

## ALA Student Chapter Meeting

**When: Friday, Feb. 19, 2010  
5:30 p.m.**

**Where: TBA (Check your e-mails)**

*View the webcast any time from our **Blackboard** site. Have a question during the meeting?*

*Go to **Blackboard**, click "Open Meeting Chat / February 19 Meeting."*

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## ALA Midwinter Meeting

Right: Dr. Nancy Everhart, incoming AASL President, speaks to the AASL Affiliate Assembly about the forthcoming NBCT Standards for school library media specialists



Above: Melissa Johnston, FSU Doctoral student, and Kristin Fontichiaro enjoy the exhibits and pose with ALA President candidate Sara Kelly Johns "Flat Sarah"

This past week, many of our faculty members and a few students attended ALA's Midwinter Meeting. Lasting from January 15-19 and located at the Boston Convention and Exhibit Center in Boston, Massachusetts, here's what people have to say about the event:

"The ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston provided a great opportunity for networking with colleagues, meeting vendors, staying current, and getting involved in the professional organization of ALA. If you missed this conference make plans now to take advantage of the student member pricing to attend the ALA Annual conference in Washington, D.C. this summer for a great learning experience."  
-Melissa Johnston



Left: ALA Presidential candidate Sara Kelly Johns speaks to AASL Affiliate Assembly on the importance of getting out the vote in the upcoming March election

## Don't forget to apply for scholarships: check out our list!

Applying for scholarships can take a lot of time, but the effort can lead to a pretty nice reward! There are a lot of scholarship opportunities out there.

**The ALA Student Chapter has a comprehensive list on our website at <http://ala.ci.fsu.edu/scholarships.html>.**

Most of them have spring deadlines, so now's the time to get your application materials together. Good luck!

## Where in the World is Dr. Christie Koontz?

*Dr. Christie Koontz Chapter Faculty Advisor Recruits for our Program Around the State!*

February 2- SEFLIN, Palm Beach County Library System, Hagen Ranch Road Branch, Delray Beach, 10:00-1:00 pm (last year 81-this year 3)

February 3- SEFLIN, Miami-Dade Public Library System, 101 W Flagler St, Miami, FL 10:00-12:00 pm

February 4- SEFLIN, Broward County Library West Regional, 8601 W Broward Blvd., Plantation, FL 10:00-1:00 pm

February 9-10- NEFLIN, Jacksonville & Gainesville  
February 11- Panama City

*You are invited to meet Dr. K at the workshops and share your experiences in our program--e-mail <[Christie.Koontz@cci.fsu.edu](mailto:Christie.Koontz@cci.fsu.edu)> for details!!*

## Library Day at the Legislature

The ALA Library Day at the Legislature is February 16, 8:00 am-6:30 pm in Tallahassee at the Capitol Rotunda on the 2nd floor. ALA members are encouraged to come. Early registration ends January 30th. To view the legislative platform, go to <<http://www.flalib.org/advocacy.php>>. For more information, you can e-mail Legislative Committee Chair Charlie Parker <[cparker@tblc.org](mailto:cparker@tblc.org)> or search the ALA website @ [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org).

## 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

Congratulations!

## New LibIT Facebook and Twitter Sites!

- Facebook FSUlibIT fan page
- [twitter.com/FSUlibIT](https://twitter.com/FSUlibIT)

# What is SLIS Faculty up to?

Our very own Dr. Don Latham and Dr. Melissa Gross are working on a project called “Attaining Information Literacy: Understanding and Responding to the Needs of Students.”

“It is a three-year project,” says Dr. Latham, “funded by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and the focus is on information literacy among community college students.”

What is interesting about this study is that it will use more student perceptions to understand what they feel is missing in the information literacy education they receive. The findings will ideally become the basis for designing information resources and services.

Specifically, new community college students will complete the Information Literacy Test (developed at James Madison University) and then be interviewed and put into focus groups to discuss their definitions of information literacy, the importance of information in their lives, and what kind of information literacy education they find most useful.

The latest update on the project was the completion of focus groups 4 through 6 on November 16, 2009. More to come this semester. To find out more about Dr. Gross and Dr. Latham’s project, go to Attaining Information Literacy at [www.attaininfolit.org](http://www.attaininfolit.org).

## Did you know to be an official member of FSU ALA you must be a member of ALA?

*Here's how to join ALA*

1. Go to [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)
2. Click on *Join ALA* at the top of the page.
3. If you do not have an ALA website profile, click on *I don't have a Web profile. I would like to apply for membership* and follow the prompts.

*Join a roundtable, network, and have fun!*

*Newsletter items and ideas are welcome! Please e-mail Daniela Hudson, [dmh07d@fsu](mailto:dmh07d@fsu).*

