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METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Police Librarian to Present Department's History
Will highlight bizarre, surprising and tragic moments in the Department's History

Ever heard of the Scorching Squad? Who on earth are the Steamboat Detectives? Why would police officers be carrying a 4 inch crooked staff and a rattle? Barbara Miksicek, the Department's librarian, knows the answers and these topics will be among a variety that she'll discuss when she presents the history of the Metropolitan Police Department, Saturday, April 4, at St. Louis County Library Headquarters located at 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

The lecture event will offer guests a glimpse into the Department's 200 year history. Historical photos and police artifacts will also be available for viewing. Joyce Loving, Manager of Special Collections for the St. Louis County Library will also be a speaker.

Miksicek operates the St. Louis Police Library, the oldest and largest police library in the United States. First established in 1947 with 1600 borrowed books, the Library has grown to its current collection of more than 20,000 books in addition to newspaper clippings, historical Department documents and police artifacts.

Who: Barbara Miksicek, Librarian for the St. Louis Police Library

What: Presentation on the history of the Department

Where: St. Louis County Library Headquarters, 1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

When: Saturday, April 4 from 9:30 a.m. to Noon

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