

Special Libraries Association – Southern Appalachian Chapter

July NewsBrief

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Greetings from the Chair

Dear Members,

I hope everyone is having a great summer. This has been an especially exciting summer for me, since I was able to attend the annual SLA conference in Seattle, Washington. Several of our Board Members, chapter members, and student members were able to attend the conference, and we had a wonderful time in the Emerald City.

One important topic of the conference was how we can all become "Lab Rats". This might not sound appealing to some, but in order to become web 2.0 savvy, we need to practice our skills with various web 2.0 products. If you don't know about [23 Things](#), which is part of the [SLA Innovation Laboratory](#), now is the time to find out. At the website, you can enroll and commit to learning about blogging, tagging, wikis, RSS, podcasts, and more.

[Week 1 Introduction - Learn to learn this way](#)

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I hope you find this useful, and I also hope we can continue to work together and collaborate on how we are using and implementing these tools. If you have an interesting story or work scenario you would like to share with us as to how you are using some of these tools in your organization, please post it to our CSAP discussion list or send them to me so I can share with everyone.

I would like to share my conference photos with you via my Flickr account. Please click on the following link to see the photos of the conference and downtown Seattle:

<http://www.flickr.com/gp/25125876@N04/D1493D>

Best regards and enjoy learning!

Jennifer

Conference Reflections

In addition to Jennifer's comments, we would like to know what you got out of your SLA conference attendance this year. We will share these reflections in upcoming issues. Here are reflections from Rahn Huber and Fred Rascoe to get us started:

What I enjoyed about SLA: seeing friends from all over the country and spending hours in the exhibit hall learning what is new.

What I learned: that the instruction style we are used to in the academic world of lecturing really is not effective with incoming students. They are very social, collaborative and participatory. They prefer interactive instruction sessions which requires a different approach to impart desired information....and while I knew the 20 somethings were different, I didn't really understand how or why that mattered. I do now!

-Rahn Huber

What I enjoyed about SLA: It's always a great way to get rejuvenated about the information profession, plus it is uncanny how many people you meet are either dealing with similar challenges or have expertise you have been looking for.

What I learned: I learned a great deal about how other chapters and divisions of SLA operate, and meeting folks in leadership positions from other chapters gave me a lot of good insight and ideas. I think our chapter is definitely moving forward with our more frequent events and networking opportunities. Also, a fun fact: I learned that CIA librarians are not allowed to wear their name tags during a conference.

-Fred Rascoe

Upcoming Events

Networking Dinners:

We will be having chapter get-togethers on August 20th in Nashville and Knoxville. The Nashville Chapter will meet at [Rumba](#) on August 20th at 6:00pm.. Jennifer Ott will be hosting.

Cynthia Manley will be hosting the event in Knoxville, at [Calhoun's on the River](#) at 6:30 p.m.. Calhoun's on the River is located at 400 Neyland Drive. Here's a link to a map of the area: [Calhoun's Map](#).

The Current State of Society Publishing...from some long-standing ACS members

This event is sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Chapter of SLA!

Professor Lawrence J. Marnett, Director of the Vanderbilt Institute of Chemical Biology, and editor of Chemical Research in Toxicology (American Chemical Society), and Katherine Porter, Librarian, Science & Engineering Library, Vanderbilt University, Member of the Library Advisory Group (American Chemical Society) will give a presentation about ACS publications.

Date: September, 15 2008

Time: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, lecture begins at 5:30 pm. Refreshments follow lecture.

Location: Room 5211 Stevenson Center, Vanderbilt University. Enter the Science & Engineering Library. Room 5211 is adjacent to the library. The closest public parking is at Wesley Place, at the intersection of 21st Ave S and Scarritt Place. See <http://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/science/map.html> for maps and directions.

Questions: Tracy Primich, t.primich@vanderbilt.edu, 615-343-6043

MTSU Center of Popular Music Tour

Christi Underdown is coordinating this event and it looks like November 8th, is shaping up to be the date.

The Center for Popular Music is an archive and research center devoted to the study of American popular music from the pre-revolutionary era to the present. It was established in 1985 as one of the sixteen Centers of Excellence at universities in the Tennessee Board of Regents system.

Stay tuned for further information and a formal announcement of the date and time.

Measuring Your Impact: Using Evaluation to Demonstrate Value

September 11-12, 2008 - Saint Thomas Hospital, Nashville, TN.

J. Dale Prince, Technology Coordinator, NN/LM, Southeastern/Atlantic Region presents:
Measuring Your Impact: Using Evaluation for Library Advocacy

Library users and stakeholders will recognize and value the importance of their library's services and of the librarian to the organization. That is the ultimate goal of this six-hour workshop. The outcome for the class is that librarians will be able to show the value of their library's services. Participants will become familiar with an evaluation process and will use and take away methods and tools for assessment, evaluation planning, creating logic models, data collection, data analysis and reporting. The workshop will feature group exercises that move participants through the steps of an evaluation process. There will also be student discussion and exercises in addition to lecture.

Six (6) hours MLA Continuing Education Credits will be awarded.

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Leading Effective Teams

Leading Effective Teams. In this course, you'll explore how to overcome the hurdles that get in the way of your team reaching its goals. You will discover how teams can provide wonderful opportunities for collaboration and innovation. Main topics include: Focus on Results, Provide Structure, and Build Teamwork.

Librarian 2 Position at Nashville Public Library

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THE POSITION: This position will perform the professional duties involved in providing specialized library services to the public, or may work as a Children's, Young Adult, or Adult Librarian in a large branch or in a specialized area of the library.

TYPICAL DUTIES:

- Performing professional library work in an assigned area
- Assisting with the development and maintenance of circulating, reference and other collections of related materials
- Providing Reference and Reader's Advisory services to the public
- Assisting the public with the use of library materials and equipment
- Cataloging library materials
- Serving as the person-in-charge as directed in the absence of the designated supervisor
- Attending meetings and participating on system-wide committees as required
- Performing administrative or supervisory duties as needed
- Specializing in services to one or more specific age groups depending on training and assignment
- Maintaining affiliations with professional library organizations and keeping abreast of new trends

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Master's Degree in Library Science from an accredited college or university and two (2) years of professional experience. The Library Science program must also be accredited by the American Library Association. No substitution. NOTE: Some positions may require incumbent to have a valid Driver's License.

PREFERRED KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/ABILITIES:

- Knowledge of the principles and practices of library service, library resources and collections
- Strong public relations and customer service skills
- Ability to train, evaluate, and supervise employees
- Strong leadership abilities

If you have items you would like to have included in future Newsbriefs, please contact Barbara Borrelli, bborrelli@usthq.com.