St. Louis Regional Library Network Records
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Creator: St. Louis Regional Library Network

Abstract: The State of Missouri incorporated the St. Louis Regional Library Network (SLRLN) in 1977, as a not-for-profit dedicated to providing access to educational opportunities and shared resources for libraries and librarians in the greater St. Louis area, including St. Louis City and County, St. Charles, Franklin, Warren and Lincoln counties. The records contain correspondence, meeting minutes, reports, and workshop materials related to SLRLN's administration, finances and networking activities from 1978 to 1987.

Collection Size: 2 cubic feet
   (2 boxes, 58 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-St. Louis. If you would like more information, please contact us at stlouis@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Historical Note:**

The St. Louis Regional Library Network (SLRLN) was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation under the Revised Statutes of Missouri in 1977. The Learning Resources Council—part of the Higher Education Council (HEC) in St. Louis—was the progenitor of SLRLN. The Learning Resources Council began developing a plan for the network in September 1977, an ad-hoc committee drafted a set of by-laws in December 1977, and the by-laws were approved in January 1978. SLRLN’s organizational structure is hierarchical. At the top-level there is a central governing body called the Network Council. The Network Council was originally comprised of 16 members: permanent members included Washington University, St. Louis University, University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis County Library, the Scenic Regional Library, and the St. Charles City/County Library. Six additional members were chosen from six library-types (medical, special, junior college, public school, and college) and three at-large members were chosen. Pepper Coil was SLRLN’s first Network Council President.

The Network Council developed annual objectives and assigned them to extant or newly created Committees. In its early years, SLRLN focused on interlibrary loan, bibliographic control, and professional development. Specifically, SLRLN created INFO-PASS, which was an early interlibrary loan system. SLRLN delivered interlibrary loan materials via its document delivery system. To facilitate expedited interlibrary loan requests, SLRLN participated in the development of a statewide bibliographic database in 1983. SLRLN hosted various in-service programs and workshops on topics such as Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, 2nd edition (AACR2), preservation of library materials, interlibrary services, interlibrary loan, automation, and basic conservation techniques. SLRLN is still active.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following three series and two subseries:

- Administrative
  - Network Council
  - Committees
- Finances
- Networking Activities

**Scope and Content Note:**

**Administrative**

This series contains correspondence, planners, meeting minutes, legislative activities, projects, agendas, reports, notes and drafts, and statistics produced by SLRLN’s Network Council and the Council’s committees. Materials in this series date from 1978-1987. This series is arranged into two subseries: Network Council and Committees.

The Network Council subseries contains materials originating from SLRLN’s Network Council including meeting minutes, correspondence, reports, newsletters, projects, and legislative activities. The Bibliographic file (folder 21) defies categorization as it contains documentation about the Statewide Bibliographic Data Survey, which the SLRLN Network Council...
administered, but was a joint effort of the Missouri State Library, the St. Louis County Library, SLRLN, and other Missouri library networks. In addition to the survey related material, this folder contains a booklet called Missouri Area Library Networks that provides valuable information about the seven networks detailed in the Networking Activities series. Also contained within this series is SLRLN’s quarterly publication called NetNews, which documents LRLN’s activities and upcoming events as well as new appointments, publications, and acquisitions. This series is arranged chronologically.

The Committees subseries contain materials originating from SLRLN’s various committees. As the committees were the action arms of SLRLN, these folders contain information about specific projects and activities. The materials in this series are arranged alphabetically by committee name and chronologically within that arrangement.

Finances

This series provides detailed information about SLRLN’s operational expenses and consists of materials pertaining to operational expenses including workshops, printing and advertising, databases, travel, meetings, memberships, professional services, and coordinator expense reports. Materials in this series date from 1979-1980 and are arranged chronologically.

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