

**SIS / Suncoast Information Specialists
Program and Meeting
February 26, 2009**

The March meeting and program of the Florida Suncoast Information Specialists meeting was held on February 26, 2009 at CAE in Tampa. A total of 36 members and guests were in attendance. The evening began with a tour of the CAE facility and was followed by informal networking, registration and dinner at 6:00. Dinner was catered, \$10.00 per person, with each member paying for his/her meal.

Welcome and Introductions

President Jessica Zairo opened the meeting with greetings, introduction of members and guests and a special thanks to Betsy King of CAE for hosting.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Minutes of past meetings, previously posted online for corrections, were approved.
Treasurer's report: SIS has a balance of \$1,039.15.

Announcements

SIS has 208 members.

SIS now has a presence on Facebook

(<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=19952808186>).

August meeting will be at the Sarasota Ringling Museum.

Please RSVP to meetings via email.

Please sign up for the SIS listserv if you have not previously done so.

Published: "Tampa On My Mind," a beautiful picture book by Hillsborough Community College/Ybor Campus librarian Alicia Ellison (our guest tonight) along with Greg Thomas and Kimberly Williams. See webpage at <http://www.tampaonmymind.com/>

New College of Florida presented the African American Read-In, February 18th at the Jane Bancroft Cook Library.

New Business

Three student scholarships of up to \$150 are available for this year's SLIS Scholarship.

Program

Alicia Ellison (Hillsborough County Community College Librarian/Ybor Campus) and Judy Nolasco (Hillsborough County Community College English Faculty/Ybor Campus) presented "Thanks For This Assignment," an innovative collaboration between an academic librarian and an English professor. The aim of the project/collaboration is to use Libguide* technology to guide students as they write papers that have unique, personal meaning. The assignment employs a new approach which "encourages critical thinking, reduces plagiarism, utilizes technology, and leads students to connect academics, work, and life." Along with handouts, they provided a link to <http://libguides.hccfl.edu/professional> for further exploration. The presentation was followed by a question/answer session.

Libguide* is a third party web content guide

The program and meeting concluded at 8 pm.

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