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## St. Louis County Library opens new branch

### New Natural Bridge Branch

The new Branch at 7606 Natural Bridge Road was built specifically to serve as a public library. It is centrally located in the same service area, one mile west of the old facility (Natural Bridge Branch). It is on the south side of Natural Bridge Road, at the foot of St. Ann's Lane and just west of St. Ann of Normandy Elementary School. The new Branch serves residents both east and west of Lucas and Hunt Road and north and south of Natural Bridge.

The new, one-floor facility of about 15,000 square-feet was designed with adequate space for public use, book stacks and storage. Architects for the project have been Manske Corporation.

The building is 100% accessible to the elderly and disabled and has a much larger parking lot with 100 vehicle spaces.

Construction is complete (finished ahead of schedule), landscaping has begun, furniture has arrived and the collection will be moved on Saturday, May 22. The new Branch will be open to the public on Monday, May 24, 1993. No delay in public service is anticipated due to the move. The current building will then be permanently closed to the public and possibly used as a storage facility for the County Library System.

An Open House is slated from 2-5 p.m. on June 13, 1993, to celebrate both the 48th anniversary of the first book issued at the Natural Bridge Branch of the St. Louis County, and the opening of the new Branch.

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**FREE**

**Thomas Register, 1988 -21vols.** If interested call Libby Moore, St. Louis U. High at (314) 531-0330, sta. 40.

**FREE**

Booklist 1980-86  
Catholic Lib. World  
1984 Feb., Apr., Sept., Dec  
Library Journal  
July 1978 - Dec. 1987  
Show-Me Libraries  
1978 Oct/Nov, Dec.  
1979-80 complete  
1981 Jan, Mar, May  
1982 Dec  
1983-87 complete  
1988 spring  
Wilson Lib. Bulletin  
May 1979 - Dec. 1987

If interested call Hugh Bergman,  
(314) 721-1200.

"The Ralston Purina Company Library has the following title(s) available:

BRANDS & THEIR COMPANIES, 1992  
COMPANIES & THEIR BRANDS, 1992  
CONSULTANTS & CONSULTING ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORY, 1991  
INT. DIR. OF THE AMER. MARKTG. ASSOC. & MRKTNG. SRVCS. GUIDE, 1992  
PHYSICIAN'S DESK REFERENCE, 1991  
PREDICASTS F&S INDEX, 1974-81  
PREDICASTS F&S INDEX EUROPE, 1978-80,83-84  
PREDICASTS F&S INTERNATIONAL, 1970-84  
RAND MCNALLY COMMERCIAL ATLAS & MARKETING GUIDE, 1992  
READER'S GUIDE TO PERIODICAL LITERATURE, 1969-78  
SERIALS DIRECTORY, 1992

Please contact Sharon Rhodes at (314) 982-2181 if interested."



# 1993 First Wednesday Lunch & Lecture Series

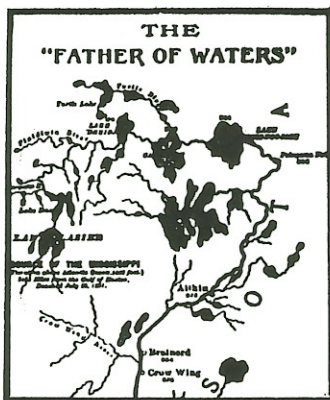


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**JULY 7 — Of Successful Railroad Managers — Don L. Hofsommer, Associate Professor and Director of Public History, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Minnesota.** Railroads have been nationalized in wartime, regulated almost as a public utility, merged and centralized, and deregulated. Hofsommer will analyze the actions of leadership responding to these economic, political, and industrial changes by discussing three 20th-century railroad executives.

**AUGUST 4 — Ulysses S. Grant in St. Louis: Sorting Financial Fact and Fiction — Kemberly Little, Editorial Associate for the History of Wisconsin Project, State Historical Society of Wisconsin.** Since the first biography of Grant was published in 1864, he has been portrayed as poverty-stricken and a failure until elevated to military leadership. This image was manufactured by Grant's political supporter and boosters for political ends, making Grant a "rags-to-riches" story. Based on original materials, Little's examination of Grant's life in St. Louis reveals the real story.

**SEPTEMBER 1 — The Media Landscape: The Next Ten Years — David Lipman, Chairman of Pulitzer/2000, and former Managing Editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.** Touching upon the telecommunications and multimedia developments in print and broadcast, Lipman will take a look at the future and what it might mean to each individual and to the media.



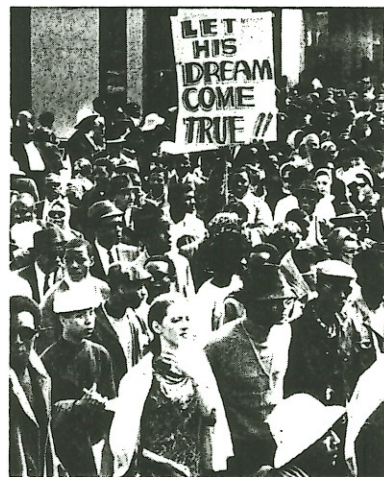
Images from the Collection of St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.

**MARCH 3 — Changing the Canon of American Literature: Deja Vu All Over Again — Nina Baym, Professor of English, University of Illinois, and editor for the Norton Anthology.** This lecture will comment on the changes in the authors now taught in standard college American literature courses. Some see these changes as threatening to quality, but others perceive it as highly constructive. The differences focus on issues of gender, race, and ethnicity.

**APRIL 7 — Popular Images of the Presidency — Noble Cunningham, Professor of History, University of Missouri, Columbia.** Images of Presidents in the popular mind, accurate or otherwise, are central to our selection of our head of state. The history of the Presidency is filled with images of railsplitters, men born in log cabins, military heroes, Horatio Alger "rags-to-riches" stories, womanizers, and crooks. Cunningham asserts that these popular perceptions are central to understanding the Presidency itself and the way we select our leaders.

**MAY 5 — Travels Along the Mighty Mississippi: Back Road Excursions to Valley Villages and Hidden Hamlets — Tom Weil, Author of Missouri's Heartland, America Heartland, and well-known Newspaper Columnist.** In preparation for writing his book *The Mississippi River: Nature, Culture and Travel Sites*. Weil traveled the entire length of the river, from Lake Itasca in Minnesota to Pilottown at the mouth. This lecture will highlight some of the most interesting, historic and evocative sights along the river, including some of the more unusual and lesser-known places and events.

**JUNE 2 — Plans for Progress: Voluntary Efforts to End Racial Discrimination among the Fortune 500 Employers, 1961-1969 — Nancy Grant, Associate Professor of History, Washington University, St. Louis.** In the decades leading up to the 1960s, black individuals



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**OCTOBER 6 — Hard Places: Interpreting America's Historic Mining Landscapes — Richard Francaviglia, Director, Center for Greater Southwestern Studies and the History of Cartography/Associate Professor of History, the University of Texas at Arlington.** Drawing upon historic maps, photographs, and color slides of mining areas, Francaviglia will describe how mining creates distinctive landscapes that may be visible for decades, even centuries. He tells how historical geographers can interpret the social, economic, and technological history of mining areas.

**NOVEMBER 3 — Lifting the Veil: Robert S. Duncanson and the Emergence of the African American Artist — Joseph D. Ketner, Director, Washington University Gallery of Art, St. Louis.** The African American experience is being reexamined through the eyes of an art historian who will interpret for the audience the dream of a 19th-century painter for an America free of racial oppression. This lecture is significant for exploring the past social conditions and traditions, but also reveals the story of a man who extended his boundaries through artistic expression of his vision.

**DECEMBER 1 — Higher Education in the Greater St. Louis Community — Earl E. Lazerson, President of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.**

## General Information

All lectures are held in the Reading Room of the Library which is located on the 6th floor, 510 Locust Street.

Lectures are free but RESERVATIONS/ADVANCE PAYMENT MUST BE MADE FOR BOX LUNCHES. Lunch cost is \$7.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members. Special rates are available for members making reservations for four or more lectures. Reservations can be made by calling 621-0670, by filling out the form in this brochure and mailing it in, or by visiting the Library.

- The Library is open Monday and Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- The lectures are open to the public.
- Lunches are available starting at 11:45 a.m.
- Lectures start promptly at 12:15 and conclude by 1:00 p.m.
- Question and answer period and discussion follow at 1:00 p.m.
- Walk-ins are accepted based on available seating but will not receive a lunch.
- The Library staff requests that no lunches be brought in.
- For more information, please contact Ellen Thomasson at 314/621-0670.

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9 lunch tickets for \$56.70

For reservations call: 314/621-0670  
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## Washington University adds Engineering Index to online system

Washington University in St. Louis has become the fifth school to include Engineering Index in the Libraries' online system. The database of engineering literature was introduced at a ceremony on March 3, jointly held by the Libraries and the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

The addition of Engineering Index to the online system at Washington University took on special significance, as a professor of civil engineering, John Butler Johnson, founded the index more than 100 years ago. Noting a lack of information relating to his profession, Professor Johnson began visiting libraries and indexing current engineering literature in 1883. His work was first published as a column in the *Journal of the Association of Engineering Societies*.

Called ENDX, it is the fourth database to be added to the Libraries' online system, known at LuisPlus. Engineering students and faculty are now able to search for current engineering literature at any library terminal or remotely from their own PCs. The database is produced by Engineering Information, Inc., which indexes 6,000 engineering journals, conference proceedings and reports worldwide. Citations are linked to the Libraries' holdings records.

"This database reflects the direction the Libraries are taking with regard to placing library resources where they are most useful to a specific group of users," Baker stated at the dedication. "The addition of Engineering Index in our online system also reflects another goal of the Libraries; that is to provide an electronic window to a rich array of resources at the University and around the world."

After remarks by Shirley K. Baker, Dean of University Libraries, and Christopher Byrnes, Dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Science, a giant cake showing the evolution of Engineering Index from book to computer form was cut and passed out to the crowd. In addition, the dedication was also marked by the announcement of the winner of the "Name the Database" contest.

## Mary Ann Mercante resigns

After ten years of service to the Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC), its members, and librarians throughout Missouri, Mary Ann Mercante has resigned as MLNC Executive Director, effective September 30, 1993. Prior to joining MLNC, Ms. Mercante served Missouri libraries as OCLC Coordinator for the MIDLNET network. Now, she feels it is time to "see what else there is in the world."

The truest testimony of the high regard for Ms. Mercante and her work in Missouri is found in the strong reputation of MLNC as the leading state-wide vehicle for empowering libraries and librarians to provide better information services to more people. Ted Sheldon, current President of the MLNC Board of Directors, said, "Mary Ann Mercante has brought to Missouri a strong vision of the future coupled with a wonderful ability to make us all better librarians. She directed the work of MLNC with great skill and insight."

A committee made up of Board members, staff, and MLNC members has been appointed to conduct the search for a new Executive Director.



St. Louis Community College at Forest Park is offering the following microfilm to any library that wants it. Pleascontact Renee Potts at 644-9681.

Better Homes & Gardens	1970-1981
Bull./Atomic Scientists	1975-1981
Business Ed. Forum	1975-1981
Canadian Nurse	1970-1981
Car and Driver	1975-1981
Consumer Reports	1967-1981
Craft Horizons	1975-1979
Current	1975-1981
Duns Review	1978-1980
Family Handyman	1976-1981
Family Health	1977-1981
Foreign Policy	1975-1981
Good Housekeeping	1975-1981
Human Behavior	1977-1981
Humanist	1975-1981
Intellect	1972-1978
J. of Communication	1975-1981
J. of Marriage & Family	1964-1981
J. of Marketing	1975-1981
J. of Reading	1975-1981
Ladies Home Journal	1975-1981
Living Wilderness	1975-1982
McCalls	1974-1982
Monthly Labor Review	1974-1981
Nation	1949-1981
Nations Business	1960-1981
Readers Digest	1966-1981
Redbook	1962-1981
Skin Diver	1975-1981
Sports Illustrated	1975-1982
Sunset	1975-1981
Weatherwise	1975-1981
World Tennis	1976-1991

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Qualifications: Master's Degree in one of the following fields: Library Science, Instructional Technology, Information Systems will receive preference. Knowledge of Macintosh, Apple, and IBM and microcomputer applications essential.

Please send resume to St. Louis Priory School, 500 S. Mason Rd., St. Louis, MO 63141. Attention: Fr. Thomas Frerking.

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### Add:

St. Louis U Law Library  
 CP: Mary Ann Samson, 658-3991  
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 Ronnie Ewing, 658-2755  
 S: M - F, 9am - 3pm only  
 R: Patron must be 21 or older enrolled in graduate studies at a college or university. Two week loan, no renewal. Only regular circulation books with no recall of item for INFO-PASS user.



**BEST OFFER...**Jefferson College Library has a set of the *National Union Catalog* from 1953-1982 for which we will accept sealed bids until **Thursday, May 29, 1993**. Included are some music and film volumes as well. Successful bidder should arrange transportation to pick up the set (Hillsboro really isn't that far away from St. Louis!) Call Loretta Ponzar at 942-3000 x163 for details about the *NUC*.

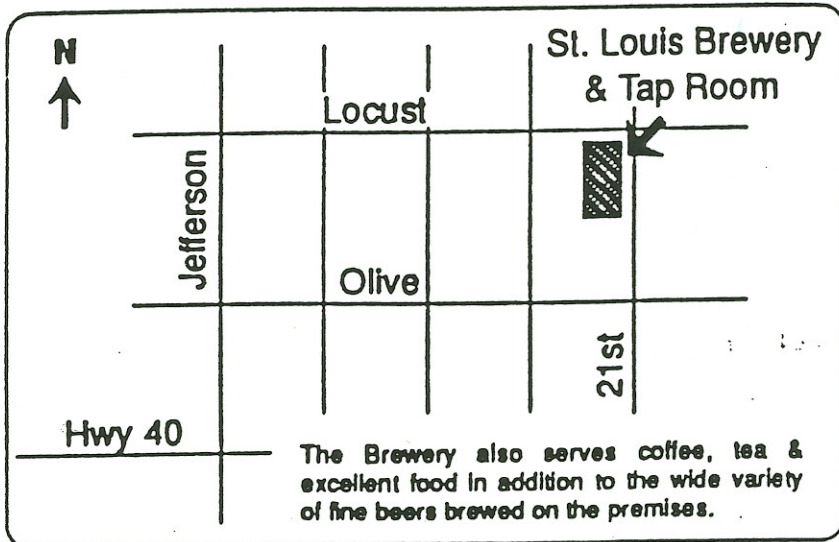
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**ANNUAL DINNER**

When: Tuesday - May 11, 1993

Where: St. Louis Brewery - Tap Room  
2100 Locust Street  
(parking lot on left of building)

Time: 5:30 p.m. Business meeting



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