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WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY OLIN LIBRARY SYSTEM & ST. LOUIS PUBLIC LIBRARY form THE NEW ELECTRONIC LINK

On August 15, the Olin Library System added another link to its electronic chain with the St. Louis Public Library catalog. Accessible through a CD-ROM workstation near Interlibrary Loan, the catalog contains the holdings of the central library and all branches. With the installation comes a new resource sharing arrangement that gives Washington University faculty, students, and staff library borrowing privileges in the central library and all branches.

"The St. Louis Public Library has a fine collection of 1.5 million volumes," Vicky Witte, Head of Reference and Information Services, explained, "and they have a comprehensive collection of government publications--probably close to 80% of all materials produced can be found there." These statistics alone attest to the positive impact this new arrangement will have for the Washington University community.

Applications for library cards are on hand at the General Reference and Information Station desks. Patrons can take their applications to the nearest public library to receive their cards. "Once they have cards, patrons may call the public library to have books sent to the branch most convenient for them," Vicky explained, "or they can process the request through Interlibrary Loan."

With user-friendly searching features and eye-catching graphics, the catalog is easy to use. Try out the new St. Louis Public Library catalog. It's the latest initiative in the expansion of electronic information sources.

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Duties: Catalog monographs and non-
print materials under the
supervision of professional
catalogers. Work with computer
database, verifying, adding, and
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example, from high school or college
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degree. Technical processing
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Salary: \$6.26 - \$7.59 per hour.
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Personnel Services, Fitzgerald Hall,
3550 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO
63103

WAGON TRACKS

WAGON TRACKS, newsletter of the
Santa Fe Trail Association is
available free to libraries on
request. Write Leo Oliva, Editor,
R1, Box 31, Woodston, KS 67675.

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**BOOK MARK
SOCIETY PROGRAMS**

Friday, October 5
8p.m.
Steinberg Hall

"The Artist and the
Book in the
Twentieth Century"

Lecture by Breon
Mitchell, Professor
of Comparative
Literature, Indiana,
to complement the
exhibitions mounted
in the Gallery of
Art and Special
Collections on the
book as art.
Admission is free;
open to the public.

Saturday, October 20
10a.m.
Drama Studio,
Mallinckrodt Center

"The Making of a
Novel: Fact, Fake
and Fiction"

Lecture by MacDonald
Harris, author of
Hemingway's
Suitcase, a novel
about an author who
"discovers" the
famous "lost"
Hemingway stories
and publishes them.
The novel was hailed
by the New York
Times Book Review as
"one of the most
entertaining novels
ever written about
writing fiction".

SAINT LOUIS PUBLIC LIBRARY'S
CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL
ISN'T JUST FOR CHILDREN ANYMORE

A variety of programs and events await lovers of children's literature at this year's Children's Literature Festival at St. Louis Public Library. The Festival, which takes place Wednesday and Thursday, October 10 and 11, has been expanded this year to include programs for adults as well as children. Many local children's authors, most of them nationally-known, will participate. The Festival will be held at Central Library, 1301 Olive Street.

A special feature of the Festival this year will be an exhibit based on Maurice Sendak's book Where the Wild Things Are. On loan from the Kohl Children's Museum in Wilmette, Illinois, "Wild Things" will be on display in the Great Hall of the Central Library from mid-September through mid-October.

The first adult event of the Festival is a dinner October 10 in the Library's Great Hall. The featured speaker will be Louis Sachar, winner of the 1990 Mark Twain Award for his novel There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom. This award is voted by Missouri school children and sponsored by the Missouri Library Association.

One of Sachar's earlier books, Sideways Stories from Wayside School, won the Ethical Book Award for most humorous book and is a favorite among elementary students. Sachar's other novels include Johnny's in the Basement; Someday, Angeline; and The Boy Who Lost His Face. Sachar was trained as a lawyer, but left the law to write children's books. He lives in San Francisco with his wife and daughter.

Books by Sachar and the other authors participating in the Festival will be available for purchase during the evening. A book-signing session, to be attended by Sachar and several of the other authors, will conclude the evening. Among these authors are Jan Greenberg (the Festival's honorary chairperson), Sandy Asher, Richard Bernal, David Carkeet, Vicki Erwin, Sandra Ure Griffin and Patricia McKissack. All live in Missouri.

For the Thursday morning session, adults can choose to attend programs designed for adults or observe participating authors make presentations to older elementary students.

Leslie Edmonds, Youth Services Coordinator at Saint Louis Public Library, will present "Raising Readers: What Adults Should Know About Children's Reading" and "Selling Reading: Attracting Reluctant Readers".

Julanne Good, Manager of the Library's Central Youth Services, will speak on "Cooperation Between Libraries and Other Institutions".

The day's activities will end with a luncheon at which nationally-known author Patricia McKissack will speak on "Building Bridges with Books". Patricia McKissack and her husband, Frederick McKissack, won the 1990 Coretta Scott King Award for their book

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A Long Hard Journey: The Story of the Pullman Porter. McKissack has also written Flossy and the Fox, Mirandy and Brother Wind, and many other stories.

Advance registration is required for the Children's Literature Festival. The cost for attending is \$35 for both days or \$20 for one day. Since space is limited, Library sources urge early registration. For more information contact Dennis Krieg, (314) 539-0305.

In memory

RALPH HALSTEAD PARKER 1909-1990

Dean Emeritus Ralph H. Parker died on Sunday, JULY 1, 1990 in Columbia, Missouri. He had an international reputation as a scholar, teacher, library director, and pioneer in library automation. He served as Dean of the School of Library & Informational Science from its inception in 1966 until 1974. He was the Director of the University of Missouri Libraries from 1947 to 1966 and Director of the Libraries, University of Georgia, 1940-1947. Dr. Parker has been described as the "Father of Library Automation," with his pioneering work in the application of automation to library systems. His scholarly publications number more than fifty including the classic, "Library Applications of Punched Cards" (1952).

In honor of the memory of Ralph Parker, the University of Missouri, School of Library and Informational Science, invites you to contribute to the Ralph Parker Gift Fund. Dr. Parker established this fund by contributing its first gift to the School in 1984. Dr. Parker requested that the fund be used for activities which under normal fiscal constraints are not possible. Mrs. Ralph Parker (Mary Kate) has encouraged us to continue this tradition.

Your contributions may be mailed to the Ralph H. Parker Gift Fund, c/o the Office of the Dean, School of Library & Informational Science, 104 Stewart Hall, Columbia, Missouri 65211.



INFO-PASS

ADDITIONS:

Ladue High School Library

CP: Betty Jo Marling, 993-6447
OA: Judy Lane
S: 7:15-3:15, M-F, school year
OP: by appointment
R: no AV

Rankin Technical Institute Library

CP: Barbara Edwards, 371-0236

REVISIONS:

Washington University - Olin Library

OA: add Keith Schuler
add Matt Timmons
add Sarah Jhemi

WORKSHOPS

CENSORSHIP WORKSHOP

The Missouri Coalition Against Censorship will sponsor a workshop on Nov. 17th at Maryville College. A general workshop will be held from 10-noon, followed by a box lunch. Training will begin at 12:30pm. The morning session is a general one on school censorship and the afternoon session pertains to those interested in presenting censorship workshops. There is no fee. Contact Joyce Best, 863-2718.

DESIGNING AND CONDUCTING LIBRARY USE AND USER SURVEYS

This is a course offered by the University of Missouri Columbia to be held at St. Louis Public Library Main branch. The fee is \$75 and the registration

deadline is Oct. 19. Credit: .6 CEU

MAINTENANCE AND UTILITY PROGRAMS FOR YOUR LIBRARY'S MICROCOMPUTERS

This is a course being offered on campus at the University of Missouri Columbia on Nov. 9 from 9:30-4:30 p.m. The fee is \$75 and the registration deadline is Oct. 26. Credit: .6 CEU

For more information on the two UMC courses call 1-800-545-2604, or write Extension Teaching, 103 Whitten Hall, UMC, Columbia, M) 65211.

WRITING AND PUBLISHING CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

This is a course being offered by Lindenwood College in Spring 1991. Instructor: Nancy Polette. For more info: contact the English Dept Chair (Ann Canale) or Registrar (949-2000).

CD-ROM APPLICATIONS

This is the topic for the January meeting of the Library User's group to be held at Parkway South Senior High on Hanna Rd. Contact Rita Linck, 394-8354, for more information.

LITERATURE SETS IN HIGHER LEVEL THINKING

A course offered by Maryville College on Saturdays: Nov. 3, 10, and 17. (8-noon). Cost: \$215/credit hour. (one hour graduate credit) Contact 576-9300 for more information.

DID YOU KNOW???

A group of Technology using Librarians meets at RCET to discuss common problems and issues. It is open to all librarians and has no membership fee. The meeting on Oct. 16th, 4-5:30p.m. will explain "How to Access and Use RCET Bulletin Boards". It will be held at 13480 S. Outer 40 Road, West County Tech Center. Other meetings will be held Nov. 20, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, and May 21. To be placed on a mailing list call Dana at RCET, (314) 851-0085.

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News, reviews and comments are welcome. Send information to Bernyce Christiansen, 9425 Big Bend Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63119. You may call Bernyce at the SLRLN office, (314) 965-1305.

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