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Next Meeting

**What: Suncoast Information Specialists
and Central Florida Association of Law Librarians
Holiday Mixer**



When: December 3, 2007
5:00-6:00 pm (Meet and Greet)
6:00-8:00 pm (Meal, Meeting)

Where: Trang Viet Cuisine
1524 Fowler Ave.
Tampa, FL
813.979.1464

Map:

<http://city.ask.com/city?msid=a39b38eee711f04145219e359445a1ba&msuserid=1a6b5409cb5e468934177f03945dda2f>

Food: "Vegetarian friendly." "They grow their own herbs." "Viet Cuisine."

RSVP: Send RSVPs to **Janine Awai** at jawai@lib.usf.edu or call 813.974.4336.
[Deadline is Monday, Nov. 26, 2007.]



**Mix. Mingle. Meet. Eat. Greet.
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Upcoming Events

For further information on this upcoming meeting,
please view the Meeting Schedule at <http://www.tbhc.org/sis/meeting.htm>.



SIS/Suncoast Information Specialists Program and Meeting 11 October 2007 MINUTES

MEETING

The October meeting of the SIS/Suncoast Information Specialist was held on Thursday, October 11th at CAE in Tampa. Before the meeting, Betsy King provided a tour of the CAE facility to interested attendees. Social hour and registration began about 5:30 pm, followed by a catered dinner from the CAE cafeteria. Cost for the program was \$10. A total of 24 members and guests were in attendance.

Agenda:

At 6:30, President Caroline Reed opened the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Wanda Barrett presented the Treasurer's report. She indicated that there is a current balance of \$865.12 in the account, before tonight's event. Wanda also indicated that the check from the USF library school, a donation to SIS for the 20th anniversary program last October 2006, has now been received and deposited into the SIS account.

Secretary Marcy Carrel read the minutes from the last program/meeting, August 23, 2007.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Deb Henry presented the slate of officers for the 2008 SIS officers: Jessica Zairo for Vice-President/President-Elect; Marcy Carrel for Secretary; and Sarah Miselis for Treasurer. The 2007 VP/President-Elect, Janine Awai, will serve as president. Deb read a prepared

statement from Jessica Zairo, who could not be present for the meeting. Deb then opened the floor to other nominations. None were made. A vote was taken on the slate of officers and it was unanimously approved by a show of hands. Pamela Burdett and Diana Sachs-Silveira, the two other members that served on this year's Nominating Committee could not be present for tonight's meetings.

Caroline Reed reminded attendees of the new SIS brochures, produced through printing support from Betsy King at CAE. She encouraged everyone to distribute copies through appropriate venues.

Alicia Ellison reminded all that Sandy Hawes produces the newsletter, which is wonderful, and that she is always looking for news, job postings, resources, and other items of potential interest to members.

The next agenda item was the December program/meeting, which is normally a social event. Caroline and Wanda explained that we will likely host a joint event with CFALL-Central Florida Association of Law Librarians. Wanda explained that the group is becoming active again and that many members of CFALL are also members of SIS. Discussion about a possible date followed. The first or second Tuesday of December was recommended. Caroline and Janine asked for suggestions for a venue – preferably low or no cost for a separate room, where mingling and discussion is possible. Location is secondary. Janine stated that all of

the factors will be weighed and an announcement will be made at a later date.

Announcements:

Wanda Barrett asked if anyone knew the whereabouts of Linda Brakeall. Caroline Reed said that she heard that her health was poor and that she had moved to be near her children.

Jean Andrews stated that the Florida Library Conference will be held in April in St. Pete Beach. Jean is on the local arrangements committee. She asked that we all watch for future announcements and consider volunteering or getting involved.

Betsy King stated that the SLA SARC IV (South Atlantic Regional Conference) will be held in February in St Petersburg. She handed out brochures for the conference and stated that they are looking for volunteers for the local arrangements committee. She and Caroline also explained that they are exploring opportunities for SIS to be involved,

even if it is only to distribute our SIS brochures.

Ellen Cannon from TBLC read a letter she received from the Clearwater Public Library addressed to SIS, stating that the FROG (?) Directory will no longer be published. SIS had been listed in the directory.

New Business:
None

Program:
Karen Keene, USF Shimberg Health Sciences Library, "MedLine Plus"

Karen Keene gave an informative presentation on MedLine Plus. Attendees asked questions throughout the presentation, which concluded with a resounding applause.

The program and meeting concluded about 8:15 pm.

SUBMITTED 12 October 2007
Marcy Carrel, Secretary

**MedLine Plus: The Best Kept Secret at NLM
Presented Karen Keene, Medical Librarian,
USF, Shimberg Health Sciences Library**

PROGRAM:

PROGRAM: Karen Keene, USF Shimberg Health Sciences Library, speaking on MedLine Plus

Karen Keene, from the USF Shimberg Health Sciences Library, began her presentation on MedLine Plus by explaining that her presentation would likely be somewhat different than planned because Medline changed their web site today, only hours before this presentation. She also distributed several handouts, including

information about MedLine Plus, as well as some of her own consumer health forms.

Karen explained that MedLine Plus, from the National Library of Medicine, is essentially an organized, value-added collection of links to carefully selected, reliable web sites with consumer health information. There are also links to PubMed citations from scholarly journals, also from the NLM. Karen used the example of "osteoarthritis" to show some of the resources available. She followed the

diagnosis "osteoarthritis" through to discussions of "hip replacement". Videos of the surgery are also available at the web site, a few of which were demonstrated.

Karen then showed some of the additional consumer health information and links that she makes available through her library:

<http://www.health.usf.edu/library/shslfaq/consumerhealthfaq.htm>. In particular, she demonstrated a web site from the Florida Department of Health that can be used to search for information on licensed Florida doctors.

Karen stated the library's web site will be moving soon so she will make the new web addresses available for posting to the SIS web site in the near future.

Karen's program was lively and informal, and she entertained questions from attendees throughout the presentation. The presentation concluded around 8:15 pm with a round of applause for the speaker.

*Submitted by Nancy Carel, Secretary,
Oct. 12, 2007*

Addendum:

Suncoast Information Specialists had a very enjoyable meeting at CAE last Thursday at CAE. Karen Keene presented a very informative program about the National Library of Medicine's Medline website. For pictures from the meeting and Karen's handouts, see the meeting notice on the SIS website.

http://tblc.org/sis/meetings/2007/meeting_2007-10-11.htm

Betsy King



Toot Your Own Horn—Members on the Move

Key: Member names in **bold**; affiliate and non-member names in *italics*.

Please share your successes and achievements with the group. All it takes is an email to sandy.hawes@saintleo.edu.

Sandy Hawes, *Liz Richardson, Johana Tunon, Marta Lee, and Jane Hutton*, members of the Distance Learning Section of ACRL, had their workshop proposal, "Peer-Review 101: Get Ready to Make Your Mark," accepted for the Thirteenth Off-Campus Library Services Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, April 23-25, 2008.

Kudos to **Diane Sachs-Silvera** for being invited to participate in a webinar about innovative ways to promote virtual reference on Nov. 15th. Find the recording on the QuestionPoint Blog: <http://questionpoint.blogs.com/>

View **Alicia Ellison's** article, "Creating Assignments That Matter to Students," at <http://www.hccfl.edu/facultyinfo/aellison2/files/452F466A526D4D2CB7953BC4204DFC92.pdf>. It appeared on page 3 of the Ybor City HCC Campus November/December newsletter, The LampPost



Interesting Research and Resources

Material culled by S. Hawes from press releases, online journals, listserv posts, and member contributions. Key: Contributing member names in **bold**; contributing non-member names in *italics*.

"Did You Know 2.0" (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMcfrLYDm2U>) is a sobering, fact-filled eight-minute video on YouTube that might be of interest to any librarians who work with students of all ages. You can "join the conversation at <http://shifthappens.wikispaces.com>.

Podcasts and slides from the recent forum by The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) and the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) are now available at <http://www.arl.org/sparc/meetings/ala07>. View tools for campus outreach that were produced for SPARC and ACRL by Alma Swan of Key Perspectives Ltd. at <http://www.arl.org/sparc/meetings/ala07>.



There's been much debate over the value of Scholarpedia, a new peer-reviewed Wiki-based encyclopedia. Take a look at http://scholarpedia.org/article/Main_Page.

The FLA Legislative Platform summary is available at <http://www.flalib.org/PDFdocuments/FLA%20Leg%20Platform%202008.pdf>.

Have you seen the Call for Papers for a new ACRL publication The Expert Library: Staffing, Sustaining, and Advancing the Academic Library in the 21st Century? Please send inquiries or proposals (300-500 words) to Scott Walter <swalter@uiuc.edu> by January 2, 2008. Notification of proposal acceptance will be made no later than January 31, 2008, and completed chapters will be due by June 30, 2008.

Dr. John Jaeger recommends this article, "Search Engines: The Race to Replace Google" at <http://www.newsweek.com/id/62254>.

Karen Hatfield sent me the following link to an inspiring video at <http://www.212movie.com>. It is from <http://www.simpletruths.com>. It really inspires you to go that extra step from "good" to "great!" Enjoy.



Two podcasts are online from presentations at the 2007 Oregon Virtual Reference Summit, June 1 2007 in Bend, Oregon, that may be of interest to our members. The first is Marie Radford's plenary session, "I Was Kind of Confused b4" (www.oregonlibraries.net/audio/ovrs2007_radford.mp3) and the other is from a panel discussion with teens about virtual reference services (www.oregonlibraries.net/audio/ovrs2007_teens.mp3). See more details, notes, slides, etc at www.oregonlibraries.net/summit.

Bernie Sloan recommends this article:

Grafton, Anthony. Future reading: Digitization and its discontents. The New Yorker, November 5, 2007. <http://tinyurl.com/2qvp2j>

Shirl Kennedy sent this to the SIS-L list. Here it is again: "New Media Douchebag" <http://www.scottmonty.com/2007/10/new-media-douchebag-are-you-one.html>

The ProQuest/SIRS State and Regional Intellectual Freedom Achievement Award is given each year for the most innovative and effective intellectual freedom project covering a state or region. The award is sponsored by ALA's Intellectual Freedom Roundtable and ProQuest and consists of a citation and \$1,000. Here is a link to the nomination form—<http://tinyurl.com/292thm>



Download the OCLC report "Sharing, Privacy and Trust in Our Networked World" from <http://www.oclc.org/reports/sharing/>. The report is based on a survey (by Harris Interactive on behalf of OCLC) of the general public from six countries—Canada, France, Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States—and of library directors from the U.S.

Siva Vaidhyathan is working on a book called "The Googlization of Everything". The book project has a blog, where Siva invites people to comment on various postings related to Google. One of the topical areas in the blog is "Is Google a Library?" http://www.googlizationofeverything.com/is_google_a_library/

Dr. John Jaeger of Dallas Baptist University recommends "The Future of Electronic Paper" <http://www.tfot.info/articles/1000/the-future-of-electronic-paper.html>.

The "Online Library of Liberty" website offers full-text access to various classic and contemporary books related to individual liberty, limited government, and the free market at <http://oll.libertyfund.org/Home3/index.php>

PowerPoints, lots of great photos, blog notes, and more! All from the Collaborative Virtual Reference Symposium held in Denver on July 31 - August 1, 2007. See <http://www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/reference/2007VRSymposium/> <<http://www.coloradovirtuallibrary.org/reference/2007VRSymposium/>> , then click on the various links.

Gerry McKiernan's "In Your Face(book): Social Networking Sites for Engaged Library Services," presented at the LITA National Forum 2007, is available online at <http://www.public.iastate.edu/~gerrymck/LITANationalForum2007.ppt>



Do you have an idea for a presentation? Do you know someone who would be perfect to speak at a meeting? Would you like to volunteer your services? If so, please contact us by calling 813.622.8252 or 352.588.8262, or by sending an email message to sis@tblc.org or sandy.hawes@saintleo.edu.



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