Florida State SLIS Celebrates Banned Books Week in Style

The School of Library and Information Studies made the most of Banned Books Week (September 25 - October 2) with a week-long events series dedicated to intellectual freedom. The ALA Student Chapter, in conjunction with Strozier Library, got things rolling on Monday with a public Banned Books Reading. The event featured readings by Tallahassee Mayor John Marks, Florida State faculty members, and ALA Chapter members Joseph Malefatto, Jeff Saunders and Teresa Nesbitt. The audience was treated to snippets from such controversial works as *The Handmaid’s Tale* ...

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Student Chapter General Elections

It’s October, which can only mean one thing: election season is upon us! If you’re interested in running for an elected position in the Student Chapter, this is the time to step up. Currently, the officer positions up for election are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers have private meetings once/twice a month and host general member meetings every month ...

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SLIS Student Moving On and Up!

Masters candidate *Laniece Miller* bids farewell to Tallahassee this week as she moves to her new job with at Los Alamos National Lab (LANL) in New Mexico. She has been hired as a Graduate Research Assistant at the lab’s library. This is a dream job for Laniece, who has a second Masters in Physics and past experience working at Oak Ridge National Lab.

Laniece’s experience affirms the value of library conferences for students. Miller was passing the time before the 2010 Special Libraries Association (SLA) Conference in New Orleans, people-watching outside the exhibition hall, when she struck up a conversation with two librarians. They recognized her as a good fit for LANL and passed her business card on to a LANL librarian. The rest is history; following her August interview, Laniece will be starting up at LANL on October 18th. We wish her best of luck as she starts out at her new job!
Banned Books Week (con’t)

... the Qur’an, Kurt Vonnegut’s Slaughterhouse Five, the Old English poem The Dream of the Rood, and Hitler’s Mein Kampf, among others. The selection was diverse, showcasing a broad range of issues that have enraged censors over the years. Julia Zimmerman’s selection from the Qur’an was particularly poignant following the recent controversy in Gainsville regarding threats to burn the book.

Banned Books events continued throughout the week at Goldstein Library, with a Movie Series featuring films based on banned and challenged books. Students were treated to viewings of the Lord of the Rings trilogy, The Chocolate War, The Outsiders, Freedom Writers, and the Harry Potter movies. Goldstein staff went one step further with their rebellion as well, playing banned music and serving banned books-inspired mocktails to library patrons. The editor’s personal favorite was the non-alcoholic tribute to Harry Potter - Butterbeer, made with actual butter (see below for recipe!).

The week ended on a light note on October 2nd, with a Student Chapter Banned Books Party. Members turned out in fine form, dressed as characters from their favorite banned books. By turns fun, thought-provoking and entertaining, the Florida State’s SLIS and Student Chapter Banned Books week was definitely one to remember.

Banned Books Mocktails:
Brew Your own Butterbeer

Recipe courtesy of Mugglenet at www.mugglenet.com/misc/rosmertas/butterbeer.shtml

Ingredients:

* 1 cup (8 oz) club soda or cream soda
* ½ cup (4 oz) butterscotch syrup (ice cream topping)
* ½ tablespoon butter

Directions:

Step 1: Measure butterscotch and butter into a 2 cup (16 oz) glass. Microwave on high for 1 to 1½ minutes, or until syrup is bubbly and butter is completely incorporated.

Step 2: Stir and cool for 30 seconds, then slowly mix in club soda. Mixture will fizz quite a bit.

Step 3: Serve in two coffee mugs or small glasses, and enjoy!
Chapter General Elections (con’t)

Interested in running?

1. Post your intent to run and describe your suitability for the position on the Chapter’s Blackboard Discussion Board under the topic ‘2010 Officer Elections.’
2. Candidates are given the option to speak at the monthly Student Chapter meeting on October 15th in the Goldstein Library. Introduce yourself to local and distance students alike to promote your candidacy.

Interested in voting?

1. Voting opens on the Blackboard site on Friday, October 15th and closes on Friday, October 22nd.
2. To learn more about this year’s candidates, keep an eye on the ‘2010 Officer Elections’ topic on the Chapter’s Blackboard Discussion Board, or attend our October 15th Chapter meeting either in person or via webcast.

News from the Goldstein Library

by Pamala Doffek

Goldstein continues to be the happening place in October. We will play host to the annual CCI Research Week activities, October 11-15. There will be poster displays, presentations by doctoral students about their research and a reception. Check out the SLIS website and posters in Shores and Goldstein.

Banned Books week was a great success. Thanks to everyone who attended events (oh boy, those Mocktails were great). Goldstein has the best GAs in the world. And the students in SLIS support our programming.

Coming from October 25 - Nov 27 is the exhibition, "POP: Books as Exploration of Design, Math and Text." Goldstein will be one of seven sites selected for the yearlong tour of 15 different pop-up books. Subjects range from The Little Mermaid to The Cat in the Hat, as well as original works of fiction and tributes to World War II heroes. The pop-up books resulted when St Petersburg College visual arts faculty members decided to create a project that would engage and challenge Design I students. Some parts of the display will also be at Strozier and Dirac libraries. An opening reception will be Friday, October 29th from 3-5 p.m. in Goldstein.

NEW: Follow us on Twitter @Goldlib and SKYPE us as Goldstein.library

President

The President shall have the ultimate responsibility for the functioning of the organization and its relationship with the American Library Association. The President shall convene and conduct all meetings. The President approves the development of the activities calendar by the Event Coordinator. The President must attend formal SLIS functions, including Orientation, Grad Day and Beta Phi Mu. The President shall also serve as the Chapter’s representative to other student organizations at the College.

Vice President

The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in the latter’s absence and shall assist the President in carrying out the executive duties of the organization. The Vice-President has primary responsibility for membership recruitment, and shall maintain a roster of all ALA Student Chapter members. The Vice-President leads hiring proceedings for non-elected positions. The Vice-President will serve as an ex officio member of Student Chapter committees, and should serve on at least one committee.

Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping a record of the activities, transactions, and correspondence of the organization. The Secretary shall also be responsible for keeping minutes of the meetings, maintaining the Chapter’s historical record, taking attendance at meetings, and keep track of any changes made to the organization’s calendars.

Treasurer

The Treasurer shall serve as a liaison to the funding organizations of the University, including the Congress of Graduate Students and the Student Activities and Organizations Accounting Office; as such, the Treasurer is responsible for meeting the qualifications set forth by the SAD. The Treasurer shall coordinate fundraising efforts, collect membership dues, maintain financial records, acquisition, and prepare the coming year’s budget in coordination with the officers.

Officer descriptions subject to change pending the completion of the Chapter’s Policies and Procedures Manual
Calling All Distance Students!
by Hannah Born

Hello fellow virtual learners! My name is Hannah Born and I am a 6th semester Distance Education Student (DES) in Farmville, VA. This is an exciting time for me as I finish up my degree through an internship at Longwood University’s Greenwood Library. Recently, I was challenged by a librarian colleague to reach out to my fellow “distancers” and see how we can come together as a community. Now, I asked myself, “What would that mean for a DES? We are a hodgepodge community spread out across the world; how could we connect socially?”

So this is a call for ideas, suggestions, and even articles about how you all keep community in your distancing experiences across the globe. Some suggestions to get our creative juices going are thus:

- A mentoring program
- Museum/library visiting or social gathering days in our respective states/cities
- Creating sharing networks through Facebook or LinkedIn

I know many of us are working full-time, have a family, or both! But I would like to pass this challenge on to find creative ways to connect and create a richer DES community experience outside of our virtual classroom. Robert Alan, an American writer, describes it well: “In our hectic, fast-paced, consumer-driven society, it’s common to feel overwhelmed, isolated and alone. Many are re-discovering the healing and empowering role that community can bring to our lives. The sense of belonging we feel when we make the time to take an active role in our communities can give us a deeper sense of meaning and purpose.”

If we are able to, I hope we can foster that empowering role in our program. If you have suggestions, do not hesitate to email me at: heborn@gmail.com.

Publication Spotlight: Digital Preservation Research at FSU

**Article:** “Diatomscapes exposé: How faculty and digital librarians collaborate to promote and preserve the passion of research (CP3R) for digital future.”

**Author:** Plato Smith II, Digital Library Center Head, FSU

**Journal:** World Digital Libraries 3(1): 73-84

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**Subject:** Through collaboration with FSU’s Department of Biological Science, in which Dr. A. K. S. K. Prasad worked with Florida State’s Digital Library Center (DLC) to build an online digital collection and preserve some images from some of his research of diatoms, Plato Smith researched the impact of faculty involvement in digitization projects on their support of open-access institutional repositories (OA IR). Dr. Prasad’s Diatomscapes collection was the subject of an intensive digitization project, in which researchers and faculty worked together to bring online faculty research, build an online digital collection of diatoms, and preserve diatoms via two digital preservation strategies: Florida Digital Archive (FDA) & MetaArchive (distributed digital preservation cooperative).

This collaboration gave FSU Libraries DLC insight into the factors that influence faculty willingness to contribute research data, support, and participate in efforts to develop an OA IR at an academic institution to preserve faculty research. Smith introduces and advances faculty/digital librarian interaction in establishing an OA IR for FSU Libraries, and promotes the need for the digital librarian to serve as ‘digital curator’ in digital collection building and preservation of faculty research for participating faculty members.