



## Suncoast Information Specialists Info

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### SIS FLA Scholarship

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

### Special Thanks

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Special Thanks to our host USF Main Library and speakers Kimberly Nordon-Parks, Cheryl Wolfe, Kiersty Cox, and Carole Holway!

### Did You Know?

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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

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**When:** April 14, Saturday

**Time:** 10:30am-1:00pm

**Where:** Arthenia L. Joyner University Area Community Library  
13619 N 22<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Tampa, FL 33613

**Directions:** <https://mcaf.ee/ganyk3>

**Program:** Burgerts & Partnerships. Discover how the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library and USF Libraries used the Burgert Brothers 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to create a stronger partnership between the two institutions.

**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](mailto:kearinsharaf@mail.usf.edu)

### February Meeting Overview

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The February meeting was a discussion on librarianship throughout the stages of the career, from beginning to retirement. Members and guests shared in a variety of topics; change, innovation, leadership, mentorship, promotion, obstacles, and more. It was an informative meeting with lots of takeaways for everyone.

Meeting minutes can be found here:

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

Meeting photos can be found here:

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

## Tidbits

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- Longtime SIS member and officer Alicia Ellison has joined the Hillsborough Literacy Council as a conversation corner leader. Alicia is volunteering at a Hillsborough Public Library location conducting conversation practice sessions for new English speakers. Alicia is a faculty librarian at Hillsborough Community College, Dale Mabry Campus.
- In honor of Black History Month, Jeff Austin, SIS member, recently penned an article for the local newspaper, Bradenton Herald, titled "Celebrating African-American service in the U.S. Military." You can access the article here: <http://www.bradenton.com/living/article198148434.html>
- Pinellas Public Library Cooperative and the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) have partnered together to offer free admission to the MFA with the checkout of a museum pass from Pinellas County libraries. They also offer free admission to the Florida Holocaust Museum. <http://www.pplc.us/mfa.shtml>
- The Clearwater Public Libraries are now offering tools as free-rentals among some of their more unique items, such as ukuleles. Members can now borrow items such as power drills and drill bits for a week. You can find the complete list here: <http://www.myclearwaterlibrary.com/books-more/thingamabrary>
- At the State College of Florida (SCF) Manatee-Sarasota Libraries, we have officially opened the doors of our new Library & Learning Center in the Bradenton Campus. A modern building with the latest technology and beautiful open spaces that foster collaboration, creativity, and the discovery of knowledge, the new library serves our students and faculty, as well as the SCF Collegiate School (middle and high school) and is open to members of the community under the TBLC Reciprocal Borrowers agreement. We would like to invite all SIS members to visit. Please let us know if you're coming so we can welcome you as colleagues. For information, contact Alicia Long at LongA@SCF.edu.

## Job Opportunities

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The [Eckerd College Library](#) invites applications for a highly motivated, collaborative, and service-oriented colleague to serve as Library Assistant. This staff position is a full-time opportunity with shared responsibilities in public services and resource sharing. For complete position description, qualification requirements and application instructions, please visit: <https://eckerd.hirecentric.com/jobs/133932.html>. The deadline for applications is 11:59 pm EST, March 15, 2018.

Nestled along the shores of Tampa Bay, [Eckerd College](#), a private, undergraduate, liberal arts college in Florida, is one of 40 schools featured in [Colleges That Change Lives](#) and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Eckerd College is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer and actively seeks diversity among applicants and promotes a diverse workforce. Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the United States. A reference check is required.

## SIS's 2018 FLA Conference Scholarships

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### Suncoast Information Specialists Call for Applications Scholarships to Attend 2018 FLA Conference, May 23-25, 2018

Application deadline: **April 1, 2018**

Announcement of winners: **April 6, 2018**

The Suncoast Information Specialists are accepting applications for one student or library staff member to attend the [2018 Florida Library Association Conference](#) at the Caribe Royale Hotel, Orlando, Florida. The maximum amount of the award is \$250.

To streamline the process, this year we no longer have separate applications for students and library staff. The scholarship is open to USF students enrolled in Information Science Program or library staff (Librarians and Paraprofessionals) employed in a Florida library.

#### Scholarship Eligibility

- Student Applicants must be enrolled in a Master's program (or recently graduated with a Master's degree in 2017) at the University of South Florida.
- All staff (Librarians and Paraprofessionals) employed in a Florida Library. Engaged librarians in the profession, but not currently employed in a library, are eligible.
- Applicants must be members of Suncoast Information Specialists, (<http://www.suninfospec.org/membership>).

#### Applicant Requirements

- Fill out online application which includes an essay: [Link to Application](#)
- The successful grant recipient will share their experiences at the conference with fellow SIS members by writing an article for the bi-monthly SIS newsletter.
- The Grant Recipient will submit an expense report following the conference for reimbursement up to \$250.

#### Guidelines

- Deadline for submission is April 1, 2018.
- Winners will be notified on April 6, 2018.

Applications and requirements on the SIS website: <http://www.suninfospec.org/awards>

If you have any additional questions, please contact the SIS Scholarship Committee Chair, Hal Harmon: [hgharmon@gmail.com](mailto:hgharmon@gmail.com)

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*Ideas* - Do you have an idea for a presentation? Do you have recommendations for meeting venues? Do you know someone who would be perfect to speak at a meeting? Would you like to volunteer your services? If so, please contact the Editor or one of the Officers, or send an email message to: [suninfospec@gmail.com](mailto:suninfospec@gmail.com)

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Questions about SIS? Feel free to contact any one of the SIS Officers listed to the left of this page!