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SLRLN Annual Meeting

May 14, 1997

20 Years of Cooperation and Moving Forward

4:30 Annual Meeting
Saint Louis University
Pius XII Memorial Library
Knight's Room

5:15 Social Hour
Cupples House and Art Walk

6:15 Dinner Buffet - Cupples House

*Spinach Salad with warm Bacon Dressing
Fresh Steamed Vegetable Medley
Amaretta Glazed Carrots
Garlic Roasted Potatoes
Wild Rice Pilaf
Baked Cod Casino
Champagne Chicken
Assorted Desserts*

Tribute to Donell J. Geartner

Alice Calabrese, Speaker

"LEADERSHIP IS NOT LIMITED TO THOSE AT THE TOP"

Alice Calabrese has been an Illinois System Director for eight years and the first Multitype Library System Director for the Chicago Library System. CLS serves 230 special and corporate libraries, 51 academic libraries, the Chicago Public Library (82 sites), 18 private school libraries, and the Chicago Public School libraries (500+). Resource sharing, training of library staff members, automation, delivery, ILL, reference hotline consulting, and library advocacy are all part of CLS activities.

Alice's 25 year library career was spent as a children's librarian, public library administrator, academic librarian and as the first Executive Director of NILRC. She is currently the Illinois Chapter councilor to ALA, serves on the Illinois Library Association's board, and is Vice president of the Illinois Center for the Book.

....registration form inside...

To all St. Louis Regional Library Network members:

Last year the Lewis & Clark Library System (LCLS) asked the St. Louis Regional Library Network (SLRLN) to explore with them ways in which our two networks could cooperate. Discussions have proceeded this year and have culminated in a proposal to you to extend membership in the SLRLN to Lewis & Clark Library System as a consortium member.

Lewis & Clark Library System is a multitype library system with 140 members located in Illinois just to the east of St. Louis. They operate a delivery system which connects to six other courier routes to cover the entire state of Illinois. GateNet, the Local Library System Automation Program for the service area, supplies an integrated library automated network, Internet access, full text products, and other value added services. LCLS also provides to its members professional training, continuing education, and consulting services. For more information about LCLS you can consult their web page at <http://gatenet.lcls.lib.il.us/lclspg.html>.

Similarly, SLRLN has a delivery system, reciprocal borrowing programs, cooperative purchasing agreements, continuing education programs, and fosters communication between its 109 multitype libraries. With our common goals and activities, it makes sense to explore ways these two organizations can share their strengths.

The SLRLN Council's goal is to expand opportunities without losing money. Most of the academic libraries in LCLS are already members of SLRLN, so assuming individual Illinois members would not renew their membership in SLRLN, we have established a consortium membership fee for LCLS as ten times the single institution price. In order to maintain communication between the two networks, we propose to add a representative from LCLS to the SLRLN Council. We have tried to keep the administrative costs to a minimum by relying on LCLS to forward communication to their membership.

What can the Lewis & Clark Library System offer us? First of all, access to a database of over 1.3 million items for reciprocal library or patron borrowing. Secondly, our delivery system can interface with theirs to extend throughout the entire state of Illinois. And thirdly, we will be able to participate in the high quality education programs offered by LCLS.

Enclosed you will find proposed changes to the network bylaws which will allow a new category of membership for a consortium. Please read through them carefully. If you have any questions, call the network office or any SLRLN Council member. Then come to the annual meeting on May 14 to express your opinion.



Joan S. Clarke
SLRLN President

Do you have a program of interest to the library community? Publicize it on the SLRLN listserv.

JOIN THE SLRLN LISTSERV

To join SLRLN-L, send an email message to listserv@wuvmd.wustl.edu. The message should read
SUBSCRIBE SLRLN-L Your Name

Proposed: The Lewis and Clark Library System of Illinois be accepted into membership of the St. Louis Regional Library Network (SLRLN) as a consortium member.

Consortium membership dues would be equal to ten times the maximum single institution membership fee. As a consortium member, the Lewis and Clark Library System would have 10 membership votes and 1 representative on the SLRLN Council.

Each member institution of the Lewis and Clark Library System would have the following privileges:

- Participating in the InfoPass system

- Participating in the cooperative borrowing programs; borrowing, lending, and photocopying in accordance with the SLRLN member's policies

- Participating in the delivery system (parcels must be picked up and delivered to a pre-established collection point)

- Receiving NetNews as distributed by the Lewis and Clark Library System

- Registering for SLRLN workshops at member's fees

- Purchasing the SLRLN Directory at member's price

- Participating in the SLRLN listserv

The Lewis and Clark Library System would have the following responsibilities:

- Distributing the NetNews and other Network publications to Lewis and Clark Library System members

- Gathering information from Lewis and Clark members for the InfoPass booklet and directory and giving it to SLRLN in a compatible file format to be merged with existing records

LEWIS & CLARK LIBRARY SYSTEM



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I hope the following gives you an idea of some of the mutual benefits:

Accessibility into the GateNet database via the Internet and reciprocal library and/or patron privileges with the database. Patron privileges include searching and placing electronic reserves. This capability would enhance the interlibrary loan possibilities for all involved parties. Currently GateNet had over 650,000 MARC records and over 1,380,000 items in the database.

Connection to Illinois' state-wide delivery service, via the switching point between St. Louis County Library and Lewis & Clark Library System. The Lewis & Clark Library System provides direct delivery to all its 140 members and acts as a switching point to the other Illinois Library Systems and Major Illinois Academic Libraries.

Participation and registration for LCLS workshops at the member's fees. The majority of our workshops are at no cost for the participants. Those workshops with a registration fee would be at the same cost as for our other member libraries.

Copies of the LCLS member directory.

SLRLN members would receive the system's electronic and print newsletters. Additionally, SLRLN members would be encouraged to include items in both newsletters. The weekly electronic newsletter acts as a bulletin to inform our members of current events, to post job openings, to advertize workshops, to exchange library material, etc. The print newsletter is produced quarterly and is subject related, past issues have centered on reference, planning, and lobbying.

We would offer a seat on our Librarian's Advisory Council to the SLRLN. The LAC reviews, develops and recommends system policy to our board. Each of the Special Interest Groups within the system have a representative on the LAC. The group meets monthly.

Additional items we are interested in developing.

We would be very interested in a future project concerning reciprocal borrowing between the multitype members of the SLRLN and the system.

We are also interested in developing projects to increase the availability of access to a variety of electronic informational databases.

The combined buying power of the two organizations might provide a means for creating and developing additional projects.

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PROPOSED BY-LAWS REVISION

NOTE:

New sections proposed are in **BOLD**. Sections to be deleted are in ().

A copy of the complete by-laws is available by request or will be available at the annual meeting. Questions and discussions of these proposed changes will take place at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV Membership

Section 1 Membership shall be open to any library or library consortium which agrees to the purposes of the network and agrees to provide general access to their collections on at least an inter-library loan basis. This includes but is not limited to public, community college, college, university, special, medical, school libraries, and library networks.

Section 3 In all voting matters, each library shall have one vote. Library consortium voting privileges shall be established by the council on an individual basis depending upon the membership dues paid by said consortium. Each membership unit shall designate, in writing, to the network council, its voting representatives and any desired alternates. The secretary must receive written notice on institutional letterhead if anyone other than the designated representatives or alternates is going to cast the vote.

ARTICLE V Fees

Section 1 Council shall recommend to the members (libraries) the dues for membership.

ARTICLE VII The Network Council

Section 1 The policy setting and management agency for the network shall be the network council. All members of the council shall be from members (libraries) in good standing.

Section 2 The network council shall be composed of one representative from each of the following type-of-library groups: large academic, small academic, large public, small public, special, health-related, public school, private school, library consortium. Two members-at-large will be elected from the general membership (to make a total of ten members).

Section 5 The council shall meet at least three times per year. Six (Five) council members shall constitute a quorum.

AFTER HOURS...

St. Louis Science Center

See AFRICA:

One Continent

. Many Worlds

When: Tuesday April 29, 1997
meet in the lobby
5:30 p.m.

Where: St. Louis Science Center Exploradome
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Cost: FREE

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LIBRARY: _____

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FAX: (to confirm your registration- if you do not have FAX confirmation will be mailed.)

Please mail with check for \$15.00 (member) or \$20.00 (non-member) to SLRLN, % Bernyce Christiansen, 9425 Big Bend Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63119.

DEADLINE : MAY 9, 1997

Libraries who must wait for checks to be processed mail your registration with a note check is to follow.

JOBLINE

SCHOOL LIBRARY/INSTRUCTIONAL SPECIALIST FOR COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL - Grades 7-12

School Library Media Specialist to provide user and technical services for the Media Center with principal duties to include responsibility for management and maintenance of library automation and systems planning/administration for a UNIX base on-line catalog, integrating electronic reference sources with large traditional holdings, and interface and network strategies for Macintosh and PC platforms. Opening is a 10 month position.

QUALIFICATIONS: Master's Degree in one of the following fields: Library Science, Instructional Technology, Informational Systems will receive preference. Knowledge of telecommunications systems and services required. Basic forms of media production and use required. Knowledge of Macintosh and PC microcomputer applications essential.

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