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Next Meeting

- What:** June SIS Meeting, catered light dinner and program
<http://www.tbhc.org/sis/meeting.htm>
- When:** Wednesday, June 17, 2009. Non-members/guests are always welcome!
- 5:30–8:00 p.m.
- 5:30 - 6:00: Meet and greet, networking
6:00 - 8:00: Meal and business meeting.
The program will begin after the business meeting.

Tour and Program: "From the Page to the Stage"

Our speaker will be **Ella M. Fredrickson**, Principal Librarian,
Florida Orchestra Music Library

- Where:** The Florida Orchestra Music Library, located on the fourth floor of the SPC College Downtown campus building
244 Second Avenue North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701
- Food:** Meat & vegetarian sandwiches, and drinks. Cost is \$10.00 per person. The meal is optional; however if you RSVP to eat, please consider it an obligation to pay even if you cannot make the meeting.
- RSVP:** Send RSVPs to Jessica Zairo (jessica@everlove.net) by Monday, June 15th, and indicate whether or not you want a meal. A complete attendance list is needed since Ella has arranged for special parking privileges for our group.
- Directions:** <http://www.spcollege.edu/downtown/about-location.htm>. Guests must park on the fifth floor of the St. Petersburg College Downtown Campus garage, and may access through the Music Library between 5 pm and 5:30 pm. The parking attendant and security officer will have a list of names with assigned parking passes to use the fifth floor of the garage.
- Links:** <http://www.floridaorchestra.org/>
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**SIS / Suncoast Information Specialists
Program and Meeting
April 29, 2009**

MINUTES - Unapproved (once approved, minutes will be posted on the [SIS website](#))

The April meeting and program of the Florida Suncoast Information Specialists meeting was held on April 29 at the Columbia Café in the Tampa Bay History Center. About 23 members and guests were in attendance.

Welcome and Introductions

Members began gathering at 5:30 in the café, dinner (paid by attendees) optional. Attendees introduced themselves. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 by President Jessica Zairo. The meeting moved to the patio for the program.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Minutes from the February meeting were approved.
The treasurer reported a 741.45 balance after the awarding of three FLA scholarships of \$150.00 each.

Announcements

Job openings: CAE student position; Canterbury School of Florida teacher position. Saint Leo University now has a virtual library. Canterbury School of Florida sent teams to the Pinellas County and BAAIS Battle of the Books for the first time. Congratulations to our President Jessica Zairo for her upcoming graduation and marriage! SIS is on Facebook.

New Business

The June SIS meeting will be in Tampa, with the topic being the Florida Orchestra library. There was a discussion of the possibility of the August meeting being in Sarasota with the topic being the Ringling Art Museum.

Program

The program was Electronic Licensing by Monica Metz-Wiseman, Electronic Resource Coordinator of USF. Ms. Metz-Wiseman, one of the first persons to negotiate an electronic license, discussed all aspects of electronic licensing, from why a library needs a license to negotiating licenses to key points of licenses. The program was followed by a question and answer session.

The program and meeting ended at 8 pm.

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Submitted June 3, 2009
Linda Garrison

SIS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ATTEND FLA CONFERENCE

Thanks to SIS, three LIS students and future librarians were awarded scholarships to attend the 2009 FLA Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida this past April.

Congratulations again to Mary Keesling, Ann Marie Maloney and Bridgitte Woodley. Below, read their accounts of their experiences.

SIS FLA Scholarship Committee:
Caroline Reed
Janine Awai
Marcy Carrel



Caroline Reed, SIS FLA Scholarship Committee, embraces the scholarship winners (from left to right)– Bridgitte Woodley, Ann Marie Maloney, and Mary Keesling – at the FLA conference.

Bridgitte Woodley Meets FLA 2009

This past May, thanks to SIS, I was able to attend my very first library conference! It was such a great opportunity for me to meet with other students, librarians, and library-minded people! I was even able to meet some fellow students at USF that I had no idea were in my program! Everywhere I went I met friendly faces who were happy chat with me about anything from school to careers and the future outlook of libraries.

I attended several sessions with my favorite two being about library videos and youth programming. The library video session was informative about all the different ways to use digital videos for your library. It included videos for promoting special events, how-to videos on using the library, and book talks. Several wonderful examples were given and the audience was participatory. At the session on youth services programming there was definitely not a shortage of ideas! They talked about programming on a budget and how, with a few purchases from the dollar store and some food to attract the attention of young adults, you could host an excellent program! One of my favorite ideas was the teddy bear sleepover where children drop off their stuffed animals one evening and then pick them up the next morning with photographs of all the activities their animals did (courtesy of the YA librarians and teen helpers).

Whenever I had down time I made sure to venture over to the exhibits. I also made sure to stop by the Job Center a couple of times, but unfortunately, there didn't seem to be much posted.

The Florida Book Awards Banquet was really great! I happened to sit down at a table next to some people who I thought were complete strangers, only to realize that I had previously met with the person next to me when I toured her library last fall for class! It was nice being able to reconnect with her as well as meet the other librarians at my table.

The closing speaker, Bob Morris, was one of the highlights of the conference. I really enjoyed his entertaining life stories and was able to walk away with an autographed copy of one of his books!

Overall, FLA was a blast! I cannot thank you all enough for giving me the opportunity to experience my first library conference!

Inspiring, Educational, and Fun! The Florida Library Association 2009 Annual Conference Experience

The opening general session was uplifting and inspiring, as speakers and convention-goers exulted in the restoration of State Aid to Libraries at the 11th hour, which had happened only days earlier. This was mentioned many times at the various sessions I attended on May 6 and 7. While there was also talk of our shared budget-cut woes, the air of excitement and triumph seemed to win out; people were walking with a spring in their step!

I'm very interested in community service in public libraries, so I attended the e-government session, as well as one titled "Better Services For Seniors Through Community Partnerships." Both were truly helpful, and I am so glad I was able to attend them. The presenters were knowledgeable and passionate about their topics. I also attended a session on floating collections, which was perfect, since my system (Pasco County) adopted this mode of circulation on the same day I was attending the session! I'm bringing the Sarasota County Libraries slideshow and all of my notes back to my supervisor, in case we can use some of their tips and ideas at Pasco.

It was so much fun to be able to attend the reception for USF School of Library Science students, faculty, and alumni on Wednesday night (May 6), and it was especially great to meet up with Bridgitte Woodley and Ann Marie Maloney, my fellow scholarship winners, and to get to know both of them better. We also got to meet Caroline Reed, our SIS compatriot from New College. I also met several other students for the first time, which was really enjoyable. I'm not on campus that much, so this was a real treat.

I was impressed by the kindness, politeness, and generosity of the other attendees. I had not expected less, since librarians are a neat bunch of people; nevertheless, it was heartening to experience these qualities first hand, from (mostly) total strangers. I felt welcomed there, and I look forward to attending FLA for many years to come. Thanks so much to the members of the Suncoast Information Specialists for making this possible for me!

Sincerely,
Mary Keesling

Ann Marie Maloney
USF SLIS Master's candidate

Due to the generosity of the Suncoast Information Specialists 2009 Student Scholarship I was able to attend the Florida Library Association (FLA) annual conference. I found it to be informative, interesting and fun. I attended the Newcomers Meeting where we were greeted with danish, juice and coffee. What a great way to start the day. A few people spoke about their association with FLA and urged all of us to ask questions, check out the exhibitors and consider joining a group within the FLA. The major topic was how state library funding was saved due to the incredible work done by many people. Amazing tales of networking at its best. One director called the local supporters of his libraries (including the women's club, newspaper, etc) and asked them to call or e-mail their representatives. That community ended up sending over a thousand messages! The power of connecting.

The opening remarks were calls to action by Richard Madaus and Jim Rettig (President ALA). Dr. Madaus encouraged us to keep finding new ways to share information and talked about the new Wolfram Alpha. Dr. Rettig encouraged our outreach efforts and suggested using our newsletters, websites, etc. to keep our patrons informed and encourage them to action for libraries.

The exhibit hall was a conglomeration of vendors from architects to microfiche machines. Most vendors were not particularly interested in talking to students. That is a bit short-sighted when those students will soon have jobs and perhaps buying power or influence. If you know any vendors please pass that along. The "Combined Book Exhibit" was of the most interest to me. You could examine the books available through the various publishers. It was completely numbered and cross referenced to the catalog. So much better than just reading a description in a catalog.

The "Outreach Blogs" seminar put on by USF librarians: Susan Ariew & Gina Clifford was an excellent presentation. Good ideas on blogging and getting people to your blog. They suggested posting information on new services, changes in services, new collections, tech tips and updates in your blog. They also advised us to use all the technology available to us such as : embedded videos, Twitterfeed, Delicious, and podcasts and to keep trying new applications. A fire alarm interrupted our seminar and we all stood outside for a few minutes waiting for the all clear. Librarians can definitely make some noise!

Caroline Reed of SIS was at the first seminar I attended. She is always friendly and fun whenever and wherever I see her. She was also at the USF reception. There I met some classmates from my USF on-line classes. How nice to finally meet some of the people who have posted information and opinions you found of value. James Andrews, the new Director of the USF School of Library Science was at the USF reception .He made a point of meeting as many people as possible. He is very personable and approachable. I think he'll be a great asset to the school in his new role.

I left the conference feeling invigorated and very happy with my choice to become a librarian. School can be overwhelming and the money it takes to get the degree is a heavy burden. However, every time I go to a meeting with librarians such as the SIS meetings and the conference I am reminded why I chose this field. My colleagues are smart, helpful, and fun. They love to share their knowledge and are always willing to help each other. They are curious people – that is a character trait I have found helps keep people young and interesting to others.

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the conference.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job announcements, promotions, upcoming library events.....

Please share your news, successes, and achievements with the group. All it takes is an email: Marcy Carrel,

mcarrel@nelson.usf.edu

ACHIEVEMENTS: **Christa Fowler**, USF Sarasota-Manatee, has been appointed to the USF Library Council for a three-year term, starting Fall semester 2009.

ACHIEVEMENTS: **Ann Marie Maloney** was selected by the SLA Florida and Caribbean Chapter to receive one of two student travel grants to attend the SLA 2009 Annual Conference & INFO-EXPO on June 14-17 in Washington, DC. She will also share her conference experience with the chapter via an article in the Blue Heron Newsletter. She will also document her conference experience on University of South Florida's Librarians in Training Blog. *Congratulations Ann Marie!*

ACHIEVEMENTS: **Alicia Ellison**, Hillsborough Community College, has been selected for the second year in a row to chair the [Information Resources Standing Committee](#) of the [College Center for Library Automation](#). A program of the state's division of community colleges, CCLA provides statewide electronic resources and networking for Florida's community colleges.

EVENT: SIS board member **Alicia Ellison** and Joanne Cameron, Palm Beach Community College, will host a break-out session about *LibGuides* on July 30th at the 2009 conference of the Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN) in Miami, FL. The conference is entitled "[New Technologies: Libraries & Beyond](#)." Alicia was one of the presenters at the February 9 meeting of SIS.

EVENT: **CFALL-Central Florida Association of Law Libraries** will host a meeting on June 16th at 5:00 pm at The Horse & Jockey British Pub & Restaurant, 1155 Pasadena Avenue South, South Pasadena, FL. Here is a link to their web page too. <http://www.horseandjockeypub.us/> This will be a social event and guests are always welcome!

NEW HIRE: USFSP Nelson Poynter Library to Welcome New Dean



Carol G. Hixson, currently University Librarian at the University of Regina in Saskatchewan, Canada, was named the new dean of the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library at USF St. Petersburg. She begins her deanship in August.

Hixson has worked in all areas of librarianship at major academic institutions in the United States, including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Florida, Indiana University,

UCLA and the University of Oregon. In her leadership role at the University of Regina she has worked closely with campus partners to expand and redefine library services.

NEW HIRE: Jane Bancroft Cook Library to Welcome New Dean



New College of Florida and USF Sarasota-Manatee has named Brian Doherty as the new Dean of the Jane Bancroft Cook Library.

Doherty received his bachelor of music degree from Westminster Choir College, a Master of Arts and a Master of Library Services from Rutgers and a Ph.D from University of Kansas. He has been the director of library services at Arizona State University since 2006. From 2002 to 2006 Doherty was head of the music library.

Doherty's extensive background covers more than 18 years in college library administration, planning, budgeting, technology and grant writing. He will begin his position at the Jane Bancroft Cook Library in July.

Do you have an idea for a presentation? Do you have recommendations for meeting venues? 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 mcarrel@nelson.usf.edu.



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