

St. Louis County Library ***News Release: February 14, 2008***
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County Library Hosts 5-Part Series for Spanish Speakers

The St. Louis County Library was recently awarded a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the Missouri Secretary of State. The Library Outreach to Spanish Speakers grant enables the library to hold a series of public education sessions for Spanish speakers at five branches. The five-part series will highlight the areas of immigration and citizenship, education, employment, financial literacy, and health care. Each session will last one hour and will be led by a Spanish-speaking expert in the field. Additionally, the Library will offer a concurrent children's program at each session. While the parents are learning, their children will also have the opportunity explore similar topics through stories and activities. Participating branches include: Bridgeton Trails, Indian Trails, Mid-County, Rock Road and Thornhill. The series is free and open to the public.

The first session will be held on Saturday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m. at the Rock Road Branch, 10267 St. Charles Rock Rd. Local Interfaith Legal Services attorney Steven Richardson will present on topics relating to immigration and citizenship (in Spanish). Participants are encouraged to bring their children for a production by the Metro Theatre Company called "New Kid," which explores issues related to assimilation and tolerance. Refreshments will be provided. Please call Rock Road for more information 314-429-5116.

La sucursal de Rock Road inicia una serie de programas informativos para la comunidad hispanohablante con una clase que concentra en los temas de la inmigración y la ciudadanía. Steve Richardson, un abogado que trabaja con la Interfaith Legal Services, será el presentador de estos tópicos tan importantes a la comunidad. Mientras que los adultos aprenden, sus niños tendrán la oportunidad de explorar los mismos temas mediante la presentación dramática de le Metro Theater Company "El Alumno Nuevo."

Program sites are accessible. Upon two weeks notice, accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Contact St. Louis County Library by phone 314-994-3300, (TDD\TTY) 314-994-9255 or visit www.slcl.org.

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