



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'

Tech Expo 2013

SLRLN held its annual Tech Expo on Thursday, March 14, at the William D. Purser, DC Center on the Logan College Campus. The beautiful facility provided the perfect venue for the Expo, and a large group of librarians experienced presentations



The striking interior of the Purser Center

on many technology-related subjects.

For the first time there was a call for presentations for the Expo, and it yielded a variety of interesting topics from local colleagues, including academic, public,

special, and health librarians. As one attendee commented, it was a 'Great opportunity to learn from local librarians . . .'

Subjects covered were:

- Going Mobile: Developing a Library Mobile Application
- Starting a Patron Driven Acquisition Program
- Gaming at Fontbonne University
- Tips for LibGuides
- Minecraft the Library
- Using Digitization & Social Media to Promote Special Collections
- Library Databases for Community Outreach
- Consumer Health & Science Resources
- Data Mining & Crowd Sourcing
- Identification of Natural History Illustrations
- *Plus:* A tour of the Logan Campus

Comments from other attendees noted that, 'Every presentation contained very practical information,' and, 'I loved the interaction with other librarians

and talking informally about various programs and perspectives in addition to the programs.'

Much of that interaction came over a delicious lunch, during which keynote speaker Karen Robinson (UM-St. Louis) spoke on successful marketing in libraries.



SLRLN Council Adds New Members

Over the past few months, four new members have joined the SLRLN Council, filling vacancies left by outgoing members. These include: Michael Boddy from Luhr Reading and Reference Library of Eden Theological Seminary, Eric Stancliff from Concordia Seminary Library, Christina Prucha from the Learning Resources Center at Logan College of Chiropractic, and Lynn Grimshaw from St. Louis County Library. Welcome to them all.

We owe a great big thank you to the Council members who have recently left, all of whom filled seats on the Council for several terms: Betty Murr (St. Charles City/County Library), Chabha Hocine (Learning Resources Center at Logan College of Chiropractic), Ellen Eliceiri (Emerson Library at Webster University), and James Pakala (Covenant Theological Seminary).

Current officers of the SLRLN Council are Cherie LeMay (Villa Duchesne High School Library), President, Christina Prucha (Logan College of Chiropractic), Vice President, Tom Cooper (Webster Groves Public Library), Treasurer, and Michelle Schmidt (Ladue Horton Watkins High School Library), Secretary.

Date Set for Annual Dinner Meeting

The Annual Dinner Meeting of St. Louis Regional Library Network will be held on Tuesday April 30, at the Commons at Eden Seminary, 475 E. Lockwood Avenue in Webster Groves. The speaker will be

George Needham, vice president at OCLC, who will discuss the Hopeful Workplace. More details will follow soon.

Webster Groves Public Library Reopens after Renovation and Expansion

On December 3, 2012, Webster Groves Public Library reopened. The building at 301 E. Lockwood



Avenue had been renovated and expanded to include a new lower level Computer & Reference Room and an upper level

Children's Room. The auditorium, which had been used as the Children's Room for many years, is now once again a community meeting space. Reaction from the Webster Groves community has been very positive.

The project broke ground in January 2010, but was delayed for nearly six months when the original general contractor defaulted on his contract. The work was completed by



Demien Construction of Wentzville, a company with a lot of experience in building libraries, having recently completed the Spencer Road Branch for St. Charles City/County Library.

The two-story atrium is the architectural focal point of the interior.

SLRLN By-Laws Get Complete Revision

At its meeting on January 17, the SLRLN Council approved a draft of a complete revision of the Network's by-laws. A committee of the Council had worked on the revision for several months, and then had it reviewed by legal counsel before presenting it to the whole Council for approval. The

draft was approved unanimously. Members of the drafting committee cited several reasons for pursuing a complete revision: to remove inconsistencies, to clarify roles and purpose, and to put actual practice into words. As an example of this latter point, they noted that the By-laws have always said a library must submit a form to join the Network, but in practice, nobody has ever seen this form; so this section was removed.

The draft of the revised by-laws will be circulated prior to the Annual Dinner Meeting, so members can read it and be ready to discuss and vote on it at the meeting.

Member Announcements

Jennifer Millikan (St. Joseph's Academy) is the new president of the St. Louis Suburban School Librarian's Association.

Julie Hamilton (Incarnate Word Academy) will be the incoming president of the Greater St. Louis Chapter of the Catholic Library Association.

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 or e-mail us at SLRLN@MLNC.ORG.