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### From the IT Division Chair, Holly Chong-Williams



Hello Everyone,

Hope your autumn has been fun—mine has been busy. Both work and home have been hectic! The kids are back in school and I have three different organizations (three kids in three different places) who are asking for my time and money. At work, I have different groups within my company who are asking me for my time, help and advice on different activities and directions we may want to go. And I have my customers, whom I feel I need to keep track of because I need to know what's going on in their workplace and life so that I can help them with their information needs. It's a crazy time, and it's when I find myself re-evaluating all my volunteer activities and wondering which ones I will stay with, which ones I can still help out somewhat with, and which ones I will have to let go.

So I ask myself, why do I stay active in SLA? My secret is that I do not have an M.L.S., though many of my friends tell me I have enough equivalent work experience to qualify as an "almost" librarian. However, I have practical experience having worked as a student library assistant at the University of Virginia and the University of Hawaii. And it is through those jobs and working with my SLA friends that I have come to really appreciate what libraries, in particular special libraries have to offer. SLA helps me keep abreast of what's going on "in the bigger picture." Many of us don't have the time to keep track of EVERYTHING happening information-wise. However, I find that

working with the IT Board, especially when we discuss our programs for the meetings, I'm learning about things I don't have time to chase down in my everyday life. SLA helps me stop and say, "Wow, that's cool", and since we are the IT Division, it's usually an interesting technology that might make my job—or life—easier. Finally, I stay active in SLA because I get a chance to lead, and I really like the people I work with in the organization, especially IT Division. Being a Division Chair is like being a manager—I don't have to sign leave slips, but I am concerned about "succession" (i.e., finding people to take positions and moving people into new ones so that they don't feel stagnant), and we Chairs do have administrative details at the Association level. I enjoy the team atmosphere that I, and all the IT Chairs who have come before me, have built, and I know it will continue with Stacey (Greenwell) and James (Manasco).

Autumn is a time of change and is probably the busiest time of the year for a lot of you. Take a moment to participate in something in SLA, even if it's just to look over the program for the Leadership Summit in January and think about how much fun it will be to escape from everyday life to "hang" with friends and learn some new things. It's a nice break for me. To quote Forrest Gump, "that's all I have to say."

Have a happy and safe Halloween,

Holly

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## IT Division CE Courses for Denver Conference

Demystifying the Communications Audit

Sunday, June 3, 2007

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Half-Day Course

Maximum attendance: 50

Taxonomies for Indexing and Navigation- Advance Lessons for Implementations

Saturday, June 2, 2007

800 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Full-Day Course

Maximum attendance: 50

Search Engines Optimization for Libraries

Sunday, June 3, 2007

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Half-Day Course

Maximum attendance: 50

Detailed information about each continuing education course can be provided by the 2007 IT Program Planner, Stephanie H. Wical (505.835.6509 or swical@nmt.edu).

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## Call for Sponsorship for Denver Conference Programs

Would your company like to sponsor an Information Technology Division program at the 2007 SLA Conference in Denver?

All levels of sponsorship include:

- Acknowledgement at the IT Business Meeting and Awards Tea
- Certificate for display in sponsor's Exhibit Booth
- Listing on a Poster at the IT Open Houses and at the Business Meeting and Awards Tea
- Acknowledgement of sponsorship on the IT Division Website
- Acknowledgement of sponsorship in the IT Division publication, *b/ITe*

In addition to the benefits above, our levels of sponsorship include the following:

### **SILVER : \$1,000**

- Name listed with one IT program in the preliminary and final printed conference programs
- One ticket to the IT Business Meeting and Awards Tea

### **GOLD: \$2,500**

- Name listed with one IT program in the preliminary and final printed conference programs
- Sponsor may distribute information and/or giveaways before start of sponsored program
- Two tickets to the IT Business Meeting and Awards Tea
- Sponsor may publish one article in *b/ITe* (specifically not advertising, which is at the discretion of the *b/ITe* editor)

### **PLATINUM: \$5,000**

- Name listed with two IT programs in the preliminary and final printed conference programs
- When possible, sponsor-supplied logo will appear on promotional materials
- If PowerPoint is used, slide including sponsor-supplied logo displayed prior to sponsored programs
- Sponsor may conduct a drawing for a sponsor-provided door prize at sponsored programs
- Sponsor may distribute information and/or giveaways before start of sponsored program

- Four tickets to the IT Business Meeting and Awards Tea
- Sponsor may publish one article in *b/ITe* (at the discretion of the *b/ITe* editor, but specifically not advertising)

If you have questions or do not see the level of sponsorship at which you would like to participate, please contact Stephanie H. Wical, IT Program Planner 2007, (505) 835-6509, [swical@nmt.edu](mailto:swical@nmt.edu).

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## New Scope of IT Division Communications Section

In August 2006, the IT board voted to revise the scope of the IT Communications Section in order to better encompass the evolving technologies that apply to information transmission and delivery. The new description is:

"The IT Communications Section is concerned with the use of technologies and media for information transmission and delivery. The section's mission is to help members share knowledge and best practices for the effective use of these technologies in the provision of information services."

Although not intended as a comprehensive list, areas currently of interest to the Communications Section are: Internet, Web 2.0, wireless, broadcast, RSS, podcasts, VOIP, RFID, text messaging, mobile phones, MP3 players, DVD, portals, and web servers. In parallel, the IT Blogging Section addresses the use of social communications tools and technologies including blogs, wikis, and social networking.

We are looking for IT members who might be interested in taking over as chair of this section under this revitalized scope. If you are interested in these technologies and would like connect with others and help plan programming related to them, please contact Libby Trudell, current Communications Section chair. This is a great way to get more involved with IT. And, it could provide a reason to participate in the January Leadership Summit in January or the annual conference in June 2007.

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## Calendar of Events

**January 24-27, 2007** Leadership Summit, Reno, Nevada

**June 3-6, 2007** Annual Conference, Denver, Colorado (June 2 Pre-Conference)

**July 27-30, 2008** Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington

**Information Today, Inc., Calendar of many national conferences**

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## Have You Seen ... ?

### The 'Librarian' Job Title - "GEDOVERIT!"

An Editorial Rant by Stephen Abrams  
from *SLA Connections*, September 2006

*From Librarian to Digital Communicator*  
Terence K. Huwe  
*Online*, v. 30, issue 5, Sept./Oct. 2006

### The Future of the Internet II

Anderson, Janna Quitney, and Lee Rainie

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## From the International Relations Section, Social Science Division

### Libraries for Africa's Street Children



Special Librarian Jane Kinney Meyers sees it clearly: a network of small, open-access libraries across sub-Saharan Africa providing basic education and literacy skills to as many of the 43 million orphaned and street children as possible. And so, her Lubuto Library Project ([www.lubuto.org](http://www.lubuto.org)) was incorporated as a non-profit in January 2005. The first Lubuto Library is slated for completion in November 2006 in Lusaka, Zambia, with 2 more to follow shortly.

Living and working in Zambia and Malawi for some 7 years, Jane witnessed the dire circumstances of these kids first-hand. In Zambia, she became increasingly involved with services to street children offered by the Fountain of Hope, a drop-in shelter in Lusaka. She established a reading program, served on the Board, raised funds, and created a library for the children—among her many contributions to the center. But that was not enough.

Most of the 40+ million African orphans are collateral victims of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, and at least 11 million of them have had both parents die of AIDS. In 10 sub-Saharan African countries, more than 1 in 5 14-year-olds are parentless. According to US government and UN estimates, this number will continue to grow due to the high proportion of adults there already living with HIV/AIDS and the difficulties in expanding access to life-prolonging antiretroviral treatment.

While international relief and development agencies and national governments strive diligently to meet the basic needs of food, medical care, and clothing, most of these children cannot attend school and face a lifetime of poverty and despair engendered by a lack of education.



**Architect's Model of a Lubuto Library in the Style of Traditional Zambian Homesteads: Entry (center), Activities Building (right), Library Reading Room (left)**



**Construction of 1<sup>st</sup> Library, Lusaka, Zambia; Completion Date: November 2006**

A former World Bank and US AID librarian, Meyers aims to build and staff libraries complete with excellent book collections carefully compiled utilizing the professional expertise and volunteerism of librarians, writers, booksellers, and US schoolchildren. Lubuto Libraries will afford a safe gathering place and an opportunity for an informal education for orphans, street children, and other vulnerable children. The libraries will hold events with traditional storytellers—giving the children the opportunity to transcribe and help preserve a vanishing oral culture, as well as create their own books. Beyond this, while participating in the Lubuto effort, American students will learn of the plight of their African peers who deal with HIV/AIDS on a personal, daily basis. To this latter end, Lubuto produced a film, *Kids Just Like You*, which is narrated by Julian Bond and made its debut in May 2006.

The Lubuto Project plans to ship the first collection of 5,000 donated books to fill the shelves of its Lusaka library before the end of the year. As of end-July, appeals had raised 3/4 of the funds required for construction, with a need for some \$15,000 remaining. Every penny donated to the project goes for this purpose, and the project is appealing to you, as people who understand the value of books and reading, to find a way to reach out now to the children in Zambia who need books to nurture their imaginations and hope. Please visit the Lubuto Library Project website to contribute.

"Lubuto," in the language of the Bemba people of Zambia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, means "enlightenment, knowledge, and light."

— Ann Sweeney & Nancy Minter

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## Click University Live! Upcoming Events

Upcoming **ClickU Live! Events:**

### 19 October 2006

Competitive Intelligence and Data mining - Carpe Diem  
Presenter: Bob Stewart and Bob Stembridge, Thomson Scientific

### 7 November 2006

Writing for Publication  
Presenter: Rachel Singer Gordon, Consulting Editor, Information Today, Inc.

### 22 November 2006

The Value of Corporate Libraries  
Presenter: James M. Matarazzo, Simmons College

### 6 December 2006

Copyright for the Corporate Librarian: The Importance & Consequences of Copyright Issues in the Digital Environment  
Presenter: Laura Gasaway, Director of the Law Library & Professor of Law, University of North Carolina

### 13 December 2006

Taxonomy Technologies and Successes: Techniques & Systems for Automated Classification  
Presenter: Teresa MacGregor, LexisNexis

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## SLA Recruit-a-Member Campaign

Recruit a new member before December 31, 2006, to participate in this year's **national campaign**.

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## 2006 IT Division Board Members

Chair: Holly Chong-Williams; Holly.Chong-Williams@thomson.com  
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