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Annual Conference Announcements:

SLA Annual Conference begins in just three weeks! For those of you who will be attending, we will be having a get-together at the Ruth's Chris Lounge [721 Pine Street, adjacent to the Convention Center]. We'll meet at 5:30pm on Monday, June 16.

Please stop by for a moment to say hello to your fellow members, and feel free to bring friends and colleagues.

If you have not already done so, visit the Conference Schedule section at SLA.org and create your personal planner. This allows you to schedule everything from Info-Expo times to Open Houses. You can even schedule conflicting events for the same time. Very useful when that session you thought would be fabulous turns out to be not so great. You already have a built in alternative. While you are there, take a look at the Virtual Exhibit Hall. Knowing the locations of the vendors you most need to speak with can save time – and shoe leather!

Hope to see you there!

Local Events

Stephen Abram, President of SLA, will be speaking at the Nashville Public Library on June 5th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. **Stephen Abram: The Open Door—Libraries in the 21st Century**

If you will be in the Nashville/Middle Tennessee area, please mark your calendars for this event. This would be a good opportunity to invite other colleagues, who may be interested in this presentation.

Attached is a link for more information, and please contact [Jennifer Ott](#) if you have any questions.

<http://www.library.nashville.org/events/show/1214>

Stephen Abram is an inveterate library watcher and strategic technology reviewer. In this open session, he shares the top technologies that we should think about 'playing' with and finding a way to make our libraries more open to our learning communities and neighborhoods. He'll end with five suggestions to have fun with change and technology adoption. If you love libraries—or if you love technology—don't miss this free lecture!

While at the library, take in the **Works with Words** art exhibit.

A juried show of Tennessee artists incorporating text and image, the Nashville Public Library invited artists living in Tennessee to submit artworks to be considered for the exhibition. Artworks chosen for the exhibition represent a broad range of ways that text can be used in works of art. There is a [slideshow](#) of some of the included pieces for those who want a sneak peak.

Pat Powell Honored

School of Information Sciences Presents Distinguished Alumni Award

The School of Information Sciences Alumni Board has honored Pat Powell, senior vice president of business development for Information International Associates (IIA), with its 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Powell, a 1996 graduate of the school, received the honor on March 8 at the annual SIS Alumni & Friends Day. Alumni Board President Chrissie Anderson Peters presented Powell with the award.

"The School of Information Sciences is extremely pleased and proud to honor Pat Powell with this award," said Dr. Ed Cortez, SIS director and professor. "Pat is an accomplished information professional and manager whose stature is recognized nationwide." At IIA, Powell develops and manages a variety of contracts, from open source research to information technology planning. She has also managed the company's Information Services Division and has been responsible for winning and managing libraries, information centers and records programs.

Over the course of her career, Powell has managed contracts for numerous libraries and information centers, including libraries on nine U.S. Air Force bases, the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and the Department of Labor. Under her watch, many of those libraries consistently received exceptional ratings in evaluations; several received Best in Command awards from the Air Force.

In addition to a master's degree in information sciences, Powell holds bachelor's degrees in English and business administration. She serves on the SIS Advisory Board and has served as president of the SIS Alumni Board.

The School of Information Sciences is a nationally ranked graduate program in library and information sciences and is one of four schools within the College of Communication and Information at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
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Member Profile Tracy Primich:

Tracy is Director of the Vanderbilt University, Science & Engineering Library. She received her MA and MLS at Indiana University. Her hobbies and interests include reading, music, playing the piano, days out with the family



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Managing the Virtual Office

Managing the Virtual Office. Technology is making it possible for employees to perform the same tasks from a remote location that they could if they were on site. In this course, you will explore how managers are moving toward the "virtual office" as a work option.

Topics covered include: Design a Virtual Office, Coach Employees on Set-Up, and Establish Office Requirements.

MTSU Center of Popular Music Tour

Christi Underdown is coordinating this event and it looks like August 23rd 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.

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