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STUDENT CHAPTER



Chapter News

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## ALA Student Chapter Meeting

Friday, February 18th  
Goldstein Library, Gregory  
Room

This month's speaker will be Dr. Christine Koontz. She will be discussing internship opportunities. 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 this month. On-campus students are invited to the

### Join ALA!

*To join the student chapter,  
you must be a member of  
ALA*

- Sign into Blackboard
- Click the Organizations tab
- In Organization Catalog, click Student Organization/ Other
- In Name-Contains field, enter ALA Student Chapter
- Click Enroll!

## ALA Annual Conference

Let the Student Chapter be your hookup.

The ALA S.C. is keeping you connected. The ALA annual conference is happening in NOLA this year (New Orleans for those of you not hip to the acronym). The ALA S.C. Blackboard site has started a discussion board thread so students can orchestrate travel, hotel accommodations and meet ups. Hope to see you there!

*What you need to know*

When: June 23-28, 2011

Where: NOLA

Website: <http://www.alaannual.org/content/registration-information>

Registration dates: Early Bird: January 3 - March 4, 2011; Advance: March 5 - May 13, 2011

Cost: Early Bird, \$95; Advance, \$120; Onsite, \$120; Daily, \$85

## Calling All Blogs

Know of any good library blogs? The ALA Student Chapter is in the process of creating a blog section for our website and we want your input. We want to post links to library blogs and student written blogs. Send us a link, we'll check it out.

Send links to Rebecca Reibman [rer09f@fsu.edu](mailto:rer09f@fsu.edu) and Jon Hollister [jmh09@fsu.edu](mailto:jmh09@fsu.edu).

## Bookmark Competition



Are you a frustrated artist? Looking for a creative outlet? The ALA Student Chapter is sponsoring a bookmark competition. We are looking for SLIS students to showcase their creative sides by providing the artwork for an ALA Student Chapter bookmark. These bookmarks will be placed in University Libraries and used at SLIS recruitment events around the United States. The bookmark needs to read, "ALA Student Chapter, Spring 2011", the rest is up to you. You can draw your own image or use public domain graphics. A great place to find non-copyrighted images is Open Clip Art <http://www.openclipart.org>. Oh, and don't forget to sign your work!

Please send all submissions to ALA Student Chapter officers Rebecca Reibman [rer09f@fsu.edu](mailto:rer09f@fsu.edu) and Jon Hollister [jmh09@fsu.edu](mailto:jmh09@fsu.edu) by March 14th.

## What Can I Do With My MLS?

Library Science is a very broad field and some students might feel at a loss as to what direction to take their studies. In an attempt to show a snapshot in the life of a public library worker, I've asked Mary Kuipers, Information Professional of Adult Services at Leon County Public Library in Tallahassee, FL to tell me a bit about what her work is like.

### *What is the nature of your work?*

In a public library, an IP's primary responsibility is to serve the public. Because we really do strive to help anyone who approaches us with whatever they need, this responsibility results in the endless variety that makes public librarianship endlessly fascinating. More specifically, our most frequent duties include answering reference questions — right now the hot topic is tax forms; collection development — I am responsible for 000-199 within the Dewey Decimal System, which includes cool stuff like librarianship and the occult; and displays — each librarian highlights a section of the collection by creating book displays on topics of their choice — February is American Heart Month so my display's tagline is "Be a Valentine--don't flatline!"

### *Are you working on any projects at the moment?*

I'm working on two special projects right now — basic computer classes and a partnership with a local nonprofit employment agency. A highly-skilled team of volunteers and I now teach three basic computer classes a month at the main library, and we're working to offer these free classes at the branches as well. I'm also arranging a partnership with WorkForce Plus, a local nonprofit employment agency that provides free job search assistance. I'm working to schedule regular visits to the library through WorkForce Plus' mobile office, a 39½-foot bus equipped with computers and staff trained to help patrons write resumes and search for jobs.

### *Do you have any tips for students who want to work in public libraries?*

If you want to get a better idea of what it's like to work in a public library, check out the volunteer opportunities at Volunteer LEON [or your local public library]. Practical experience looks good on the resume and can help you determine if public service is right for you. If you're looking for a job in librarianship now, try the University of Texas School of Information's job search website ([www.ischool.utexas.edu/jobweb/Search.php](http://www.ischool.utexas.edu/jobweb/Search.php)); it's one of the best I've found. If you're interested in reading more about some of the issues we're currently wrestling with in the public library, pick up the latest copy of Library Journal — how the economy affects funding and the advent of e-Readers continue to steal the spotlight.

*Justin de la Cruz is an Administrative Assistant for the FSU History Department. He is in his second semester and will be travelling to Florence, Italy in August to intern at FSU's Study Center Library. Contact him with questions or ideas at: [jdelaacruz@fsu.edu](mailto:jdelaacruz@fsu.edu).*



## Capitol Days

Capitol Days are here again, and SLIS needs you! We are currently looking for volunteers to man the School of Library and Information Studies table April 12, from 10-2. For more information contact Robyn Rosasco, [rer09h@fsu.edu](mailto:rer09h@fsu.edu) or Rebecca Reibman, [rer09f@fsu.edu](mailto:rer09f@fsu.edu).

## Join Us In Our After Meeting Event at Fun Station!

After our February meeting, we will head over to the Fun Station, located on Sharer Road. The Fun Station provides a group rate of \$14.95 per person. This rate covers food, drink, arcade tokens, and three activities. Activities include Laser Tag, Mini-Golf, Go Carts, and/or Bumper Boats. Please consult the Fun Station Web site for directions.

If you would like to attend our after meeting excursion, please indicate your interest in an email to Robyn Rosasco at [rer09h@fsu.edu](mailto:rer09h@fsu.edu). We hope to see you there!



## Strozier Library Offers New Reference Internship Program

Strozier Library would like to announce a new internship opportunity for the students of the FSU School of Library and Information Studies. Available for the 2011 Summer Semester, students interested in gaining professional experience working in a fast-paced academic library environment, who have excellent customer service & communication skills, and an intellectual curiosity are encouraged to apply. In this internship students will get the opportunity to harness and build upon their reference skills, work alongside professionals in the field, and gain relevant work experience for their resume.

We require students to have completed at least one semester of graduate course work, which would include the completion of Introduction to Information Services (LIS5603). Students will be required to work between 10-15 hours per week making them eligible for a 3 credit hour internship (135 hours). For a full job description and application please email Karen Southwell at [ksouthwell@fsu.edu](mailto:ksouthwell@fsu.edu) or Karen Doster at [kcd04d@fsu.edu](mailto:kcd04d@fsu.edu).

Application Deadline: March 31, 2011

# Explore an Internship



Christi King

If you are considering an internship which earns credit, you will first identify a site, the site will identify a supervisor, and you together will create learning objectives to be reached together which are mutually beneficial. The course you will be registered for is LIS 5945.

You will work during the semester under the guidance and supervision of this professional serving as site supervisor, in an organization which provides information services. Interns in the past have worked in libraries, museums, hospitals, London and Florence FSU study centers, in cyberspace

and on. It is a very creative aspect of your 36 hour program. To learn more--go to the Blackboard Student Services site and click on 'Internships.' All policies and procedures are described, and some sites are posted that might suit you or where you live. After review--you will understand the steps to take to start setting up an internship--let us say now--for summer or fall.

The work you do at the site is guided by those learning objectives agreed upon by you and the site supervisor. Throughout the course, (through discussion boards and journals) you will reflect upon, analyze, and comment on your work activities and work environment. The experience is expected to be mutually beneficial for the organization and you. You can earn from 1 - 6 credits. Each credit hour requires approximately 45 hours at the work location. The internship offers an ideal opportunity to test theory in practice and to gain experience in a realistic information provision environment. You may end up getting a job at the site--or securing vital experience that will help you get another job! We suggest internships take place at middle or latter way through the program.

Upon completion of the course and with varying emphases, you will understand and be able to describe how a specific information organization or institution functions. In addition, you will be able to identify:

- contributions you made to the information organization or function;
- learning objectives reached during the work experience, commenting on the usefulness of the learning which occurs;
- different practices you will employ in future work situations, and why.

And through the journal submissions and final paper you will also continue to learn how to share ideas effectively, orally and in writing. The course is graded as Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory. Contact me for more information, [Christie.Koontz@cci.fsu.edu](mailto:Christie.Koontz@cci.fsu.edu)



Chris O'Brien

## Spotlight On...



*Teresa Nesbitt*

*Teresa Nesbitt is a library intern at the FSU London Study Center*

*Where are you from:* Philadelphia

*How long have you been at FSU:*  
One and a half years

*What degrees do you have, and where did you study:* I studied Art History at Notre Dame, and now I'm finally hitting the home stretch of getting my MLIS at FSU.

*Favorite course:* Hard to choose, but I think I'd have to say Young Adult Literature with Dr. Gross.

*What are you reading now:* American Gods by Neil Gaiman.

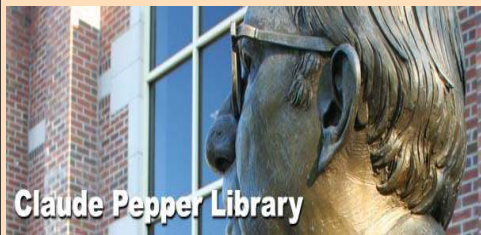
*What do you do for fun:* DANCE! And crosswords, though not at the same time.

*Favorite place in London:* Not to sound like a stereotype, but the British Library really is the best place on earth. The bakery around the corner with the massive pastries is a close second.

*Words of wisdom for students:*  
Branch out with your course selections - you never know what new idea or field may draw you in.

## Get to Know a Library

For those of you who are on-campus, you may be surprised to learn we have more libraries than just Stroizer and Goldstein. No, seriously! While I am using hyperbole to get my point across, many of FSU's libraries get lost in the shadow of Stroizer and SLIS students never venture very far from Goldstein. Each month the ALA SC Newsletter is going to highlight a different library. This month we are adding some spice.....




Claude Pepper Library

### Claude Pepper Library

The Claude Pepper Library was established in 1985 to house the Pepper Collection, a unique and collection of manuscripts, photographs, audio/video recordings, and memorabilia by and about U.S. Congressman/Senator Claude Pepper (1900-1989). Claude Pepper served the people of Florida for over 40 years. His causes included equal rights, civil rights, workers' rights and elder rights. Pepper donated his collection to Florida State University with the stipulation that the collection be made available to researchers and scholars. The library also houses the Askew Collection, a collection of manuscripts, photographs, audio/video recordings, and memorabilia collected by Florida Governor Reubin Askew. The Pepper Collection is valuable to scholars researching 20th century policy studies, diplomacy, international affairs, and American history. Topic strengths within the collection include Aging, Civil Rights, Crime, Drug Prevention, Health Care, Law, Lend-Lease, McCarthyism, Social Security, U.S. Foreign and Domestic Policy, Vietnam, Watergate, Welfare, Worker's Rights, and World War II.

## Get Involved!

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## Got Goldstein?

Brought to you by Pam Doffek,  
Leila Gibradze and the Great  
Goldstein GA'S!!!



Well, the displays are changed!!! This month the highlights are: Coretta Scott King Award winners, Juvenile Titles on African American's of Note and (of course) Valentine's Day. Come see what "The Team" has produced. If you are on campus March 2nd, come have "Green Eggs and Ham" for lunch to celebrate Dr Seuss' Birthday. We are planning something for the "pre-evening classes" crowd too, so stay tuned to Goldstein.

The CAVE abounds in use....we're playing most of the webinars sponsored by the (Florida) Division of Library and Information Services, so check the Goldstein webpage "News" RSS feed (or subscribe for auto updates!!) for the latest offerings. HOWEVER, if you are "dislocated" from Tallahassee, you may still participate in the "library goodness." The continuing education programs are listed at Florida Library Training Calendar. This web-based calendar provides one-stop shopping for information about face-to face and online library training available statewide to Florida library staff.

Coming in March: U Borrow...the capability to click a link in the online catalog <http://fsu.catalog.fcla.edu> and request books (that are currently not on the shelves at FSU) delivered to you without having to go through Interlibrary Loan. Look for updates on Goldstein webpage and news items from SLIS.

Remember: we're here for you. Contact us [library@cci.fsu.edu](mailto:library@cci.fsu.edu), via Facebook, Twitter or Ask-A-Librarian from the webpage <http://slis.fsu.edu/About-The-School/The-Goldstein-Library> (it has a mobile app too !!) Oh, yes, we take phone calls: 850 644-0461 or SKYPE: Goldstein.library

*Pam Doffek is Director and University Librarian of the Harold Goldstein Library in the Shores Building.*



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