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## SLRLN

### LITTLE BACKGROUND

#### REQUESTED

by Bernyce Christiansen

I have been asked by some of our newer members and new librarians to provide some history and background on the St. Louis Regional Library Network. In order to do this I had to pull some old network reports and minutes from meetings. I apologize (to those members who were in the network from the beginning) for any mistakes in small details.

According to the records:

The SLRLN is an incorporated not-for-profit multitype network serving libraries in the city of St. Louis and a nine county area around St. Louis. Organized in 1977 by area librarians the Network developed and implemented programs to utilize the rich resources of the region and promote the tradition of cooperation in making those resources conveniently available to all library users. The original network was governed by a 16 member Council. Seven members of the council were representatives of the major resource libraries of the area: St. Louis Public, St. Louis County, St. Charles city-County, Scenic Regional, St. Louis U, Washington U, and UMSL. Six more council representatives were elected by each of six type-of-library groups (public, academic, special, school, jr. college, and medical). The rest of the council was elected from the

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REPORT

Cash Flow Report  
7/1/99 Through 6/30/00

Category Description	7/1/99- 6/30/00
<b>INFLOWS</b>	
Del	25.00
Dinner	576.00
Dir	6,169.00
Dues	11,895.00
Int Inc	1,261.59
Other Inc	53.20
Pass	425.00
tran. m.m.	8,000.00
Workshop	65.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>28,469.79</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>	
Misc	12.00
Mtgs.	618.65
Payroll:	
Administration	5,940.00
Coop	500.00
Directory	4,300.00
news	2,000.00
Pass	500.00
<b>TOTAL Payroll</b>	<b>13,240.00</b>
Payroll 2	4,700.00
phone	1,510.00
Postage	1,417.08
Printing	553.00
Service	5,748.50
Supplies	1,051.39
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>28,850.62</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-380.83</b>

INFO-PASS Update

SIUE -  
OA: Matthew Paris  
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membership at the annual meeting. Officers were chosen annually and the president provided directional advice and review of the work of the Network Administrator. The network was funded by federal funds (LSCA grant from the State Library), use fees, and local dues. The budget by the mid-eighties was a little over \$100,000. The network then had an office on Manchester with an administrator, a full time secretary, plus two clerical part time employees. By the mid-eighties the SLRLN had about 100 members and their projects included INFO-PASS, Directory of Libraries, Co-operative Purchasing, document delivery, professional development opportunities, Newsletter and bibliographic access.

In April 1988 the network was faced with funding loss. The network needed to disband the office, layoff the personnel and decide what to do with network services. The council and members at that time decided to try and continue with most of our services through independent contractors. The NETnews was produced by Karen Ryan and Cathi Alloway, Carol Warrington provided the financial services formerly treasurer on the council, and former secretary Bernyce Christiansen at Ursuline Academy Library became the contact for the network. Part of the delivery system route was dropped and the Netnews issues were reduced.

The quarterly publication was discontinued and the professional workshops were reduced in number.

Over the years Bernyce took over the Netnews when Cathi and Karen decided they could no longer do the publication. Our membership had grown to 115 at its highest and stands currently at 105.

The network now operates on about \$20,000 to \$22,000 per year and continues the same programs we have offered for the last decade. This level of continued service has been made possible through the volunteer service of our council over the years. Each year the council plans, implements and evaluates the programs offered to our members.

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## ***COUNCIL NEEDS TWO REPLACEMENT***

### ***REPRESENTATIVES***

The Council is in need of a special library and a medical library representative. The medical library rep would be to finish a term and is one year and the special to finish the term is two years. Patricia Guyer was the special library rep but Maritz has closed their library and we are therefore in need of a replacement. Our medical representative moved into the public library system and also needs replacing. If you are employed in a medical or special library and interested in finishing one of these terms please contact me. (Bernyce 314-965-1305 or email [bchristiansen@ursulinestl.org](mailto:bchristiansen@ursulinestl.org)) We have three to five council meetings plus annual meeting each year. Meetings are usually 9:30 a.m. until ? (11 a.m. - noon) on Tues., Wed., or Thurs. The time commitment is small and you meet other area librarians and keep informed on future plans for libraries in the area.

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