

SLRLN NET NEWS



Spring 2015

COUNCIL UPDATES:

We welcome Heidi Vix to the office of Acting President of SLRLN to take over for Eric Stancliff after he resigned from the council in November of 2014. Heidi Vix will serve in this role the remainder of the term as well as her elected term of 2015-2016.

We are also pleased to announce the elections of Christina Pryor to the office of Vice-President and Tori Lyons, of Richmond Heights Memorial, as the newest member of the council.

StoryCorps @ your library

Spring Speaker Series, April 28, 2015, 5:30PM
Fontbonne University, Student Activity Center Café

Register at: <http://slrln.org>

St. Louis Regional Library Network is pleased to welcome Virginia Millington, Recording & Archive Director at StoryCorps, as the presenter for the 2015 Spring Speaker Series. She will provide an overview of the IMLS-funded StoryCorps @ your library project, created in collaboration with the American Library Association. Millington will provide examples of successes and a few challenges from the pilot year of the program. She will also discuss the ways in which StoryCorps has worked with public libraries across the country to provide them with the tools to celebrate the stories of their communities.

If you are unfamiliar with the project, StoryCorps (<http://www.storycorps.org/>) is an independent nonprofit whose mission is to provide Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to share the stories of their lives. Millington currently oversees the StoryCorps @ your library program, an effort to provide public libraries with the tools and resources to record their own stories, and she has previously held positions at the Walker Art Center, the Library of Congress, and the Folger Shakespeare Library.

The Spring Speaker Series includes dinner and complimentary wine service. Members enjoy a discounted rate of \$15. Non members: \$25. To find if your institution is an up-to-date member, go to:

<http://slrln.org/welcome/membership/>

Local librarian authors chapter

Jamie Emery, Research & Instruction Librarian at St. Louis University, recently authored a chapter in the book [Curriculum-Based Library Instruction: From Cultivating Faculty Relationships to Assessment](#) (Medical Library Association Book Series). Her chapter is entitled "The Expanding Role of Information Literacy in the Freshman Writing Program at Saint Louis University: A Case Study".

Jefferson County Library receives grant

The Jefferson County Library, Crystal City, DeSoto and Festus Public Libraries, and the Jefferson County Health Department will share a \$100,000 grant from the Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation to collaborate on the 3-4-67 Health Education Initiative during 2015. The grant was awarded to the Jefferson County Library Foundation, which will act as the fiscal agent to administer the grant and distribute the money to the participating agencies.

The 3-4-67 Health Education Initiative seeks to raise awareness of the three high risk behaviors (poor nutrition, lack of exercise and tobacco use) that contribute to the four chronic diseases (heart disease/stroke, type 2 diabetes, cancer and respiratory disease) that are the cause of 67% of the deaths in Jefferson County. The grant money will be used to increase access to health and wellness information and expand outreach locations for health and wellness activities for all ages at local public libraries throughout the County. Programs and activities will begin in January and continue throughout the year.

“Our goal is to help people discover how to make choices that decrease their risk of disease and the burdensome cost of medical care, improving their chances for healthier, happier and more active lives,” said JCL director Pam Klipsch. The Jefferson Memorial Community Foundation was established when the Jefferson Memorial Hospital in Festus was acquired last year by Mercy Hospitals.

Pam Klipsch Director, Jefferson County Library pklipsch@jeffcolib.org

Tech Expo 2015

The St. Louis Regional Library's Tech Expo one-day conference on February 25, 2015 at Logan University brought together over 100 librarians and paraprofessionals from Missouri and Illinois. The presentations and discussions were well-varied and ranged from budget-friendly library digital signage to external link tracking in Google Analytics. The conference also provided a valuable networking opportunity with scheduled time before the presentations began and during an extended lunch.

Please take time to visit the [Tech Expo page](#) on the SLRLN website to view documents submitted by the presenters.

Thank you to all who helped make the conference a success.



Tech Expo 2015 presentations



Call for SLRLN History

The SLRLN council is compiling a history of the organization. We would love any helpful information you may have regarding the original grant that started the state-wide library network; how, when, and why the Saint Louis Regional Library continued independently; and any other useful information you may have. Please contact heidivix29@webster.edu if you have anything you would like to share with the group. Thank you!

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