

SLRLN NET NEWS

Winter 2019



COUNCIL UPDATES

SLRLN elects new council members at the annual meeting at the Spring Speaker Series. This year we have three open positions as Heidi Vix, Webster University; Brigid Dolan, Parkway North High School; and Jeff Bargielski, Francis Howell Middle School are at the end of their term. Mr. Bargielski is running for another term. We give a warm farewell and thank you to Ms. Dolan and Ms. Vix for all the work they have done for the St. Louis Regional Library Network.

Each member institution may cast one ballot for the new council positions if present at the meeting.

Spring Speaker Series

The 1949 St. Louis Exorcism: Seventy Years Later

April 24, 2019 – 6pm

Webster University
Library Conference
Room

John Waide, Saint Louis
University Archivist Emeritus



Although millions of people have either read *The Exorcist* book or seen the movie, relatively few people are aware that the story depicted are based on a series of real-life events. These events occurred in 1949, and some of them took place in St. Louis, including at Saint Louis University. John Waide's presentation will provide information about the principal individuals who were part of the exorcism event, a description of some of the "troubles" which befell the young man

suffering from the possession, and explore why there is continued interest in this event 70 years after it occurred.

Dinner and one drink included in price of registration. Cash bar available.

Tickets are \$35 for members; \$45 for non-members. [Click here to register.](#)

Registration closes **Wednesday, April 17th**. Seating is limited. For questions, please contact SLRLN@Amigos.org.

Recap of SLRLN Tech Expo

March 6, 2019

St. Louis Regional Library Network's 14th Tech Expo was once again held at the William D. Purser Center on the Logan University campus. Nearly 80 people attended from across the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. The 10 presentations this year covered a range of topics, including 3D data preservation, Google Geo tools, screencasting software, Open Educational Resources, and transforming writing assignments into digital assignments.



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More details from this year's sessions as well as the slides from many of the presentations can be found [here](#).

A Look Back: NetNews from January 1990

The St. Louis Regional Library Network has provided a newsletter to its members since 1978. In January of 1990, the newsletter included a featurette of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Library, which was at the time the only insurance library in the St. Louis Area. The library also highlighted and IBM PC that uses software for serials control and work processing.

This edition of *NetNews* also advertised a workshop for hands-on Bibliofile training with MCAT, which works on a PC with a CD-ROM drive.

NetNews was also an early adopter of a Library JobLine, which shared open positions in the area before you could easily look online as we do now.

To see the January 1990 edition as well as all digitized *NetNews* issues, go to the SLRLN website: <https://slrln.org/net-news/>

Library Updates

Women's History Month @ UM-St. Louis

Thomas Jefferson Library at UMSL created an exhibit to celebrate Women's History month. With over three dozen selected titles relating to outstanding women world-wide, a bowl of candy and bookmarks, and an interactive chart of famous women's quotes, the Libraries have seen increased activity around the exhibit during the first week – with some of the display books already checked out!



New Hires

Covenant Theological Seminary

Charles Stover in December succeeded Brady Shuman (in her acquisitions role) at Covenant Theological Seminary's library. In the fall of 2017, Andrew Stout succeeded Christopher Goodman as Access Services Librarian. Chris is now at St. Louis County Library headquarters. Andrew had been a librarian at St. Charles Community College.

Fontbonne University

Taylor Library is glad to welcome Brady Shuman, who serves as our new Scholarly Resources Manager. Brady's responsibilities include social media and promotion, interlibrary loan, and circulation support. She also works extensively with the Outreach & Archives librarian in University Archives & Special Collections. Rebecca van Kniest joined the faculty this fall in the Outreach & Archives position and as liaison to the Humanities.

University of Missouri-St. Louis

With enrollments at UMSL increasing to close to 17,000, the University Libraries are very pleased to welcome SISLT grad, Judy Schmitt, to the Public Services Team as Reference and Instruction Librarian. Judy's efforts will focus on the health sciences at UMSL, serving as liaison between the library and the Colleges of Nursing and Optometry. With her background in graphic design, book design (notably medical and nursing textbooks), and most recently as a digitization project manager, Judy is a welcome addition to the Reference team!

Webster University

Webster University Library hired Paula Albers for the Electronic Resources Librarian position in September 2018. She filled the position previously held by Heidi Vix, who moved to the position of Head of Resources Management Services in January of 2018.

NNLM MCR Updates: New classes, new promotional materials, and more to come

Chris Pryor, Library Engagement and Missouri Coordinator

There is a lot going on at the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, MidContinental Region (NNLM MCR). In addition to providing local support on behalf of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) to libraries and organizations across the region, the NNLM has launched several new programs and initiatives.

New Classes

The NNLM Coordinators across the country are hard at work developing courses that meet the needs of information professionals. One of the newest classes offered is Wellness in the Library Workplace, and it just opened for registration. This two-week self-paced course runs from April 15th through April 28th. The first week of the course will be spent examining the evidence behind the benefits of having a healthy work environment. During the second week, participants will explore changes they can make at an individual level to improve workplace health and wellness. Find out more about this course [here](#) or check out the full listing of [NNLM training opportunities](#). Training opportunities provided by the NNLM are free.

New Promotional Materials

Summer Reading Club is right around the corner and if your library is still gathering ideas for summer reading activities, take a look at the NNLM's [summer health programming page](#). The page provides links to ready-made programs as well as a schedule of upcoming webinars that can aid your summer reading program planning. You will find even more ideas – such as kids' programs that let them make stardust or edible DNA – in the [2019 Summer Health Programming Manual](#).

Or are you looking programming ideas? Perhaps you could offer a program based on a noteworthy national health observance such as National Immunization Awareness Month in August or Family History Day in November. The NNLM is providing free promotional materials and programming ideas including electronic signage slides, printer-friendly handouts, toolkits, and more. Materials on the [National Health Observance webpage](#) will be updated monthly to incorporate upcoming celebrations.



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More to Come

The NNLM MCR is currently finalizing the upcoming slate of funding opportunities for libraries and community-based organizations. If you have an idea for a partnership project, technology award, or need assistance with professional development in the coming year, please keep an eye out for more information as the NNLM MCR will be looking for great projects across the region to fund in the near future.

If you have any questions about how NNLM MCR can support your organization or you have any questions regarding any NLM products, please contact Chris Pryor at pryorc@missouri.edu or 573-884-5042.

Have a story for Net News?

We are always interested in news about member libraries. If you would like to share information in the quarterly newsletter on upcoming programs, new buildings, new hires, retirements, or awards, please contact Heidi Vix: heidivix29@webster.edu.

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