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SIS Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to our SIS FLA Scholarship Winners! Check them out below!

Special Thanks

Special Thanks to host Pioneer Florida Museum and Village!

Did You Know?

Suncoast Information Specialists is a professional association of librarians and information specialists in the greater Tampa Bay area, dedicated to providing an open forum for the discussion of mutual concerns and the exchange of ideas in the realm of information management and dissemination. For membership forms and directions on how to join, please go to:
<http://www.suninfospec.org/membership>

Librarian Spotlight

Longtime NPR Library Director Susan Dillinger has recently retired. Read about her storied career below!

Upcoming Meeting

When: June 19th 2017, Monday

Time: 6:00-8:30pm

Where: The Art Institute of Tampa
4401 N Himes Ave #150
Tampa, FL 33614

Directions: <http://tiny.cc/klkqky>

Program: Library Journal Mover and Shaker 2017, Theresa Burress, New College of Florida, will be speaking about her work with digital humanities.

Cost: Food for students is \$5, members/guests \$10, see meeting page below for info

RSVP: <http://www.suninfospec.org/meeting>

Questions?: Please contact Carrie Cullen at carriecullen@mail.usf.edu

April Meeting Overview

SIS members and guests were treated to a walking tour of the Pioneer Florida Museum and Village, an open-air museum in Dade City, Florida in Pasco County. The museum complex includes Overstreet House, a one-room schoolhouse, a church, a train depot, a train engine, and a museum exhibition of tools, household items, antiques and farm equipment.

Meeting minutes can be found here:

<http://www.suninfospec.org/meeting/minutes>

Meeting photos can be found here:

<http://www.suninfospec.org/photos>

Events

- There is still time to register for the **SLA 2017 Annual Conference, June 16-20 in Phoenix, Arizona!** This premier event is for information professionals who want to develop essential skills, network with colleagues, explore noteworthy trends in knowledge and information managements, and access leading information product and service providers at the INFO-EXPO. **More info can be found here:** <https://www.sla.org/attend/sla-2017-annual-conference/>

SIS FLA 2017 Scholarship Winners

- We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2017 SIS FLA Scholarships. We have awarded two student scholarships and one librarian/staff scholarship to attend the 2017 FLA Conference in Orlando, FL (May 10-12). **Student Winners are Adam Berkowitz (USF) and Arlene Haessler (USF).** The **Librarian/Library Staff Winner is Amanda Moldan, Seminole County Public Library.** All of the applicants showed a strong commitment towards the library profession. Each scholarship will be for \$200.00 to cover conference-related expenses.

With these scholarships we are supporting the professional activities and learning opportunities for both students who will soon be working as professional librarians and those already in the profession. After the conference, awardees will write about their experiences in an upcoming SIS newsletter. We look forward to their reports. A special thanks to Hal Harmon, William Harris, and Samantha Trinh, who served on the Scholarship Committee, and to the SIS Board. Without their help, this program would not be a success. Again, congratulations to Adam, Arlene, and Amanda.

Librarian Spotlight – NPR Library Director, Susan Dillinger

On March 31, 2017 the New Port Richey (NPR) Public Library, and the community it serves, celebrated the retirement of longtime Library Director, Susan Dillinger. Susan began working for the New Port Richey Public Library in 1990 and served as interim City Manager in 2014. In 2014, Susan was awarded FLA's Librarian of the Year award. That same year, the West Pasco Chamber of Commerce awarded her the Public Servant of the Year.

Under Susan's leadership, the New Port Richey Public Library excelled at both a local and national level. In 2006, the New Port Richey Public Library was awarded FLA's first ever Library of the Year award. Library Journal awarded the New Port Richey Public Library 4 stars in 2013, and five stars in 2016.

Much of what Susan has accomplished is still being seen on a daily basis in the New Port Richey Public Library and around the state of Florida. Susan has mentored many young librarians on how to work in the field and be an advocate for communities. The New Port Richey Public Library has offered an LGBTQ film series each June, despite political resistance from former City officials. The weekly Tasty Tuesdays farmer's market is unique to the New Port Richey Public Library in that it offers healthy, organic produce to residents in addition to providing a place for local farmers to sell their goods.

The classes, workshops, and events that have been offered at the New Port Richey Public Library over the past 27 years show that Susan has always had the ambitions of the public in mind. Susan has encouraged those around her to think outside of the box and be bold in considering what a library can be.

Susan is now retired; nevertheless, her influence persists. – Kayla Kuni

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