

THE FSU ALA STUDENT CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

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Welcome to your revamped 2012 FSU Student Chapter Newsletter!

It's 2012 and, as your Newsletter Editor, it's imperative to keep your newsletter in a new and dynamic format. Going forward, there will still be tips and tricks included in each issue, while still showcasing information studies related material and technologies. As always, I remain interested in feedback and ideas for new topics to showcase in YOUR newsletter! So please, submit your ideas and questions to kf10h@my.fsu.edu.



Something I failed to address in previous issues of the newsletter is the fact that the students, faculty and staff received something really special in 2011:

The newly renovated,

William Johnston Building. Florida State University President Eric J. Barron rededicated the newly renovated William Johnston Building to the "20th century students who first brought these halls to life" and the "21st century students who will open its doors to the future" during a ceremony which was held on the evening of September 20th. "The renovation marries a traditional collegiate Gothic exterior with an ultramodern interior, which includes a dramatic five-story atrium. With 143,000 square feet, it houses portions of the Division of Undergraduate Studies and the colleges of Communication and Information; Human Sciences; and Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance." The College of Communications and Information, in particular, is benefitting from the following: Part of the second floor will house the undergraduate programs in information technology and in information

communication and technology, which are both part of the School of Library and Information Studies. Students will have access to state-of-the-art facilities: a 48-seat computer/teaching lab, a hands-on server room, an audiovisual lab with 3-D TV production capabilities, the iSpace Open Source Laboratory, and the Health Informatics Lab.

The William Johnston Building, Built in 1913

"The Johnston Building was redesigned and reorganized with interdisciplinary collaboration in mind," said Larry Dennis, Dean of the College of Communication and Information. "We are excited about the opportunity to work closely with our colleagues from



around the university, to learn more about their activities, and to integrate what we know about information and communication technology with their work." For more information, check out the link: [William Johnston Building News](#)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Our Next Meeting...

Will be on March 16, 2012 at 5:30PM and located in the Gregory Room of the Goldstein Library.

March's speaker will be Gloria Colvin, President of the Florida Library Association and a Research Librarian here at FSU. She will be speaking to us about the FLA and Library Day Registration. Distance students can watch at <http://webcast.cci.fsu.edu> and join in on the discussion in the ALA SC Bb chatroom by clicking Open Meeting Chat and selecting the current month.

After Meeting Event...

Will be at Little Italy Pizzeria, Restaurant and Lounge. Per their [website](#), this is a nice, little Mom and Pop joint that specializes in fresh, Italian Cuisine with a casual atmosphere.

They are located at 111-17 South Magnolia Drive and we'd love to see everyone there after our meeting, so, don't hesitate to give us a [heads up](#) so that we can make plans for a fun night!

JOIN THE ALA STUDENT CHAPTER

To join the Student Chapter, you must be a current member of the American Library Association.

Afterwards:

1. Sign into Blackboard
2. Click the Organizations tab
3. In the Organization Catalog, click Student Organization/Other
4. In Name-Contents field, enter ALA Student Chapter
5. Click ENROLL!!



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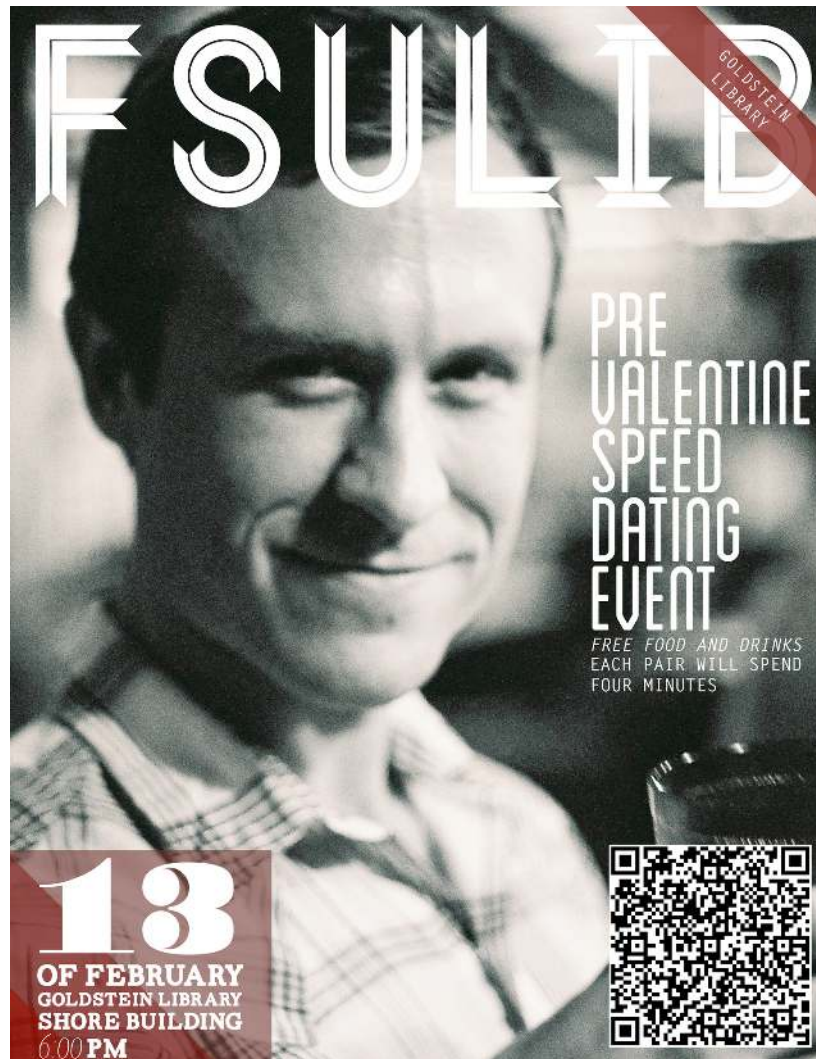


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YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY



Goldstein Library Information



[The Goldstein Library](#) is located on the 1st floor of the Louis Shores Building on the Florida State University campus. Get help finding information in person, by phone or online. Large collections

include: graphic novels and information technology. Its convenient location (Landis Green), quiet and calm atmosphere, comfortable work spaces and consistently cool temperature make it the premier destination on campus! Come visit!

The Fun Bits

just in time for a last minute Valentine's Day date,



the Goldstein Library hosted a Speed Dating event on Monday, February 13th. The event started at 6:00 p.m. and was open to all students. Each pair spent 4 minutes with each other, before moving onto the next person. It

ended up being a highly successful event with a large crowd of 30+ people for the "dreaded" Valentine's Day. Kudos to Goldstein and the Awesome GAs!

History of Text Technology Program

By Kim Boo York

Most MLIS students here at Florida State University have not heard of the History of Text Technology (HoTT) program, unfortunately. The FSU homepage for the HoTT program is thick on the Humanities jargon, and a casual reading of it might lead some MLIS students to believe that it does not apply to our field of Information Studies.

But it is a gem of an interdisciplinary program that is starting to get international attention, and any Information Studies professional who wants to develop a “big picture” perspective on the wholesale paradigm shift going on with text technologies today should take advantage of it. The HoTT program will start offering certification in the Fall semester of 2012, giving MLIS students a chance to round out their Information Studies background with valuable interdisciplinary training.

That value comes directly out the Humanities field itself, and the holistic perspective it has on the development of text technologies. Why is this important for Information Studies students? Because with the emergence of digital technologies as primary resource tools, the stakes of the research game have changed. Most of the courses offered by SLIS are online, which is just one profound way technology, reading, text and

research have intersected and been transformed by digital technologies. Information Studies professionals are now expected to be conversant in XML, various metadata standards, web site development, digitization program management, and a wide variety of other skills that go far beyond “the book” as we have known it.

A Great Interdisciplinary Program for MLIS Students!

HoTT looks at these problems from a theoretical level, but with a hands-on mentality. Studying how “text” has changed, from Abyssinian clay tablets to digital tablets like the iPad, provides Information Studies professionals with a unique, historical perspective of what constitutes information distribution systems. This is a critical issue in the Information Studies field today, and it is important that we step back from the scramble to keep up with the changes to look at how change in text technology itself affects information demands.

HoTT @ FSU

There is no question that the HoTT program is challenging, delving into theoretical areas that are traditionally only the domain of the Humanities departments. However, it is worth every minute spent in a HoTT program class. Particularly for MLIS students leaning towards working in academic libraries, special

libraries, museums, archives, or digital libraries, HoTT provides an excellent foundation for understanding the historical arc of text technologies, with an eye toward where the digital revolution is taking us.

For more information:

<http://hott.fsu.edu/>

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HoTT
HISTORY OF
TEXT TECHNOLOGIES



OPPORTUNITIES



Brand New Fabulous Opportunity for ALA Student Chapter Members to Attend & Get Involved at the Florida Library Association Conference!!!!

We are very happy to announce that we have been offered funding for 2 students to attend the FLA Conference April 18-20th in Orlando, FL! If chosen, students will be helping out with the reception, Alumni survey, manning the FSU recruitment booth in the exhibit hall, and generally lending a helping hand and a smiling face to FLA staffers. This will be a wonderful opportunity to get involved and meet information professionals from all over the state!

Interested? Please write a brief essay (~250 words) explaining why you are feel you should be chosen: What benefit(s) you can offer by going? What benefit(s) you can receive by going? How can you make FSU's School of Library & Information Studies really shine at the recruitment booth? *Be sure to include your name and contact information & please use "FLA Conference Essay" in Subject line.

Deadline for accepting essays is Saturday, February 25th, so:

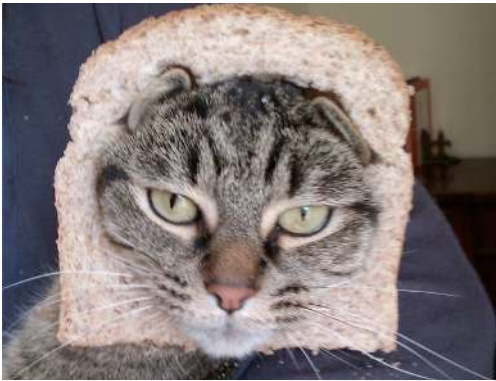
E-mail essays to: fsuala@gmail.com

Details:

- Must be a current FLA Student Membership holder
- The Full Conference FLA Student Member fee of \$100 will be paid for as well as 2 nights' accommodations at the Wyndham Orlando Resort (where the conference is).
- This is open to ALL chapter members *Transportation is not covered, but a car will be driving down from Tallahassee with room for riders & distance members would be responsible for getting to Orlando

Want more details or have questions? Please Contact: fsuala@gmail.com

ON THE LIGHT SIDE



Name That Meme!

Cat Breeding

Cat breeding is the process of cutting a hole in a piece of bread, and then slipping it onto the face of your cat. Yes, your cat.

The original cat bread photo was posted to both Reddit[1] and Tumblr[3] on August 2nd, 2011, where it received over 51,000 notes in six months. It was re-shared on humor blogs Tastefully Offensive[4] and Bits and Pieces[5] the same day. On the 19th of

that month, it was posted to the pics subreddit[2], receiving 8,095 up votes and 6,964 down votes.

That same month, examples of “breaded” cat photos were posted onto Uproxx[17] and a Facebook page[6] was launched to compile in-bread cat images. Then, on October 2nd (my birthday?!), Tumblr blogger lightrup[7] posted a photoset of her cat in bread, which accumulated over 11,000 notes in three months. Another photo was posted to the blog When Parents Text[12] in December 2011.

On January 31st, 2012, Gawker published an article[8] describing the practice of breeding cats as a “hot new internet meme.” Throughout the day, two follow up articles were posted with relevant tweets[9] and submitted photographs[10] of cats with bread hats and eventually, it just spread like wildfire....*obviously*.

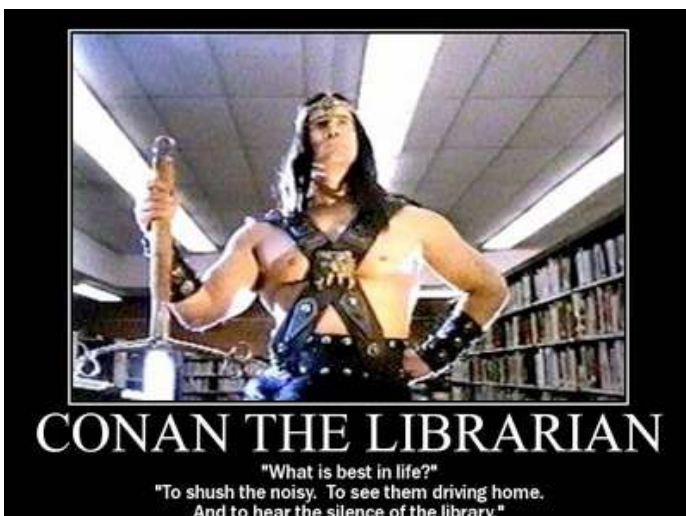
Does anyone think this is just inhumane?? (lulz)

Anyway, know of any memes that you want in your newsletter? Share it with us! kf10h@my.fsu.edu

We look forward to reviewing them :D

Send Us Fun Photos of You On The Job!

Librarians are cool, smart and hip; show us at your best!



I figured it was time to start something new for 2012, so audience, please (ESPECIALLY DISTANCE STUDENTS), send us awesome, funny, hilarious, beautiful, witty, casual, bizarre but APPROPRIATE pictures of you on the job and in the library. The TOP THREE pictures will be voted on and appear in the next issue of the newsletter.

Want your picture in? Send it in: kf10h@my.fsu.edu

Student Chapter Officers

Below, you'll find information on how to contact your ALA Student Chapter officers. We're always here for you, so don't hesitate to ask questions.

Drop us a line, a note or whatever your preference; we'd love to hear from you! Don't forget to hit up our website or stay up to date with us on Facebook.

Blackboard, email and Facebook are great ways to stay current with the ALA Student Chapter but, overall, it's all about staying connected.

Reach out and keep the feedback coming!

We're Here to Keep You Connected!



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