

NETNEWS: the newsletter of St. Louis Regional Library Network

March, 2010

'Providing opportunities and forums for librarians to share resources, and to learn together and from each other'

TECHNOLOGY EXPO 5 Scheduled

WHEN: Tuesday, March 30, 2010

WHERE: Ranken Technical College

4431 Finney Avenue

St. Louis, MO 63113

PARKING: Fenced, guarded lot

COST: \$20 member/\$30 non-member (includes sessions and lunch)

Schedule: 8:45 a.m.	Registration
9-9:50	Session I
10-10:50	Session II
11-11:50	Session III
12-2:30	Lunch & Session IV

Sessions:

Internet Safe Usage

Cindy Schroeder of INOBTR (I Know Better) directs Internet safety training for Missouri's Internet Safety Program. She will address online gaming, social networking and cyberbullying, and how to reduce the chance of children and teens becoming victims of Internet crime.

Online Health Resources

Learn how to connect your school or library to credible online health information that patrons and students can understand. This is a hands-on session conducted by Will Olmstadt, public health librarian at Becker Medical Library, and Judy Hansen, librarian at St. Louis Children's Hospital Family Resource Center.

Missouri State Library Presents

MO.Webjunction

Jean Morrison, Technology and Electronic Services Consultant with the Missouri State Library, will introduce this new resource, which provides statewide library news, grant information, online instructional courses, information about Affiliated Partner discounts, and much, much more.

Copyright in a Digital Age

For a long time copyright and fair use conversations centered around what you can and cannot do. Today the focus is shifting to locating and using copyright-friendly

resources. Roger Bauer and Cindy Marston, Academic Technology Facilitators at the Principia School, will review basic copyright information, share a process for thinking through copyright issues, and show some copyright-friendly sites for images and music

E-Books

Take a tour of what's going on in the world of e-content, from suppliers to hardware to trends and more. Presented by Asia Gross, Electronic Resources Librarian for Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC).

Social Networking (Session IV)

What is social networking? What is Web 2.0? What is the impact of all this on libraries, and how does it translate into Library 2.0? Are you using blogs, Facebook, Twitter, Delicious, Dig, Flickr and YouTube? Learn how to use these tools to communicate with library users. Librarians from a variety of libraries will discuss and show examples of how Library 2.0 has changed their world and will continue to do so. There will be time for a question and answer period. **PANEL:** Ellen Eliceiri (Webster University's Emerson Library)—introduction, Gabrielle Corley (Webster Groves School District), Tom Cooper (Webster Groves Public Library), Asia Gross (MLNC), Lisa Wolfe (Jefferson College Library), Chris Durr (Kirkwood Public Library).

Lunch: *Provided by Art of Entertaining*

Boxed Lunches include sandwich, fresh fruit, fudge brownie and dessert. Sandwich choices:

~Ham, American & Cheddar Cheese on Marble Rye with Lettuce & Honey Mustard

~Egg Salad on Sourdough Bread with Lettuce & Tomato

~Roast Top Round on Soft Roll with Lettuce & Creamy Horseradish Sauce

~Grilled Chicken Breast on 9-grain Bread with Lettuce & Tarragon Mayonnaise

~Chicken Salad on 9-grain Bread with Lemon Dressing and Lettuce

The Registration form is at the end of this newsletter. Registration deadline is March 22. If you have questions, please call Bernyce Christiansen at 314 395-1305.

MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS:

University City Public Library recently underwent a \$450,000 project to put a new roof on its building at 6701 Delmar Boulevard in University City. The design work was done by Bond Wolfe Architects and the construction was done by Lawler Corporation. The library is forty years old, and this is the second time the roof has been replaced.

'Our city is working to be greener, and this is our chance to do our part,' said Library Director Linda Ballard. She noted that the building is hard to make energy efficient, since it is very big and open, and there are no windows to provide circulation. The new roof is white, as opposed to the old black roof, and should reflect sunlight and make it easier to cool the library. There are also remote controlled windows built in to provide circulation, and up to 20 inches of insulation in places. These features, plus a new skylight to replace the old, single-paned skylight, raised the overall cost of the project. 'The energy savings will be substantial,' said Ballard, 'but probably not enough to pay for it.'

Perhaps the nicest feature of the project, and one Ballard notes with pride, is the copper flashing around the parapet. Take a look the next time you find yourself on Delmar in University City.



The main skylight of the new roof

The Paul and Helen Schnare Library at St. Charles Community College campus recently held a "Mystery Night at the Library" adventure. The event was held in conjunction with the Foundry Art Centre's Big Read activities, designed to encourage literacy of all ages. The Big Read book chosen by the Foundry Art Centre was *The*



Adventures of Tom Sawyer, from which characters and scenes were pulled and weaved into the mystery. Musical entertainment kicked off the evening; Greg Wirth from SCC's IT Department wrote a guitar piece specifically for the occasion. After a brief introduction

by Dr. Tolson (Dean of SCC Library), Mark Twain (performed by Bob Gill) sent the students on their way. Teams trekked through McDougal's Cave, crossed near the Mississippi River, interviewed the Widow Douglas (played by Kate Mikulan) and searched for clues in Aunt Polly's house (played by Margaret O'Dea), in order to find a stolen object. Forty-two

participants attended the Mystery Night, and according to completed surveys, all participants stated that they would recommend this event (or a similar event) in the future. This coincides with the staff's impression that students were engaged and entertained as they were racing around the library trying to solve clues. Several respondents noted that they only wished the event was longer and a bit more challenging.

While the majority of participants agreed that their information literacy skills (accessing / evaluating / communicating information) had improved to some degree, thirty percent felt they had not. In order to successfully solve the mystery, participants needed to be capable of finding a book given a title/call number and finding an article given a title. Some students may have already been familiar with our online catalog and periodical databases prior to the event.

Overall, the "Mystery Night at the Library" was a success. You can see photos of the event on the [SCCougar's website](#) or <http://scccougarsden.blogspot.com/> (scroll down to mid-page).

If you would like more information on the process of crafting and staging the Mystery Night, please contact Virginia Bjorness (vbjorness@stchas.edu) or Erin Lanham (elanham@stchas.edu).

SLRLN ANNUAL DINNER MEETING SCHEDULED

Our Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28th at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 1755 Des Peres Road. The guest speaker will be John Brown. Brown, a KTRS radio personality and Fox2 TV anchor, will talk about his book *Missouri Legends*. The dinner will be provided by the church, which is known for its excellent Greek cuisine. More information will be forthcoming. It promises to be a good time, so be sure to reserve the date now!



IF YOU HAVE LIBRARY NEWS, STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING EVENTS, OR ANYTHING ELSE TO SHARE, SEND IT TO NETNEWS IN CARE OF TOM COOPER, tcooper@wgpl.org. BE SURE TO INCLUDE 'NETNEWS' IN THE SUBJECT LINE.

St. Louis Regional Library Network is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to helping librarians in the Greater St. Louis Area meet, share and network. The Network has been active since the 1970s and currently has over 100 members, including public, academic, school, special and corporate libraries. For more information visit our Website at www.slrln.org, or e-mail us at bchristiansen@ursulinstl.org.

St. Louis Regional Library Network (SLRLN)

TECH EXPO REGISTRATION

March 30, 2010 (REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 22, 2010)

Name: _____

Library: _____

e-mail address _____

Fax #: _____

Home phone # : _____ (in case of bad weather & need to cancel)

Lunch choices (Lunch provided by Art of Entertaining):

Sandwich choice (circle one): HamTurkey Egg Salad Chicken Salad
Grilled Chicken Roast top round

Drink choice (circle one): Reg. Coke Diet Coke Sprite Iced tea Water

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Workshop choices: (check sessions you plan to attend—maximum 3 morning sessions, plus afternoon Social Networking Session):

_____ Internet Safe Usage (session I, II, and III)
_____ Health Resources (session I, II, and III)
_____ MO Web Junction (session I, II and III)
_____ Copyright in a Digital Age (session I, II, and III)
_____ Ebooks (session I, II, and III)
_____ Social Networking (Session IV)

Please mail check (\$20-from member library/\$30 from non-member library. Special rate for Library students, \$12) to:

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St. Louis, MO 63119.

Libraries who must wait for a check to be processed, send in registration with a note that check will follow. Confirmation and parking directions will be faxed or e-mailed. Questions, call Bernyce at 314-395-1305.