

# Chapter News

College of Information American Library Association Student Chapter  
November 2008

## Student Chapter participates in Banned Books Week

### ALA Student Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, November 18  
4:00-5:30 p.m.

Visit us in person at the Goldstein, or view the webcast any time from our **Blackboard** site. Have a question or comment during the meeting? Go to **Blackboard**, click "Open Meeting Chat / November 18 Meeting."

### Interested in working for a federal library?

This month, we'll present all the information you need to know about how to apply for employment with the federal government. **Two representatives from the federal government and Pamala Doffek, a former federal employee, will make sense of the jargon and vocabulary involved.** Hope to see you there!

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Top left: Goldstein Librarian Pamala Doffek reads from *The Adventures of Captain Underpants*. Top right: ALA members including Maggie Wells (left) and Michelle Demeter (right) participated in the event. Right: ALA member Nick Swaine read from *Animal Farm*.

The ALA Student Chapter helped the Friends of the Strozier Library with the Banned Books Event on Wednesday, October 1. Several students from the ALA Student Chapter read from their favorite banned books, and the ALA Student Chapter also provided the program flyer and a press release for distribution to news outlets.

For more pictures from the event, check out our Facebook Group!



Join us for the informative webinar:

## "Best Practices for Setting Up Wikis"

Friday, Nov. 14 • 3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. • Goldstein Library

With the support of the Special Libraries Association, Florida & Caribbean Chapter, we bring you this informative webinar, useful for librarians in all settings. **Come enjoy SNACKS with us in the Cave as we learn more about how to set up a Wiki that Works.** If you are not in the Tallahassee area, but you are an SLA member and would like to view this webinar, contact Pam Doffek at [doffek@ci.fsu.edu](mailto:doffek@ci.fsu.edu) before Nov. 20.

# *The Goldstein Library...*

**“It’s Your Library!”**

## **Coffee and Tea on Fridays...**

On campus or coming to town? Stop by the Goldstein Library ANY Friday (including between semesters!), from 9:30 a.m. until the pots run dry, for FREE coffee, tea or hot cocoa. Bring your own mug, or borrow (and clean) one of our assorted mugs.

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?**

- **Request via ILL.** Using the ILLiad software interface, <http://www.illiad.lib.fsu.edu>, you can request any FSU library materials. You can always find this link in the Quick Links on the Goldstein homepage, <http://goldstein.ci.fsu.edu>.
- **Call us** at 850.644.1803
- **E-mail** [library@ci.fsu.edu](mailto: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.

## **Club Day @ the Goldstein!**

Thursday, Nov. 20 • 12 - 2 p.m.

The Association of IT Professionals, in partnership with STARS, the ALA Student Chapter, ACM-Women, and others, is hosting Club Day at the Goldstein.

Interested in a particular club on campus that is devoted to your area of information studies? Check it out!

# **Ways to get involved -- from Tally or a distance**

## **Students helping students with “Jobs Across Florida”**

College of Information student groups, including our ALA Student Chapter, are launching a new collaborative initiative to help IT undergrads find employment. The program will use recent graduates and current Masters students in Florida to help students identify job opportunities in their home markets.

It is very difficult to help students locate job opportunities outside of Tallahassee. Our MLS students or recent grads who are currently working in the information sector have an opportunity to help current students find employment in their area. You, the librarian/information professional, are an expert in your home market, with information on local companies, jobs, and information resources. This new program, working under the umbrella of STARS (Students & Technology in Academia, Research & Service) will match IT undergraduate students with graduate LIS students. In the process, the ALA chapter will be able to grow its alumni network and also provide the College with better access to its graduates.

The mission of the STARS Alliance is to increase the participation of women, under-represented minorities, and persons with disabilities in computing disciplines through multi-faceted interventions focused on the influx and progression of students from middle school through graduate school in programs that lead to computing careers.

The Alliance is organized as a national constellation of regional stars that include research universities, minority and women’s universities & colleges, K-12 educators, industry, professional organizations, and community groups. The original NSF grant included 11 schools (including FSU, FAMU, and USF Polytechnic) and has now grown to 20 schools. More info is available at <http://starsalliance.fsu.edu>.

If you’re looking for a way to get involved and help another student, this is a great opportunity! To volunteer or to get more information, contact Amelia Anderson at [ama07c@fsu.edu](mailto:ama07c@fsu.edu) or Ebe Randeree at [eranderee@ci.fsu.edu](mailto:eranderee@ci.fsu.edu).

## **Student Chapter Elections on December 1**

This month, we welcome our student chapter members to run for several open positions available in our chapter leadership. Our President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Events Coordinator are all graduating this December. The President, Treasurer and Events Coordinator must be located in Tallahassee, but the Vice President may be a distance student.

To run for office, visit our Blackboard site’s discussion board and post your name and a short bio in the appropriate thread. Good luck!

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## **Two memberships are better than one**

Don’t forget, when you join the American Library Association, you can also join the Florida Library Association, the Georgia Library Association, and associations from 13 other states for a discounted rate.

Visit the Joint Membership Program of the ALA website at <http://staging.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/cro/chapters/jointmembership/jointmembership.cfm> for information on joint memberships.

## Little ways to be involved

There are other ways to get involved if you're a distance student. You can participate in the Events Committee simply by arranging for a meeting of other students in your area -- this can be something as easy as "Let's meet for lunch at XYZ Cafe on Saturday at 1 p.m." We'll help you advertise in our newsletter, website, and Facebook Group page -- just e-mail Alice Platt at [ajp07g@fsu.edu](mailto:ajp07g@fsu.edu) about your event.

Give the leadership input about our monthly meetings. Which ones did you really enjoy? Which ones were awful? Is there a particular area of the field you would like to learn more about from a professional in the field? Let us know by posting a message to our Blackboard Discussion Board. We value your opinions!

Did you hear about something cool a CI student was involved in? Or maybe you'd like to write a news story now and then. Either way, let Alice Platt know! We're always looking for stories and writers to write them for this newsletter.

Read more from our Vice President Leo Lo, a distance student in Texas, about how you can involve yourself in our student chapter.



*Newsletter items and ideas are welcome! Please e-mail Alice Platt, [ajp07g@fsu.edu](mailto:ajp07g@fsu.edu).*

## From our Vice President, Leo Lo



Hello distance students, our name is main campus students.

We know you're out there. We've known about you for some time now. A bunch of us are also distance students, so we know there must be more. Occasionally, we even "see" you in a "cyberspace" called "blackboard". Your mysteriousness prompts us to ask, are you "The Others"? [[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Others\\_\(Lost\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Others_(Lost))].

Information from reliable sources indicates that many of you work in libraries or other information centers. Since we're all interested in working in libraries, it would be beneficial to all our members if you could show us where you work, what you

do, or how you like working there. We'd love to know more about you. That is why we're planning to have a section on our Blackboard discussion board to showcase you and your workplaces.

Think of this feature as a form of networking. We're in one of the biggest programs in the country, but never get to meet face to face. Therefore, the Student Chapter would like to promote a sense of community among our members which we hope will carry on after we've all graduated.

Post your info to our Discussion Board thread called "Hello Distance Students":

- **A brief introduction of yourself.**

- o It would be nice if you told us your name, but other than that, you have complete freedom to share whatever you want to share with us.

- **A brief description of your workplace.**

- o Make sure you tell us the name, the location, and the URL of the library.
- o Interesting or funny stories are always welcome.

- **Some photos of yourself and/or workplace,** or where we can find some.

The purpose of this feature is to get to know more about each other. It's not a writing or photo competition, it's supposed to be casual and friendly, so just be yourself when you write. Feel free to email me at [ls107c@fsu.edu](mailto:ls107c@fsu.edu) if you have any questions. I look forward to getting to know you!

## It's not too early to start applying 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>.**

Even though most of them have spring deadlines, it's a good idea to start thinking about getting your application materials together now. Good luck!

