies of fully released interviews.

To apply to participate in StoryCorps @ your library, please visit: <https://apply.ala.org/storycorps>  
To contact Virginia Millington, email her at: [vmillington@storycorps.org](mailto:vmillington@storycorps.org)

Thank you to all those who attended the event.

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