# SLRLN NET NEWS

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## **Library Advocacy – Spring Speaker Series Dinner** and Meeting

April 20, 5:30pm | De Smet Jesuit High School Library

Senator Maria Chappelle-Nadal represents part of St. Louis County in the Missouri Senate.

In addition to her legislative duties, Sen. Chappelle-Nadal is a director on the University City School Board. Her memberships include NOBEL/Women, the National Foundation of Women Legislators, the National Hispanic Council of State Legislators, and the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus. Sen. Chappelle-Nadal is a former member of the Democratic National Committee, serving from 2005-2009. She also served three terms in the Missouri House of Representatives, from 2004-2010.

Dinner and drinks will be provided.

Register at: <a href="http://slrln.org">http://slrln.org</a> SLRLN Members: \$35; Non-Members: \$45

To determine if your institution is a member, go to: <a href="http://slrln.org/welcome/membership/">http://slrln.org/welcome/membership/</a>

### SPRING SPEAKER SERIES BUSINESS MEETING TOPICS:

- New Council members
- 2018 SLRLN Budget
- Dues structure

Watch your email for important updates regarding these topics to be discussed at the Spring Speaker Series business meeting.

## **SLRLN Tech Expo**



Another Tech Expo is on the books. Once again, we had an amazing turnout for the Tech Expo conference held at Logan University on March 1, 2017. We had 84 librarians and paraprofessionals join us for the technical-oriented presentations. The sessions focused on a variety of data processing tools, including Google Sheets, Google Forms, pivot tables, and analytics. Thank you to all who came, participated, and made this year's Tech Expo a success.

Please go to <a href="http://slrln.org/slrln-tech-expo/">http://slrln.org/slrln-tech-expo/</a> to find links to handouts and presentations from this and past Tech Expos.

## **Upcoming Changes to Dues Structure**

SLRLN has provided exceptional value to our members without increasing dues for 10 years. In a recent review of the financial standing of the organization, the Council decided a change in membership dues was needed to ensure the ongoing financial stability of SLRLN.

In addition to this financial stability, two of the goals for the new membership dues structure are to increase transparency and to introduce a new Student membership category to encourage aspiring information professionals to become more involved in the organization. Dues will now be determined by type of member institution.

Member institutions will be receiving more information on the new dues structure in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continuing support of the Greater St. Louis library community.

#### We Love to Code! Week





The Francis Howell School District celebrated its very own We Love to Code! Week February 6-10. For a second school year, the district designated a week to focus on coding activities within its schools. Thanks to a grant from MasterCard and collaboration between tech teams and library media specialists, students at all levels had the opportunity to experience coding activities that help broaden their understanding of coding and the foundations of computer science. Many students met professionals in the field, experimented with hands-on coding devices such as Sphero and Ozobots, and coded apps for the first time. Search #FHSDCodes on Twitter to catch a glimpse of the excitement across the district.

## **Washington University Updates & Announcements**

## Stephens appointed university librarian at Washington University

Denise Stephens, university librarian at the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), has been appointed vice provost and university librarian at Washington University in St. Louis, effective July 1. Stephens succeeds Jeffrey G. Trzeciak, who left the university last July.

Stephens will manage University Libraries' nine locations, the system's vast archives and special collections, and 156 professional and support staff.

She also will oversee the continued construction of the reimagined John M. Olin Library, which is slated to debut in spring 2018. The transformed Olin Library will provide new spaces for study and exploration, enhanced technology, a new north entrance, a vault to house the university's growing special collections, and an exhibition space.

Marion Crain, vice provost and the Wiley B. Rutledge Professor of Law, has served as the interim leader of University Libraries since August.

## Thomas Lecture Series features Sarah Pritchard, dean of libraries at Northwestern University

Washington University Libraries welcomes Sarah Pritchard, dean of libraries and Charles Deering McCormick University Librarian at Northwestern University, as a featured speaker in the Jack E. & Debbie T. Thomas Endowed Lecture Series. The lecture is at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, in Room 214 of Wilson Hall on the university's Danforth Campus.

Pritchard's talk, "Linking Libraries to Promote and Preserve a City's History: Creating the Chicago Collections Consortium (CCC)," will explore the efforts that went in to creating the CCC, demonstrating it as a model for cultural heritage collaboration on a municipal scale.

The talk is free and open to the public. A reception will immediately follow the lecture.

The Thomas Lecture Series honors the outstanding work that Shirley K. Baker, former Vice Chancellor for Scholarly Resources & Dean of WU's University Libraries, led in the areas of networked information and resource sharing. For more information, contact Jody Mitori, manager of communications and special events, at <a href="mailto:jmitori@wustl.edu">jmitori@wustl.edu</a>.

#### More free events

2017 Art+Feminism Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon St. Louis

Tuesday, March 28, 2017

3–7 p.m.

Washington University's Kranzberg Art & Architecture Library

Join us for a communal updating of Wikipedia entries on subjects related to art and feminism. We will provide guidance for the beginner Wikipedian, as well as reference materials and refreshments. A limited number of computers are available, and we recommend you bring your laptop and power cord, in addition to ideas for entries that need updating or creation. Refreshments provided! People of all gender identities and expressions are invited to participate. This event is hosted by Washington University Libraries. It is free and open to the community.

Henry Hampton Film Series: Jon Else

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

7 p.m.

Missouri History Museum, Lee Auditorium

Free

Jon Else, filmmaker and North Gate Chair in Journalism at the University of California, Berkeley, will be the featured guest for the Henry Hampton Film Series, co-sponsored by Washington University Libraries, the Missouri History Museum, and Cinema St. Louis. Else will discuss his new

book, "True South: Henry Hampton and 'Eyes on the Prize,' the Landmark Television Series That Reframed the Civil Rights Movement." The event will include a screening of an episode of "Eyes on the Prize" chosen by Else, a discussion about his time working as a series producer, and previously unavailable excerpts of "Eyes on the Prize" material from the Washington University Libraries' Film & Media Archive. Books will be available for purchase.

Library Faculty Book Talk: Sowande' Mustakeem

Thursday, April 20, 2017

4:30-6 p.m. Washington University's Olin Library, Room 142

Free

Sowande' Mustakeem's "Slavery at Sea: Terror, Sex, and Sickness in the Middle Passage" (University of Illinois Press) reveals for the first time how slavery took critical shape at sea. Expanding the gaze even more deeply, the book centers on how the oceanic transport of human cargoes—infamously known as the Middle Passage—comprised a violently regulated process foundational to the institution of bondage. Mustakeem is associate professor of History and African & African-American Studies at Washington University in St. Louis.

### **SLRLN Calendar**

Look for more library events at <a href="https://slrln.org/slrln-calendar/">https://slrln.org/slrln-calendar/</a> from the St. Louis Regional Library Network, St. Louis Medical Libraries, Missouri Library Association, Greater St. Louis Library Club, and Special Libraries Association. We've combined several calendars so everyone can see local library events in one place. If you are interested in joining your calendar with ours, please contact <a href="mailto:slrln@amigos.org">slrln@amigos.org</a>.

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#### **SLRLN**

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