



Suncoast Information Specialists Info

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SIS 2015 Director (1yr) Elected

Please welcome Samantha Trinh to the position of Director (1yr)!

Special Thanks

Special Thanks to host Revelry Pub and Grill and the Tampa Bay Medical Library Network!

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FLA SCHOLARSHIPS!

Five FLA sponsored Scholarships for prospective library students are being advertised. Check out the details below!

Upcoming Meeting

When: February 23rd, 2015

Time: 5:30pm-8:30pm

Where: Palm Harbor Library
2330 Nebraska Ave.
Palm Harbor, FL 34683

Directions: <http://tinyurl.com/pzc8dt>

Program: *The Library as a Cultural Destination.* Presentations by Gene Coppola (Library Director), Kiki Durney (Head of Youth Services), and Marisa Meale (Librarian). Guests are invited to join us.

Cost: Optional for assorted sandwiches and drinks. \$10 at the door, \$10.50 via PayPal. (At link below)

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

Questions?: Please contact Vilma Silva Butym at vilmasilvabutym@gmail.com

December Meeting Overview

The Joint Holiday Mixer with Tampa Bay Medical Library Network was a resounding success. Held at the family owned Revelry Pub and Grill in Sarasota, we were treated to excellent service, food and drink. Thanks to everyone who came and celebrated another year with Suncoast Information Specialists!

Meeting minutes can be found here:

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

Meeting photos can be found here:

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Tidbits

- Each month, the **Ask a Librarian** team picks an outstanding member that has **shown exceptional participation in the program**. **November's AAL SuperStar recipient** is **Alicia Ellison** from **Hillsborough Community College Library**.

Alicia is the Librarian at the Ybor Campus in Tampa. She has been awarded an Exemplary Reference Award for a Detailed Chat three times, February 2007, December 2009, and February 2011.

Alicia staffs both the academic and collaborative desk. She is also a member of the AAL Statewide Spanish Email team, answering emails weekly. She offers help on the desk by volunteering for upcoming shifts and logging in when the desk is short staffed.

- **FLA is still accepting applications for 5 FLA scholarships**. They have **3 graduate scholarships** and **2 undergraduate scholarships** available for **students interested in careers in Florida libraries**.

Full details are available on the FLA web site at the link below:

<http://www.flalib.org/scholarships.php>

The application period closes on *February 9, 2015*. Submissions are welcome anytime.

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Vol. 30 #2 March/April 2015

SIS Scholarship Winners

SIS FLA Scholarship winners have been announced. See below for the scoop and congrats to the winners!

Special Thanks

Special Thanks to host Palm Harbor Library and speakers Gene Coppola, Marisa Meale, and Paula Knipp!

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Upcoming Meeting

When: April 14th, 2015

Time: 5:30pm-8:00pm

Where: Gulf Gate Public Library
7112 Curtiss Ave
Sarasota, FL 34231

Directions: <http://tinyurl.com/kcdbpw5>

Program: TBD

Cost: TBD

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

Questions?: Please contact Vilma Silva Butym at vilmasilvabutym@gmail.com

February Meeting Overview

Director Gene Coppola began the presentation encouraging all library disciplines to support collaborative efforts within the community and other libraries. Pinellas County libraries (x14) are individual entities, all with separate budgets and leadership. Collaboration among the county provides the community with more opportunities to experience different and new ideas, especially art, the topic of discussion.

Meeting minutes can be found here:

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Tidbits

• **We are pleased to announce the winners of the 2015 SIS FLA Scholarships.** We have awarded two student scholarships and two librarian/staff scholarships to attend the conference.

Grace Kaletski, FSU
Jenny Tolbert, USF

Caroline Reed, New College
Nancy Spaid, FACRL Board Member

All of the applicants showed a strong commitment towards the library profession. Each scholarship will be for \$150.00 to cover conference-related expenses.

A special thanks to my colleagues William Harris and Ann Marie Maloney who served on the Scholarship Committee. Without their help, this program would not be a success.

This is the 8th year SIS has provided financial support for this very important project. 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.

Again, congratulations to Grace, Jenny, Caroline and Nancy.

Hal Harmon, Scholarship Committee Chair

• The **Zephyrhills Public Library staff hosted a grand opening for the new building** Tuesday Feb. 24 with an open house, refreshments, music and a Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce ribbon-cutting.

The new library, at 5347 Eighth St., has been in operation since Dec. 30, but the staff was waiting on a grand opening until the old library was demolished and the new library parking lot was created on that site.

City Council President Charlie Proctor referred to the library opening as the keeping of a promise made to the people of Zephyrhills 10 years ago.

• **Plant City welcomes new library director, Tonda Morris.** Morris, a Plant City High graduate, took the job heading Bruton Memorial Library after 12 years as head librarian at a Christian school near Atlanta.

Morris replaces Anne Haywood, who retired last summer after 23 years at the helm at Bruton Memorial Library, 302 W. McLendon St.

• Residents wish list for new library in Riverview; **a catering kitchen, coffee shop, art gallery, auditorium and reading garden. Those are just some of the amenities Riverview residents say they'd like incorporated in a new branch library.**

About 65 residents packed the meeting room of the 35-year-old Riverview Branch Library, 10509 Riverview Drive, on Feb. 3 for a kick-off meeting to discuss expanding or replacing it.

In his first public meeting since assuming the position of county director of library services from longtime director Joe Stine, who retired this month, Andrew Briedenbaugh told residents the current library most likely will have to be replaced.

Photos



Marisa Meale showcasing the Hazel L Incantalupo Makerspace at Palm Harbor Library

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Vol. 30 #3 May/June 2015

New: Book Reviews!

Check out the new section, book reviews by our Treasurer, Ann Marie Maloney! This week, *She Was a Booklegger: Remembering Celeste West*

Special Thanks

Special Thanks to host Gulf Gate Library and speakers Sarabeth Kalajian, Amy Weber, Phil Trezza and Dr. Sadow.

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Congrats to new grads!

Hello to the new alumni!
Congrats to everyone who recently graduated with their MLIS! (or any other degree!)

Upcoming Meeting

When: June 13th, 2015

Time: 12:30pm-3:30pm

Where: Clearwater Main Public Library
100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755

Directions: <http://www.clearwater-fl.com/cpl/about/locations/main.asp>

Program: *Make It Work: Organizing & Digitizing a Public Library's Historical Collections* with speaker [Heather Husted](#), Virtual Services Librarian, Clearwater Public Library.

Cost: \$5-10.50, optional, see meeting page below for info

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

Questions?: Please contact Vilma Silva Butym at vilmasilvabutym@gmail.com

April Meeting Overview

Speakers Sarabeth Kalajian, Amy Weber, and Phil Trezza discussed *Engaging the Community to Build Consensus in Library Design: The Gulf Gate Public Library Experience* and Dr. Stephen F. Sadow presented on *Multidisciplinary, Global-Based Research: Research Perspectives in the Bio-medical Engineering Field*.

Meeting minutes can be found here:

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

Meeting photos can be found here:

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Tidbits

- Sandra Hawes presented, "**Looking Back To See Ahead--Institutional Repositories in the Era of Digital Archives**" on 7 April at the Catholic Library Association meeting in Orlando, FL, (<http://www.cathla.org/conventions>), in conjunction with the NCEA (National Catholic Education Association) annual conference.

The **presentation was an outgrowth of her sabbatical semester last spring** during which she focused on research concerning the future of library services in academia with impact for reference and research librarians, and Dr. Dorothy Neuhofer, Saint Leo University Archivist, agreed to oversee the project that focused on institutional repositories in academic libraries.

Check out the materials in this libguide, <http://saintleo.libguides.com/cia2015>.

- **Couldn't attend FLA? You can still bid in the online auction!**

Bidding Closes: Thursday, May 21st at 1:00 pm

Here is a link to information about the auction,
<https://floridalibraryfundraiser.afrogs.org/#/pages/6316>

and a link to the auction page itself,
<https://floridalibraryfundraiser.afrogs.org/#/browse/onlineltems/all/all/>

Book Reviews w/Ann Marie Maloney

She Was A Booklegger: Remembering Celeste West/ edited by Toni Samek, K.R. Roberto, & M. Lang. (2010) Library Juice Press Duluth, MN <http://libraryjuicepress.com/> 260 p. paperback.

Celeste West was a true original, a mover and shaker in the Library field from the 1960's through the first decade of the twenty first century. She wrote, researched and shared a wide variety of information reflecting the many facets of her work and personality. Ms West was an activist, librarian, writer, bibliographer, lesbian, feminist and publisher. Through her many activities and writings Ms West led a revolution within the world of librarianship and advanced the causes of eco-activism, human rights and intellectual freedom.

This book is a tribute to Celeste West and is divided into three sections: Words from the Celeste West project crew, including commentary and a history of Ms West; Photos; and Selected Writing by Celeste. The first section gives readers an inside look at Celeste, the woman, written by co-workers, friends and lovers. From Elizabeth Katz :

It's hard for us now to remember how staid the library world used to be, and not that long ago. Many people worked to bring about that change, and all deserve their due. However, there is no doubt in my mind that Celeste West's contribution was enormous. (2010, p. 45).

This section also gives an excellent recounting of the social movements and Celeste's role in those movements. The politic was personal for Celeste. She was a prolific writer and did not hesitate to fully express herself whether in writing or protests. She is probably best known in the library world as one of the publishers/authors of *Revolting Librarian* (1972). She also published

(with Elizabeth Katz) a zine (Synergy) and a magazine called Booklegger. Eventually Booklegger Press became the first woman owned/library book publisher. Booklegger staff initially joined with ALA's SRRT. Some of her most important work was the publication of bibliographies of alternative press publications. These were invaluable aids for seekers of information on sustainable life styles, alternative life styles and other information not generally covered by mainstream press.

The Photo section shows us an upbeat, smiling Celeste West from childhood through her adult life. The book has additional photos and illustrations in other sections, but most are so faded and such poor quality that they detract from the work itself.

Ms West's writings, the third section of the book, are a mixed bag of essays, book reviews, ads and annotated bibliographies on topics as varied as wine-making, gay periodicals and ecotactics. Her work is a mix of humorous and serious, a bit outdated and up to the second current. It is sad that 40 years after the sexual revolution gays are still harassed and the mainstream press still ignores major ecological issues. It reminds us that Ms West's work must be carried forward. Librarians, social activists, free thinkers and historians will all find information they can use and thought provoking ideas within this memorial to Ms West. Portions of this book should be required reading for LIS students, many of whom are unaware of the struggles librarians have faced to be heard and to serve their clientele.

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Book Review

Review by our Treasurer, Ann Marie Maloney. This month, *The Soldier's Wife* by Margaret Leroy.

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FLA 2015 round-up!

Check below for a round-up of FLA 2015 provided by SIS FLA Scholarship winners. Please check back in the next newsletter for more!

Upcoming Meeting

When: Tuesday, 31 August, 2015

Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm

Where: Largo Public Library
120 Central Park Dr.
Largo, FL 33771

Directions: <http://tinyurl.com/p2e4g3u>

Program: *Copyrights for Librarians and Information Specialists* with speaker David R. Ellis, Intellectual Property Attorney.

Cost: \$5-10.50, optional, see meeting page below for info

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June Meeting Overview

Speaker Heather Husted, Virtual Services Librarian at Clearwater Public Library, discussed the process behind Pinellas Memory, an online historical collection. The collections cover many decades and include photos, newspapers, community news and much more! Local regions are participating in the project as well, such as Dunedin, Largo and Tarpon Springs. Please check out the link below to access the collections:

<http://pinellasmemory.contentdm.oclc.org/>

Meeting minutes can be found here:

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

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Tidbits

- **Tina Neville and Deborah Henry** have been selected to receive the **2015 Library Research Award** based on the peer-reviewed article they published in 2014, "Evaluating scholarly book publishers –A case study in the field of journalism." *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, 40(3-4), 379-387. DOI: 10.1016/j.acalib.2014.05.005. The award was presented at the FLA Annual Conference May 15th.

The article is also available in the USFSP Digital Archive:

<http://dspace.nelson.usf.edu/xmlui/handle/10806/11680>. They presented their findings at the 2015 Faculty Lightning Talks, which will soon be available in the Digital Archive as part of the Lightning Talks collection.

This groundbreaking article not only advances the discipline of library and information science, it also provides a useful methodology for any faculty members in any discipline seeking to maximize the impact of their research and scholarship through the publication of monographs. By adapting multiple metrics used for journal article evaluation and replicating recent publisher metrics, they tested methods for evaluating scholarly book publishers. Using monographs published in journalism between 2007 and 2011 as a test case, their results indicate that these methods may be useful to other scholarly disciplines.

Congratulations to these **two members of the Library Faculty** who have added to the longstanding and growing body of Library faculty research and scholarship at **USFSP**.

- SIS member **Dr. Cheryl Dee, PhD, FMLA**, has been named a **Medical Library Association Fellow**. MLA Fellows are elected by the MLA board of directors for their sustained and outstanding contributions to health sciences librarianship and to the advancement of the purposes of MLA. Dee has demonstrated her commitment to medical librarianship in myriad ways including a number of notable publications, funded grants, contributions to the MLA organization, continuous MLA membership for more than 15 years, and demonstrated leadership in the field of health science information. Upon learning of her appointment, Dee responded, "I feel honored and grateful to be in the company of the other accomplished MLA Fellows." - See more at: <http://ischool.sjsu.edu/about/news/detail/ischool-lecturer-named-fellow-and-alumna-awarded-grant-medical-library-association#sthash.VeDcDOWA.dpuf>

Many USF MLS students will remember Dr. Dee as an inspiring teacher for Special Libraries, Library Administration, and Medical Librarianship. She currently is on the faculty of San Jose State University, San Jose, CA, and Florida State University, Tallahassee. She lives in Lakeland, Florida.

FLA 2015



SIS members Caroline Reed, Marisa Meale, Vilma Butym, Jenny Tolbert, Grace Kaletski, Bill Harris

More FLA 2015 photos here: <https://sites.google.com/a/suninfospec.org/www/awards/fla2015>

FLA 2015 Conference Summary with 2015 SIS Scholarship Winner, Grace Kaletski

I was thrilled this year to have the opportunity to attend the 2015 FLA annual conference this May, thanks to a generous grant provided by the Suncoast Information Specialists. I have attended a number of smaller conferences in the past, but this was my first statewide conference and it was a very enriching experience. It is easy to get stuck in my routine as a student and graduate assistant at Florida State University, and it was great to get out of Tallahassee to see firsthand how many exciting and innovative things are going on in libraries across the state.

As a new conference attendee and FLA member, I kicked off the conference by attending the New Member Orientation session on Day 1. Here I got to hear tips for making the most of the conference experience from FLA president Linda McCarthy and other library leaders across Florida. One of my favorite pieces of advice from this session encouraged new attendees to attend sessions outside of our comfort zones. I was so focused on finding sessions that were directly related to my career goals that I didn't even think about taking the time to listen about programs and initiatives in other areas of librarianship. I took this advice to heart and attended a few sessions that I probably wouldn't have considered otherwise. Doing this allowed me to meet interesting people, learn valuable new things, and generate ideas that I might not have had the opportunity to encounter.

One highlight from the conference was keynote speaker Peggy Cadigan, a state librarian in New Jersey and member of the Association of Professional Futurists. She shared some of the innovative ideas she has implemented, including hiring a casino to provide customer service training to librarians and hiring a troupe of actors to teach presentation and body language

skills. Cadigan shared many other cool, unique ideas for library outreach such as “snapshot days” that highlight library usage in a single day, having road crew wear t-shirts advertising the local library’s summer reading program, hosting dental clinics or HIV testing, employing nurses or social workers, and even allowing users to check out people! Overall, Cadigan was a great choice for keynote speaker and shared many ideas that I am sure will inspire even more innovation in Florida libraries.

Another favorite moment for me was attending the FSU iSchool’s reception. Since FSU’s MLIS program is fully online, I have never met most of my peers and professors in person. This reception was a great opportunity for me to meet a number of people who I previously only knew online. I really like my online program, but it was refreshing to finally meet some of my colleagues face to face. I also got to network with many FSU alumni and learn more about where their career paths took them after leaving FSU, which was inspiring and encouraging to me since I will soon be an alumna myself.

There were a lot of interesting breakout sessions to choose from, and during almost all of the time slots I had a difficult time deciding which session I wanted to attend. I learned about implementing health literacy programs, librarians’ role in protecting users’ privacy, got a breakdown of ACRL’s new information literacy framework, discovered how some libraries are tackling digitization, using 3D printers, building digital studios, and partnering with other departments in new ways, and much more.

Overall, attending FLA was an invaluable opportunity that stoked my enthusiasm for our profession. My library school education was enriched by the things I learned during the sessions, my professional network was expanded by the many librarians, professors, and fellow students who I met, and the innovative projects going on throughout Florida libraries inspired me. I can’t wait to implement some of the ideas that sparked in my mind when I begin my professional career. Thanks again to the Suncoast Information Specialists for giving me this opportunity!

FLA 2015 Conference Summary with 2015 SIS Scholarship Winner, Nancy Spaid

Thanks to the generosity of the Suncoast Information Specialists’ scholarship, I was able to attend the 2015 Florida Library Association Annual Conference. This year’s theme, Florida Libraries Inspiring Innovation proved to be an appropriate framework for the sessions, presentations, and discussions I attended.

During the opening session, keynote speaker Peggy Cardigan, a library futurist, led a lively and interactive talk overviewing trends and analyzing data to help creatively guide libraries into the future.

Most of the presentations I attended related to academic libraries, and they all provided interesting ideas on innovation. I attended the panel discussion on how to craft your online brand using tools such as LinkedIn and other portfolio cloud-based tools. The presenters at another panel discussion, Let Them Eat PDA, provided valuable information and perspectives on demand-driven acquisition. Diane Fulkerson presented an illuminating session on the new ACRL Information Literacy Framework for Higher Education. I was very impressed with the sessions I attended, but as always, I’m sure I missed other outstanding presentations, as is always the case with FLA concurrent sessions.

I represented the Florida Association of College and Research Libraries (FACRL) at an exciting event, FLA Member Group Speed Dating. Spearheaded by the new FLA President Gene Coppola, this session provided a fast-paced and fun chance for attendees to network with people from other libraries with similar interests. I got to meet lots of new people and introduce

them to our organization. This was first year such an event was held, and I hope the high participation and fun factor ensure a repeat in following years. My only regret is that I did not have a chance to visit some of the other member groups myself!

At this conference, I ended my 3-year term as a board member of FACRL. I truly enjoyed participating on this board, as we planned for our annual program, worked to increase membership, and exchanged ideas and information with colleagues throughout the state. The FACRL board meeting at the conference was bittersweet in that it was my last, though I did get to meet a great group of incoming board members. After this experience, I positively encourage others to become involved with organizations within FLA.

The numerous learning opportunities at the conference were certainly enhanced by the many social and networking occasions. At the pool-side meetup, I was happy to see familiar people and meet new people in an informal atmosphere. The vendors sponsored a reception at the exhibit hall opening, providing another chance to socialize with people. The President's Reception was fun and raucous event that also served to raise money for the FLA scholarship fund. This year's wine-toss was an unparalleled success, and many people donated a variety of items for the silent auction.

I value the FLA annual conference for so many reasons. The concurrent sessions always provide chances to learn what other libraries are doing around the state. The official and unofficial network opportunities are also important. Every year I attend, I appreciate the chance to catch up with people I know, but I also try to make a point to strike up conversations with people I don't know because I always learn so much from others' perspectives.

FLA 2015 Conference Summary with 2015 SIS Scholarship Winner, Jenny Tolbert

I am so appreciative to the Suncoast Information Specialist group for the opportunity to go to this year's Florida Library Association. It was fantastic to see familiar faces as well as to meet some of the most passionate and dynamic professionals in our field. What a boost in motivation for a Library and Information student!

During the conference, I really tried to soak in as many different viewpoints as possible. This happened in several different ways. Of course, the sessions gave so many opportunities to hear about innovative ways in which libraries are meeting the specific needs of their communities. Whether large or small, they are providing and expressing value. As was presented and discussed in the FLA standards committee summary, expression and advocacy of the library's worth is very important in these days of "outcome"-driven assessments. Seeing the achievements of Maitland Public Library, and hearing the comments of Ellen Schellhause, its director was certainly inspiring. They have really created a special place in which their community can be inspired by cooking, gardening, story time, walking events, and much more.

There are so many libraries reaching out in creative ways. Several sessions focused on providing both opportunity and space for their communities to tinker with technology, crafts, storytelling, robots, self-publishing, and business leadership. Another interesting session I attended detailed Hillsborough County's experience in creating their "Library History Roadshow." It was really encouraging to see people reconnecting with the history of their local libraries by participating and donating artifacts that were unique to that location. The digitization efforts were incredibly useful in bridging the artifact access gap.

While there were so many fantastic sessions, one of the greatest parts about the conference, for me, was connecting with individuals from all over Florida. During the social events, or times of simply waiting, I encountered so many who were eager to share what they

are doing. It was great to meet other students, doing their own new and interesting research, as well as the more seasoned attendees, who bring an invaluable and practiced mindfulness to the profession.

It's an exciting time for our ever-adapting Florida libraries. They are filled with great librarians who see the capabilities of their communities, and I'm thrilled to soon join them.

Please check back in the next newsletter for more!

Book Reviews w/Ann Marie Maloney

***The Soldier's Wife*, Margaret Leroy. 2011. Hachette Books, 416 pages. ISBN: 9781401341701. Available as a Kindle book.**

This novel is set in the Channel Islands during WWII. It is the story of Vivienne, a wife and mother, dealing with life during wartime. The narrator is in an unhappy marriage, raising two girls and caring for her mother-in-law while her husband is away serving in the military.

Vivienne must try to keep her oldest daughter from growing up too fast, yet allow her some freedoms. Her youngest child is easier to handle, but needs to be kept occupied. Her mother-in-law can be difficult and needs more and more care. The beauty of the island is part of the story. Its gardens and forest hide secrets and cruelty while providing some lovely and quiet get a ways.

The war brings unexpected hardships to the islanders. Decisions must be made to insure the safety of the children: should they go to England or stay at home? The island resources must be carefully handled and shared. Old friendships are tested by disagreements about dealings with the enemy. Once the Germans occupy the island, life becomes more complex and difficult. Interaction with the enemy is almost necessary to live and the only way to earn money.

The war and its hardships make people do things they would not normally do. Vivienne's long dead marriage is one factor that leads to her infidelity. The others include loneliness and isolation, the personal kindness of her lover, and the war itself. The novel brings out many ethical questions the characters must find their own answers to: would you work for the enemy if it was the only way to keep your family fed? Could you forgive those who did, if you did not? Would you betray your neighbors to keep your children safe? Would you accept gifts from the enemy? The war drags on longer than most people expected. Every family is touched by death, disability and hardship.

As difficult as life in wartime is for the islanders there is sharing, friendship, love, some laughter and the beauty of the island itself. As the war ends life on the island has changed forever yet the island retains many of its charms. The novel raises many questions for the reader to answer themselves. I found it a very enjoyable read.

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Suncoast Information Specialists Info

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Book Review

Review by our Treasurer, Ann Marie Maloney. This month, *Skyway: The True Story of Tampa Bay's Signature Bridge and the Man* by William L. DeYoung.

Special Thanks

Special Thanks to host Largo Public Library and speaker David Ellis!

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>

SIS Board Elections!

Calling for nominees for the SIS Board! Want to try something new and learn a whole lot? Throw your hat in the ring!

Upcoming Meeting

When: Tuesday, 20 October, 2015

Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm

Where: Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library
1505 Nebraska Ave
Tampa, Florida 33602-2849

Directions: <http://tinyurl.com/ngkaywb>

Program: The speaker will be Stacey Jurewicz, who will be talking about the StoryCorps program in Hillsborough County. In 2013, the Hillsborough Libraries were among 10 selected by ALA to be a part of the StoryCorps pilot program. The collection of stories coincide with the rebuilding of the Saunders Library as an African-American research and cultural center.

Cost: \$5-10.50, optional, see meeting page below for info

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

Questions?: Please contact Vilma Silva Butym at vilmasilvabutym@gmail.com

August Meeting Overview

Intellectual Property Attorney, David Ellis spoke on Copyrights for Librarians and Information Specialists. He has lectured widely throughout the country and taught Intellectual Property and Computer Law as an Adjunct Professor at the law schools of the University of Florida and Stetson University.

For more information, see his website at www.davidellislaw.com

Meeting minutes can be found here: <http://www.suninfospec.org/meeting/minutes>

Meeting photos can be found here: <http://www.suninfospec.org/photos>

Tidbits

• **SIS member Alicia Long is presenting a workshop at FAME's (Florida Media in Education) annual conference.** The conference, with the theme "Making it Happen" will take place Oct 21-23, 2015 in Orlando. Alicia will be co-presenting a pre-conference workshop about book awards, on Oct 21:

1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Caldecotts, Newberys and Belprés - Oh My!

Presenters: Lucinda Whitehurst, MLIS, St. Christopher's School Richmond, Virginia; Alicia K. Long, MLIS, Access Services and Outreach, State Colleges of Florida Libraries

Have you ever wondered why a certain book won an ALA Youth Media Award or how people are selected to serve on those committees? Join Lucinda Whitehurst (2010 Caldecott Medal Selection Committee member and 2015 Newbery Medal Selection Committee member), and Alicia Long (2014 Pura Belpré Award Selection Committee member), as they discuss the process of selecting the books that win these prestigious awards. The presenters will also give advice on how to become more active at the national level through the American Library Association, and suggestions on how you can work towards serving on these national committees. Participants will be actively involved in all discussions and mock simulations. Get ready for ALA in Orlando, 2016!

• **SIS member Paul Wartenberg published an anthology online, "Stories for All Seasons" with his writers group.** It is available as a Kindle download.

• **Bartow Public Library will be hosting programs on robotics and drones for teens this month and next.** Drones will be on September 22nd at 4 pm and Robotics on October 20th at 4:30 pm.

SIS Board Elections

Calling for nominees for officers of the Suncoast Information Specialists for 2016. The Election Slate will be announced on Monday, October 5th and voting will be conducted online. Results will be announced at the October meeting.

Requirement for Board members: need to be an active member. Not a member? Become one here: <http://www.suninfospec.org/membership>

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- **SECRETARY:** The Secretary writes minutes from the meetings; conducts correspondence as needed; and coordinates membership mailings as necessary. Secretary shall maintain a file of all policies and procedures promulgated by the association.

- **DIRECTOR:** Directors serve as voting members of the Executive Board and may be assigned to serve on specific committees. Directors are responsible for communicating about organization activities and issues related to library service of all types with members. **(2 year position)**

If you are interested in filling one of these positions please contact Megan O'Brien at mrobrien323@gmail.com prior to September 30th. Please include a short BIO introducing yourself.

You will most certainly learn a lot by serving on the Executive Board of SIS. Please consider tossing your hat in the ring.

FLA 2015



SIS members Caroline Reed, Marisa Meale, Vilma Butym, Jenny Tolbert, Grace Kaletski, Bill Harris

Snippet from FLA 2015 Conference Summary with 2015 SIS Scholarship Winner, Caroline Reed (the full article can be found here: <http://www.suninfospec.org/awards/fla2015>)

First of all, let me express my gratitude to the Suncoast Information Specialists for the financial support that was provided to attend the 2015 Florida Library Association Conference. As a current Board Member of the Florida Library Association I had planned to attend the conference from May 12 – 15. Although I do receive a certain amount of professional development funds

each year I had already expended those funds and would be paying for the FLA Conference out of pocket. The scholarship from SIS paid for my conference registration. For this I am very grateful.

When I discovered that David Lankes was going to be on the panel I decided to attend the session. The title of this preconference session was "Expect More", which is also the name of one of David's books. This session was an interactive panel with four experts who are trying to get librarians to think differently in their role as librarians. All four panelists shared their wisdom and encouraged the group to interact with each other. The recurring theme of this session was to encourage librarians and libraries to connect with their communities. Everyone left this session filled with new ideas and a great deal of enthusiasm.

As a member of the FLA Scholarship Committee I had volunteered to sell 50/50 raffle tickets at the Poolside Meet Up. Because I was busy with this activity I had a chance to reconnect with librarians who I have known for a long time and to meet many for the first time. After the Poolside Meet Up I had dinner with two librarians that I have known for 17 years. That is one of the great things about a conference such as FLA, it gives you a chance to connect with new people and to reconnect with people that you have known for a long time.

The Opening Session is always a favorite of any conference and this one did not disappoint. Linda McCarthy welcomed conference goers and spoke about what we all had to look forward to during conference. Next was a part of the session that is near and dear to my heart – the recognition of this year's scholarship winners. These are scholarships for Library Science Students from USF and FSU as well as a minority student. Next, the first half of the FLA Awards were presented. These awards cover Children's Programming; Teen Programming; "Libraries Change People's Lives"; Exemplary Instruction Program or Services Award; Outstanding New Librarian; Friends, Foundations & Boards Outstanding Member; and the Librarian of the Year. The excitement in the room is powerful as recipients go to the stage to be honored and photographed with the Awards Committee Chair and the FLA President.

The main event of the Opening Session is always the Keynote Speaker. This year the speaker was Peggy Cadigan, Associate State Librarian for Innovation and Outreach Strategies at the New Jersey State Library. She is a Professional Futurist. Her past credits include being the co-creator of Snapshot Day (a familiar activity for Florida Libraries) and heading up one of two pilot projects in the United States where adults are able to earn their high school diplomas at the library. Peggy encouraged Florida librarians to truly embrace the theme of the conference, "Inspiring Innovation." She encouraged each one of the attendees to identify areas where we can promote technology and look for opportunities to develop partnerships within our own communities to make our libraries indispensable. Conference attendees left the room with new visions of how they can breathe new life into our Florida libraries.

The next program I attended was entitled, "Let Them Eat PDA." This consisted of a panel of librarians from Nova Southeastern University, Rollins College, and Florida International University. All three libraries have committed to a PDA (Patron Driven Acquisition) collection development model with one library also committing to a Streaming Video PDA Model. Each librarian talked about the program they use at their library, described some of the struggles they have as well as their successes. All of the librarians spoke about how important it is to get subject librarians on board with a PDA Program. Valerie Boulos, from FIU, spoke about the necessity for their library to offer e-books. By 2020, 40% of their classes will be offered online. This program gave me insight into the world of PDA which is something we are beginning to dabble in at our institution.

I was very excited about the next program I attended as it was the program arranged by the Intellectual Freedom Committee. The speaker, Barbara Kaplan, from Florida State University is not only a librarian, but also has her law degree. As previously stated, the program was called "Protecting Patron Privacy: Protocols and Practical Applications." Barbara started the talk by pointing out that Florida's Constitution is actually quite progressive in that it says that everyone has the right to privacy. She gave us a bit of an overview of why Social Security numbers were never meant to be used as a personal identifier, but rather were created to track earnings. There is a movement to cut back on the use of the Social Security # as a personal identifier. Barbara reviewed the Privacy Act of 1974 which states that when people are asked for their Social Security # they should be provided with an explanation of why it is needed (full disclosure). Related to libraries, she spoke about the fact that by law registration and circulation information should never be disclosed. There was a discussion of what library staff can do when they are asked to provide such information. One suggestion is to have printouts of Florida Statute 257.261 which covers this law readily available for staff to hand out. She also suggested each library have a written statement about privacy, that all staff be trained, and that staff always have a senior staff member to call when someone places a request. This was a very well attended session and attendees got a lot of good information to take back to their institutions. Since part of being involved in a professional organization is the ability to network and make connections I decided to go to one of the Meet and Greet events at a local restaurant. There were 18 to 20 of us who had dinner at a local Mexican Restaurant across the street from the conference hotel. This gave me a chance to talk with new Library Science graduates, to meet librarians I had not met before, and to connect with one of the librarians at the Ringling College of Art and Design. Her library is only a few miles away from ours, but we have not yet had an opportunity to meet. There were librarians in the group from the Tampa Bay area so of course I mentioned SIS and encouraged these librarians to come to our upcoming meeting in Clearwater.

Thursday was a jam packed day. The first session I attended was a group presentation by librarians from St. Leo University, the University of Miami, Florida International University, Florida Technical College and Florida Gulf Coast University. The name of this program was, "Inspiring Inventive Instructional Techniques and Cognitive-based Learning Strategies: Academic Librarians Share Some Tips from the Field." This session gave practical tips on creating effective and meaningful instruction sessions. There was a little something for everyone. We all know how important assessment is, but it really came to life when the first speaker talked about using the ADDIE Model—Analyze, Design, Development, Implementation and Evaluation. Next up was how to use gaming in instruction sessions. Although this librarian was using gaming in a Chemistry instruction, the examples she gave could really be used in any type of class. The session moved on to the creation of learning objects where it was suggested faculty can work alongside a librarian to create tutorials and modules within a course management system. The last group discussed how to get students actively involved in the instruction sessions. By partnering with other groups on campus, like the Writing Center, librarians can achieve their goals without doing separate session for "library staff." The program ended on a very upbeat note with a discussion of offering Research Clinics for students to drop into rather than the more formal classroom instruction. All of this was very practical information attendees could take back to their institutions. Plus we now all had contact information for the speakers so can follow up with them on our own.

The next session I attended was called "Increasing Connections to Collections: Taking the Next Step with Digitization." The session started with the Lyris representative, Laurie Arp, discussing the digitization services her company can provide. She stressed digitization is impacting people's lives by connecting library collections with people. Because so many libraries want to digitize collections, Lyris started a service called the Digitization Collaborative. Currently there are over

270 libraries that are using their services to digitize a small collection or a good portion of their collections. One of the biggest advantages for libraries in using a service such as this is that Lyrasis has a Project Coordinator. Many libraries don't have the in-house staff to do the digitization that they would like to do. Libraries have discovered digitization gives the opportunity to partner with other organizations on campus or with the community. To get more information about services through Lyrasis go to www.lyrasis.org/digitize.

The two libraries that presented with Lyrasis were Eckerd College and Broward College. Both Alyssa Koclanes (Eckerd) and Andrew Dutka (Broward College) spoke about how easy it was to work with Lyrasis on their digitization projects. Eckerd College has worked on 2 digitization projects over the past 5 years. In 2010, they chose to digitize printed items for which the college holds copyright (yearbooks & course catalogs). They were fortunate in that funding for this project came from their Friends of the Library. Alyssa spoke about the process they went through in planning for the project, preparation of materials for shipment, spreadsheets that she used to keep track of materials and the digitized files that she received about a month after shipment of the original materials. These files are stored on Internet Archives so she did not have to worry about server space at her institution. The second project began in 2012. This project was also funded by the Friends group and would involve digitization of College Newspapers from 1960 – 2009. This time the digitized items were stored on an external hard drive. The entire project took two months to complete. Alyssa discussed access to these materials. Unfortunately, college leadership did not want public access to these newspapers so although they are digitized they are not really any more accessible than before digitization except to researchers who come to the Eckerd Archives. This led to discussion of access to digitized materials among the members attending this session. Eckerd will begin a 3rd project of digitizing a selection of historical college magazines and newsletter publications. Alyssa once again stressed how easy Lyrasis was to work with and how the digitization could not have happened at her library due to staff limitations.

At Broward College Andrew was able to push forth an initiative to increase access to collections from their Special Collections and Archives. There was support for this effort from other departments on campus. The first set of materials, over 25,000 pages, focused on historic college items while the second group focused on their pre-1923 Natural History Collection. Although he found some items in his collection might have been digitized at other institutions he suggested checking what you have as it might be slightly different from the title digitized (color plates, notes in margins, bookplates, etc.) His recommendation for anyone who is embarking on a digitization project is to create a controlled vocabulary and not to forget about keywords used by patrons or the use of local subject headings. All of this will lead to greater discovery of the digitized items. His library has created a Creative Commons statement. Andrew spoke about one of the advantages of working with Lyrasis is that they provide the digitized files in 6 or 7 formats. Broward stored their digital files in D-Space at the beginning, but have now moved to working with FCLA and using Islandora. Since I know very little about digitization this was a great session for me to attend.

Next was "Lightening Rounds." This session is a really fast-paced program where presenters share their experience and knowledge in very short presentations. Each presentation is 5 minutes and presenters are allowed no more than 20 slides for their presentation. Presentations included everything from creating Biology Pencil Boxes for check-out, setting up a Library Ambassador Program with the school system, use of the library for partnerships with film students who must do programming, setting up a Tween Library including setting up a Tween Board to plan activities, how serendipity plays a role in research and leads to creativity, and the use of Infographics as a way to publicize what the library is doing. This was a truly inspiring session.

My last session of the day was probably the most intense and relates closest to my role in providing instruction to our students. "Information Literacy Framework: Inspiring Instruction in Academic Libraries." With the new Information Literacy Framework that was just introduced by ACRL many people at this session were interested to hear what Diane Fulkerson, a member of the original Task Force would have to say. Diane started her presentation by reminding us the Framework is a flexible, dynamic and living document based on threshold concepts. She stressed that librarians don't teach students to be information literate, but rather to assist students to build on their information literacy experience. She acknowledged that for many of us the one-shot classes will still be our bread & butter. The frames suggest a new opportunity. In this case less is more--we have more flexibility, the opportunity to move away from just teaching about skills to more learning and discovery. She discussed how librarians must identify essential questions and we have the opportunity to align our instruction with course assignments, to identify key concepts, use knowledge practices and plan activities around the things we know cause the most confusion for our students. During the question and answer period session participants had the opportunity to really open up as to how they felt about the new Framework. Overall, most participants saw the change as good and as a real opportunity to begin to explore new ways of teaching and interacting with students.

Friday morning began with another great program. I attended "Neutral Networks and High-Capacity Broadband Take Center Stage." I felt privileged to hear Larra Clark, ALA Office for Information Technology Policy, speak about the "Open Internet" and what federal rules may govern it. Larra's explanation of Network Neutrality in terms of what consumers want vs. the network priorities of the internet vendors made a very complicated issue very understandable. She gave a nice bit of background on the Communications Act of 1934 and the Telecommunications Act of 1996. After the historical overview, she spoke about the impact the internet has had on libraries. Some of the issues that are ever present in our library discussions are about academic freedom, cloud computing, consumers and producers of digital information, increased costs to subscribe to digital services/products, and users with high expectations. The e-rate issue is one that is ever present for Public Libraries. The move has been from telephone service to broadband. Unfortunately, for the past few years there has been no money for wireless funded broadband and this is what libraries really need. Larra gave a rather shocking statistic that 1/2 of America's libraries still run on the same broadband as people's homes. There are some positive changes in 2015: broadband costs are reduced, applications put in by consortiums are moving to the top of the funding list (an opportunity for library systems to cooperate with each other), there are more set costs and the amount of funding has increased and \$3.9 billion is now available. If libraries don't apply for this funding it will go away. Lastly, Larra spoke about the fact public libraries are the most common providers of Wi-Fi access for African Americans and Latinos. My head was spinning by the time that I left this session.

The last session I attended really fit with my role as the Social Sciences Librarian at my library. It was entitled "Subject Librarians Innovatively Partnering with Academic Units, Faculty and Students." The 3 speakers were from the University of Central Florida, Barbara Tierney (Supervisor), Patti McCall (Science Librarian) and Rebecca "Missy" Murphey (Business Librarian). Barbara explained in 2013 reference librarians began to do proactive outreach. In order to free the librarians from some of their Reference Desk duties, UCF hired adjunct librarians to cover 1/2 of the full-time librarian's desk hours. Each subject librarian creates newsletters for their faculty, connects with the Collection Development Librarians, has become more mobile by getting out to visit faculty in their offices and attending Department Meetings, as well as assisting faculty with grants, teaching assignments, and getting to know the individual faculty members research interests. There has been a recent move to identify faculty who are Open Access advocates and librarians are beginning to work with these faculty to establish a Scholarly Communication Committee at UCF. Both Patti and Missy gave the group practical things we can all do at our

own institutions. Patti is trying to start a science librarians group and is interested in bringing a Science Boot Camp to Florida. Both librarians spoke about how both faculty and students appreciate vendor swag at meetings and instruction sessions. Putting something personal in newsletters is a way to help people to connect with you and to remember who you are. Getting out of your office and going to where the faculty are was a theme of the talk. One of the suggestions that I walked away with and will use for fall semester is so simple, but will have great impact—send new faculty a hand written welcome card. Definitely make it personal. Lastly, both librarians spoke about connecting with other groups on campus such as Student Ambassadors, Career Services and Student Accessibility Services. This was one of the most upbeat sessions I attended at the conference. I walked away with some practical things I can use at my own institution.

The Conference Closing Session and Lunch are always special. When you enter the room and hear the buzz of excitement from attendees who have spent the last 3 or 4 days learning new things, sharing experiences, meeting new people and finding a renewed sense of “this is why I became a librarian” you are elevated to a new level and any exhaustion evaporates. This closing session is the Annual FLA Business Meeting. Committee members are acknowledged and the new Board Members are installed. Because there are so many FLA Awards presentations to awardees continue at the Closing Session. At this session, awards were given to the Outstanding Paraprofessional, Library Web Presence Award, Library Research Award (This was the first year that this awards was given. I was so pleased our SIS colleagues Tina Neville and Deb Henry were the recipients.), Library Innovation Award, Libraries Mean Business, and lastly the Library of the Year Award. There was thunderous applause for all of the awardees. There is no better way to end a conference than with a good laugh. And laugh we did as Keynote Speaker Barbara Rosenblat had attendees rolling in the aisle with stories that she has previously recorded as audiobooks. As promised this truly was the Grand Finale of the 2015 FLA Conference.

Book Reviews w/Ann Marie Maloney

Skyway: The True Story of Tampa Bay's Signature Bridge and the Man that Brought it Down. By William Leonard DeYoung. 230 pgs. University Press of Florida, 2013.

This book was recommended for review by SIS member Jeffrey Austin.

Most Floridians know the Skyway Bridge broke apart and some portions fell into the Bay in May 1980. What they do not know is the history of the bridge and the huge impact it had on Florida both before and after the collapse. This book is non-fiction, but reads like a good novel. Fast paced, in-depth characters, and excellent research make this a great read.

The book gives a history of the bridge from its first inception to its current design. Building a bridge that could cross the Bay connecting Pinellas and Manatee counties was a huge undertaking. Politics played a significant role in where, when, and how it was built originally. Photographs of the original bridge, people in cars lining up to cross the bridge when it first opened, the horror of the collapse of the bridge and the current bridge are included throughout the book.

This is a much bigger story than just the collapse of the bridge and the resulting deaths. What lead to the collapse including unprotected girders, an inadequate safety warning system, the pilot boats that lead large vessels under the bridge, and a violent storm are all part of the story. John Lerro, the man that was piloting the freighter that hit the bridge is a story on his own. This terrible accident essentially destroyed his life. His character, professional skills, and fitness for the

job were questioned by the public, newspapers, and the courts. He was never the same man again even though he was exonerated by the court.

The first Skyway Bridge opened in 1954. In 1971, a second bridge was built to accommodate traffic. One bridge handled north going traffic and the second handled south traffic. The freighter, *Summit Venture*, collided with the original bridge in May 1980. More than 30 people died in the tragedy. A sudden and very violent storm pushed the freighter off course and into the bridge.

The current bridge's construction started in 1982 and the Skyway opened in 1987. Many of us drive over this bridge everyday yet have no idea of the fascinating and tragic story behind it. I would urge you to read the book.

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Suncoast Information Specialists Info

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Book Review

Review by our Treasurer, Ann Marie Maloney. This month, *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

Special Thanks

Special Thanks to host Robert Saunders Public Library and speaker Stacey Jurewicz!

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>

FLA/ALA Scholarship!

SIS is accepting applications for two students and two librarian/staff scholarships (\$200) to attend FLA OR ALA 2016.

Upcoming Meeting

When: Thursday, 10 December, 2015

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm

Where: Carmel Kitchen & Wine Bar
3601 W. Swann Ave
Tampa, Florida 33609

Directions: <http://www.carmel-kitchen.com/locations/south-tampa/>

Program: Networking and social gathering of [Suncoast Information Specialists](#) (SIS) and [friends](#). This meeting will be a time to gather with other members and enjoy the holiday season. Guests are invited to join us.

Cost: This is a dutch treat event, with each person ordering food and/or drinks from the [menu](#).

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

Questions?: Please contact Vilma Silva Butym at vilmasilvabutym@gmail.com

October Meeting Overview

After a tour of the brand new library (Robert Saunders Sr), our speaker, Stacey Jurewicz introduced the group to StoryCorps and community partnerships. The library was awarded a StoryCorps grant to record/collect the stories of the historic Central Avenue, a prominent African-American community which no longer exists. The library is a prime example of fulfilling the needs of the community it inhabits, with an expansive meeting space, collaborative spaces, and industry-leading equipment.

One of the stories was animated, please see link below:

<https://storycorps.org/animation/miss-devine/>

Meeting minutes can be found here:

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

Meeting photos can be found here:

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SIS's 2016 FLA/ALA Conference Scholarship

Call for Applications

Scholarships to Attend 2016 FLA Conference, February 29 - March 3, 2016 or 2016 ALA Conference, June 23-28", 2016".

Application deadline: January 2nd, 2016

Announcement of winners: January 9th, 2016

The Suncoast Information Specialists is accepting applications for two student and two librarian/staff scholarships to attend your choice of the 2016 Florida Library Association Conference <http://www.flalib.org/new_fla_site/conference_2016.php> at the Plaza Resort, Daytona Beach, Florida or the 2016 ALA Conference at Orange County Convention <<http://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/ala-upcoming-annual-conferences-midwinter-meefings>> Center, Orlando, FL. The maximum amount of the award is \$200.

Scholarship Eligibility

Student Applicants must be enrolled in a Master's program at either Florida State University or the University of South Florida or graduated from either school after May 1, 2015.

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>).

Student Requirements

Fill out online application which includes an essay. Submit a current resume. Successful grant recipients will share their experiences at the conference with fellow SIS members by writing an article for the bi-monthly SIS newsletter. Grant Recipients will submit an expense report following the conference for reimbursement up to \$200.

If you are a student employed in a library, please submit a student application.

Staff (Librarians and Paraprofessionals) Requirements

Fill out online application which includes an essay. Submit current resume and a one page letter of recommendation from a library director, immediate supervisor, or manager. Engaged

librarians should submit a personal and professional letter of recommendation. Successful grant recipients will share their experiences at the conference with fellow SIS members by writing an article for the bi-monthly SIS newsletter. Grant Recipients will submit an expense report following the conference for reimbursement up to \$200.

Guidelines

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

Book Reviews w/Ann Marie Maloney

A Man Called Ove: A Novel by Fredrik Backman Atria Press 2013

Love is at the heart of this novel. Love in all its many forms and expressions. The love of friends, romantic love, love of children, and love of life are all beautifully represented.

The life and character of Ove is revealed over a period of time using flashbacks. Ove is a man who is sure his way is the right way and does not understand any other way. He is a man that follows the rules and expects others to do the same. There are a few people in his life that can temper him, one being his adored wife. Some others come into his life that he never expects to be of any consequence, just nuisances. However, like water on a stone, they wear him down and leave an imprint. Those interactions often are very amusing.

The characters are so well drawn you feel you know them. His wife comes to life so clearly you can understand how she stayed with a grumpy, taciturn man like Ove. She saw what others could not see or appreciate.

The overbearing, pregnant neighbor and her husband who lacks all manly skills (such as fixing things and driving in reverse) just won't let Ove alone. They are needy; something Ove would never allow himself to exhibit. Yet they have lessons to teach Ove. He feels he is always the giver; but life smacks him right in the face with examples of love offered by others.

I enjoyed this book tremendously. I laughed and cried and felt good about life and people. Few books touch me on this level and still incorporate humor. I found myself thinking about Ove and some of the other characters and smiling. I hope you will give this book a chance.

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Employment Opportunities - Please post employment opportunities to the SIS-L elist by sending an email to sis-l@mailman.it.usf.edu. The list reaches 270+ subscribers in the Tampa Bay area. See <http://www.suninfospec.org/list> for additional information about subscribing or posting to the list.

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