



# NETNEWS: the newsletter of St. Louis Regional Library Network

April, 2012

*'Providing opportunities and forums for librarians to share resources, and to learn together and from each other'*

## Mark Your Calendars!—Date Set for Annual Business Meeting & Dinner

SLRLN will hold its annual Business Meeting and Dinner on Thursday, May 10 at the Spencer Road Branch of St. Charles City/County Library. The schedule will be:

5:30-6:00	Networking
6:00-6:30	Business Meeting
6:30	Dinner
7:00	Guest Speaker Shirley Baker

Agenda items for the business meeting will include presentation of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget and election of Council Officers.

Dinner will be provided by Valenti's Catering. The menu is:

BBQ Beef Brisket  
Vegetarian Pasta Primavera  
with Red Sauce  
Salad, side dish, dessert and bread



Ms. Baker, Dean of Libraries at **Washington University**, will speak on "Stories from a Life of Taking Charge."

The registration form is at the end of this newsletter. Cost for the dinner meeting is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Last day for registrations will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## SLRLN Council Renews Management Contract with MLNC

After a trial year in which we witnessed improved bookkeeping, recordkeeping and organization of Network functions, the SLRLN Council voted on April 10 to renew the management contract with MLNC for FY 2012-2013.

Soon the council will decide whether to also have staff at MLNC completely redesign the SLRLN Website, which has been in need of significant revision for quite a while.

## Tech Expo 2012

Our annual Tech Expo was held Wednesday, March 21 at the brand new **Spencer Road Branch of St. Charles City/County Library**. It was the best attended Network sponsored workshop in a long time, topping out at close to 80 attendees.

Everyone was pleased and happy with the venue. It was actually opening day for the new library, and the staff at St. Charles City/County Library did an excellent job of managing both events at once.



Highlights of the day included:

**Karen Czaicki**, an elementary school librarian from the **Lindbergh School District** and **Tammy Kuddes**, a middle school librarian from the **Washington Public School District** teamed up to present a workshop on checking out e-readers to students. Issues such as acquiring parental permission, how to deal with lost or damaged readers, how to find the time to deal with this new format, and how to handle a less-than-robust school network were all discussed.

**Kansas State Librarian Jo Budler** gave the keynote

address. Her topic was licensing issues for digital content. Kansas had been an early adopter of Overdrive for the digital content for the public and school libraries in Kansas. Upon comparing a new license agreement from Overdrive



that included a large price increase, she realized that Kansas was now going to lose content that they had purchased in a prior contract. Ms. Budler protested the loss of content and requested that Kansas be given

access to the content they had already purchased. Overdrive required her to contact every publisher for permission. She is in the process of doing so and is working with a new host.

There were several other presentations, including how to use QR codes in libraries, and a device room where attendees could get hands-on experience with Kindles, Nooks, iPads and more.

A delicious lunch and an opportunity to network with fellow librarians capped off an educational and entertaining day for all

### **Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Adopted by Council**

At its April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, the SLRLN Council adopted the following budget, which will be presented to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting May 10<sup>th</sup>:

#### *Income Category:*

Membership Dues	\$8,400
Workshop	\$1,200
Annual Meeting	\$ 600
Info Pass	\$ 50
Interest	\$ 90
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$10,340</b>

#### *Expense Category:*

Workshop	\$1,000
Annual Meeting	\$ 600
Insurance	\$1,350
Marketing	\$ 500
Management Services	\$6,124
Miscellaneous	\$ 150
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$9,724</b>

### **PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES**

The SLRLN Council will present the following proposed by-laws changes at the May 10<sup>th</sup> annual meeting:

#### **ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

##### **Current wording:**

###### Section 4

Retired library personnel may join St. Louis Regional Library Network at a reduced rate determined by Council. This membership will allow them to attend network functions at the member rate. They will not have voting privileges nor can they be on the Council.

##### **Proposed wording:**

###### Section 4

Individuals may join St. Louis Regional Library Network at a reduced rate determined by Council. As individual members they will not have voting privileges nor be able to serve on Council.

**Rationale:** This expands the member base of St. Louis Regional Library Network and fills a requested need in the library community.

#### **ARTICLE VII. THE NETWORK COUNCIL**

##### **Current wording:**

###### Section 2

The network council shall be composed of one representative from each of the following type-of-library groups: large academic, small academic, large public, small public, special, health-related, public school, private school. Members-at-large will be elected from the general membership to make a total of ten members.

###### Section 3

Representatives to council shall be selected by the membership from the respective type-of-library group. The election of council representatives shall be completed at least one month prior to the annual spring membership meeting.

##### **Proposed wording:**

###### Section 2

The network council shall be composed of ten members that represent the diversity of knowledge and experience of the membership and shall not be based on geographic distributions or characteristics of the place of employment.

###### Section 3

Representatives to council shall be selected by the membership from the respective type-of-library group. The election of council representatives shall be completed at the annual spring membership meeting.

**Rationale:** This change gives the Council a wider body of candidates and codifies what has been actual practice of the organization.

#### **JOB OPENING**

##### **SIUE: Health Sciences Librarian, Assistant or Associate Professor**

Reports to the Director of the Research Commons. The Health Sciences Librarian is the subject liaison for the Schools of Nursing and Pharmacy, and as such, teaches information literacy and selects appropriate information resources in support of the schools' curriculum and research. Collaborates closely with the Science and Health Sciences Librarian and participates in achieving departmental and library goals. For more information go to [www.siue.edu/lovejoylibrary](http://www.siue.edu/lovejoylibrary)

**St. Louis Regional Library Network is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to helping librarians in the Greater St. Louis Area meet, share and network. The Network has been active since the 1970s and currently has over 100 members, including public, academic, school, special, and corporate libraries. For more information visit our Website at [www.slrln.org](http://www.slrln.org) or e-mail us at [SLRLN@MLNC.ORG](mailto:SLRLN@MLNC.ORG).**

# SLRLN Annual Business Meeting and Dinner

**Thursday May 10, 2012**

Spencer Road Library, St. Charles City County Library District

5:30 – 8:00

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6:00 – 6:30 Business meeting including Council election and Bylaws revision vote

6:30 Dinner

BBQ Brisket / Vegetarian Pasta Primavera with red sauce

Includes salad, side, dessert and bread

7:00 Guest Speaker Shirley Baker "Stories from a life of taking charge"

Spencer Road Library St. Charles City County Library District

427 Spencer Road

St. Peters, MO 63376

## REGISTRATION FORM

\$15 FOR MEMBERS \$20 FOR NON-MEMBERS

Registration is due by May 2nd

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LIBRARY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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