



Suncoast Information Specialists Info

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SIS FLA Scholarship

Going to FLA's Annual Conference? Don't forget the SIS FLA Scholarship. Information coming out soon!

Special Thanks

Special Thanks to our membership! Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday.

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>

Upcoming Meeting

When: February TBD

Time: TBD

Where: TBD

Directions: TBD

Program: TBD

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

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

Questions?: Please contact Kearin Reid at kearinsharaf@mail.usf.edu

December Meeting Overview

The December meeting is our end of the year social where members and guests mingle, eat great food, drink delicious beverages, and be merry. Thanks everyone for another great year in SIS!

Meeting minutes can be found here:

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

Meeting photos can be found here:

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

Tidbits

- **The Smithsonian Libraries is pleased to announce the 2018 Professional Development Internship**, which will be hosted in the **Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden Library** in Washington DC. This **full time, paid internship** will take place in summer of 2018 and is open to current library and information science students at the graduate level. Applications close February 2nd, 2018. Full information may be found on their webpage: library.si.edu/ProfDevInternship

Events

- **Palm Harbor Library has been holding several fundraising events to replace its roof.** The estimated cost is \$340,000. The funding is necessary because at this time, the library receives minimal County tax-based assistance for capital improvements. One of the more successful endeavors has been **"An artPHL Afternoon"**, a day of art in the community. **It will be held this year on January 28th (right between the playoffs and the Super Bowl!), 2-4:30 pm at the library.** It will include twelve local artists of various mediums presenting and demonstrating their work accompanied by classical music (cello and pianist), a silent auction of various art works, finger foods, fine beverages and more. Our featured artist is Joyce Curvin (www.joycecurvin.com/). **Tickets for this elegant occasion (18 & older) are \$30 each.**

In addition to this being a fundraising event, "*An artPHL Afternoon*" also serves as part of the library's continuing effort to become one of the cultural destinations in north Pinellas County. As you may be aware, the library has an outside sculpture, an art alcove of juried artwork, a children's art Makerspace, a musical instrument collection for loan and an art book club and an art story-time for children (the latter two at the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art).

Art and libraries are natural partners. One brings beauty to the world and the other, just like art museums help to preserve and promote it. You don't have to go far to enjoy both. They are both right in your own backyard.

Check out the video here: <https://youtu.be/WGGVUAs6dNI>

- **Big book events are coming our way in 2018!** The Tampa Bay area has long boasted a bounty of local events for book lovers, from author signings at bookstores to university-sponsored reading series and the Times Festival of Reading. And readers respond with enthusiasm — at the 2017 Times Festival in November, for example, the 50 featured authors spoke before capacity crowds.

All that literary love might be creating a force field. This year the area has attracted a couple of major national book and author events: the Association of Writers & Writing Programs Conference at the Tampa Convention Center and the Bouchercon World Mystery Conference at the Vinoy Renaissance St. Petersburg Resort & Golf Club.

All year long, there will be author appearances at independent bookstores like Oxford Exchange and Inkwood Books, readings at local colleges and universities and major book events like the SunLit Festival and the Times Festival of Reading.

Check this link for book events throughout 2018: http://www.tbo.com/features/books/These-major-authors-will-sign-books-and-speak-in-Tampa-Bay-this-year_164135176

- **Join Pam Hoepner, a professional organizer, Saturday, January 20th, as she shares organizational and time management tips on how to become more organized on a tight budget** using a lot of ingenuity and easy to follow techniques. With Ms. Hoepner's guidance, learn how to gain time, save money, and get peace of mind with these 10 easy techniques. **Event is from 11:00-12:00am at John F. Germany, The Hive – Flex Space (3 West). For more info check their website @ <https://hcplc.evanced.info/signup/eventdetails?eventid=149969&lib=0&return=>**

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