

# Chapter News

College of Information American Library Association Student Chapter  
September 2008

## ALA Student Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, September 9  
4:30-5:30 p.m.

Visit us in person at the Goldstein Library

or

View the webcast any time from the CI website, <http://ci.fsu.edu>

This month, we are happy to present **Verna Brock**, Circulation Librarian for the Leon County Public Library in Tallahassee.

Verna will talk to us about what it's like to be a circulation librarian in a public library.

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## Two CI students win ALA Spectrum scholarships

This summer, the American Library Association awarded scholarships to two graduate students in the College of Information for the 2008-2009 school year. Deidra Garcia and Letitia Bulic are both proud to be one of 69 students across the country to receive the ALA Spectrum Scholarship.

Deidra, a graduate of New York University with a bachelor's degree in English Literature, won a scholarship for \$5,000, to be divided between the fall and spring semesters. When asked why she believes she received the award, Deidra explained, "The ALA wants to encourage more minority students to enter the library profession, and I was able to convey my passion for becoming a librarian in an extremely multi-cultural area -- my current home, Miami, Florida."

Deidra is interested in being a children's or young adult librarian. "Since I graduated from NYU, I have worked as an editorial assistant and copywriter for many different types of companies. Because I have had previous experience with children's publishing and writing, right now I'm really interested in children's and young adult librarianship."

Letitia received her undergraduate degree in general psychology from Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C. Letitia also received a \$5,000 scholarship, as well as an additional \$1,500 to fund a trip to the ALA Conference in 2009. "I think that they decided to give me this award because they appreciated what a hard journey I had to take in order to discover librarianship. As a child I grew up in foster care and during this time I met with a few people who helped me become what I am today," said Letitia. "I decided in high school that the best way for me to love my life would be to provide some service to my community."

Before beginning her graduate studies, Letitia worked a library assistant at Nova Southeastern University in Ormond Beach, FL. Currently she volunteers at the Daytona Beach Community College library. Letitia explained, "I want to get an idea of what types of duties are allotted to academic librarians in this setting. I think that I want to remain as flexible as possible so that I can adapt to the shifting environment that libraries have become in this new information age."

Both Deidra and Letitia are excited to be part of the College of Information program at FSU.



Deidra Garcia



Letitia Bulic

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# *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.

**Friday, September 26 - Birthday food goodies** will be available with the coffee! See, be seen and shmooze with YOUR library staff and friends at the Goldstein.

## ***Bowl with ALA members at FSU Friday, Sept. 12***



Come join us for cosmic bowling at Crenshaw Lanes in the FSU Student Union! We'll buy the first couple of lanes, and you provide for your own shoes, beverages, etc. We'll be there from 9 p.m. - 11 p.m. You can RSVP on our Facebook Group site.

## ***Get the latest ALA Chapter information via Blackboard!***

- Log in to **Blackboard**, Click the Organizations tab
  - Search for ALA Student Chapter in the far left search box
  - Click Enroll button
- Congratulations! Now you have access to the ALA Student Chapter discussion boards, links, announcements, and more!

# **Orientation attendees enjoy ALA -sponsored potluck luncheon**

On August 21, 2008, new students in the College of Information attended the new student orientation, organized by Susanne Houff. The student chapter of the ALA kicked off an annual potluck luncheon for orientation attendees. Thank you to Events Coordinator Alma Quinn and President Amelia Anderson for making our luncheon a success!

Clockwise from top: Susanne Houff (right) helps sign in attendees; students pile their plates during the orientation luncheon; Dr. Larry Denis, dean, addresses students; Geisele Towels from the Digital Library Center presents services available to students.



*Photos by Bob Branciforte. View more photos from orientation online on our Facebook group site! See a film of the morning orientation on the CI website, <http://ci.fsu.edu>.*

# Student Chapter Launches Website

Visit us at <http://ala.ci.fsu.edu>

This summer, a group of students in Dr. Kathleen Burnett's LIS 5362 Network Design & Multimedia course completed a website design for the ALA student chapter.

In Dr. Burnett's course, students have the opportunity to design a website for a real-life client, using XHTML and CSS skills they learned in class. The students working on the ALA student chapter site were Leo Lo, Sonjia McSween, Stephen Michaels, Angeleen Neely, and Dustin Shullick.

"The ALA Student Chapter website project was a particularly meaningful one for the students involved, since all are members of the student chapter and had a personal investment in creating a great website," said Dr. Burnett. "Performing service work of this kind for a real-life client motivates students to perform at their highest level."

The chapter's website is online at <http://ala.ci.fsu.edu>. The chapter encourages everyone to visit and let us know what you think! Please send feedback to [fsuala@gmail.com](mailto:fsuala@gmail.com).



## “Closing Books Shuts Out Ideas”

**Banned Books Week  
September 27- October 4**

Banned Books Week 2008 is the 27th annual celebration of the freedom to read. This freedom, not only to choose what we read, but also to select from a full array of possibilities.

Banned Books Week 2008 will kick off in Chicago on Saturday, September 27.

In Tallahassee, The Friends of the Strozier Library and the Student Chapter will hold a cooperative banned books event. Check our website for the latest details, <http://ala.ci.fsu.edu>

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"I believe that literacy and information exchange are the foundations of a democratic, enlightened society, and I'm proud to become a part of a new wave of librarians upholding these ideals," Deidra said.

Letitia concurred. "We are in great field because it provides a much needed service to the public and also provides many interesting challenges which can fulfill some of the personal needs of professionals."

According to the ALA website, the Spectrum Scholarship Program's mission is to improve service at the local level through the development of a representative workforce that reflects the communities served by all libraries in the new millennium. Since 1997, the ALA has awarded a total of 564 Spectrum Scholarships.

- by Alice Platt

## Application process begins soon

The ALA Scholarship application process for the 2009-2010 school year begins October 1, 2008, and will close on March 1, 2009. Scholarships in many categories are available.

Letitia Bulic points out, "I have spoken with several people who also deserve to receive the honor of a scholarship, but do not apply because they think they are not good enough. If you never take a risk you may never see how valuable your personal goals, efforts, skills or experiences are."

Visit the ALA Scholarship website and start your application process today. More scholarship opportunities are on our website at <http://ala.ci.fsu.edu>

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

