Recommended Titles on St. Louis History

1. Historic Texts

Clamorgan, Cyprian. *The Colored Aristocracy of St. Louis*. St. Louis, Mo: [s. n.], 1858.
2. St. Louis History

General Overview

Early/Colonial (1760s - 1850s)
Hodes, Frederick A. *Rising on the River: St. Louis 1822 to 1850, Explosive Growth from Town to City*. Tooele, Utah: Patrice Press, 2009.
The Civil War Era (1860s - 1870s)

The Gilded Age (1870s - 1910s)

The World's Fair (1904)

Prohibition, Depression, and World War II (1910s - 1940s)

Sports History
Specific Historic Focuses

3. St. Louis People

Biography Collections

Immigrant Group Histories


**Women’s History**


**African American History**


**Religious Group Histories**

4. Built St. Louis

**Urban Studies and General Architecture**

**Streets of St. Louis**

**Structures and Institutions**
- O' Connor, Candace. *Hope and Healing: St. Louis Children's Hospital: the First 125 Years*. St. Louis: St. Louis Children's Hospital, 2006.
Religious Structures

5. St. Louis Neighborhoods

North St. Louis

West St. Louis
Harris, NINI. *A Legacy of Lions: The History of University City, Missouri*. University City: The Historical Society of University City Press, 1981.
South St. Louis
Start, Clarissa. Webster Groves. Webster Groves: City of Webster Groves, 1975

6. Literature, Arts, and Images

St. Louis Personal Memoirs

Literary Collections


**Arts in St. Louis**


7. Maps and Pictorial Collections

**Pictorial Collections**


Drummond, Malcolm and Walter L. Eschbach. *Down by the Gravois: The Photography of Richard Gruss, South St. Louis, 1900 through the 1920's.* St. Louis: Harland Bartholomew, 1976


**Maps**


**8. St. Charles and Areas West of St. Louis**


**9. Metro East/Illinois**


## 10. Upcoming Titles

Ekberg, Carl and Sharon Person. *St. Ange de Bellerive* (need title clarification).

Fausz, Dr. J. Frederick. *Historic St. Louis: 250 Years of Exploring New Frontiers*.


## 10. Electronic Resources

### Governmental

City of St. Louis: List of Current City Landmarks
Brief descriptions of all current City Landmarks
http://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/planning/cultural-resources/Current-City-Landmarks.cfm

City of St. Louis: Neighborhoods of the City of St. Louis
Various links available for each of the 79 neighborhoods that make up St. Louis

City of St. Louis: A Preservation Plan for St. Louis
Descriptions and examples of various St. Louis housing types and contexts, as well as an architectural glossary
http://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/planning/cultural-resources/preservation-plan/St-Louis-Preservation-Plan-TOC.cfm

Geo St. Louis
Searchable Geospatial data index for St. Louis City
http://stlcin.missouri.org/citydata/newdesign/index.cfm

Library of Congress: American Memory Collections
Access to more than 9 million items documenting American culture, organized into over 100 thematic collections
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html
Missouri Department of Natural Resources: Missouri State Historic Preservation Office
Information about preservation surveys, laws, tax credits, and other opportunities
http://www.dnr.mo.gov/shpo/index.html

Missouri Digital Heritage Initiative
More than 6.8 million accessible records from the Missouri State Archives and Library
http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/

National Parks Service: Jefferson National Expansion Memorial
Historical summaries about America's westward expansion and the environment and events of St. Louis during the period, as well as information about the park site today.
http://www.nps.gov/jeff/index.htm

National Parks Service: National Register of Historic Places
More than 80,000 nominations viewable, each with a physical description of the place and information about its history.
http://www.nps.gov/nr/

Institutions

American Institute of Architects St. Louis Chapter
Local chapter of the national organization, featuring information about area architects
http://www.aia-stlouis.org/default2.asp

Explore St. Louis
Sponsored by the St. Louis Convention and Visitors Commission, Explore St. Louis details many of the best attractions of the city in a variety of categories
http://explorestlouis.com/visit-explore/discover/neighborhoods/

Landmarks Association of St. Louis.
Since 1959, the primary advocate for preservation of St. Louis' built environment
http://www.landmarks-stl.org/

Landmarks Illinois
Statewide Illinois preservation organization with more than 2,500 members
http://www.landmarks.org/

Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation.
Information about preservation in Missouri and Databases of all National Register Listings and Historic Districts
http://www.preservemo.org/

Missouri History Museum.
Multi-dimensional history museum and research center housing the massive collections
of the Missouri Historical Society, founded in 1866.
http://www.mohistory.org/

Missouri History Museum Online Collections Catalog
A search of over 100,000 items in the MHM collection viewable online
http://collections.mohistory.org/

S. Louis County Library
Research databases and indexes available on the website
http://www.slcl.org/

St. Louis Post Dispatch Building Blocks Column
Column detailing the latest news headlines in real estate, development, and regeneration in the St. Louis area
http://www.stltoday.com/business/columns/building-blocks/

St. Louis Public Library Reference and Research
Collections and databases for genealogy and local history available on the website
http://www.sipl.org/

State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-St. Louis
Index of collections available for research at the SHSM Research Center at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.
http://www.umsl.edu/~whmc/

Interest Groups

Preservation Research Office.
Blog maintained by prominent St. Louis historian Michael R. Allen
http://preservationresearch.com/

Living St. Louis
Popular Channel 9 broadcast highlighting St. Louis' diversity and cultural offerings
http://livingstlouis.wordpress.com/

Modern STL
Awareness and preservation group dedicated to mid-century modern structures in St. Louis
http://www.modern-stl.com/

Preservation Journal St. Charles
A volunteer group dedicated to documenting information about Historic Main Street in St. Charles, Missouri
http://preservationjournal.org/
Society of Architectural Historians St. Louis Chapter
Non-profit promoting the study and preservation of St. Louis’ built environment
http://www.stlouisarchitecture.org/Home.html

St. Louis Building Arts Foundation
Collection of over 300,000 building artifacts from around St. Louis
http://www.buildingmuseum.org/

Victorian Preservation Association
List of Historic House Museums of Missouri
http://www.vpa.org/museums.mo.html

Blogs and Other Useful Sites

Architectural Ruminations
A blog examining St. Louis historic architecture, especially mid-century modern residential architecture
http://andrewraimist.com/

B.E.L.T. STL
"The Built Environment in Layman’s Terms" documents a variety of contemporary issues facing the built environment
http://www.beltstl.com/

Brick City
"the story of a city dweller," detailing the challenging, awe-inspiring, and infuriating aspects of living in St. Louis
http://brickcitystl.com/

Built St. Louis.
Blog with photographic tours of different areas and themes of St. Louis
http://www.builtstlouis.net/
http://builtstlouis.blogspot.com/

Distilled History
An upstate New Yorker-turned St. Louisan documenting history and his favorite drinks
http://www.distilledhistory.com/

Dotage St. Louis
Blog dedicated to documenting St. Louis’ one-of-a-kind environment by a former St. Louisan currently living in Baltimore
http://stldotage.blogspot.com/
Exquisite Struggle
Examines the situations and interpretations of urban life from a conceptual, design-based standpoint.
http://exquisitestruggle.blogspot.com/

Exploring St. Louis
Examines architectural oddities and issues seen around the St. Louis.
http://stlexplorer.wordpress.com/

Gateway Streets
A look at transportation issues facing St. Louis
http://www.gatewaystreets.org/

Lo-fi Saint Louis
Covers local music, media, and other cultural scenes taking place in St. Louis
http://lofistl.com/about-lo-fi-saint-louis

Mound City Stomp
Focuses on St. Louis music history, conservation, and proliferation, especially jazz
http://gethotkeepmovin.blogspot.com/

NextSTL
Blog covering a variety of issues critical to the resurgence of St. Louis
http://www.nextstl.com/about

St. Louis City Talk
Detailed photo walkthoughs of each St. Louis neighborhood by Mark Groth
http://www.stlouiscitytalk.com/

St. Louis / Elsewhere
Compares contemporary designs, environments, and issues found across the world to similar circumstances found at home in St. Louis
http://stlelsewhere.blogspot.com/

St. Louis Patina
Blog detailing the hidden corners of St. Louis and the beauty of worn age the city offers
http://stiouispatina.com/aboutpatina/

University of Missouri Digital Library: Sanborn Maps for Missouri
A searchable collection of Sanborn fire insurance maps, with detailed, color-coded information of buildings and their uses
http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/cgi/i/image/image-idx?page=index;c=umcscsanic

UrbanReviewSTL
RFT Award-winning blog discussing contemporary planning, politics, and policies affecting St. Louis' urban environment
http://urbanreviewstl.com/about/
USGenNet. "History's Time Portal to Old St. Louis." Contains a wide variety of historic photos and maps relating to various aspects of St. Louis history
http://www.usgennet.org/usa/mo/county/stlouis/index.html

Vanishing STL
Blog examining the continual loss of the built environment of St. Louis, from landmark buildings to ordinary homes.
http://vanishingstl.blogspot.com/

What Should Be STL
An imaginative blog proposing hypothetical design solutions for St. Louis' numerous urban vacancies
http://whatshouldbestl.com/