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St. Louis Regional Library Network

presents

MEETING MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Who: Diane Tobin Johnson, Director of Continuing Education for the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Missouri-Columbia

Where: St. Louis Community College - Forest Park Library Room L007

When: March 4, 1992
9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Limited to first 40 registrants

Cost: \$15 for members; \$30 for non-members (this includes materials, two snacks, & lunch) *

Topics: meeting management, planning, agenda, problem solving, facilitative behaviors, team building mechanism, practice in meeting planning/facilitating.

Credit: .6 C.E.U. credits can be obtained at no additional cost - more information at workshop.

* Members will have first choice in registration until January 30, 1992. All registrations will be taken by postmark for this limited registration workshop with non-members added space permitting by postmark date after January 30, 1992.

Registration form on page 5

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A Century of Excellence: Library Honors Dr. Julia Davis on Her 100th Birthday

 ne of our city's most renowned educators marks her 100th birthday this month. Dr. Julia Davis, author, teacher and expert on African-American history celebrates a century of commitment to educating the youth of St. Louis. The St. Louis Public Library honors Dr. Davis on this occasion with a special reception Sunday, November 17, at 2 p.m. The event will take place in the Great Hall of Central Library, 1301 Olive Street. Many of Dr. Davis' friends and former students will be in attendance to pay tribute to this remarkable woman.

Born in St. Louis on November 20, 1891, Julia Davis graduated from Dumas Elementary School, Sumner High and Normal Schools and Stowe Teachers College. She received the M.A. in education from the State University of Iowa and continued her graduate studies at Lincoln, Boston, Northwestern, St. Louis, Syracuse and New York Universities. From 1913 until her retirement in 1961, Dr. Davis taught in the St. Louis Public Schools. The last thirty-five of those years were spent at Simmons Elementary.

In 1941, Dr. Davis initiated a series of annual exhibits at the St. Louis Public Library in an effort to raise public awareness of the contributions of African-Americans to world culture. She also published many notable works on African-American

history, including a calendar of African-American achievements and a compilation of biographical notes on twenty African-Americans after whom St. Louis schools were named.

Dr. Davis' commitment to scholarship and the people of the community was renewed when, on November 20, 1961, the day of her retirement from teaching, she established the Julia Davis Fund at the St. Louis Public Library. This fund was designated for the purchase of books, manuscripts and other materials on African-American history and culture. Named the Julia Davis Research Collection, and currently housed in the Great Hall of Central Library, this material has since grown into a major resource for anyone doing research in this field.

On April 21, 1974, the St. Louis Public Library broke with tradition by dedicating a branch library in honor

of a living person. This honor went to our very own Dr. Julia Davis. The branch opened in rented quarters at 4666 Natural Bridge Avenue with a collection of 18,000 volumes. The collection has grown in the intervening years, and library services have expanded to the point that this location is no longer adequate to support the work being done there.

A new Julia Davis Branch Library, many times larger than the present one, is currently under construction on land generously donated by Commerce Bank near the intersection of Natural Bridge and Newstead Avenues (see related story in this issue). This new branch will enable the Library to expand its tradition of high quality service to the community.

As Dr. Davis marks her one hundredth birthday, the staff of the St. Louis Public Library extends its warmest regards to this exceptional St. Louisan. We salute her not only for her many contributions to the world of scholarship, but for her lasting impact on the people and culture of St. Louis.



Dr. Julia Davis

As Dr. Julia Davis celebrates her one hundredth birthday this year, construction has begun on a new state-of-the-art library facility named in her honor. The new branch, to be built on land donated to the Library by Commerce Bank, will replace the current Julia Davis Branch which opened in rented quarters in 1974.

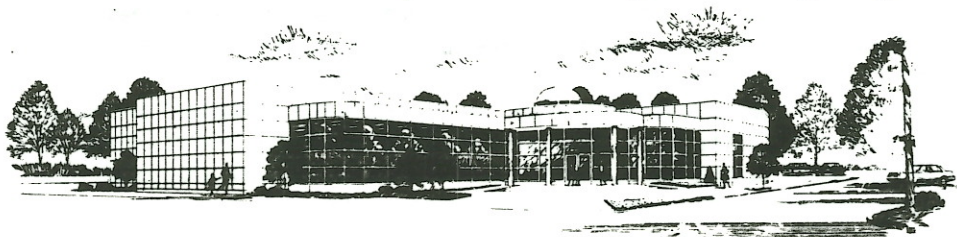
The new facility, located next to the Commerce Bank Mound City Banking Center at Natural Bridge and Newstead Avenues, marks the first St. Louis Public Library branch to be constructed in 18 years.

Notable features of the new branch will include:

- 15,000 square feet of space, which means seven times more room for books and services than at the old branch.
- The Julia Davis Research Collection on African-American History and Culture, to be moved to the branch from its present location in the Great Hall at Central Library.
- Personal computers for public use with many software packages for educational and recreational use.
- A multi-purpose 125-seat auditorium for programming of all kinds.

Designed by architect Russell Lewis, president of By Design, Inc., and built by Altman Charter, Inc., the new Julia Davis Branch Library is scheduled for completion in the fall of 1992.

Julia Davis Branch Library: A New Building, A New Beginning



from **ACCESS**, St. Louis Public Library, November/December '91

— A REMINDER — Continuing a —

St. Louis Goes to War: A World War II Commemorative Lunch & Lecture Series

The St. Louis Mercantile
Library Association
presents

Dr. Martin Towey

History Department
St. Louis University

*"Religion and Cloth: The
Church, Religion, and
World War II in St. Louis"*

Professor Towey will explore the relationship between religion, ethnicity, and the home front against the backdrop of diversity in nationality and faith in St. Louis. He will interpret the impact of World War II on home-front religious institutions.

Wednesday, January 22, 1992

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



"Army Religion," by Wallace Brodeur, *Life*, Vol. 13, 1942.
In the collections of the St. Louis Mercantile Library.

The lecture is free but RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE FOR LUNCH

For reservations call (314) 621-0670 by January 20, 1992.

After a confirmed reservation, send check payable to:

St. Louis Mercantile Library, 510 Locust Street, Sixth Floor, St. Louis, MO 63101

Lunch Cost:

Members — \$6.50

Non-members — \$10.00

—MasterCard/Visa accepted

This special four-part Lunch & Lecture Series is made possible by a grant from the Missouri Humanities Council.

Paul Buchanan joins Washington University

Paul Buchanan has joined the Washington University Libraries as Director of Computing and Telecommunications, according to Shirley K. Baker, Dean of University Libraries. Buchanan fills a revamped senior position that is designed to reflect and meet the growing emphasis of technology and computerization in library operations.

Buchanan brings to Washington University a combination of corporate and library automation expertise. Most recently he was Library Systems Analyst at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, Oregon, and before that, Systems Librarian at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth, Texas. Buchanan's corporate experience includes managing support systems and technical services for computer operations at Fairchild Semiconductor Corporation in Puyallup, Washington, and supervising computer operations for a facility of Texas Instruments, Dallas, Texas, where he also designed and implemented applications for automated semiconductor manufacturing systems. Buchanan has also developed office automation systems for North Texas State University in Denton, Texas. Buchanan holds a bachelor's degree in mathematical sciences from the University of Texas at Dallas, and a master's degree in information science from the School of Library and Information Sciences at North Texas State University.

"With Paul Buchanan's technical management skills and library experience, we will shift the Libraries' automation efforts into high gear," Dean Baker said. As one of the three senior administrators reporting to the Dean of University Libraries, Buchanan will serve as a member of the Dean's Council and will participate in policy formation and library wide planning. He will also work closely with other networking and computing organizations on campus.

Registration Form for "Meeting Management Workshop"

Name: _____

Library: _____

Home Phone: _____
(in case of bad weather and cancellation)

Lunch choice: _____ box lunch featuring croissant with turkey
_____ box lunch featuring croissant with cheese

Mail: this registration with check to: St. Louis Regional Library Network, 9425 Big Bend, St. Louis, MO 63119. Questions call Bernyce, (314) 965-1305.

Barbara N. Noble...

Parkway Library Director receives awards

Barbara N. Noble, Director of Library Media Services at Parkway School District received five awards during the 1990-91 school year.

In November 1990 she was selected as one of the delegates from Missouri to attend the White House Conference on Library and Information Services in Washington, D.C. in July 1991.

She received a grant from the Association for Educational Communication Technology for Minorities in Media, an AECT affiliate, at their national conference in Orlando, Florida, February 1991. The MIM's affiliate honored her with two plaques; one for service as president of Minorities in Media from 1989-1991, and for appreciation for outstanding services to MIM.

The Cooperating School District's Media Directors selected Barbara as the recipient of the V.C. McCluer Award for her leadership in media education in the St. Louis area specifically Parkway School District.

The Pillar of Parkway Award was presented to Barbara in May at an Appreciation Dinner in Queeny Park. This award is given to recognize excellence of character, performance and service.

Barbara, a native Floridian, is a 1957 graduate of Talladega College, 1958 she finished Syracuse University with a masters in library science, and 30 hours of post masters study at Columbia University of New York. She has served as Director of Libraries in Parkway for 13 years.

Maplewood Public Wins Two Prizes

by Terrence Donnelly

The Maplewood Public Library recently won two cash awards. The first award, for \$1000, represents first place in a contest sponsored by Venture Stores as part of the Pointer Read-2-Grow reading club held last fall. This award was given to Maplewood Library for the quality and creativity of the publicity developed by the Library to promote the Read-2-Grow reading club.

The second prize was awarded by Molo Press of Berkely, CA, a publisher of self-help law books. This national contest was held in honor of their twentieth year of operation, and invited librarians to develop "practical and affordable ways public libraries can help people get the legal information they need" (Molo Press contest guidelines). Maplewood Library's suggestion, which won third place and \$200 in the contest, was to develop small collections of simply written, self-help law books and place them free of obligation in local gathering places.

Both awards will be used to purchase new materials for the Library's collection.

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