2014 Tech Expo

The Saint Louis Regional Library Network (SLRLN) hosted another successful Tech Expo on February 26, 2014 at Logan University. With topics ranging from Technology in a Genealogy library to Google Apps, SLRLN was able to offer sessions for many library types and varied interests.

One much-anticipated sessions was "3D Printing" presented by Steve Pryor of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. He provided a background of the technology, an explanation of how libraries could build or buy a 3D printer, and even included a helpful pitch to the dean for support. Reasons included: libraries would be providing a technology that students will increasingly encounter after graduation; a printer would be good for creativity; a printer could increase productivity for departments. Much to the enjoyment of the audience, Pryor brought his 3D printer with him to show the printing process during his presentation.
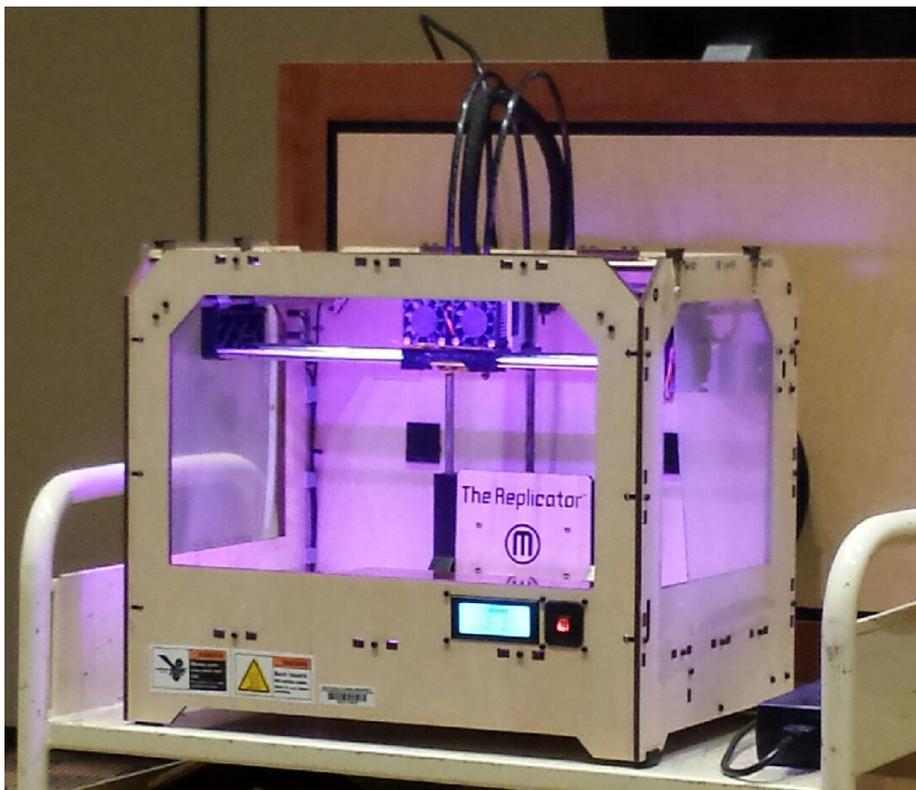
Upcoming Events

April 29, 2014

The **SLRLN Spring Speaker Series** will begin at 5:30 p.m. on April 29 at Eden Theological Seminary. The event will include a dinner followed by an overview of the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) by Amy Rudersdorf.

SLRLN members: $20, Non-members: $25. For more information and registration, go to: http://ezregister.com/events/9237/

July 18, 2014

Workshop on Copyright in Libraries will be held on July 18, 2014. Janet Brennan Croft, Head of Access Services Department, University of Oklahoma Libraries will lead us in a discussion on copyright as it relates to ILL, the TEACH Act, media rights, and copyright licensing.

Check the SLRLN website for the latest information on this event.

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Check Out Our New Logo and Web Redesign

Exciting new changes are coming to St. Louis Regional Library Network! If you had the opportunity to attend the Tech EXPO in February, you may have noticed our new logo. A local graphic designer, Kelly Jay of Kelly Jay Designs has been working hard to help us re-brand and come up with a fresh look.

Check out our new logo to the right and let us know what you think.

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In addition, we are working to perk up our website and make it more user friendly. We anticipate a more appealing color scheme, easier navigation, and an integrated "Google calendar" to keep track of all the local library events happening in St. Louis. We are looking forward to working with various library groups in the region to post their upcoming events and socials. Stay tuned and we apologize for the inconvenience while www.slrln.org is under construction.

Survey Results Are In – INFOPASS Stays

The SLRLN Council recently sent out a survey to its member libraries regarding the use of INFOPASS. We received 50 responses from our 79 member libraries and of those responses, 50% of you stated that INFOPASS was one of the main reasons you were members of SLRLN. Sixty-four percent (32/50) of you replied that you provide INFOPASSES to use at other libraries and 31% (33/48) acknowledged that you would leave SLRLN if INFOPASS were discontinued. Well, we asked, you answered, and we listened. INFOPASS is staying!

We also listened to your other comments. Thanks to other general comments that were made, we have listed the names of vendors on SLRLN's website - http://slrln.org/coop/ - and this summer, we will be working on a welcome packet that will explain the benefits of membership to SLRLN libraries. Keep talking to us. SLRLN is an organization that exists to meet the needs of its members. Your suggestions and ideas keep us moving forward!

Wolfner Workshops Coming to St. Louis!

On Tuesday, June 3, at 10:30am, Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library staff will be on hand at **University City Public Library, 6701 Delmar Blvd., University City, MO 63130** for a special presentation of their services for visually-impaired patrons. This workshop is for any current or potential Wolfner patrons and their family members from the St Louis-metro area who want to learn more about how to access services and materials from Wolfner. The workshop is free and will last approximate 60-90 minutes.

No reservations are required, but please feel free to direct your patrons to University City Public Library at www.ucitylibrary.org or contact Kathleen Gallagher at kmgallagher@ucitylibrary.org ; 314.727.3150 for more information.

And for library staff:

On Tuesday, June 3 at 2:00pm, library staff from St Louis-area libraries are invited to learn more about Wolfner services for patrons at a special training presented by Wolfner staff.

This workshop is free and will last approximately 90 minutes. Please RSVP to Kathleen Gallagher at University City Public Library kmgallagher@ucitylibrary.org; 314.727.3150.
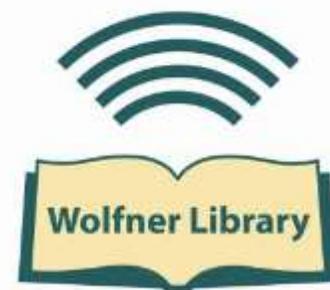
Bits and Bytes from Area Libraries

Giving SkyRiver a Try
Covenant Theological Seminary's Buswell Library this year is migrating to SkyRiver for cataloging purposes. They say there are some advantages to doing so, including a smoother, cleaner experience and at least in our case a 40% reduction in cost compared to OCLC. Interlibrary Loan not only will continue with OCLC.

Ward E. Barnes Library Moving to UMSL's North Campus
At the close of the Spring 2014 semester the Ward E. Barnes Library on UMSL's South Campus will be merged with Thomas Jefferson Library (TJL) on the UMSL North Campus. This move is part of a repurposing of space on the South Campus. All Barnes Library personnel will be moving over to TJL along with the Education, Nursing and Optometry collections. It is anticipated the move will be completed by the end of Summer, 2014.

Job Opportunity
Richmond Heights Memorial Library is looking for a full time Information Services Librarian.
Position Summary:
Using a sound knowledge of current library practices and procedures, is responsible for providing reference service, cataloging the library's collections, and maintaining the library's Web Page and social networking presence. May be responsible for the Library in the Director's absence. MLS required. Prior Library experience required.

Send resume and cover letter to Richmond Heights Memorial Library, 8001 Dale Avenue, Richmond Heights, MO 63117. Attn. Jeanette Piquet or jpiquet@rhmlibrary.org. No phone calls, please.