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VIDEO TAPE REPAIR WORKSHOP

When:	Tuesday, October 14, 1997 9:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Where:	St. Louis County Library - Headquarters 1640 South Lindbergh
Cost:	$5.00 (member)/$10.00 (non-member)
Bring:	Bring several damaged video tapes, along with questions and concerns. Time does not allow repair of videos for re-circulation.

This workshop is useful for anyone involved in repair of video tapes and participants will gain skills that can be shared with other staff or volunteers. Participants become familiar with basic repair materials and procedures and learn when to attempt repair and when to discard. Proper care of video tape and basic maintenance of play back equipment is covered. The workshop includes examples of how various tape damage appears on the TV screen.

TeleCommunity Center Workshop

When:	October 29, 1997 9 a.m. - 11: 30 a.m.
Where:	Southwestern Bell Center University of Mo.-St. Louis
Cost:	$5.00 (member)/$10.00 (non-member)

This workshop will introduce you to the Tele Community Center and give you an idea of the types of services it offers for you and your patrons. See some of the features below:

About the TeleCommunity Center

Without a doubt, advanced technology is permanently altering the way we work and learn. But how do you keep up with the dynamic changes in technology? At the TeleCommunity Center, you'll find a user-friendly environment where you can learn about and use the latest information technologies to enhance your personal and professional life.

With a trained staff available for assistance, you can use state-of-the-art technology to enrich almost any facet of your life, from education and business, to health care, economic development, or even entertainment.

A comfortable environment for learning

You don't have to be a technology wiz to use the TeleCommunity Center. In fact, the TeleCommunity Center staff members will not expect you to have any level of technical knowledge or experience. That makes your learning experience not only more fun, but more comfortable. And the instruction will be tailored to fit your knowledge level, so you can be sure to come away learning something new.

Internet access.

From our computers, you can access the Internet, where you can get stock quotes, clip coupons or shop for real estate. In fact you can locate information on virtually any subject of interest.

Video conferencing.

Many businesses are finding that video conferencing is a faster and more cost-effective way to hold meetings. Using television monitors, you can actually see and speak to people miles – and even continents – away, without spending your travel time or budget.* Our state-of-the-art video conferencing rooms can be used to conduct business, educational and association meetings.

Grant Award to Muni Libraries

The Municipal Library Consortium of St. Louis County was awarded $259,832 in state funds toward the purchase of a new automated system and accompanying conversion. This award is part of a $3 million competitive grant program funded by the Missouri legislature and administered by the Missouri State Library. These grants will fund library automation projects in Missouri's public libraries.

University City Library will house the computer system and all consortium libraries will participate in its use. The new Dynix system will provide on-line catalog access to more than 520,000 items owned by eight Municipal Library Consortium members. Patrons and staff from these libraries will be able to view holdings of all eight member libraries; they will also be able to see availability of items from any terminal in the shared system. The members are: University City, Kirkwood, Ferguson, Brentwood, Valley Park, Richmond Heights, Rock Hill, and Maplewood. Together these libraries serve a population of 127,340.

Rock Hill librarian Kelly Sallade is pleased about the grant award. "It will allow us to upgrade our current automation to a state-of-the-art system" she said. The Rock Hill library owns 30,000 items and circulates about 30,000 items each year. The shared system will provide expanded resources to all of Rock Hill's patrons.

For more information about this grant program contact Carl Wingo, Missouri State Library, 800-325-0131.

OCLC WILL MAKE MISSOURI SERIAL HOLDINGS AVAILABLE VIA FIRSTSEARCH

OCLC has announced a plan to create and load a new database of more than 7 million Local Data Records (LDRs) linked to some 750,000 bibliographic records in WorldCat (the OCLC Online Union Catalog). LDRs provide volume and year-specific information for serials for those libraries that have utilized this OCLC service. Holdings of Missouri libraries that have contributed to the Missouri Union List on OCLC will appear in this new database.

The database will look and "feel" like any other FirstSearch database. It will contain the WorldCat records for any serial to which an institution has attached an LDR. Searchable fields will include library symbol or name, state, and 4-character union list symbol as well as standard FirstSearch access points. The hit list will display serial title, format (i.e. paper, microfiche, electronic) and holding library symbol or name. From the record display users will be able to retrieve a list of libraries in their state or region that hold a specific title.

This new FirstSearch database is scheduled to be made available sometime in Summer 1997. Missouri libraries interested in subscribing to FirstSearch services should call Tracy Byerly at MLNC, (314) 918-7222 or (800) 969-6562.

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LEWIS & CLARK LIBRARY SYSTEM
JOINS SLRLN

The Lewis & Clark Library System has joined the SLRLN as a consortium member. The following is a list of benefits this provides our members:

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.

TOP MISSOURI INTERLIBRARY LOAN USERS

The top ten Missouri borrowing and lending institutions on OCLC's interlibrary loan system were recently identified in an MLNC publication. Several St. Louis area libraries are represented on the lists:

Top 10 Lenders
University of Missouri--Columbia
Mid-Continent Public Library
Linda Hall Library
University of Missouri--St. Louis
Washington University, Olin Library
St. Louis Public Library
St. Louis University, Pius XII
University of Missouri--Rolla
Truman State University
Southeast Missouri State University

Top 10 Borrowers
University of Missouri--Columbia
Mid-Continent Public Library
Washington University, Olin Library
University of Missouri--Rolla
University of Missouri--St. Louis
Southwest Missouri State University
University of Missouri--Kansas City
Truman State University
St. Louis University, Pius XII
Monsanto Company

Video Tape Repair Workshop

NAME: _____

LIBRARY: _____

Address: _____

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Map and parking directions will be FAXED with confirmation of registration.

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

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Please mail with check for $5.00 (member) or $10.00 (non-member) to SLRLN, % Bernyce Christiansen, 9425 Big Bend Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63119.

DEADLINE : October 9, 1997

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

TeleCommunity Center Workshop

NAME: _____

LIBRARY: _____

Address: _____

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DEADLINE : October 19, 1997

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

INFO-PASS forms:

.25 each - $25.00   Pkg of 100
     or
18 forms for $5.00

Network DELIVERY forms:

.25 each - $25.00   Pkg of 100
     or
18 forms for $5.00

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