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NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR CITY OF FERGUSON

by Fred Moore

On Tuesday, February 7, 1995 voters in the city of Ferguson overwhelmingly approved Proposition L, which calls for a property tax increase of \$.07 per \$100 of assessed valuation for the Ferguson Municipal Public Library. The margin of victory was 1109 FOR and 613 AGAINST, as the library garnered a 65% YES vote in the election. The tax increase will generate an additional \$112, 000 in revenue for the library district, as the library plans to purchase the building at 35 N. Florissant for the purpose of relocating to that address in late spring or early summer of 1995.

The library staff and Board of Trustees are very grateful for the support of the Ferguson community, and tentative plans call for a week's worth of grand re-opening ceremonies at 35 N. Florissant to coincide with the library's 65th anniversary celebration in June. The library has awarded contract to Manske Corporation, Architects to plan the reconfiguration, remodeling, etc. Added features planned for the new library include a 70 seat auditorium, a colorfully expanded children's department, public meeting rooms which may be reserved by Ferguson groups, a permanent office for the FLIERS (Friends of the Library) and full handicapped accessibility.

While the library has enjoyed the benefits of

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operating in close proximity to the Ferguson City Hall, the library staff and board look forward to serving the informational, educational and recreational needs of the Ferguson community in their new facilities. Look for new materials, services and programs at the library in the near future, as the library collection will have room to grow in the expansive new facilities during 1995.

The Ferguson Municipal Public Library is pleased to announce that they have received a \$30,000 commitment from the Rotary Club of Ferguson for the renovation of the children's department of the new library. While the library's renovation, reconfiguration and relocation projects should be completed in time for a summer "Grand Re-Opening" it is certain that the "Ferguson Rotary Club Children's Room" will be a highlight of the new library. The Rotary Club has generously pledged the revenue from their annual golf tournament fund raiser to the library for the next four years, with the total donation of \$30,000 going toward the carpeting, painting, furnishing and equipping of the children's room.

"The library has contracted with Manske Corporation, Architects for the plan and design of this project, and now that we know these extra funds will be available to us for the children's room during the next four years we can allocate our resources to other aspects of this project accordingly," indicated Library Director Fred Moore. "The total amount of this project was to have cost the library district \$465,000, which included \$395,000 for the purchase of the building at 35 N. Florissant. With \$70,000 allocated for the renovation, reconfiguration and relocation project, the additional donation pledged by the Rotary Club of Ferguson will have a significant impact on the entire project."



WATCH YOUR MAIL...

April 1 - 5 new Directory of
Libraries in the St. Louis
Area will be mailed.

April 15 new Cooperative
Purchasing Manual will be mailed.

**ST. LOUIS REGIONAL
LIBRARY NETWORK
ANNUAL DINNER**



When: Thursday May 11, 1995
6:30 Business meeting
6:30 - 7:30 Open House
explore Exhibit Hall and the Living World
7:30 p.m. Dinner
Cash bar before meeting continuing to dinner

Where: St. Louis Zoo - Living World

Speaker: Jill Gordon -
"Zoo Resources" - hands on hits - interactive resources

Cost: \$22.00

Menu: APPETIZER

Seasonal Green Salad - Fresh Tomato and Basil Ranch

ENTREE

Boneless Breat of Chicken, Chasseur
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or

Vegetarian option: Pasta Entree

To register send check and form below to: St. Louis Regional Library Network, %Bernyce Christiansen, 9425 Big Bend, St. Louis, MO 63119. Deadline: MAY 3, 1995

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Library: _____

Circle Entree Choice: CHICKEN or VEGETARIAN

Deadline: MAY 3, 1995

**SLRLN
WORKSHOP**



**THE EIGHT MINOR AND ONE MAJOR USE
OF SPREADSHEETS -- THE POLITICS
OF LIBRARY BUDGET JUSTIFICATION**

When: Wednesday April 26th
1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Where: St. Louis Community College - Forest Park Library
5600 Oakland
(parking free on Arena parking lot)

Presenter: Robert Almony, Assistant Director of Libraries, University of Missouri
Prior to getting his Masters in Library Science from the University of California at Berkeley, Bob had his own accounting business in Southern California. He turned to academe in 1976. Since then he has been a reference librarian at Oberlin College Library in Ohio, and Asst. Director of Libraries at MU. He also currently teaches a class each year to entering freshmen students "College Survival Skills". Robert Almony has chaired many ALA committees over the last fifteen years, including the Budget and Finance Committee of ACRL, and the Membership Committee of LAMA. In Columbia MO, he is currently on the Board of Directors of the Maplewood Barn Theatre group, serves on his churches governing board, and serves on the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council for MU. Mr. Almony continues to maintain a small tax practice with clients in twenty-seven states and five foreign countries.

Cost: FREE - but you must register because of materials to be supplied

Please complete and mail or FAX the registration form below before APRIL 19, 1995.

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NICHOLAS PENNIMAN ELECTED TO LIBRARY BOARD

(March 1, 1995) At the Annual Meeting of the St. Louis Mercantile Library yesterday, Nicholas G. Penniman IV, Publisher of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, was elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning March 7, 1995.

Re-elected to the Board for three-year terms are: Peter A. Gleich--Executive Vice-President, Sigma-Aldrich; Kay Michael Kramer--Director, Art & Design, Mosby-Year Book, Inc.; and John W. Barriger IV--Transportation Consultant, Chicago.

Founded in 1846, the St. Louis Mercantile Library is an independent research library whose collection concentrates on Western Americana, as well as the history, development, and expansion of the St. Louis region with special attention to transportation, both rail and waterways. Located at 510 Locust, the Library is the oldest cultural institution in St. Louis and has been in its present location since 1854.



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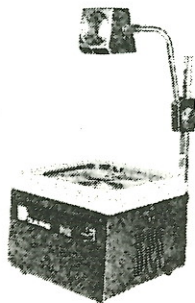
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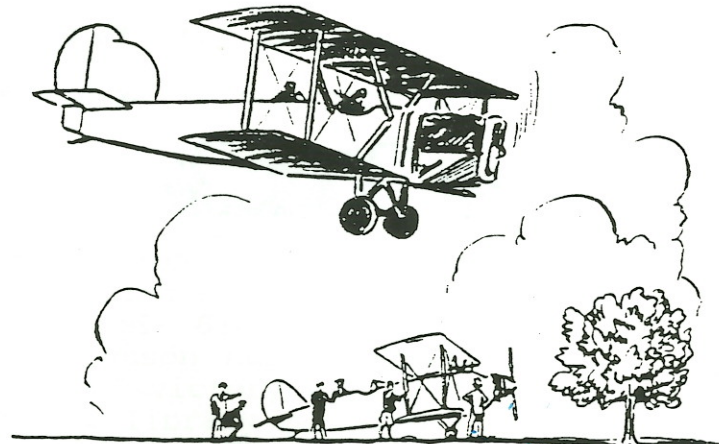
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