Chapter News

College of Information American Library Association Student Chapter
February 2009

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ALAL Student
Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Children and Teen Librarianship

Join us to learn about Children and Teen Librarianship from experts and professionals in the field: Dr. Don Latham, a professor in the College of Information, and Taryn Brown, Youth Services and Community Relations Librarian for the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System.

Visit us in person at the Goldstein Library, or view the webcast any time from our Blackboard site. Have a question during the meeting? Go to Blackboard, click “Open Meeting Chat / February 10 Meeting.”

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Just who are we? Meet your classmates and find out.

Our Chapter members in the College of Information’s graduate program live all over the world, and are interested in a wide variety of information studies, from children’s library services to information technologies. In this issue we’ll get to know a few of our students in the program.

Kevin Brahm
Palm Harbor, FL

Employed?
No

How many courses this semester?
Four. Fall 2008 was my first semester in this program. However, if all goes well, I should graduate Summer 2009. I came into the program expecting to follow the web development and IT track. I’m still basically on that track, but course availability might be an issue in completion.

What do you hope to accomplish with your degree?
I enjoy learning new things, and I hope this will add to my credentials as I attempt to get a new job. I came into the program more about web development and IT track. I’m still basically on that track, but course availability might be an issue in completion.

Personal Stuff?
I am married (over 3 years), no kids - but right now we do have a pet chameleon named Cai, and three fire-bellied toads. I have three other degrees from FSU. BS Communication (Media Studies), BS Physical Education (Sport Management), and MS Sport Administration. This is just a guess, but I’m probably the biggest college football fan in the program.

Lori Cadotte
Bowling Green, KY

Employed?
Full time as the Registrar at Draughons Junior College.

How many courses this semester?
I am currently enrolled in 2 classes. I am in my first term here at FSU and am concentrating the on the Reference track.

What do you hope to accomplish with your degree?
I hope to become a reference librarian in a public library.

Personal Stuff?
I am married with five children. There are three boys and two girls, the youngest of which is going on 16. I am very excited to be in the Library Science program.

Create and distributed for the College of Information ALA student chapter members at Florida State University
March 2:
Read Across America

NEA’s Read Across America: Celebrating Dr. Seuss’s Birthday
Those who are six, sixteen, sixty-four, and more have all kinds of great events in store for the National Education Association’s 12th annual observance of NEA’s Read Across America. NEA is calling America’s children, both young and old, to reward their learning by celebrating the joys of reading on Dr. Seuss’s birthday.

Our reading party at Florida State University will take place on March 2. We’ll send more specific information as a Blackboard announcement as the date looms closer.

So please mark your calendars now and feel free to e-mail Tina Brigham (klp08c@fsu.edu) if you have questions.

Even if you’re not in Tallahassee, we would love for you to participate. Visit visit http://www.nea.org/readacross to find a participating location in your area, and share your experiences with Tina -- we’d love to feature them on our newsletter and/or website.

Join the CI ALA Chapter!
• Sign into Blackboard
• Click the Organizations tab
• In the Organization Catalog link on the right hand side, click Student Organization / Other
• In the Name - Contains field, enter ALA Student Chapter
• The ALA Student Chapter should come up as a search result
• Click Enroll
Congratulation! You’re a member!

The Goldstein Library…
“It’s Your Library!”
Just because you aren’t Tallahassee-based doesn’t mean you can’t take full advantage of YOUR library’s services. All physical materials including books and photocopied articles, from any FSU library, are available to you from the Goldstein! Media resources in the Goldstein are available as well.

How do you request items from the Goldstein?
• Call us at 850.644.1803
• E-mail library@ci.fsu.edu
• Instant Message “goldsteinlibrary” via MSN, Yahoo or AOL
• Use AskALibrarian (AAL), the state of Florida’s virtual reference service. AskALibrarian chat/email and Mobile device connections are available from the Goldstein homepage.

Board Game Night!
Thursday, Feb. 12 • Goldstein Library • $3

On Thursday night, Feb. 12, the Goldstein Library will play host to the Student Chapter’s Board Game Night! Fun board games ranging from classic Clue to modern Cranium, to fun & silly teen games, will be available. We’ll have Guitar Hero in The Cave, and snacks and beverages for all.

We do ask for a $3 donation so we may have more fun social events for our Chapter members at little or no cost. Come on out and have fun! Looking forward to seeing you.
Heidi Colom
Tampa, FL
Employed?
Full time at the Tampa-Hillsborough Public Library System.
How many courses this semester?
One. I’m on class 9 out of 10 on the Specialist Degree. General one.
What do you hope to accomplish with your degree?
I hope to gain more knowledge and advance my career.
Personal stuff?
I am single and live in my condo with four pet mice.

Marcia Ferreira-Hennessey
Fairfax, VA
Employed?
Part time (20 hour/wk) at one of the 10 top public libraries in the country (based on its size): Fairfax County Public Library. I work as Information Assistant at one of the community branches, Patrick Henry, check us out at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library. Besides serving the reference desk I help the branch with its collection maintenance.
How many courses this semester?
Two.
What do you hope to accomplish with your degree?
I will concentrate on the PL management aspect and my hope with this MLIS is keep moving upwards within FCPL. While in Brazil, the only time I recall using the library on a regular basis was in College. It pleases me to see all the services we offer here to all factions of society. It’s a pleasure to serve them. My dream/ideal job would be to join MLIS and the knowledge I got from my first Master degree in International Political Economy.
Personal Stuff?
I live with my husband, my white crazy toy-poodle Trovao (Thunder) and my husband’s sweet sheltie Jackie.

Lamar Miller
Palm Coast, FL
Employed?
I work full time at Siemens Energy (in Orlando) as technical service engineer
How many courses this semester?
Two.
What you hope to accomplish with your degree?
I currently work in the Service Engineering Department at Siemens. Our department utilizes many several databases and a multitude of information. Unfortunately, they are very disorganized and not very user friendly. With the MLIS I hope to become more active in their maintenance and possible restructure.
Personal Stuff?
I’ve been married for 15 years and have two wonderful kids (Buddy-9 and Shelbie-14). I have a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Florida. I’m a big fan of the Florida Gators (all sports, but mostly football), Dallas Cowboys, and NY Yankees.

**Florida Library Association Library Days**
**March 10-11, 2009**
**Volunteer and Network with Florida Librarians and Administrators!**
**See the Legislative Process in Action!**
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