

NETNEWS: the newsletter of St. Louis Regional Library Network

April, 2010

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

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING Scheduled

WHEN: Wednesday, April 28—6 p. m.

WHERE: Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
1755 Des Peres Road
Town & Country, MO 63131

Schedule: 6 o'clock: Annual meeting
6:30 Dinner

Dinner will be provided by the church, which is known for its excellent Greek cuisine. The buffet menu includes:

Pastichio	Moussaka
Tiropita	Dolmathes
Chicken, pasta & broccoli casserole	
Greek salad	Rolls and butter
Cookies	Coffee and Iced Tea

Our guest speaker will be John Brown, a KTRS radio personality and Fox2 TV anchor. He will talk about his book *Missouri Legends*, which profiles more than 125 politicians, authors, artists, performers, athletes, and other historical figures from Missouri.



The Registration form is at the end of this newsletter. Registration deadline is April 20. If you have questions, please call Bernyce Christiansen at 314 395-1305.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED

The St. Louis Regional Library Network needs council representatives for the following categories: public school libraries, special libraries, health libraries, academic libraries, or

member-at-large. The representatives must be from a Network member library. Terms are for three years, and there are about 4 meetings (usually midweek afternoons from 1:30 - 3:00) plus the Annual Dinner to attend. For more information or to volunteer call Bernyce Christiansen at 314 395-1305 or e-mail bchristiansen@ursulinstl.org.

If we have more than one volunteer from each group, there will be a vote at the annual dinner April 28, 2010

NETWORK MEMBER NEWS

ACCREDITATION FOR URSHAN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY ~

Garry Truman, Director of Library Services at Urshan Graduate School of Theology, reports that the school is under accreditation review by the Association of Theological Schools. As a new seminary in only its ninth year of operation, they are a full year ahead of the accrediting schedule. They should know whether they have achieved full accreditation by the middle of June, which, says Garry, 'would make them very proud.' (He simultaneously begs forgiveness for that pride.)

BRENTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY GETS NEW DIRECTOR ~

Vicki Woods began work at Brentwood Public Library on April 6. Before that she had been a reference librarian at University City Public Library. Previous experience includes time as Film & Media Librarian at the University of Iowa, and fourteen years as director of Webster University's Film Series. She has an MLS from University of Missouri—Columbia.

IF YOU HAVE LIBRARY NEWS, STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPCOMING EVENTS, OR ANYTHING ELSE TO SHARE, SEND IT TO NETNEWS IN CARE OF TOM COOPER, tcooper@wgpl.org. BE SURE TO INCLUDE 'NETNEWS' IN THE SUBJECT LINE.

TECH EXPO 5 WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

This year's Tech Expo was held on March 30 at Ranken Technical College. About 40 librarians from across the St. Louis Metropolitan Area attended. There were presentations on Internet Safety, Copyright in the Digital Age, E-books, Online Health Resources, and MO Webjunction. Classes were well attended, and attendees were pleased with the content.



The impressive main building of Ranken Technical College

One of the more popular programs was the presentation by **Roger Bower and Cindy Marston** of the Principia School. They donned medieval-themed hats to lead their classes on an imaginary quest through the Land of Copyright. Fun and games aside, their presentation was full of useful information, particularly about Creative Commons licensing, which is the method for increasing the



amount of creative content which is available to the public for free and legal sharing. Check it out at www.creativecommons.org.

The Internet Safety class was handled by **Cindy Schroeder**. Cindy is with INOBTR (pronounced I know better), an organization which, in partnership with government and private citizens, promotes awareness and educates children, parents and teachers to reduce the chance of children becoming victims of Internet crimes. There's plenty of good information at their site, www.inobtr.org.



Asia Gross, Electronic Resources Librarian with Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC) spoke about e-books in libraries. Her presentation featured a lot of plusses and minuses. It may not have given us exactly what we need to make a decision about moving toward using e-books in our libraries, but it certainly gave us more information to use in making the decision one way or another. She noted that there is a very good chart comparing most of the available e-book readers at

Wikipedia. Just visit www.wikipedia.com and search 'e-book readers.'

Will Olmstedt with Becker Medical Library and **Judy Hansen** from St. Louis Children's Hospital Family Resource Center led a session on finding credible and understandable health information online.



Jean Morrison, Technology and Electronic Services Consultant with the Missouri State Library, and **Sarah Easley**, Continuing Education Librarian, introduced MO.webjunction, an online venue for Missouri Librarians to connect and share, and to learn about conferences, workshops and online classes. Register your library by visiting www.mo.webjunction.org.

Attendees relaxed and socialized over a lunch provided by The Art of Entertaining.



The final session of the day was a panel discussion of the uses of social networking in libraries. Panelists were **Ellen Eliceiri** of Emerson Library at Webster University, **Asia Gross** of MLNC, **Tom Cooper** of Webster Groves Public Library, **Chris Durr** of Kirkwood Public Library, **Gabrielle Corley** of Webster Groves School District, and **Lisa Wolfe** of Jefferson College Library. After initial presentations, a lively discussion ensued, centered around issues such as privacy of library users, especially children, when a library uses social media to document its events; the wisdom or effectiveness of making policies against using social media; and how to find staff time to create and maintain social media sites.



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, or e-mail us at bchristiansen@ursulinestl.org.

St. Louis Regional Library Network (SLRLN)

Annual Dinner Meeting Registration

April 28, 2010 (Registration deadline, April 20, 2010)

Name: _____

Library: _____

e-mail address _____

Fax #: _____

Home phone # : _____ (in case of bad weather & need to cancel)

___ Dinner Member Library \$18 / Non-member \$25

Please mail check to: SLRLN, % Bernyce Christiansen
9425 Big Bend Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63119

Notice: I need an accurate count for the caterer so please send in your registration to the address below or e-mail me at bchristiansen@ursulinstl.org with the registration and then also send it into your accounting for payment if institution is paying.

Libraries who must wait for a check to be processed, please send in registration with a note that check will follow.

Confirmation, driving and parking directions will be faxed or e-mailed.