



UPCOMING EVENTS IN CLeO

Please be sure to check out all of the exciting events being hosted by LCLS in the coming weeks. To access this information, please check out the events calendar.

<http://www.lcls.org/ce/?Action=Calendar>

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GROUP PURCHASE FOR WILSON SELECT DATABASE

Illinois Library Systems are working quickly to put together a group purchase for the Wilson Select Plus database that was recently discontinued because of cuts to the Secretary of State's budget by the Governor. Be watching your email for further information regarding how to participate in this exciting offer.

LCLS CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

The Lewis & Clark Library System will be closed on Monday the 18th of August for Staff Development Day. Courier Service will not run on the 18th and will resume running on the 19th.

FOUNDATION PROVIDES ACCESS TO CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation is accepting applications for its funding program, which is open to rural, urban, public, and school libraries. The libraries must serve at-risk children. The deadline to apply is September 15, 2008. The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation is providing between \$500 and \$3,000, and in the past, the money has been used by libraries to update their children's book collections. The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation gives priority to applications from libraries and agencies that have a real need and limited book budgets. If you have any questions about the foundation's children's book initiative, contact the foundation at michael.covey@loislenskicovey.org.
<http://www.loislenskicovey.org>

AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF TRAVEL TO ILA CONFERENCE

Are you planning to attend the ILA Conference in Chicago this year? LCLS Consultants are traveling between St. Louis and Chicago via the Megabus! The average cost for our round trip tickets is \$34.75. Megabus.com one-way fares start as low as \$1.00. Fares will vary by reservation date, day of travel, and demand for seats. Megabus schedules trips between St. Louis Union Station and Chicago Union Station three times a day.

<http://www.megabus.com/us/>

SYSTEM PRESENTATION

On July 23, System staff made a presentation to the Illinois State Library as part of the application for the System Area and Per Capita Grant application process. All nine regional multitype Library Systems make these presentations each year. During the presentation, System staff focused on projects completed in the previous year and plans for the coming year.

I STOP FORECLOSURES

The Illinois State Treasurer's office held a meeting on "Community Coalitions Fighting Foreclosures." Charm Ruhnke and Mercy Dena attended the meeting along with other community leaders in Springfield, IL. The presenter, Kevin Smith, Director of Financial Education, highlighted key resources and information on handling the mortgage crisis. A forum for LCLS member libraries will be held at the System to explore ways in which librarians can relay this information effectively to patrons. More information on this forum will be communicated at a later date.

<http://www.lcls.org/content/news/ISTOPFORECLOSURES.doc>

WHAT'S NEW @ WJ-IL

"I can't believe the difference," "It changed my life," "Things will never be the same." If you've ever watched TV at 4:00 am, you've probably heard it all when it comes to before and after stories. We're not going to tell you it will be as dramatic as some of the infomercials you might have seen, but we still think you'll appreciate and enjoy the changes you're going to see in WebJunction Illinois on August 4. So check out the WJIL before

and after pictures and stories in the most recent "What's New"-- and you don't even have to lose any sleep to enjoy them.

<http://webjunctionworks.org/il/blog/index.php/2008/07/27/whats-new-wjil-as-of-august-4-everything/>

LITERATURE IN VIRTUAL WORLDS CONFERENCE

On August 4th, 2008, and again on August 6th, Alliance Library System, in cooperation with LearningTimes, will offer a one-day conference exploring the possibilities of using virtual worlds to teach literature and to promote its appreciation for people of all ages. The conference, titled "Stepping into Literature: Bringing New Life to Books through Virtual Worlds" will be held entirely in the virtual world of Second Life, allowing participants to attend from any location with a computer and a broadband internet connection. Cost to attend the conference is \$65 USD per person. Go to the registration form at

<http://www.learningtimes.net/shop/cgi-bin//cp-app.cgi?pg=prod&ref=SLCONF2008> and to the conference Web site at <http://www.steppingintovirtualworlds.org>.

NEW ALA WEB SITE

In fall 2008, ALA will unveil a redesigned Web site that is the culmination of two years of gathering information from focus groups, interviews, usability tests, surveys and other feedback loops. The current Web site will be "frozen" effective July 31st, and the preview site will go into major "construction" mode beginning August 1st as ALA migrates all pages on the existing ALA Web site to the new environment.

Please contact the ALA Library at library@ala.org (or 800-545-2433, x2153) if you need assistance locating specific content or updates during the migration.

BE AWARE OF IMPOSTER SALES REPRESENTATIVES

There is an individual that has approached several businesses in the Madison County area claiming to be selling advertising for a business he referred to as "Money Saver" but is using the "Money Mailer" shared mail envelope to promote the advertising he claims he is selling. He has taken money from two businesses in Godfrey

and may have attempted to do so in Collinsville. This individual is a white male in his mid 40's. He has used the first name "Kelly."

If you have any questions or have been approached by anyone that has met the previous description please contact the Madison County Sheriff's Department and Mike Goodsell, owner of Money Mailer at 618-830-7468.

NEWSLETTERS AND BLOGS OF NOTE

This week's featured blog is from a sometimes-local of Illinois. It's Michael Stephens' blog, Tame the Web (<http://tametheweb.com/>). Stephens' blog typically has a technology bend, but his real focus is on how to use that technology to create a better experience for your patrons. Be sure to check this blog out!

INTERESTING LINKS

[Literacy Debate: Online R U Really Reading?](#)

[Library Raises Money, One Penny at a Time](#)

[Libraries Shine in Tough Economic Times](#)

[End of the Line for Cassette Tape](#)

[WebCam Meetings: Easier Than Ever](#)

JOB POSTINGS

Be sure to check out all of the job offerings at <http://www.lcls.org/Tag.aspx?tag=jobs>.

Library Director
Cleveland Public Library
Cleveland, OH
<http://www.lcls.org/news.aspx?id=688>

Web Services Assistant
St. Louis University Libraries
St. Louis, MO
<http://www.lcls.org/news.aspx?id=689>

Senior Systems Administrator
Washington University
St. Louis, MO
<http://www.lcls.org/news.aspx?id=690>

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