



St. Petersburg Festival of Reading Student Chapter Booth

ALA Student Chapter of the Year Nomination Form

University of South Florida

Written By: Bill Harris

February 25th, 2011

STUDENT CHAPTER NOMINATED

Chapter Name: Student Organizations of Library and Information Science (SOLIS)

School: University of South Florida

Address: 4202 E. Fowler Ave, CIS 1040, Tampa, FL 33620-7800

Web Site (if available): <http://slisstudentorgs.usf.edu>

Listserv address (if available): n/a

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION CRITERIA - 15 points

Number of students in department/school **332**

Total Current Membership **90**

Membership as of June 1, 2010 **18**

Net increase (decrease) **+72**

Marketing for the student chapter has been quite extensive throughout the School of Information. The student chapter has been sending officers into face-to-face classes explaining the importance of the student organization and how they can join. We co-sponsored the department Student Orientation in the fall and provided pizza and soda to the students as we reviewed the different activities and programs available for students in the student organization. We created a brochure for advertising the student organization. We send emails throughout the year seeking members through the department email list. Informing them of our programs and how they can join.

We have dramatically increased the amount of programming and socials for the student organizations. This has created more options for participating in the organization. We also have created committees so new students can have a voice in the organization. This has kept students involved and interested in ALA. We have used a program called Elluminate for virtual broadcasting of our general meetings, after-dark lectures, and brown bag meetings. This allows students living outside of the Tampa Bay area to attend these events remotely.

Email Stating number for June 1, 2010 members:

From: "Miller,Edna Jones" ednamiller@usf.edu
Subject: RE: American Library Association: Membership Question
Date: January 3, 2011 9:42:47 AM EST
To: "Harris, William" <wharris3@mail.usf.edu>
1 Attachment, 25.0 KB

Good Morning,

Attached is the Blackboard roster. According to the list, which is organized by "transaction" date, after removing any requests before June 1, 2010 and those who are listed as "Requested", there are 18 members in the organization.

Thanks,

Edna Jones Miller
Coordinator, Student Organizations
Center for Student Involvement
University of South Florida
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ednamiller@usf.edu
www.involvement.usf.edu

From: William Harris [<mailto:wharris3@mail.usf.edu>]
Sent: Sunday, January 02, 2011 2:31 PM
To: Miller, Edna Jones
Subject: American Library Association: Membership Question

Edna,

We are going for a Student Chapter of the Year award with the National American Library Association. Are you able to give us a total of members in our organization as of June 1st, 2010? A bonus would be the actual membership list at that time.

Thank you for your time,

Bill Harris
Graduate Student
ALA Student Chapter President
Co-Convenor YALSA Teen Advisory Groups Interest Group
University of South Florida
wharris3@mail.usf.edu

Current Roster of ALA members (90 members)

Last Name	First Name
Abramowitz	Kenneth
Alesi	Stacy
Alger	Adrienne
Austin	Jeffery
Benavides	Lina
Brand	Lana
Brice	Serena
Brite	Ida
Bullers	Krystal
Campana	Kelly
Carr	Patricia
Chamberlain	Shannon
Collens	Abigail
Cox	Maureen
Critzer	Walter
Culver	Allison
Davis	Jessica
Deihl	Matthew
Dunkley	Cora
Echols	Mollie
Eichen	Rachel
Fairall	Elizabeth
Ferstl	Scarlett
Fletcher	Allyson
Fontugne	Elisabeth
Foresman	Christina
Gallagher	Andrea
Good	Joseph
Gorman	Emily
Graves	Alice
Greene	Allison
Hall	James
Hambacher	Jennifer
Harrigan	Joy
Harris	William
Hauptman	Amy
Herbert	Roberta
Higgins	Melanie
Holmberg	Amanda
Houle	Alexandra
Howard	Christy
Hurlburt	Diana
Hussin	Mallory

Hutton	Tammatha
Illum	Lisa
Jankow	Chris
Johnson	April
Johnson	Monique
Jones	Stephanie
Jones	Catherine
Katz	Stephanie
Kaufmann	Karen
Khandani	Chezree
Kirkpatrick	Mary
Krenelka	Ashley
Leal	Ana
Link	Ashley
Long	Alicia
Loveday	Laura
Martinez	Sylvia
McAllister	Jean
McCook	Kathleen
Miller	Jessica
Mohini	Reema
Moran	Cristina
Nelson	Sara
Olanda	Noel Carlo
Palaia	Melissa
Palmiere	Kristen
Peterson	William
Powers	Jessica
Ramsey	Eileen
Reines	Aaron
Sag	Arielle
Sansolo	Mara
Schmidt	Alison
Scholing	Joy
Shatara	Halimeh
Smith	Christa
Springer	Hannah
Spry	Anna
Stanfield	Katherine
Tignor	Mia
Toranzo Zacker	Denise
Vandenbosche	Justine
Walters	Michelle
Watson	Stephanie
West	Jenica
Wyker	Cyrana

Ziegler

Ursula

FINANCIAL CRITERIA - 15 points

Financial health of Student Chapter (attach a copy of the chapter's annual financial report for the last fiscal year): **Provided in Attachment A**

Has the chapter's financial health improved?

The University of South Florida American Library Association Student Chapter has maintained an average balance of \$961.89 for the past three years. In the fiscal year 2010-2011, the chapter offered the first annual scholarships for student membership in the American Library Association and still closed with a \$67.30 gain in funds.

Please describe fundraising activities and major expenditures:

The fundraising activities and major expenditures are mentioned in the report. The financial report went from February 1st 2010 thru Feb 1st, 2011. After this report was completed, we started a T-Shirt fundraiser. The t-shirt fundraiser started in mid-February. We are selling 50 shirts with our logo on the front and a quote on the back (shown below). If all of the shirts sell, we will make over \$400.

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Attachment A: Financial Report

2010-2011 Financial Report
American Library Association
Student Organization
University of South Florida

President: William Harris

Vice-President: Sylvia Martinez

Treasurer: Jessica Davis

The University of South Florida American Library Association Student Chapter has maintained an average balance of \$961.89 for the past three years. In the fiscal year 2010-2011, the chapter offered the first annual scholarships for student membership in the American Library Association and still closed with a \$67.30 gain in funds. We owe this to the dedication and commitment of our members, and Book Sale Committee, who have volunteered many hours in support of the chapter.

Summary of Financial Activity

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$945.12</u>
Savings	\$510.70
Checking	\$411.76
Cash Box	\$22.66
<u>Fund Raising</u>	<u>\$385.95</u>
Spring 2010 Book Sale	\$225.97
Fall 2010 Book Sale	\$68.27
Spring 2011 Book Sale	\$91.71
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$318.65</u>
Refreshments	\$127.95
Orientation meeting refreshments; graduation cake; special event refreshments.	
Office Supplies	\$94.70
Storage containers for the book sale inventory.	
Donation	\$30.00
The Hillsborough County Public Library system in memory of Clarice Ruder.	
Scholarships	\$66.00
Two scholarships for American Library Association student membership.	
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>\$1012.42</u>
Savings	\$513.37
Checking	\$447.88
Cash Box	\$51.17

LEADERSHIP CRITERIA - 15 points

Student Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs:

Provided in Attachment B

Some examples of officer involvement in national and local organizations:

Bill Harris Co-Convenor YALSA Teen Advisory Groups Interest Group
Alice Graves President St. Petersburg Public Library Main Library Friends

The ALA student chapter had different events during Annual last year. Some of the activities included meeting at the NMRT Student Reception (<http://usfslisstudentorg.wordpress.com/2010/05/13/nmrt-student-reception-at-annual/>) and for dinner during the conference.

We also joined the campaign for saving the LSU by implementing a letter writing campaign.

<http://usfslisstudentorg.wordpress.com/2010/06/09/usf-slis-student-organizations-join-campaign-for-saving-lsu-slis/>

This campaign encouraged students to get involved in saving a neighboring program for librarians. The organization felt strongly that this could become a trend for universities in this country and we needed to take a stand.

On April 13th, we will host a Spectrum Lunch during our Brown Bag meeting. We will present information about the Spectrum scholarship and how it focuses on increasing diversity in libraries throughout the libraries. Alicia Long and Sylvia Martinez will discuss how interested students and staff can contribute to the Giving Campaign and encourage donations for all amounts. Food with a multicultural flair will be provided for this event, with an optional \$5 donation suggested from those in attendance. All proceeds will go to Spectrum.

The student organization started giving out professional membership scholarships for the Fall 2010 semester. We worked with the other two student organizations involved in Library and Information Science at USF under our umbrella name of Student Organizations of Library and Information Science (SOLIS). These scholarships encouraged students to get involved with the national professional associations including ALA. Professional association membership provides new contacts, discounted educational programs and conference attendance, and opportunities for participation in round table discussions and special interest committees. You can review the details of the scholarship on the next page.

University of South Florida
SOLIS Professional Association Membership
Scholarships

Purpose: The purpose of the USF SI Student Organization Professional Association Scholarships is to encourage student members to contribute to library research, scholarship and advocacy at the state and national level.

Scope: One scholarship will be available per year per program (East Coast and West Coast) for student membership in the American Library Association (ALA, <http://www.ala.org/>), Special Library Association (SLA, www.sla.org/), American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T, <http://www.asis.org/>), Florida Library Association (FLA, <http://www.flalib.org/>), and Florida Association of Media Educators (FAME, <http://www.floridamedia.org/>). Students may only receive one scholarship for any association during their graduate studies at USF SI. Current USF SI Student Organization Scholarship Committee members are not eligible for these scholarships.

Requirements: Scholarship applicants must be actively enrolled degree-seeking students of the USF School of Information and members of the USF SOLIS. Students must indicate either East or West coast program affiliation as determined by USF SI in their application. Preference will be given to students who can demonstrate past or present participation in professional associations, active participation in the USF SI Student Organizations, research and scholarship, volunteer and advocacy activities, and/or a high degree of academic excellence.

Application Procedure: The scholarship application period will be announced through the ALIS listserv (<http://mailman.acomp.usf.edu/mailman/listinfo/alis>) and via the USF SI Student Organization website (www.slisstudentorgs.usf.edu), blog, Facebook page, and Blackboard announcements. Students will be required to submit an application form by e-mail from their USF student e-mail account. The application form will be available on the Blackboard website and circulated in the e-mail announcements. Students may be asked to verify information provided on their applications. Award recipients will be notified by e-mail and the results circulated through the ALIS listserv and the USF SI Student Organization blog, Facebook page, and Blackboard announcements.

For more information about the USF SI Student Organization Professional Association Scholarships, please contact us at slisstudentorgs@usf.edu Attn: Scholarship Committee.

In the Fall of 2010, SOLIS started work on Professional Conference Scholarships. These scholarships give students an opportunity to represent the organization nationally. We will give out our first scholarships in March of 2011. The scholarships are funded from a USF School of Information grant. The details of the scholarship are shown below

SOLIS Professional Conference Scholarships

Purpose: The USF Student Organizations of Library and Information Science (SOLIS) believes in the value of networking with other student chapters and librarians in national and state organizations. Students using this scholarship will learn the value of attending these conferences and bring back the knowledge and contacts gained to their other students in the student organizations.

Funding: The USF SOLIS Professional Conference Scholarships' funding is generously provided by a grant from the USF School of Information.

Scope: One scholarship will be available per year for the following annual conferences:

- American Library Association (ALA, <http://www.ala.org/>)
- Special Library Association (SLA, www.sla.org)
- American Society for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T, <http://www.asis.org/>)
- Florida Library Association (FLA, <http://www.flalib.org/>)
- Florida Association for Media in Education (FAME, <http://www.floridamedia.org>)

Students are limited to one national scholarship and one state scholarship award through these scholarships over their time in the SI graduate program.

Award: The scholarship awards are based on the annual conference and are listed below:

- ALA, ASIS&T, and SLA: \$1500
- FLA, FAME: \$200

Requirements: Scholarship applicants are required to be members of SOLIS. Student applicants must include proof of membership in the professional organization for which conference they are attending. The student applicant must be a student at the time of the conference. This is determined based on the date of his or her graduation ceremony. Winning applicants must write a blog article and lead a brown bag or after-dark lecture discussing their experiences of the event.

Attachment B: Student Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs

ALA Contact List

President / After-Dark Committee Chair / Election Committee Chair

Name: Bill Harris

Vice-President / Communication Committee Chair

Name: Sylvia Martinez

Treasurer / Scholarship Committee Chair

Name: Jessica Davis

Co-Secretary

Name: Krystal Bullers

Co-Secretary

Name: Alice Graves

Archivist / Procedures Manual Committee Chair

Name: Sasha Houle

Webmaster

Name: Vickie Toranzo Zacker

Socials Committee Chair

Name: Brittany Deputy

Fundraising Committee Chair

Name: Margo Moore

Brown Bag Committee Chair

Name: Lana Brand

COMMUNICATIONS CRITERIA - 15 points

- Student Organization Website

SOLIS website: slisstudentorgs.usf.edu

- Listserv management

We participate in a listserv for alumni and students called ALIS. We send email notices about meetings through the listserv or through a department listing of students in the Library and Information Science program.

- Publications

We publish a newsletter every month listing programs for the month. (Example on next page)

- Public relations

1. Volunteered in community activities such as the St. Petersburg Times Festival of Reading. (<http://usflisstudentorg.wordpress.com/2010/10/25/si-students-support-st-petersburg-festival-of-reading/>)
2. We also hosted a Banned Books Read-Out on campus during Banned Books Week. (<http://usflisstudentorg.wordpress.com/2010/09/29/banned-books-week-first-annual-read-out/>)

- Flyers

Our flyers and marketing are usually online in nature. We did produce a brochure for students learning about the program and printed them for the fall orientation. We worked with the other two student organizations for creating this brochure. (<http://slisstudentorgs.usf.edu/documents/slisStudentOrgsPamphletFall10.pdf>). The old logo is used in the brochure. USF recently changed the department name to the School of Information. This caused some changes in our name and logo. After the orientation, we placed the brochure online.

- Web 2.0 technologies, including social networking sites, blogs, and wikis
 - Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/SOLISUSF>
 - Delicious: <http://www.delicious.com/usflis33620>
 - Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/49644780@N02/>
 - iTunes: <http://itunes.apple.com/itunes-u/usf-school-library-information/id384534238#ls=1>

SOLIS Newsletter

Student Organizations of Library and Information Science
February 2011

Take a break from school work, come inside and warm up with us for these fabulous events!

Brown Bag Lunches - Wednesdays at 1 pm in CIS 2020

Wed. Feb. 2 : *Charlie Parker, Executive Director of TBLC will the Tampa Bay Library Consortium's general mission and how the organization and others like it function to fulfill that mission. He will elaborate on some specific issues and goals that TBLC is addressing in 2011 and will discuss his role at TBLC and how his career there.*

Wed. Feb 9: *Lily Todorinova, USF Academic Librarian / Library Instructor will lead a discussion on her experiences as an academic librarian and her role in the library instruction and literacy program.*

Wed. Feb. 16 **Tom Adamich, Visting Librarian Service VP**



Mr. Adamich will present Contract Librarianship: Concepts and Strategies. Contract librarianship is an exciting field which enables you to "make a difference" by providing library services (either general or specialized) to clients, both virtually and in-person, in a wide array of library-based jobs and institutions. This session will provide an overview of typical contract librarianship projects, identify the advantages and disadvantages of contract librarianship, and introduce a self-assessment tool you can use to determine if you would make a good "contract librarian."

Wed. Feb. 23 **Megan Sheffield, USF Science Librarian**

Megan Sheffield, USF's only Academic Science Librarian, will share her unique experiences and perspectives of active outreach and service to the often underserved science fields.

March 2nd **Danny O'Neal, Shimberg HSC Library Associate Director of Information and Outreach Services**

Don't miss these informative and stimulating discussions. And don't worry- if you can't be on campus, you can still participate virtually through Elluminate.

After Dark Lecture – Wednesday, Feb. 2nd at 7:30 (following the Membership Meeting at 6:30).

This month we meet at the John F. Germany Library, where Andrew Breidenbaugh, Chief Librarian in the Tampa-Hillsborough Public Library will discuss his career and job duties. He'll give some background about adult librarians in public libraries. He will also give us some insight into the art and history collections in the library. We'll end the night with a tour of the library. **This is a great opportunity to learn more about public librarians and the different collections available in the largest public library in Hillsborough County. [The John F. Germany Library is located at 900 North Ashley Drive. A link to a map is on the SOLIS Calender.](#)**

February Social : Sunday, February 27, 7pm – 9pm

The Kessler Derby!

At Astro Skate Center, Pinellas Park – 10001 66th Street North,
Pinellas Park, 33782 Cost \$10

Come cheer on Tampa's Derby Darlins in Pinellas Park with SOLIS!

Coming Soon!!! SOLIS T-Shirts. Wear your organization proudly. As soon as the shirts appear on our doorstep, we'll make an announcement.

Cost: \$15 Green shirts with a gold and black logo. Available in M, L, XL and XXL.

To our friends who will be taking the
Comprehensive Exam during the week of
February 9th, *GOODLUCK!!!*

PROGRAMMING CRITERIA - 30 points

Brown Bag meetings are offered every Wednesday at 1pm during the fall and spring semesters. These meetings provide an opportunity for students to lunch and learn together. Brown Bags feature presentations by professional librarians, USF faculty, and our peers. We have doubled the average attendance for this program over the last year. Some examples of speakers participating in this series include:

- Charlie Parker, Director of the Tampa Bay Library Consortium)
- Tom Adamich, President of Visiting Librarian Service and Head of Metadata Services at Muskingum College.
- Drew Smith, Asst. Librarian at the University of South Florida
- Sandy Newell, President of Volunteers for Adult Literacy



ALA participates in the Bi-Annual SOLIS Book Sale. This fundraising event is held at the end of every fall and spring semester. SOLIS collects new and used book donations, which are sold all day in front of the USF Tampa Campus Library. If we believe additional funds are necessary, additional book sales are scheduled.



The Socials Committee is dedicated to organizing off campus social activities for the student members of ASIS&T, SLA and ALA at the University of South Florida School of Information. Once a month, the committee holds a social activity for the students as a way to relax, engage in community activities and attractions, and have fun. We have close to tripled the amount of socials compared to the last calendar year. Last semester the Socials Committee was able to attend a backstage tour of the historic Tampa Theatre, tailgate at a USF Bulls football game and enjoy the summer sun at the River Front Park. This semester, the committee has organized outings at the Dali Museum, the Tampa Bay Derby Darlin's match and Bok Tower for a concert.



After-Dark Lectures give students an opportunity to meet during the evening after work and tour area libraries. They include local LIS professionals to improve students' scholastic experience and opportunities for networking. The picture shown below is an After-Dark lecture at the Jimmie B. Keel Public Library in Hillsborough County. The lectures occur once a month in the evening. We scheduled the general meeting before the lecture, so we could get a larger turnout. Our big Fall After-Dark Lecture was on the Job Skills Required for New Librarians. You can find more information in the blog article : <http://usfslisstudentorg.wordpress.com/2010/10/18/job-skills-required-for-new-librarians/>. The panel included librarians from the academic, public, special, and school libraries.



On April 13th in the evening, we will have a panel discussion on the Future of Libraries. ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels will highlight a panel of librarians from different fields who will discuss the challenges of libraries operating in our current environment. We will also discuss the changes in technology and budget situations throughout the library world. We will take contributions for the Spectrum Scholarship. The Brown Bag will meet earlier in the day and go over the Spectrum Scholarship program (mentioned in Leadership Section). We will assist this group by quickly mentioning the afternoon brown bag while accepting donations. We will invite librarians and alumni from local libraries for this important discussion.

AWARD/HONORS CRITERIA - 5 points

Name: Sylvia Martinez

Name of Award: ALA Spectrum Scholar

Date Awarded: May 2010

Purpose: Established in 1997, the Spectrum Scholarship Program is ALA's national diversity and recruitment effort designed to address the specific issue of under-representation of critically needed ethnic librarians within the profession while serving as a model for ways to bring attention to larger diversity issues in the future.

Name: Denise (Vickie) Toranzo Zacker

Name of Award: Association of Research Libraries' Career Enhancement Program Fellowship

Date Awarded: 2011

Purpose: Fellowship includes mentorship, internship, and professional development opportunities with fellows and staff at ARL libraries.

Name: Alice Graves

Name of Award: ALA Student to Staff Program

Date Awarded: February 2011

Purpose: Student Chapter representation at ALA.

Name: Sylvia Martinez

Name of Award: ACRL Member of the Week

Date Awarded: November 15th, 2010

Purpose: Reward member involvement in ACRL

STUDENT CHAPTER ADVISOR STATEMENT - 5 points

February 24, 2011

School of Information
University of South Florida
4202 E. Fowler Ave. CIS 1040
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Dear ALA Student Chapter Jury,

As faculty who advise student organizations the three of us have met and talked to endorse the application of the ALA Student Chapter of the University of South Florida for "Student Chapter of the Year."

At a time when many are concerned about the future of libraries we have no concern...we have seen that the future of libraries will be strong and vibrant in the hands of the capable soon-to-be graduates who comprise the membership of the USF student chapter.

We know that the readers of this application have the list of highlights of the year accomplished by our USF chapter.. To these we will point out that the USF chapter (based in Tampa) made trips across time and space to meet with the Miami/Broward/Palm Beach students for commencement events and the School's annual Smith lecture. This is a most extraordinary initiative by the USF Student chapter to build the community of the School.

The USF student chapter has sponsored a lively and provocative series of lectures and brown bags with people in the field in all types of libraries and information centers. These have been well attended and inspirational.

The USF student chapter took lead among chapters nationwide to write letters to save the LSU SLIS program.

Of over 20 years of working with student chapters we have never, and we repeat NEVER, worked with a chapter that has demonstrated such creativity, energy and commitment to the profession of librarianship. We are pleased to endorse the chapter application with all our hearts.

We really believe in our wonderful chapter.

Enthusiastically yours,

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Name: Bill Harris

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School/Affiliation: University of South Florida

Date: 2/25/2010