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## DISCMAN OR VPR SYSTEM?

Could these books be a part of your inventory soon?

Are electronic books or video readers a new gadget or will they be the information tool of the future? Sony has the Data Discman Electronic Book available. The product uses ultra small compact discs that are read on a 3.4 inch screen or can be connected to your television. Searching is done by entering key word, selecting from a menu, or entering the first few letters of a word. Power is available from batteries, AC adapter or car adapter. The portable unit with three discs included the Compton's Concise Encyclopedia, Wellness Encyclopedia, and Passport's World Traveler Translator costs under \$500 retail. Many other titles are also available for \$30-50 to add to the usefulness of the Discman.

VPR Systems Ltd. has another product that will be on the bookstore shelves by July. This invention is a Video Pocket Reader or the Video Page Reader and will be installed in ten college bookstores by next fall. Students select from a self-service Microtome Book Bank. When the book cards are paid for the cards are activated so that book contents can be used in the Readers. The books are stored on a compact cylinder that can store up to 100 titles. The readers cost about \$300 but the books are to be much cheaper than the hardbacks. Washington University and University of Missouri-St. Louis are two of the bookstores that will try the new Readers. Within a year, the St. Louis based company, hopes to expand and have reference books available to libraries, schools and corporations. Since it takes only about 90 minutes per book to transfer into this medium, thousands of books will be available by August 1992.

In the last ten years, CD-ROM information retrieval and Online reference searches have certainly changed the reference search by added speed, and increasing quality and quantity of the materials retrieved. Will these new inventions have a further impact on the library world?

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...mark your calendars

**ANNUAL DINNER MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 12, 1992**

...more information will follow.

**...WORKSHOPS...**

**REPAIRING BOOKS AT HOME**

given by

**ROXANNA HERRICK,**  
Preservation Administrator, Washington University Libraries

on Saturday

**MARCH 21, 1992**

9:00--NOON

at the

**ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

**510 LOCUST STREET, SIXTH FLOOR**



We hope you can attend this program at which Ms. Herrick will discuss and demonstrate safe book repairs which can be made by amateurs at home or at libraries. Attendees are invited to bring up to three books in need of repairs for Ms. Herrick's advice. Ms. Herrick's previous professional experience includes Head of the Preservation Department at the State University of New York at Stony Brook; Technical Assistant at the same institution, and Grant Administrator for the Research Foundation of the State of New York. Ms. Herrick holds a master's degree in library science from the C. W. Post Center, Long Island University, and in history, which she received from SUNY at Stony Brook. In 1989 she was awarded a Mellon Internship for Conservation at Cornell University.

This will be the Spring Meeting of the Book Arts and Conservation Workshop. You do not need to be a member to attend and there is no admission charge, though contributions help assure future programs. Membership dues are \$5.00 per year. The BA&CW thanks the Mercantile Library for providing space in its historic Reading Room.

Refreshments. R.S.V.P. appreciated. Call 314/621-0670.

**LIBRARIAN**



# The Crockett Almanacs

American Frontier Myths and Tall Tales in the Making,

1835 - 1856

January 15 - May 15, 1992

An exhibition of rare almanacs, books and prints in the collections of the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association, exploring the humor, art and popular literature of the Old Midwest and South.

with A Folk Hero Film Festival  
on Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

— Schedule —

*The Legend of Johnny Appleseed* 9:00 - 9:20

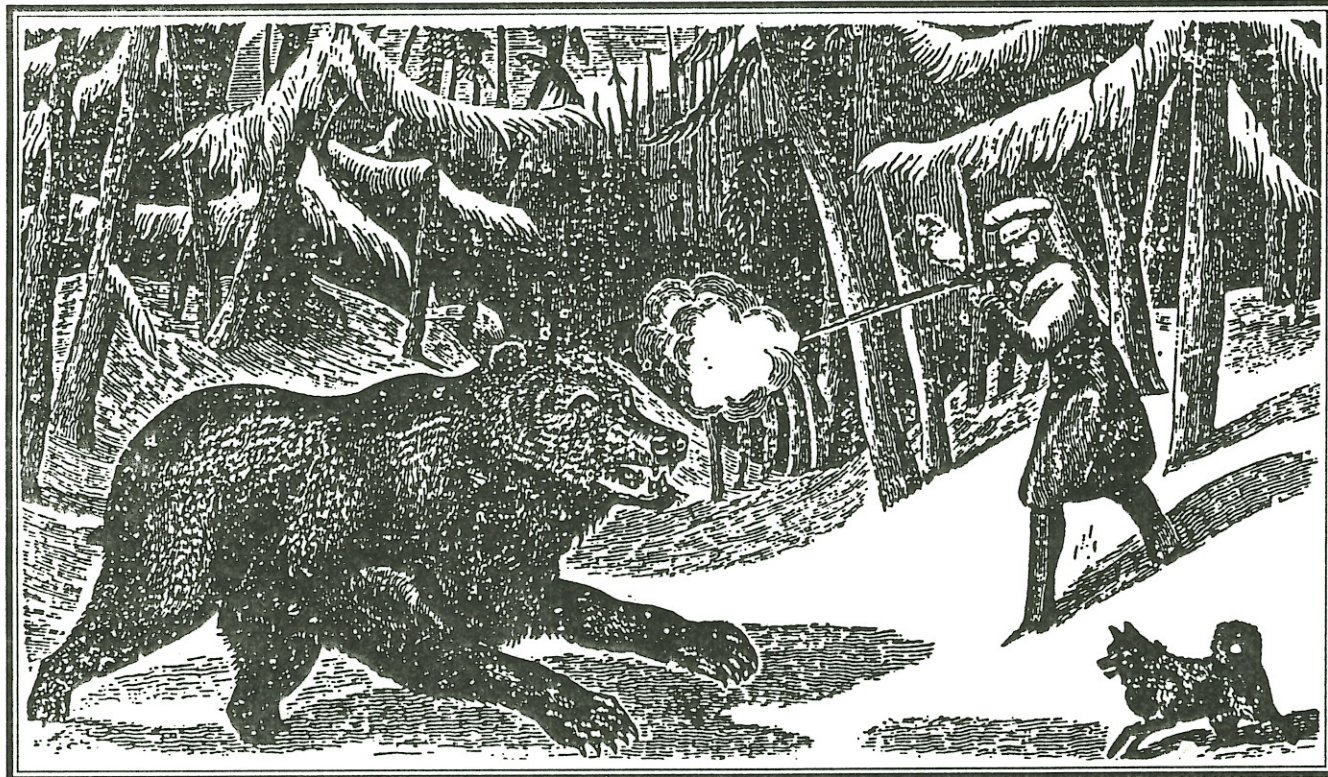
*Davy Crockett - King of the Wild Frontier* 9:30 - 11:15

*Festival of Folk Heroes* 11:30 - 1:00

Punch and cookies will be served in between films.

Admission: \$4.00 for adults, children under 16 FREE.

(The films for this series were provided by the Walt Disney Company)



**Col. Crockett's Desperate Fight with the Great Bear**



"Emigrants Crossing the Plains" by Felix Darley (1869)

## "Connecting Image and History: How Far Can We Go?"

Historians use images as documents of the past. Using his "West As America" exhibition at the National Museum of American Art, Dr. Truettner will explore the role of historical images as they relate to the American West.

**Wednesday, April 1, 1992**

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

(This lecture made possible by a grant from the Missouri Humanities Council and the William T. Kemper Foundation.)

## — Lunch & Lecture —

The St. Louis  
Mercantile Library Association  
*presents*

**William Truettner**

Curator for the National Museum  
of American Art, Smithsonian

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Summer 1992 Course Schedule

+ + + ONE-CREDIT COURSES OFFERED THROUGH UNIVERSITY EXTENSION + +  
(Fees include tuition, lunches, materials.)

**LS410-3 Using Puppetry to Reach the Young (& Young at Heart)**

Thurs. June 11 (9 am to 5 pm) and Fri. June 12 (9 am to 5 pm)

Instructor: Nancy Spaeder, UM Communications Dept.

Location: UM-Rolla, Curtis Laws Wilson Library. Fee: \$150

**LS410-4 Children's Lit.—The Whole Language Approach in School & Public Libraries**

Fri. July 17 (9 am to 5 pm) and Sat. July 18 (9 am to 5 pm)

Instructor: Dr. Carolyn McCall, Northwest MO State University

Location: St. Joseph, MO. Fee: \$140

**LS410-5 Storytelling—The Midwest Experience**

Thurs. July 30 (9 am to 5 pm) and Fri. July 31 (9 am to 5 pm)

Instructor: Susan Sylvia Scott, Midwest Storytelling Theater

Location: Nevada, MO. Fee: \$160

**LS410-6 Image & Influence—Planning Effective Promotion for Your Library**

Thurs. August 6 (9 am to 5 pm) and Fri. August 7 (9 am to 5 pm)

Instructor: Diane Tobin Johnson, School of Library & Informational Science

Location: Cape Girardeau, MO. Fee: \$140

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# BASIC AXIOMS IN LIBRARY AUTOMATION: Fundamentals Every Professional Should Consider

**DATE/TIME:** Monday, March 30, 1992; 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

**LOCATION:** St. Charles City-County Library,  
Administrative Headquarters, 425 Spencer Road, St. Peters

**DESCRIPTION:**

This workshop will cover fundamentals every library decision-making group should consider when preparing for an automation project, such as:

- why standards are so important
- why converted databases are the project's greatest single asset
- why portability and ownership of databases are critical
- how to make automation projects "people" oriented
- why other considerations, such as software functionality, may be more important than the hardware purchase which can account for up to 75% of startup costs
- how consultants can be utilized effectively
- why conversion projects can be so complex, time consuming and costly
- why hardware platforms must be field upgradable, not "forklift" upgradable
- why self studies are a key ingredient
- how management considerations govern the automation process

**INSTRUCTOR:** TOM KOCHTANEK, Assoc. Professor and Chair,  
Dept. of Information Science, Univ. of Missouri  
Dr. Kochtanek has published several articles on the use of microcomputers, CD-ROM, and local area networks in libraries. His undergraduate work was in management science; his PhD is from Case Western Reserve University (Ohio). In addition to his work with graduate students, he has consulted with several libraries planning automation projects.

**FEE:** \$55 (includes lunch, refreshments, and materials). Six hours of continuing education units (CEUs) will be awarded toward the Certificate of Professional Studies in library automation or in management.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

To register, phone (314) 882-2429, or fax this form to (314) 882-1953, or mail to University Extension Conference Office, 344 Hearnes Center, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO 65211.

**Registration Form -- BASIC AXIOMS IN LIBRARY AUTOMATION #C2907**

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invite you to a program on

## The St. Louis Authority File Project

presented by Martha Clavenger and Kathy Nystrom at the

**New**

**Missouri Historical Society Library and  
Collections Center  
225 South Skinker**

**1:30-4 p.m. on Friday, March 20**

Refreshments, 1:30-2 p.m.  
Program, 2-3 p.m.

Discussion and behind the scenes tours, 3-4 p.m.

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