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INTERNET PROGRAM

The High School and Academic Sections of the Catholic Library Association--St. Louis Chapter will be holding a joint program on Internet at St. John's High School on Saturday, November 5, 1994. Nancy Ketring from the Regional Consortium for Education and Technology and the Cooperating School District will be the speaker. She will discuss RCET/CSD then demonstrate Internet.

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(Small Public)
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7601 Manchester
St. Louis, MO 63143
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There will be a very short business meeting at 9:45 and the program will start at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be in the library. There is a parking lot right outside of the library entrance. It will be marked for the meeting.

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St. John's is located on Delor a half block East on Delor from the Bevo Mill Restaurant. If you have any questions please call Gail Mitchell at 351-5604.

If you already are using Internet and have found useful or interesting destinations, please send them to me at the following address and I will compile them for distribution at the meeting.

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From the President's desk:

No not the White House but just my cluttered desk at 4970 Oakland! Welcome to our new and old members.

The new SLRLN Board met on September 21st for the first time. Because the board meetings consist, we feel, of some informative discussions we have decided to share with you a summary of the minutes from our meetings in the NETnews. If you ever have questions, concerns or suggestions please contact your board representative. We will be happy to help in any way we can.

To help new members and remind present members of the services offered by the SLRLN we will include articles in the NETnews this year explaining the various services (and advantages) of belonging to the Network.

In the past years the Network has offered many interesting workshops on a variety of library-related subjects. We are in hopes of continuing the tradition this year. There is a form below asking for suggestions. If you have any ideas for workshops which you would find helpful please share them with us.

We are looking forward to a productive year with the SLRLN.

Libby Moore

**WORKSHOP
IDEAS**

YOUR SUGGESTION _____

PERSON TO CONTACT _____

YOUR NAME _____

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ST. LOUIS, MO 63110

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DOWNLINKS FOR EXCELLENCE - FACT SHEET

What is Downlinks for Excellence?

Downlinks for Excellence is a satellite-delivered continuing education project for librarians and others serving youth in public libraries and schools in Missouri and throughout the nation. It is free to participants, funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, and designed by a project team working from the School of Library and Informational Science at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The objective of the project is to create and inform learning communities of adults who have a strong interest in helping young people learn, including librarians, teachers, board members, parents, care providers, and many others.

Downlinks for Excellence consists of five two-hour telecasts on Saturdays featuring national experts discussing the following topics:

- new understandings about how children learn (November 19),
- how the global village can become part of learning even in the smallest community (January 14),
- the implications of multimedia and telecommunications technologies for learning in communities (February 11, March 25), and
- leadership issues in services to youth (April 22).

Structured activities will precede and follow the telecast at seven Missouri sites (Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Kirksville, Kansas City, Rolla, St. Louis, and Springfield). Participants in other group sites will be strongly encouraged to use these opportunities to organize their own panel discussions, do work in small groups, and generally explore further how the telecast relates to their communities and regions. A site facilitator workbook suggesting such activities will be provided for every group site in the state, along with materials for individual participants. Master copies of these materials will be provided to out-of-state conveners.

Who can participate?

Literally anyone can participate. Individuals with access to a steerable satellite dish can downlink the programs from their homes. Groups may meet in county extension offices, school districts, and educational institutions throughout Missouri and in any state where satellite dishes and technical support are available for downlinking. There is no downlinking fee. Seven official project sites in Missouri will offer wraparound activities before and after the broadcast and trained facilitators to assist participant interaction. The project also includes a special provision for 75 people to earn one hour of graduate or undergraduate credit by participating in all five sessions at one of the official Missouri project sites. Membership in this group is by scholarship application only. You may obtain an application for participating in this credit group by calling (314) 882-9543.

When and where will participants meet?

Participants in the seven official Missouri sites will begin at 9 a.m. on project downlink days. The broadcast will take place between 10 a.m. and noon (CDT) and participants will finish their work by 1 p.m. Other sites in Missouri may set different meeting times around the broadcast times. Participants in other states will adjust their times to Central Daylight Time. It also will be possible to tape the broadcasts and use them for sessions you may organize at a different time.

What can I do now?

- Get on the project mailing list (send your name, etc. to the address below)
- Talk with the advisory committee members (listed below) about your interests
- Contact and work with your professional association, your state library, or your regional library system or consortium to use this opportunity as a springboard for discussion in your area.
- Apply for a scholarship to use Downlinks for credit; encourage someone else to do so.
- Pass this information along to colleagues who are interested in this topic.
- Host a "Downlinks" session in your community; ask for a site facilitator's handbook.

Where did this idea originate and who is working on it?

Needs assessments of library employees in Missouri undertaken by the School of Library and Informational Science indicated that money, time, and distance/isolation are the three primary barriers to participation in continuing education. The initiation of local, state, and regional planning for implementation of new technologies in Missouri schools and communities and state and national commitment to educational goals for the year 2000 suggest strongly that adults working with youth face important new challenges and opportunities over the next few years. New methods for reaching these adults seemed absolutely necessary.

SLIS faculty members Dale Guthrie and Diane Tobin Johnson are working with an advisory committee which includes Connie Bush (Daniel Boone Regional Library, Columbia); Susan Cole (Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education, Jefferson City); Joe Donaldson (Higher and Adult Education, MU); Vera Florea (Springfield-Greene County Library); Curt Fuchs (Columbia Public Schools); Leslie Edmonds Holt (St. Louis Public Library); Rita Linck (president, Missouri Association of School Librarians); Bob McClasson (Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar); Floyd Pentlin (Lee's Summit High School); Barbara Reading (Missouri State Library); Anita Steele (Mid Continent Public Library, Independence); Marilyn Stone (Hickman High School, Columbia); Nancy Thompson (Video Communication, Academic Support Center, MU); John Wedman (Curriculum & Instruction, College of Education, MU); Gerry Westwood (Youth Programs, University Extension). Project assistant is Susan Wray.

For more information, contact:

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The Downlinks for Excellence project will include a group of 75 people who will be using the Downlinks broadcasts and site experiences as the basis for earning one hour of graduate or undergraduate credit through the University of Missouri-Extension Teaching. This class is open only to those who apply using this scholarship application form. Tuition will be paid. If more than 75 people apply, selection will be made based on geography, current student status, size of the population served, and willingness to participate in followup activities. An attempt will be made to include participants from all areas of the state and small, rural communities. No more than 20% of the scholarships will be given to those who currently are enrolled in a degree program. Support of school and library administration will also be considered.

Applicants will be required to:

- (a) attend all five Downlinks sessions (November 19, 1994; January 14, February 11, March 25, and April 22, 1995) in a staffed Missouri site (Cape Girardeau, Columbia, Kansas City, Kirksville, Rolla, St. Louis, Springfield);
- (b) submit appropriate written work (for example: a journal, final paper, or any assigned exercises)
- (c) participate in small group discussions as appropriate;
- (d) evaluate their own progress in the course and assist in evaluating the project as a whole.

Please note: We hope that hundreds of people will be participating in this project.

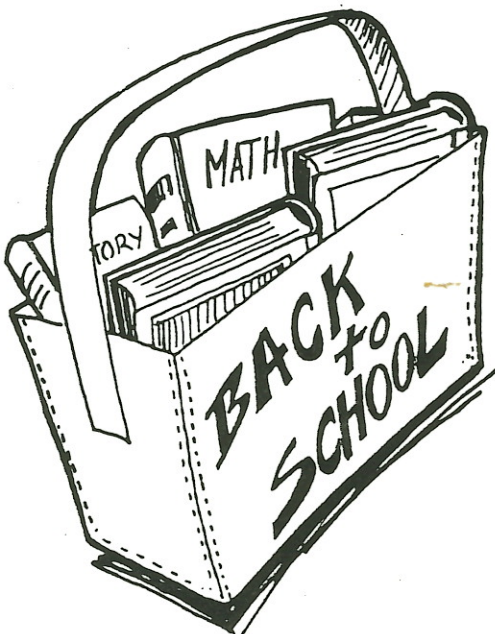
Simply contact us at the address below and we'll sign you up as a non-credit participant.

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A number of benefits will accrue to employees participating in the Downlinks for Excellence continuing education project, including improved knowledge of the cognitive basis for work with children and youth, more complete understanding of the implications of various new technologies on learning and library work, enhanced contacts with colleagues in your service area and across the state, and increased involvement with leadership issues in services to youth.



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