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Note from the President

Linda Legg, Foundation Board President

St. Louis heats up in the summer – literally and figuratively. As temperatures rise, things are also hot at the St. Louis County Library. There is no shortage of exciting events, good news and innovative new programming that further the Library’s mission. In short, that mission is to provide the resources and services to enrich individual minds, enhance lives and expand perspectives.

In this issue we will share many updates with you including the announcement of new sponsors for our upgraded fleet of bookmobiles, highlights from the Julia Quinn author event, the launch of social workers in five library branches, and a thank you for your generosity on this year’s Give STL Day.

Also, be sure to mark your calendars and buy your tickets for the St. Louis County Library Foundation gala on August 26th, the first since 2019. The night will feature entertainment, a unique dining experience, exciting raffles and a live auction. The theme is The Gatsby Extravaganza! Costumes are strongly encouraged!

New Board Members

The St. Louis County Library Foundation welcomes Ann Corrigan, Trudie Davies, Suvir Dhar, J.R. Walters and Lisa Weingarth.

Ann Corrigan brings her experience as a retired lawyer with a focus on guardianship proceedings for minors to the Foundation Board of Directors. Ann’s experience as a volunteer lawyer and student tutor demonstrates her sincere commitment to empower families and children throughout the region.

Trudie Davies is a retired pharmacist with a true passion for creating equitable opportunities through her involvement with community development and her ability to generate sustainable and impactful initiatives. Trudy is excited to join the Foundation Board to leverage her passion for global literacy.

Suvir Dhar, Esq. is an accomplished entrepreneur with a legal background. He has key experience as a strategic business leader and systems-level problem solver. His sincere passion for helping underserved communities translates effectively into his professional life.

J.R. Walters is a semi-retired CPA and JD with a passion for giving back to the community he lives and works in. Walters’ professional background includes tax and general business consulting, international human resource consulting, and human resource management.

Lisa Weingarth is Senior Advisor for St. Louis Initiatives at Washington University in St. Louis. She has vast experience as a trusted advisor on community affairs in the greater St. Louis region with strong abilities in building community relationships, collaborating with organization stakeholders, and developing positive brand awareness.
Thank You Give STL Day

We are so grateful for the overwhelming support we received for this year’s Give STL Day!

Your support helped the Foundation to raise over $8,400! Your donation(s) will be used where it is needed most to ensure all 20 St. Louis County Library branches continue to serve as customized community hubs. Your gift also provides access to literacy, resources and services its patrons need the most.

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St. Louis County Library Foundation
In June, Library Director Kristen Sorth celebrated her 25th anniversary since joining SLCL in 1998 as the Manager of Human Resources. Sorth became St. Louis County Library’s first female Director and CEO in 2013. In this role, Sorth has received many awards and recognitions including YWCA Leader of Distinction (2014), St. Louis Business Journal Most Influential Women in Business (2015), Ernest A. DiMattia, Jr. Award for Innovation and Service (2019), American Library Association (2019) and recognized as a 2023 Titan 100, among many others!

During her tenure, Kristen’s focus has been on building partnerships, developing innovative programming and community involvement. Over the years, she has formed partnerships with organizations such as Operation Food Search, Eye Thrive, the St. Louis Area Diaper Bank and many others that have allowed St. Louis County Library to make a genuine impact in the lives of its patrons. In 2022, under Sorth’s leadership, St. Louis County Library received the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, Institute of Museum and Library Services, and was recognized as the Missouri Library of the Year by the Missouri Library Association.

Please join us in celebrating this monumental anniversary for Kristen!

Sorth Receives Foundation Commendation

On June 13, 2023 a ceremony was held at the Lynn Beckwith Jr. Administrative Building to honor Library Director & CEO Kristen Sorth. The St. Louis County Library Foundation purchased a commemorative boulder that sits near the outdoor patio facing the walking path. The inscription on the boulder reads, “In recognition of her perseverance, inspirational vision, and outstanding leadership as Library Director & CEO. Kristen L. Sorth 2022.” The dedication ceremony was held prior to the Library Foundation Board meeting. Foundation Board President Linda Legg and Vice President Lisa Hanly gave remarks that included plenty of rock puns, such as this gem: “We unanimously rely on you as the Library’s and the Foundation’s true strong and reliable ‘rock’—so this commendation in your honor is very fitting.”

The idea to honor Kristen came from an employee suggestion in 2021, Administration quickly agreed that Kristen deserved recognition for all of her efforts before and during the pandemic. Lamar Johnson Collaborative worked up plans to incorporate the boulder into the Beck’s landscaping, where it now sits outside of the beautiful employee break room.
New Bookmobiles coming to SLCL

Most people have a fond bookmobile memory from their childhood. That is because for generations, bookmobiles have eliminated barriers to literacy and opened a world of discovery and enjoyment for students. St. Louis County Library (SLCL) has used bookmobiles since 1947 and remains committed to helping the next generation of child readers create their lasting memories through its expansive bookmobile services!

SLCL’s current bookmobile fleet is aging and in need of replacement. Therefore, bookmobile replacement has been a major priority in 2023. The Library is excited by the enthusiasm of community partners like Cardinals Care, the charitable arm of the St. Louis Cardinals, Great Southern Bank, and Emerson have shown toward funding this initiative.

In addition to Great Southern’s generous donation of $150,000, Cardinals Care and Emerson have each contributed $200,000 towards revamping SLCL’s bookmobile fleet and securing sponsorship for three of four desired new bookmobiles! These investments in literacy support SLCL’s efforts to replace the current bookmobile fleet and ensure equitable access to literacy throughout the region. Each new bookmobile will house a collection of approximately 5,000 items which feature a diverse range of authors, genres and age levels. The bookmobiles will include multiple workstations for staff, a large awning to provide shade and shelter for outdoor access and activities, and a cradlepoint router to provide extended WiFi access in areas where the bookmobiles will visit.

In 2022, SLCL bookmobiles served 67 schools within 16 school districts and circulated over 268,000 books to 97,000 children! According to Bookmobile Department Manager Crystal Harris, there are multiple schools that are currently on the waitlist to receive bookmobile services. Lasting effects of teacher and librarian

Clark Family Branch Update

Have you driven by the construction site for the new Clark Family Branch (the former Headquarters location)? Progress is happening and we can’t wait for you to see the finished result. Expected completion date is Spring 2024!
Humans are a curious bunch. For entertainment and for practical reasons, we spend a substantial amount of time trying to understand our world. Many people, especially library people, turn to nonfiction books for information. Whether the question is how to grow a great tomato, who lived here 500 years ago, or where do raccoons sleep, chances are good that someone has written a book on that subject.

Historians, scientists, journalists, and witty casual observers all present their findings in nonfiction books. The growing number of these books published each year is one indication of the appetite for learning. One approach in nonfiction is to take a large subject and explore it through the lens of specific examples. Thus, we have a proliferation of titles such as “A History of Folk Music in Ten Songs,” “American Cinema in 20 Films,” or “The History of Fashion in 50 Dresses.”

The advantages of this structure are many. First, a large and possibly intimidating topic can be broken down into individual units that may be more easily understood. Secondly, this style of book fits in well with current popular culture where lists are everywhere – “the top ten shows to stream this month” or “nine books to check out this week.” Another benefit of this technique is that it can provide a fresh take on an old story. For instance, much has been written about America’s Civil War, but if you look at the Civil War through an examination of a specific set of artifacts, you can bring new insight to what is already known.


In “A History of the World in 100 Animals” by Simon Barnes, the main animal under consideration is the human being. Barnes presents short chapters on a wide variety of creatures and explores their significance to humans. The chapter on the American bison features an 1870 image of a mountain of buffalo skulls. The popularity of wearing wigs in the eighteenth century is discussed in the chapter on the head louse. The practice of keeping caged songbirds is examined in the chapter on the canary. Through reading a collection of essays about human interaction with specific animals, a reader gets a better picture of human history.

“The History of the World in Fifty Dogs” by Mackenzi Lee is a love letter to dogs in the form of fifty vignettes. These include the story of the first seeing-eye dog, a register of canine residents at the White House, and the history of Queen Elizabeth II’s Corgis.

Rossi Anastopoulo writes in her introduction to “Sweet Land of Liberty: A History of America in 11 Pies” that “the story of pie in the United States is a story of America itself.” She includes a chapter on Mock Apple Pie, which substitutes crackers for apples and is associated with the Great Depression but really became popular during the Civil War. Her chapter on Jell-O pie explores household roles in the 1950s and the desire for quick desserts. Each brief history lesson is accompanied by a recipe.

In “The Story of the Universe in 100 Stars” Florian Freistetter writes that the hundred stars chosen for the book have little in common. But collectively they reveal glimpses into the beginning of the universe and what the future holds. Through individual stories related to specific stars, the author presents the vast and complex universe in easily understood chapters.

Learning about the world is a never-ending task. By taking a narrow perspective, these authors highlight parts of the story we might have missed.
New and Renewing Friends

The following is a list of people who joined the Friends of the St. Louis County Library Foundation or who renewed their membership between the dates of February 24, 2023–May 24, 2023.

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Summer Reading Club Kick-off Party at Meramec Valley Branch.
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Readers’ Advisory Reads

“The Banned Bookshop of Maggie Bank”
by Shauna Robinson
In this heartwarming and witty novel, Maggie Banks takes over running her friend’s bookstore only to be surprised by restrictions set by the town’s literary society banning her from selling anything written in this century.

“The Invisible Husband of Frick Island”
by Colleen Oakley
Anders Caldwell is writing a story for the local newspaper on the quirky community of Frick Island, where there are no phones, cars, internet service or outsiders, when he’s surprised to find that the entire town seems to be honoring a young widow, Piper Parish, who acts as if her husband is still alive.

“Sophie Go’s Lonely Hearts Club”
by Roselle Lim
Sophie Go never graduated from matchmaking school, even though she has the mysterious ability to see red threads connecting people’s hearts, so in order to build her professional matchmaking resume, she sets out to find love for the members of her apartment’s senior citizen singles group.

“One Hundred Saturdays: Stella Levi and the Search for a Lost World”
by Michael Frank
In this moving and nostalgic biography, Holocaust survivor Stella Levi describes her life growing up in the Jewish community of Rhodes, Greece over the course of 100 Saturdays spent time-traveling in her mind with author Michael Frank.

Social Workers in SLCL Branches

In May, the Library officially launched the Community Resource Initiative in partnership with the St. Louis County Children’s Service Fund. The initiative placed social workers at five Library branches to address the barriers of accessing social services, and provide trusted referrals to other community partners. In addition to helping the general public secure these much needed social service resources, the social workers will also train Library employees on how to handle crisis situations and use de-escalation techniques.

St. Louis County Library is partnering with Epworth Children and Family Services to provide the social worker services. Special thanks is extended to St. Louis County Children’s Service Fund, The Berges Family Foundation, and Incarnate Word Foundation. These generous grantors helped the Foundation to secure this vital service for our community.

Rachel Weishar (FV), Katie Lappe (NB), Abby Frye (WR), Kaitlin Bosomworth (LC) and Hannah Batista (RR).

Participating branches:

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50 years ago, we lost the history of millions!

by Brent Trout, Manager, History & Genealogy

Americans should never forget the service of those who serve in the United States Armed Forces. To ensure that the service of Americans is perpetually documented, the federal government combined several record divisions and established a repository for records in St. Louis. The Military Personnel Records Center in St. Louis was built in 1955 as a single building for processing military records in the United States. The records associated with military conflicts before 1912 remained in Washington D.C. at the National Archives, but records generated after 1912 found a home in the vaults of the Record Center (located at 9700 Page Avenue - Overland, Missouri).

Despite the intention of preserving these military records for eternity, a fire erupted throughout the processing facility shortly after midnight on July 12, 1973. A cause has never been publicly identified—but investigations suggest either a partially lit cigarette in a trash can or an exposed short may have ignited the blaze. Regardless, administrative differences in archival theory led the National Records Center Administration to forgo extensive firewalls between file storage and processing areas. Additionally, an adequate suppression system was never installed due to fear of potential water damage.

The fire burned out of control for 20 hours, requiring over 40 St. Louis area firefighting districts to fully extinguish. The aftermath? An uncontrollable fire left at least 16 million American official service records destroyed or damaged by fire. Without these records to prove military service, many American veterans experienced difficulties in obtaining federal benefits. Essential services that included VA health benefits and burial rights within national cemeteries experienced delays and required immediate investigation.

Despite the immense damage from the fire, National Archives staff immediately began restoring the damaged/destroyed files by preservation means or recreating records from supplementary sources. Even though the disaster is now half a century in the past, work continues to this day to recreate and restore the service history of millions of Americans.

Those seeking assistance obtaining restored files from the Personnel Records Center can receive guidance from the experts within the St. Louis County Library History & Genealogy Department. Staff can provide insight for submitting necessary forms and assist patrons with researching details that may help National Archives staff identify records.
Upcoming author events

August

Tuesday, August 1, 7:00 p.m.
Bestselling Suspense Author Laura Lippman
“Prom Mom”
In Conversation with KMOX News Anchor Debbie Monterrey
JCC’s Mirowitz Performing Arts Center, 2 Millstone Campus Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63146

Wednesday, August 2, 7:00 p.m.
Acclaimed Science Writer Susan Casey
“The Underworld: Journeys to the Depths of the Ocean”
Grant’s View Branch

Friday, August 4, 7:00 p.m.
Billy Busch
“The Family Reins: The Extraordinary Rise and Epic Fall of an American Dynasty”
JCC’s Mirowitz Performing Arts Center, 2 Millstone Campus Dr.
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Wednesday, August 9, 7:00 p.m.
Thriller Writer John David Mann
“Blind Fear: A Finn X Novel”
In Conversation with St. Louis author Kent Sanders
Daniel Boone Branch

Thursday, August 10, 7:00 p.m.
Historical Fiction Author Jennifer Chiaverini
“Canary Girls”
Grant’s View Branch

Monday, August 14, 7:00 p.m.
Horror Author Catriona Ward
“Looking Glass Sound”
Grant’s View Branch

Tuesday, August 15, 7:00 p.m.
Bestselling Journalist Michael Finkel
“The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession”
Presented in Partnership with the Saint Louis Art Museum’s Member Book Club
Saint Louis Art Museum-Ferrell Auditorium, One Fine Arts Drive
St. Louis MO 63110

Thursday, August 17, 7:00 p.m.
Historical Fiction Author Madeline Martin
“The Keeper of Hidden Books”
Grant’s View Branch

Monday, August 21, 7:00 p.m.
Memoirist and Poet Bobby Bostic
“Humbled to the Dust: Still I Rise”
Florissant Valley Branch

Friday, August 25, 7:00 p.m.
Bestselling Suspense Author Karin Slaughter
“After That Night”
In Conversation with HEC Media Host Angie Weidinger
Daniel Boone Branch

September

Tuesday, September 5, 7:00 p.m.
Bestselling Suspense Author Ann Cleeves
“The Raging Storm: A Detective Matthew Venn Novel”
JCC’s Mirowitz Performing Arts Center, 2 Millstone Campus Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63146

Tickets can be purchased through slcl.org/authors
September (continued)

**Wednesday, September 6, 7:00 p.m.**
Oncologic Breast Surgeon Dr. Jovita Oruwari
“Black Girls in White Coats: Black Female Doctors”
In Conversation with Cillah Hall, Publisher, Gazelle Magazine
Florissant Valley Branch

**Thursday, September 7, 7:00 p.m.**
Sportswriter Joe Posnanski
“Why We Love Baseball: A History in 50 Moments”
JCC’s Mirowitz Performing Arts Center
2 Millstone Campus Dr., St. Louis, MO 63146
Tickets can be purchased through slcl.org/authors

**Tuesday, September 12, 7:00 p.m.**
Western Suspense Author Craig Johnson
“The Longmire Defense”
JCC’s Mirowitz Performing Arts Center, 2 Millstone Campus Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63146

**Tuesday, September 12, 6:30 p.m.**
Newbery Medal-winning Children’s Book Author
Amina Luqmon-Dawson
“Freewater”
Florissant Valley Branch

**Thursday, September 28, 7:00 pm.**
New York Times Tech Reporter Kashmir Hill
“Your Face Belongs to Us: A Secret Startup’s Quest to End Privacy As We Know It”
JCC’s Mirowitz Performing Arts Center, 2 Millstone Campus Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63146

To view the full schedule of author events visit slcl.org/authors.

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The Bridgerton-verse comes to St. Louis

Julia Quinn, bestselling author of the Bridgerton book series, brought the Bridgerton universe to the Ethical Society on Tuesday, May 9 as she discussed her latest installment, “Queen Charlotte.”

Co-authored with television producer and screenwriter Shonda Rhimes, the novel was inspired by the Netflix original series, “Queen Charlotte: A Bridgerton Story,” created by Shondaland.

Longtime Julia Quinn fans and those recently introduced to her work through Rhimes’ Bridgerton Netflix adaptations, were excited to hear about her writing process, what it is like to work with Shonda Rhimes and the future of the series. Quinn left audience members on the edge of their seats as she could neither confirm or deny the possibility of future seasons of the Netflix Queen Charlotte series.

This ticketed author event was at capacity with 400 guests in attendance. Attendees received a signed copy of “Queen Charlotte.” This was a special treat given May 9 was the date of the book’s official release! At the end of the event, Quinn personalized book signatures and took photos. Library Director & CEO Kristen Sorth moderated this author event.
Gifts and Tributes

The Library Foundation offers a special opportunity to honor and remember a loved one, friend or colleague. A donation to the Foundation recognizes and expresses your love and respect for a beloved individual while enhancing the Foundation’s early childhood literacy programs. Please consider the Foundation for a tribute or memorial gift.

The following is a list of people who gave gifts or tributes between the dates of February 24, 2023 and May 24, 2023.

In Memory of:

Richard Blath
Ilene & Henry Ordower

Gloria Nuell
Kimberly Matthews

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Honors and Grants Received

In April the Library received the following recognition:
Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Library Foundation was awarded four grants totalling $137,500 from March to May 2023.

March

The Berges Family Foundation
$100,000 to support social workers this year. The multi-year award will also provide an additional $100,000 next year.

Optimist Club of St. Louis
$5,000 to provide Chromebooks for youth who complete the Library’s Coding 101 program.

May

Ameren
$25,000 to provide an additional 50 WiFi hotspots for public checkout.

Norman J. Stupp Foundation
$7,500 to support the Sidney Johnson summer library internship program.
Donor Breakfast

On May 24, the St. Louis County Library Foundation hosted its first in-person Donor Appreciation Breakfast since 2019! Guests were provided with a delightful continental breakfast and a keynote speech from journalist, professor emerita at NYU and author Brooke Kroeger. Each guest received a signed copy of Kroeger’s latest book, “Undaunted: How Women Changed American Journalism.” A special thank you to all that attended.

Coding 101 Celebrates New Graduates

Congratulations to our latest graduates of SLCL’s Coding 101 course. Designed for students ages 10–14, participants learned basic coding and were given an opportunity to explore an intriguing STEM career path. At the final session, students celebrated their achievement with a pizza party and received a t-shirt, a Chromebook and a protective case.

Summer Activities Sponsored by the Library Foundation

The St. Louis County Library Foundation is sponsoring Pizza Fridays at nine branches throughout the summer. This popular program was on pause during the pandemic, but will be offered again this summer to the delight of hundreds of area kids. Each Friday, kids and teens attending the summer lunch program will be treated to free slices of pizza, along with fun activities provided by library staff. Additional details about the summer lunch program are available at www.slcl.org/summer-lunches.
Thrilling Fall Reads!

Tuesday, August 1
7:00 p.m.
Laura Lippman
“Prom Mom”
In Conversation with KMOX News Anchor Debbie Monterrey
JCC’s Mirowitz Performing Arts Center

Friday, August 25
7:00 p.m.
Karin Slaughter
“After That Night”
In Conversation with HEC Media Host Angie Weidinger
Daniel Boone Branch

Tuesday, September 5
7:00 p.m.
Ann Cleeves
“The Raging Storm: A Detective Matthew Venn Novel”
TICKETED EVENT — see slcl.org/authors for ticketing information.
JCC’s Mirowitz Performing Arts Center

Tuesday, September 12
7:00 p.m.
Craig Johnson
“The Longmire Defense”
JCC’s Mirowitz Performing Arts Center

Go to foundation.slcl.org/events for more information about these and other author visits.