

SLRLN NET NEWS

Fall 2017



Tech Expo Call for Proposals

The St. Louis Regional Library Network Council seeks proposals for the [2018 SLRLN Tech Expo](#), to be held at Logan University on February 28, 2018.

Proposals could relate to, but are not restricted to, any of the following topics:

Censorship and filtering

Consortial resource and system sharing

Cybersecurity and privacy

Digital humanities

Digital preservation

Digitizing collections/archives

Emerging technologies

Google Tools

Institutional or digital repositories

Intersections of technology and Information literacy

Learning management systems

LibGuides / LibAnswers

Library I.T. competencies

Makerspaces

Metadata

Mobile technologies

Online instruction

Open content, software, and technologies

Practical applications of linked data

Search engine optimization

Social media

User experience

Presentations will be 40 minutes in length with 10 minutes for Q&A. Presenters will be asked to submit their final presentation slides and/or electronic content (video, audio, etc.) to be made available on the SLRLN website following the event.

[Submit your proposal idea for the 2018 Tech Expo.](#)

The submission deadline is Friday, December 1st, 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact [Nina O'Daniels, SLRLN President](#).

Fall Workshop Recap

St. Louis Regional Library Network and St. Louis Medical Librarians (SLML) co-sponsored the Fall Workshop on Health Care Information on September 21, 2017 at the St. Louis County Library Florissant Valley branch. Here are some tips & take aways that you may find useful:

- The Family Resource Center is a great resource for patrons to call for medical questions: 314.454.2350. They are also open to the public and are hosted by St. Louis Children's Hospital.
- [MedlinePlus](#), a site from the National Institute of Health, is a great resource not only for information on illness and disease, but also for data on drugs and supplements, surgery videos, and health information in over 50 languages, including a complete mirror of the site in Spanish.
- [Kidshealth.org](#) includes information that kids and teens can understand on both physical and mental health. It can be a resource for adults looking to assist a child in dealing with difficult emotions and complex questions about things like illness, death, and divorce.
- [The Medical Library Association](#) has workshops, webinars, and other resources to train how to assist patrons with consumer health information. Many of these offerings are free.
- [Genetics Home Reference](#) can help people make sense of the effects of genetic variation on human health.
- Do you or your patrons suffer from WIMS??? [Watch this video to find out.](#)
- The poorest neighborhoods in both St. Louis City and County have the highest health disparities.
- Health information is written above the average adult's reading level (5th- 8th grade). Because of this, many Americans do not understand the jargon that is often used. We can figure out the grade level at which something is written by using [Microsoft Word](#) and <https://readable.io/text/>.

You can view the slides from the first presentation [here](#).

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St. Louis Regional Library Network is a non-profit membership organization, which provides opportunities and forums for local libraries and librarians to share resources and knowledge. The Network began in 1977 and includes members from public, academic, school, special, and corporate libraries.

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