SLRLN NET NEWS

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Judy Hansen, *Consumer Health Librarian* & **Mychal Voorhees,** *Health Communication Specialist*, **Becker Medical Library** at **Washington University School of Medicine**

Are you overwhelmed with difficult health and medical questions at your library? Are you frustrated with advertising-laden websites with unclear information and dubious authorship? Are you concerned that even when you find the information it is too difficult for your patrons to understand? Join us at the SLRLN Fall Workshop on Thursday, September 21, 2017 where **Mychal Voorhees**, Health Communication Specialist, and **Judy Hansen**, Consumer Health Librarian, (both employees of Becker Medical Library at Washington University School of Medicine) will guide you to resources and techniques to help you find reliable and understandable health information for your patrons. Learn about key health websites that are freely available. Pick up some new tips and tricks for finding credible, easy-to-read medical information online.

Registration: $10 for SLRLN or SLML members, $15 for non-members
https://slrln.org/

Are you a library school student? SLML wants to sponsor you! Send a message to slrln@amigos.org to receive your promo code for a discounted registration fee!

Light refreshments provided

Questions: SLRLN@AMIGOS.ORG

Excited about the 2018 SLRLN Tech Expo at Logan University? We are too!
Call for proposals will open October 16, 2017

Proposals may cover information technology projects, programs, tools, strategies, or recent discoveries.

Proposals could relate to, but are not restricted to, any of the following topics:

- Censorship and filtering
- Consortial resource and system sharing
- Cybersecurity and privacy
- Digital preservation
- Emerging technologies
- Gaming
- Google Tools
- Learning management systems
- LibGuides / LibAnswers
- Library I.T. competencies
- Makerspaces
- Mobile technologies
- Online instruction
- Open content, software, & technologies
- Practical applications of linked data
- Search engine optimization
- Social media
- User experience
- Video technology

Presentations will be 40 minutes in length with 10 minutes for Q&A. Presenters are asked to submit their final presentation slides and/or electronic content (video, audio, etc.) to be made available on the SLRLN website following the event.

Look for a link at **http://slrln.org** on October 16.

St. Louis School Librarians Association Fall Meeting,
Greater St. Louis MASL Region/SLSSLA

The St. Louis School Librarians have set their fall meeting date for Wednesday, September 27 at Francis Howell Central High School. Optional (paid) dinner and networking will begin at 5:00 pm, and the meeting will start at 5:30 pm. Attendees will learn from four librarians whose schools/districts have already implemented the Future-Ready Framework, have the chance to discuss the framework and set Future-Ready goals for the school year. The cost to join the St. Louis School Librarians Association is $10 for the year, and we welcome librarians/ educators from all regions to attend our meetings. Stay tuned for more information and details about how to register online.

http://www.slssla.com/fall-meeting.html

Recap of Summer Workshop
What I Learned at the Magic Kingdom, Webster Groves Public Library

Karen Robinson, Assistant Teaching Professor at the University of Missouri-Columbia, shared what she learned at the Disney Institute. She discussed ways the institute helped her with leadership, employee engagement, and quality service and how each can be applied to libraries. Through group activities, we had an opportunity to focus on the values of our own libraries and how we can improve our workplaces and service by over-managing (paying close attention to details, not micromanaging) and increasing courtesy and show with our patrons. We also discussed how selecting and training employees is one of the most important things at Disney and should be at our libraries as well. Defining your values and sharing them with employees is very important.

The St Charles City-County Library managers are already acting on what they learned from the workshop and have discussed techniques to use in staff meetings and trainings. The Disney management concept of "we" (instead of "I") was universally endorsed as the best approach to build staff buy-in, especially for new services and initiatives. Managers are documenting how "we" is being observed in the workplace through a shared Google Doc.

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St. Louis Regional Library Network is a non-profit membership organization, which provides opportunities and forums for local libraries and librarians to share resources and knowledge. The Network began in 1977 and includes members from public, academic, school, special, and corporate libraries.

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