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Next Meeting

What: Adventures in the Book Trade

When: February 7, 2006, 5:30-8:30 PM
5:30 - 6:00 socializing
6:00 + dinner, business meeting, program

Where: Stetson University College of Law,
Tampa Campus
2nd Floor Seminar Room
1700 N. Tampa Street
Tampa, FL 33602
http://www.law.stetson.edu



Image from http://www.books-galore.com

Directions:
http://www.law.stetson.edu/general/directions.htm

RSVP: RVSP to Dan Hood, (813) 757-2121, dhood@hccfl.edu.
Deadline is Friday, February 3, 2006. Dinner will be catered; cost less than \$10.00.
Pay at the door; checks or cash only. The meal is optional; If you RSVP to eat,
please consider that to be an obligation to pay, even if you cannot make the
meeting.

What's Planned

Are you interested in starting your own bookstore? Want to learn more about the book trade? If so, join us for an evening with John P. Shevock of Upper Story Books as he describes how to get started in the book trade, what to collect, what to pay, and how to use the Internet to your advantage.

Upcoming Events

The April meeting will be held at the Panera Bread on Ulmerton Road, Clearwater, Florida. The program will be about blogging. Dates, times, and speakers will be announced as information becomes available.

For further information on this and upcoming meetings, please see the Meeting Schedule at http://www.tbic.org/sis/meeting.htm.

## Minutes of December 14, 2005, Meeting

The Suncoast Information Specialists held a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2005, in the Community Room of the Safety Harbor Public Library. Eight members were in attendance for a presentation by members Jean Andrews and Sandy Hawes on the art of altered books. A reporter for the local newspaper was also among the audience. Robin Leigh, Reference and Adult Services Librarian at SHPL, who arranged for the use of the meeting room, also conducted a tour of the library. During the social hour prior to the meeting, a light meal of pizza and desserts was available.

In the absence of President Paul Wetmore, Secretary Jean Andrews conducted the business meeting. No formal business was taken up, but in an informal discussion about the problem of low attendance at meetings during December, the group agreed that the board should consider changing the meeting schedule (currently February, April, June, August, October, and December) so that there would not be a meeting in December. Officers in attendance will bring up the issue and suggestion at the next executive board meeting.

Jean Andrews, Secretary

## Membership Reminder

Members: It is (past) time to pay dues for the 2006 year. Dues are \$5 and should be mailed to the Treasurer care of Everlove & Associates, St. Petersburg, Florida, or turned in at the upcoming meeting. You'll find the membership form on the web at <http://www.tbhc.org/sis/membershipform.htm>.

Wanda Barrett, Treasurer

## Toot Your Own Horn—Members on the Move



Have you moved to a new job...received some kind of recognition in your current job...or have some news to tell about your library or your life?

We want to help you toot your horn in **SIS-INFO**, our online newsletter. Please call Sandy Hawes, Editor, 1.352.588.8262, with your news or send an email to [sandy.hawes@saintleo.edu](mailto:sandy.hawes@saintleo.edu).



Key: Members names in **bold**; affiliates and non-members names in *italics*.

**Shirl Kennedy** addressed motorcycle enthusiasts at the Safety Harbor Public Library on January 19 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. She is the author of *The Savvy Guide to Motorcycles*. Topics included how to get trained and licensed, how to choose an appropriate bike, riding etiquette, and road safety.

**Sandy Hawes**, co-chair of the ACRL Distance Learning Section (DLS) 2006 Conference Planning Committee for the session to be presented in New Orleans this June, has accepted appointment as chair of the DLS 2007 Conference Planning Committee to be held in Washington, DC, June 2007.

**Jean Andrews** and **Sandy Hawes** are looking for members interested in starting an Altered Books Round Robin project. If you have a theme to suggest or are interested in forming a group, please email your contact information to [sandy.hawes@saintleo.edu](mailto:sandy.hawes@saintleo.edu) or [egret27@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:egret27@tampabay.rr.com). (See copy of workshop handout elsewhere in this newsletter.)

## Interesting Research and Resources

Learning is For Everyone (<http://www.LIFEofFlorida.org>) has developed a free searchable version of the USA PATRIOT Act (Public Law 107-56). You'll find the complete legislative text at [http://www.asksam.com/cgi-bin/as\\_web6.exe?Command=First&File=Patriot\\_Act..](http://www.asksam.com/cgi-bin/as_web6.exe?Command=First&File=Patriot_Act..)

Medical librarian Judy Johnson passed away on Dec. 1, 2005, the day she was to retire as Assistant Director of the Shimberg Health Sciences Library at the University of South Florida. She started there as a public services librarian, then managed the department, and even served as the library's webmaster for several years. Donations in her name can be made to the Melech Hospice House, 11125 N. 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, Temple Terrace, FL, 33617. Her obituary can be read at <http://legacy.com/Link.asp?Id=LS15833264X..>

Is Distance Learning your specialty? Registration is open for the 12<sup>th</sup> Off-Campus Library Services Conference in Savannah, GA, April 26-28, 2006. You'll find the form online at <http://ocls.cmich.edu/conference>.

If you work with special populations, you may be interested in the National Education Association's "Teaching English Language Learners" ([http://www.nea.org/nea\\_today/0601/coverstory.html](http://www.nea.org/nea_today/0601/coverstory.html)) open access webpages. You can search for other free strategies, tips, resources, and programs offered by the National Education Association at <http://www.nea.org>.

Canadian copyright attorney Lesley Ellen Harris offers an international perspective through the eNewsletter, LEH-letter. Issues are now available online back to 1996 at <http://epe.lac-bac.gc.ca/100/202/300/copyright-a/>. Send questions or suggested topics to [lesley@copyrightlaws.com](mailto:lesley@copyrightlaws.com).

Kudos to Safety Harbor Public Library for employing the web to distribute press releases and complete program listings at <http://www.tbic.org/shpl..>

## Altered Books Workshop Handout



Welcome to the Suncoast Information  
Specialists'  
**ALTERED BOOKS WORKSHOP**  
14 December 2005

Presenters: Jean Andrews  
and Sandy Hawes

Host: Robin Leigh

Michael's, The Arts and Crafts Store, provides information about Altered Books on its website at <http://www.michaels.com>. Here are a few links to help you get started with your project:

### **What are altered books?**

<http://www.michaels.com/art/online/displayArticle?articleNum=ae0049>

"In its simplest form, an altered book is a type of artist's book where an existing book is transforming in some way to create a new work. A bound book is utilized as the surface to create art by various means, including, but not limited to, collaging, painting, rubber stamping, tearing, folding, burning, cutting, sewing, drawing and coloring. An altered book is another format to showcase art. They are treasured pieces to be displayed and exhibited."

### **How do I make an altered book?**

<http://www.michaels.com/art/online/displayArticle?articleNum=ae0103>

"Take a plain hardback book. Look at the pages inside. Imagine these pages being just a little bit different—maybe a particular passage could be decorated with papers, for example or tags, or sea glass and shells. What about gluing a few pages together, then cutting a niche to hide a treasure? What if you could turn that plain hardback book into a work of art?"



These websites show lots of examples to get your creative juices flowing:

<http://www.art-e-zine.co.uk/alteredbook.html>

<http://www.littlebit.com/ab/alteredmain.htm>



Do you have an idea for a presentation? Do you know someone who would be perfect to speak at a meeting? Would you like to volunteer your services? If so, please contact us by calling 813.622.8252 or 352.588.8262, or by sending an email message to [sis@tblc.org](mailto:sis@tblc.org) or [sandy.hawes@saintleo.edu](mailto:sandy.hawes@saintleo.edu).

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