

# Suncoast Information Specialists

## Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 14, 2011

The April meeting and program of the Florida Suncoast Information Specialists was held on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at Canterbury School of Florida on Snell Isle in St. Petersburg. A total of 18 members and guests were in attendance. The evening began with informal networking at 5:30 p.m. in the school Media Center. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal with pizza, salad, and wings donated by Anytime Pizza (owned by a parent of the school). This was supplemented by salad, roll ups and Italian pastries from Mazzaro's Italian Market.

### Welcome and Introductions

President Hal Harmon began the meeting by welcoming the group. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

### Wrap up of last meeting

Betsy King provided the group with a recap of the last meeting. Although we were supposed to have a demo of Google apps & suite the power went out. The group presenting, Jessica Riggins (Everlove & Assoc. & FSCCLL webmaster), Betsy King (CAE & SIS webmaster), Diana Silveira (TBLC Virtual Reference Manager) and Al Carlson (TBLC System Administrator) did a wonderful job regardless of the lack of power. The slides which were to be shown at the meeting can be found at <http://www.suninfospec.org/meeting/pastmeetings/2011-02-15>.

### Treasurer's Report

Betsy King, filling in for Judy Cole, reported SIS has \$1029.31 in the bank. We have 78 members with 6 new people joining at the meeting. Betsy will prepare a membership directory that will be available to all current members. This directory is a great networking tool.

### Announcements

- **Saturday, June 11, 2011:** SIS will hold its "*Saturday South of the Skyway*" meeting at *South Florida Museum* in Bradenton. Matt Woodside, Director of Exhibits and Collections, will be both speaking and giving a tour of the museum for SIS members and their guests. Details will be posted on the SIS site soon. Lunch, Business Meeting and Program will be at the fabulous *Mattinson's Riverside*. \$15.16 all-inclusive for lunch, Dutch Treat, and \$9.00 admission per person for *Museum* and tour. Guests are welcome.
- **Student Organizations of Library & Information Science at USF** will hold a book sale outside of the Tampa Campus Library on Wednesday, April 20 from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm.
- USF Library School awarded scholarships for ALA, FLA and SLA conferences.
- **Dunedin Public Library Book Sale** will take place the weekend of April 16.
- St. Pete Main Library Book Sale will take place on June 25.

- **Alicia Long** will participate on a panel for REFORMA at 9am, Wednesday, May 4 during the FLA Conference. The panel deals with the topic of Libraries serving Immigrants.
- **Hal Harmon** will participate on a panel at 3 pm on Wednesday, May 4 during the FLA Conference. The panel will discuss Millennials in the Library.
- **Caroline Reed** will present a poster from 11 am – noon on Thursday, May 5 during the FLA Conference. The poster is entitled “What Happened to the Reference Desk”.
- **Barnes & Noble Book Fair** is supporting the Florida Association of Supervisors of Media *Florida Power Libraries Program* from May 10 – 16. For more information go to <http://bn.com/bookfairs>.
- **Used Shelving** can be acquired through Borders Bookstores that are closing their doors.

## **New Business**

**SIS FLA Student Scholarships** – Caroline Reed, Scholarship Committee Chair, thanked her co-chair Jessica Riggins for all of her hard work on assisting with selection for the three student winners of our \$150 FLA Conference Scholarships. All three of this years winners are motivated, involved with the library community and are excited about entering our profession. After the conference each of the students will do a write up of their conference experience for the SIS Newsletter. The winners are Lana Brand, Bill Harris and Alicia K. Long. Caroline mentioned that she tries to make it to the USF Reception at FLA to personally congratulate the winners on their scholarships. It was suggested that SIS have brochures available at the Reception for attendees. Betsy will prepare brochures and get them to Caroline before the conference.

**Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute** – Alicia Ellison is serving as a *mentor for a participant in this year's Institute*. Information about the Institute was circulated among meeting attendees. To be a participant you must have your application postmarked by June 1, 2011. For more information go to <http://dlis.dos.state.fl.us/bld/leadership/institute.cfm> The Institute needs more mentors. Becoming a mentor is easy. Simply go to the web page and click on “Mentors”. This year the Institute will be held in Jacksonville and Tampa.

## **Program**

At 7:00 p.m. SIS President Hal Harmon introduced our School Library Media Month speakers Linda Garrison, of the Canterbury School, and Ramsay Jones, K-8 Librarian at St. Mary's Episcopal Day School, who spoke on “The School Library Media Center in the Private School.”

Linda began with a reading of *It's a Book* by Lane Smith. Linda's presentation was accompanied by PowerPoint slides explaining her Media Center and activities. She has written a policy manual with a process for dealing with challenged books. One of her slides had a wonderful quote which is her philosophy of librarianship, “Teachers teach them to read, librarians teach them to love to read”. In the 2<sup>nd</sup>

grade Linda is teaching the students to do research and by 4<sup>th</sup> grade they are writing papers using MLA style. Her Media Center does lots of programming, library promotion and fundraising. One of the most profitable and easy ways to raise funds is to have Honor Books. This is a book that is purchased by a parent or grandparent to honor a child (good grades, birthday, etc.). A bookplate is placed in the book and the book is presented as part of the school's morning activities. There are also Book Fairs, Library Sleep Overs, Librarian for a Day and Gala parties that bring in a lot of funds. Linda received a grant for \$11,000 for author visits. These visits and visits by storytellers are extremely popular with the children. Linda discussed the technology that they use, everything from a portal to Jing to Smartboards to Doc Cams. She suggested that if people are interested in working in a private school they should check out NAIS.org which will list private school jobs.

Ramsey gave us a virtual tour of her library. She started her career as a Young Adult Librarian in a Public Library. At that time young adults were 16 – 21 years old. She moved into school librarianship when her children were young and loves it. Ramsey is constantly looking at what her patrons need. One nice thing about working in a private school is that you can make your own decisions. You are not mandated by someone on high. Her school has a strict dress code. Parents are very involved, often looking at each activity that she is involved with. Her comment about how her reference section was shrinking over the years lead to a discussion about e-books. This discussion was very lively with comments from meeting attendees. Ramsey left us to ponder what libraries will look like in the future.

The formal meeting ended at 8:10 pm but attendees milled around long after chatting and continuing to discuss the future of libraries.

Respectfully submitted by Caroline Reed