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RECIPROCAL LENDING OFF TO A POSITIVE START

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The reciprocal lending program between St. Louis County Library and St. Louis Public Library has proved popular with patrons from both districts. The plan, which went into effect on January 1 for a two-year trial period, allows residents of either district to obtain a library card from the other at no charge.

During January and February, 3,718 residents of the City of St. Louis applied for cards at St. Louis County Library. This number includes 1,848 children who attend schools in the County under the voluntary desegregation plan. City patrons have borrowed a total of 20,757 items. As of the end of February, approximately 4,000 County residents held St. Louis Public Library cards, including 781 who applied for the first time since January 1. During the first two months of 1992, County patrons borrowed 12,469 items from St. Louis Public Library locations.

Weber Road Branch in Affton is the County Branch with the highest number of City patrons, followed by Headquarters at Lindbergh and Clayton, Mid-County Branch in Clayton, Tesson Ferry Branch at Lindbergh and Tesson Ferry, Natural Bridge Branch in Pine Lawn, and Lewis and Clark Branch in Moline Acres. But branches as far from the city limits as Rock Road Branch in St. Ann and Daniel Boone Branch in Ellisville have attracted a few reciprocal patrons. Many City children are using the bookmobiles that visit their schools.

In the City, about half the transactions have occurred at Central Library, 13th and Olive. Baden Branch, Walnut Park Branch and Julia Davis Branch have seen heavy use on the North Side. In South St. Louis, Carondelet and Buder Branches have been busy with County borrowers. Machacek Branch on Scanlan and Lashly Branch on West Pine

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have also been used by a significant number of reciprocal patrons.

The goal of the reciprocal lending agreement is to increase the opportunities for people all over the area to use public libraries. Many inhabitants of metropolitan St. Louis live in one area, work in another, and go shopping in a third, never noticing the City-County line as they go about their daily activities. As a result, some residents of both the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County Library District have long been using both libraries. St. Louis Public and St. Louis County Libraries have both sold nonresident cards and also offered service to individuals (regardless of their place of residence) who met certain qualifications. In addition, for over 20 years the two libraries have had a reciprocal lending agreement covering 16mm films, and more recently public performance videocassettes.

To protect the taxpayers of both districts, the agreement requires the library that borrows the most materials to reimburse the other for the difference, and each library is responsible for paying for materials that its residents do not return. For this reason, the two libraries have agreed not to give service to patrons who are not in good standing at the other library. Information about the status of patrons is exchanged electronically between Central Library and Headquarters each night.

The program has been designed so that other local public libraries can join, once the two-year trial period is over. A meeting was held in January to explain the agreement to these libraries. More substantive discussions will be held closer to the end of the two years, if any of the other libraries express interest at that time.

JOBLINE

Fontbonne College Library is seeking applications for a full-time position of reference/periodicals librarian. The successful candidate will have primary responsibility for general reference and for maintaining and processing the periodicals in the library; shared responsibility for database searching, library tours, vertical file, and monthly newsletter.

Required qualifications: Master's degree in Library Science. Must be adaptable to flexible work procedures, have excellent oral and written communications skills. Experience with automated library systems strongly preferred.

To apply: Send letter of applications and resume to: Fontbonne College Library, %Sister Alberta Ruys, 6800 Wydown Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63105



ST. LOUIS REGIONAL LIBRARY NETWORK ANNUAL DINNER

Date and time: Tuesday May 12, 1992
Tours of Olin Libraries, 4 p.m - 5:30 p.m.
Cash bar, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Business Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Dinner and program, 7 - 9 p.m.

Place: Whittemore House
6440 Forsyth (across from the Edison Theater at Washington University)

Cost: \$ 15 Entree, salad, rolls, carrot cake, coffee/tea

Program: "Cooperative Efforts / Shared Resources"
Daniel Bradbury, Director, Kansas City, Mo, Public Library
and Library Journal's Librarian of the Year

Some of the costs: cash bar set up, desserts, etc. have been underwritten by Ebsco, Peterson Business Systems, Midwest Library Service.

Please detach and mail with your payment to: St. Louis Regional Library Network, % Bernyce Christiansen, 9425 Big Bend Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63119.

Please post and copy as needed.

Deadline for dinner registration: **MAY 5, 1992**, no refunds/cancellations after that date.

NAME: _____

LIBRARY: _____

_____ Yes, I would like a tour of Olin Libraries.

Entree choice:

_____ Chicken Marsala (Rice-vegetable medley)

_____ Pasta con broccoli



The
CATHOLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Greater St. Louis Chapter

CLA TO HONOR JANE YOLEN AT CONVENTION IN APRIL

ST. LOUIS, MO - March 16, 1992 - The Catholic Library Association (CLA) will hold its annual convention on April 20-23, 1992, in St. Louis. The 4-day event runs in conjunction with the 1992 National Catholic Education Assn. convention. CLA headquarters--and the site of its presentations--is the Marriott Pavilion.

The major event will be the awarding of the 1992 Regina Medal to children's author and publisher, Jane Yolen, honoring her for a lifetime of major contributions to children's literature. Ms. Yolen will accept her award at a special luncheon on Tuesday, April 21.

Additional speakers and topics scheduled for the CLA delegates and other interested persons include:

- ~William B. Faherty, S.J., Director of the Museum of the Western Jesuit Missions
- ~Phyllis Wezeman, Director of the Parish Resource Center
- ~Barbara O'Donnell, H.M., and Gloria Steger, on "Earth Energy, Human Energy: Information Power"
- ~Richard C. Baker, on regional cooperation in disaster planning
- ~Gerald Garry, S.V.D., on the "Black Apostolate in the South"
- ~Richard J. McCormick, S.J., on bioethical problems
- ~Jim "Two Crows" Wallen, on storytelling and the Native-American heritage
- ~Jane Blewett, on "Christians and a New Friendship with the Earth"
- ~Sr. Daniel Hannefin, D.C., archivist at the Daughters of Charity Provincial House in St. Louis, MO
- ~Kevin O'Rourke, on locating and disseminating health-care information related to Catholic ethics
- ~A panel discussion with library directors Shirley Baker, Washington University, Richard Holmes, Maryville University, and Nitsa Hindeleh, Missouri Baptist College, on increasing cooperation between major university libraries and smaller academic libraries.
- ~Kathleen McGinnis, on resources for peace and justice
- ~Miriam E. Joseph, on "Preparing the High School Student for the College Library"
- ~Kathy Nystrom, St. Louis Public Library, on contemporary cataloging
- ~Don Haymes, editor of *Religious Index One (RIO)*

The CLA Greater St. Louis Chapter, host for the convention, is planning a reception in the Knights' Room, Pius XII Memorial Library, St. Louis University, on Wednesday, April 22, and a tour on Thursday afternoon, April 23, that will include the libraries of the Missouri Botanical Garden, Missouri Historical Society, the Art Museum and the Zoo.

For more information about CLA's 1992 convention, contact: Eileen Franke, Local Arrangements Chair, (314)962-2131 or Mary O'Hanlon, Registration Chair, (314)752-1078.

DANIEL BRADBURY
TO SPEAK AT ANNUAL DINNER

Daniel Bradbury, the director of the Kansas City Public Library and Library Journal's "Librarian of the Year" for 1991 will be the guest speaker at the St. Louis Regional Library Network's Annual Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 1992 at the Whittemore House on the campus of Washington University. "Cooperative Efforts / Shared Resources" will be the topic of his presentation, which will begin at 8:00 p.m. (A cash bar will be available starting at 6:00 p.m., with dinner being served at 7:00 p.m.). Me Bradbury has been director of the Kansas City Public Library since 1983, and has also been director of the Janesville (Wisconsin) public Library and the Rolling Hill Consolidated Library (St. Joseph) prior to coming to Kansas City. He has been active in ALA, LAMA, PLA and MLA, has taught administration/management courses as an adjunct faculty member of Emporia State University and the University of Missouri, has been actively involved in numerous civic activities throughout the Kansas City area and is a very deserving recipient of his most recent honor as "Librarian of the Year" for 1991 from Library Journal.



George Catlin painting a Mandan Chief (first published, 1841)
George Catlin was the first to portray Indians as a dying race. Other artists followed his idea and their art gave a new perspective to the historical record. Dr. Dippie will provide an illustrated lecture that will focus on 19th and 20th century works—paintings, prints and photographs—and the theme of the "Vanishing Indian."

(This lecture made possible by a grant from the Missouri Humanities Council.)

— *Lunch & Lecture* —

The St. Louis
Mercantile Library Association
presents

Brian Dippie

Professor of History,
University of Victoria, Victoria, BC

**"The Artist and the Indian:
Imaging the Native American"**

Wednesday, May 6, 1992

6th Floor, 510 Locust Street, St. Louis
12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lectures are free and open to the public
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— MasterCard / VISA 510 Locust Street, Sixth Floor
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Non-members — \$10.00

Ralston Purina has the following available:

Directory of Special Libraries, 1991
Directory of Corporate Affiliations, 1991
Information Industry Directory, 1991
American Public Warehouse Directory, 1991

If interested, contact Linda Lincks, 982-2056.

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News, reviews and comments are welcome. Send information to Bernyce Christiansen, 9425 Big Bend Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63119. You may call Bernyce at the SLRLN office, (314) 965-1305.

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