

# NETNEWS: the newsletter of St. Louis Regional Library Network

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

## ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

St. Louis Regional Library Network held its annual dinner meeting on Wednesday, April 28 at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Forty-three people attended for an evening that was supposed to be equal parts business and pleasure; to no one's apparent dismay, the scales tipped towards pleasure as the evening wore on.

The first order of business was the annual meeting, conducted by Council President Ellen Eliceiri. There were two main agenda items:

### 1. BY LAW REVISIONS:

Council members cast ballots on whether to accept two changes to the Network's By-Laws. The changes, one a change to the Network's Mission Statement and the other an addition to membership categories, passed unanimously. The text of those changes follows.

### ARTICLE II Purpose

The mission of the St. Louis Regional Library network is to provide opportunities and forums for libraries and librarians to share resources, and to learn with and from each other. To fulfill its mission, the Network shall identify the needs and resources of the library community served by the Network, develop and offer cooperative programs deemed appropriate by member libraries and evaluate and assess those needs and programs.

### Article IV: Membership

Section 4 Retired library personnel may join SLRLN at a reduced rate determined by Council. This membership will allow them to attend network functions at member rate. They will not have voting privileges nor can they be on the Council.

Section 5 Library-related institutions in the area may join at a rate determined by Council.

This membership will allow them to attend network functions at member rate and have access to online "Directory of Libraries in the St. Louis Area". They will not have voting privileges nor can they be on the Council.

### 2. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET

Bernyce Christiansen presented and reviewed the Network budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

#### SLRLN Budget for July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011

Income:	
Dues	\$9,300
Interest	600
InfoPass/ALA	100
Dinner	1,000
Workshops	1,000
TOTAL	\$12,000
Expenses:	
Copy Machine	\$ 650
Phone	400
Bookkeeping/Taxes	2,400
Administration/Membership	6,000
Info/Free Copies/Website	350
Postage	200
Dinner	1,000
Workshops	1,000
TOTAL	\$12,000

### The business meeting was followed (and none too soon) by dinner.

Thanks go to Council Member

Michelle Schmitt, who

suggested holding the meeting at Assumption. The church is justifiably renowned for its Greek cuisine. The food was delicious, and to call the portions generous is something of an understatement. We fell to over heaping plates and barely exchanged a word for the next half hour.





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### With dinner over we welcomed the evening's guest speaker.



John Brown is a Fox2 News Anchor and KTRS Radio personality. A lifelong Missouri resident who spent his formative years moving from one town to another in the Show-me State, he has long been a student of

Missouri history, particularly of the state's more famous (and infamous) citizens. This interest culminated in his writing *Missouri Legends: Famous People from the Show-me State* (Reedy Press, 2008).

John talked about how he came to write the book and why he decided to include some people and not others; he provided vignettes of many of the more interesting subjects in the book, and quizzed the audience of some tough bits of Missouri Trivia along the way.



Michelle Schmitt helps John Brown prepare for his talk.

### COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED

The St. Louis Regional Library Network needs council representatives for the following categories: public school libraries, special libraries, health libraries, academic libraries, or member-at-large. The representatives must be from a Network member library. Terms are for three years, and there are about 4 meetings (usually midweek afternoons from 1:30 – 3:00) plus the Annual Dinner to attend. For more information or to volunteer call Bernyce Christiansen at 314 395-1305 or e-mail [bchristiansen@ursulinstl.org](mailto:bchristiansen@ursulinstl.org).



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### RETIREMENTS, RETIREMENTS

**Arlene Sandler**, who has been the librarian at Crossroads School for the last nine years, will retire at the end of this school year. Prior to coming to Crossroads, Arlene worked at St. Louis Public Library for 25 years, and spent one year as librarian at Kirkwood High School. She plans to spend more time with her grandchildren and more time reading.

**Charlotte Hanselman**, librarian at CBC High School, is also retiring after a long career.

**Sue Gill** is retiring after 12 years as librarian at Forsyth School. Prior to that she worked for 5 years at Whitfield School. She will be succeeded by **Lisa Apple**, who is currently a Children's Librarian at St. Louis Public Library's Central Library.

**Sr. Barbara Payne** is retiring as librarian at St. Joseph Academy, where she has worked for 12 years. She plans to become the archivist for The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood in O'Fallon, Missouri.

We wish all of them much health and happiness.



**Welcome to our newest Network member, Hickey College!**

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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](http://www.slrln.org), or e-mail us at [bchristiansen@ursulinstl.org](mailto:bchristiansen@ursulinstl.org).