



Suncoast Information Specialists Info

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SIS FLA Scholarship

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Special Thanks

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

Did You Know?

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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:

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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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Upcoming Meeting

When: April 14, Saturday

Time: 10:30am-1:00pm

Where: Arthenia L. Joyner University Area Community Library
13619 N 22nd 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 100th Anniversary to create a stronger partnership between the two institutions.

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February Meeting Overview

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.

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Tidbits

- 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

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

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

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SIS FLA Scholarship Winner!

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winner of the SIS 2018 FLA
Scholarship!*

Special Thanks

*Special Thanks to our host
Arthenia L. Joyner UCL Library
and speakers Bill Harris and
Matthew Knight!*

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[http://www.suninfospec.org/
membership](http://www.suninfospec.org/membership)*

Upcoming Meeting

When: June 7, Thursday

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Where: Salvador Dali Museum
1 Dali Blvd
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Directions: <https://mcaf.ee/z0dsu6>

Program: Dali Museum exploration night. Come explore the museum and learn about the Dali Library archives. Meeting includes a tour and presentation by the librarian of the Dali Library archives (due to size limits, RSVP is required and only for the first 15 members to sign up). Gallery tour is optional and no meals will be provided. Museum has a café available until 7:30pm.

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

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Tidbits

- **Manatee County Public Library System won two awards from the Florida Library Association**, the innovation Award for 805 Lit + Art Journal (805lit.org) and the Library Mean Business Award.
- SIS member, **Jeffery Austin, has a Poetry Month article that was published recently for his library in the Bradenton Herald**. It appeared on Earth Day and helped celebrate the April birth month of Charlotte Bronte and the nature poetry of her and her sisters:
<http://www.bradenton.com/living/article209478714.html>
- **Congrats to Cheryl Dee who won the San Jose State University School of Information Award for Distinguished Service for Faculty, 2018!** "To recognize a faculty member for exemplary service in a leadership capacity to the University and/or the community or profession that brings credit to the School of Information Science, and for extraordinary dedication to achieving the aims of the School and to enriching the lives of those associated with the School."
- The **Largo Library had been named FLA's 2018 Library of the Year**. Nancy Brockman, chairwoman of the FLA Awards committee, said the library was chosen because of its focus on community building, outreach and partnership, which resulted in greater relevancy in the programs and services offered.

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Upcoming Meeting

When: August 15, Wednesday

Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Where: Alfred R. Goldstein Library at Ringling College of Art and Design
2700 N. Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, FL 34234-5895

Directions: <https://www.ringling.edu/library/hours>

Program: The librarian, Kristina Keogh, will discuss the Ringling College Library collection.

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

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

June Meeting Overview

The June meeting was a tour of the Dali Museum Library with Dail Librarian, Shaina Buckles Harkness. The Dali library may be a small space, but it is filled top to bottom with materials related to Dali. Dali enthusiasts from around the world come to explore the collection and rare artifacts, like personal diaries and correspondence.

Meeting minutes can be found here:

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

Meeting photos can be found here:

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Tidbits

- **At the Dali Museum, there was discussion about the art stolen by the Nazis during WWII.** SIS member, Jeffrey Austin wrote an article about it that was published in the Bradenton Herald. Read it here: <https://www.bradenton.com/entertainment/arts-culture/article210456704.html>

The Marlene E. Yoffredo Activity Center

Over the past 20 years or so, Palm Harbor Library has kept pace and at times led in changes and improvements in library services. Cases in point include our version of a "Redbox" machine located outside the front lobby where with a library card you can select a DVD and/or best seller for free, a children's art Maker Space, a loaning musical instrument collection, a portable kitchen unit to provide monthly gastronomical delights and of course my personal favorite, a vinyl collection. But as you well know, you can't sit on your laurels. If you do, you go stale and that's not good for anyone.

So...

We have a new service that was unveiled on May 31st called the "The Marlene E. Yoffredo Activity Center." So what's new about it? Inside you will discover:

- A new Friends of the Library Book Store all done in mint green and teal
- A new coffee shop entitled "Bernie's Bistro" (more on that later)
- A 44" TV for program alerts, "Karaoke Nights" and other similar programs
- A portable stage for after-hours programs such as poetry slams, comedy nights, musical events, etc.
- Track lighting
- A new seating area with high/low chairs and tables
- Whimsical lighting
- All glass fronted
- All vinyl-tile flooring in simulated wood grain
- All presented in colors of cranberry red, floral bouquet green and orange sherbet (Yes! These colors with the mint and teal do go well together. You have to see it to believe it!)
- And finally, with the exception of the shelving, *everything* is moveable so we can change-up the room as need be.

None of this would have been possible without the extraordinary and very generous support of Mr. Bernie Yoffredo. His wife Marlene volunteered at the library years ago and it is in her memory this new Activity Center was born. Mr. Yoffredo's thoughtfulness in honoring his wife through improving library services is truly a testament to his magnanimity. Although Mr. Yoffredo is the primary benefactor, the library also received significant support from the library's Endowment Foundation as well as from the following donors:

Jane and Roger Kenyon
Jane Martin
Evelyn and Mike Slama
John and Sharon Ferris
Pat Walsh
Barbara Howell

Fast Signs

Anonymous

And yes, "Bernie's Bistro" is *that* Bernie.

"The Marlene E. Yoffredo Activity Center" is located immediately to your right as soon as you enter the Adult Services area. It is where the old book store, sewing room and a library office were situated. Those services are still available, but they and the new services have continued the pace for change. Hopefully these will create new laurels and if so, expect further improvements to come.

So please, visit, enter, have a cup of joe and enjoy a new library experience.

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Directions: <https://www.hcplc.org/locations/arthenia-l-joyner>

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Tidbits

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- **Congrats also to Marisa Steuer who has been promoted to Head of Adult Services, Palm Harbor Library!** Since 2013 she has been the Youth Services Librarian at Palm Harbor Library. Congrats Marisa!
- **Ericka Dow from Manatee County Public Library System announced a newly formed library networking group (LNG) for librarians and library staff from Manatee and Sarasota Counties.** Visit their Facebook page to learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1743513832422709/>

Events

Twentieth International Conference on Grey Literature *Loyola University, New Orleans, USA • December 3-4, 2018*

WORLDWIDESCIENCE ALLIANCE AND GLOBAL SCIENCE GATEWAY, 2008-2018

- Brian Hitson **Panel Moderator**, Director, Office of Scientific and Technical Information; U.S. DOE, United States
- Dr. Dobrica Savić, Nuclear Information Section; International Atomic Energy Agency, Austria
- Lorrie Johnson, Office of Scientific and Technical Information; U.S. DOE, United States
- Abe Lederman, Deep Web Technologies, Inc., United States
- Justin Fessler, IBM Corporation, United States

Event details: <http://www.textrelease.com/gl20conference.html>

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SIS 2019 Board

SIS 2019 Board voted in, information below. Welcome new volunteers!

Special Thanks

Special Thanks to our host Arthenia L Joyner Library and discussion participants!

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: December 5th, Wednesday

Time: 7:30pm-?

Where: Besito Mexican
205 Westshore Plaza
Tampa, FL 33609

Directions: <http://www.besitoardmore.com/tampa>

Program: Holiday social, dutch treat.

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

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

November Meeting Overview

The November meeting was a group discussion on diversity/equity and censorship/intellectual freedom issues in our libraries. It was a great opportunity for members to brainstorm and reflect on issues we all face in our different fields.

Meeting minutes can be found here:

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

Meeting photos can be found here:

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

Events

Paper Jam – an alternative book fair - Saturday, December 1, 2018

Paper Jam is a new annual event at Ringling College of Art + Design bringing independent artists' publishing to Sarasota and the Creative Coast. It features comics, zines, graphic novels, artists' books, photobooks, creative writing, illustrated books, and experimental printed matter produced by the campus community, local community, and invited guest exhibitors.

Where: [Alfred R. Goldstein Library](#), Ringling College of Art + Design

When: Noon – 4:00 p.m.

What: <http://bit.ly/RCADpaperjam>

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