

**SIS / Suncoast Information Specialists
Program and Meeting
August 18, 2009**

The August meeting and program of the Florida Suncoast Information Specialists was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at the Ringling Museum of Art Library in Sarasota. A total of about 45 members and guests were in attendance. The event began with informal networking and registration in the library at 2:00 pm. Catered box lunches were provided, followed by a short business meeting and then guided tours of the Ringling Museum of Art Library.

Welcome and Introductions

At about 2:40 pm, President Jessica Zairo Riggins opened the meeting by thanking the Ringling Museum of Art Library for agreeing to host the meeting and program. Jessica explained that the library director, Linda McKee, had broken her foot over the weekend and therefore her assistant Artis would be leading the program and library tours. Jessica then invited all those in attendance to introduce themselves to the group.

Approval of Minutes

Jessica announced that a draft of the June meeting minutes has been posted on the SIS website and are also included in the July/August INFO newsletter. A vote to approve the minutes will be postponed until members have had a chance to review and notify the board of any changes.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Cheryl Wolfe reported that we received one new member and we have just reached the 100 member level.

New Business

Jessica announced a call for volunteers for upcoming open positions for SIS Vice President, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor. The Vice-President and Treasurer positions are elected positions; Newsletter Editor is an appointed position. There were no immediate volunteers. A nominating committee will be formed to lead the process. Several members, including Betsy King, Caroline Reed, and Jessica Zairo spoke about the benefits of participating in SIS and the importance of giving back to the profession.

Jessica announced that there will be a meeting in October but no details are available yet. The December meeting and program will be the holiday social event in collaboration with CFALL (Central Florida Association of Law Librarians) – details are yet to be determined.

Announcements

Marcy Carrel announced that she will be leaving SIS and USFSP for a position in Washington, DC. USFSP has not yet determined if, how, or when her position as business reference librarian might be filled.

A member announced that USF will be hosting a series of events in conjunction with the upcoming "Fall of the Wall" celebration. Some of the events will coincide with German Oktoberfest celebrations.

Caroline Reed announced that the new library dean, Brian Doherty, has begun at New College in Sarasota. There is also a new Academic Resource Center being established with grant funds within the library.

Nora Everlove announced that she was married in July.

Jessica announced that the Hillsborough County Law Library recently faced a major funding challenge. A vote was taken and it was decided that the library will remain open.

Program

Jessica introduced Artis and other staff from the Ringling Museum of Art Library as the group moved into the reading room of the library. Artis gave a brief overview of the library and then divided the group into two groups for guided tours of the library collections and building. The tour included the reference collection, periodical, the Rare Books room, and Mr. Ringling's personal collection. Members and guests asked numerous questions throughout the tour. Afterward, the group thanked Artis and the library staff for their time and generosity.

The meeting adjourned and the program concluded about 4:00 pm. An Executive Officer's meeting was scheduled immediately afterward.

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Marcy Carrel