



## SIS INFO

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### Next Meeting

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**What:** February SIS Meeting, catered dinner and program  
<http://tblc.org/sis/meeting>

**When:** Thursday, February 26, 2009 Guests are always welcome!  
5:30–8:00 p.m.  
5:30 - 6:00: Meet and greet, networking  
6:00 - 8:00: Meal and business meeting. The program will begin after the business meeting.

**Program:** Thanks for This Assignment! - A Research Paper Students (Eventually) Love

*-- See program description below --*

**Where:** CAE  
4908 Tampa West Blvd, Tampa  
(813) 887-1658  
<http://cae.com>

**Food:** Catered buffet, approximately \$10.00. The meal is optional; however if you RSVP to eat, please consider it an obligation to pay even if you cannot make the meeting.

**RSVP:** Send RSVPs to [betsy.king@cae.com](mailto:betsy.king@cae.com) or leave a voice mail at 813-887-1658 no later than Monday, February 23, 2009. Please specify if you do not plan to eat, since we must order food in advance. Late reservations will be accepted only as space allows.

**Directions:** The CAE facility is a secured facility, so all attendees must enter the front lobby between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served beginning at 6 p.m. If you cannot make it prior to 6:00 p.m., please contact Betsy to make advance arrangements. Anyone arriving late can still get into the building. However, those who anticipate getting here after 6:00 should let Betsy know in advance if possible, so we can be on the lookout for them.

CAE is in Tampa, about 2 miles north of Tampa International Airport, near the southeast corner of Anderson Road and Waters Avenue, at the corner of Savarese Circle and Tampa West Blvd., in Tampa West Industrial Park. The Park is accessible from either Waters Avenue or Anderson Boulevard. Contact Betsy for detailed instructions.

**Google map:** [Google Map: CAE USA](#)

**Program: Thanks for This Assignment! - A Research Paper Students (Eventually) Love**

Come learn about an innovative collaboration between an academic librarian and an English faculty for teaching research and writing.

Alicia Ellison, Librarian, and Judith Nolasco, English Faculty, of Hillsborough Community College - Ybor City Campus, will discuss their project that encourages critical thinking, reduces plagiarism, utilizes technology, and leads students to connect academics, work, and life. This method abandons traditional research topics and takes students on a journey to their futures.

Although the project was designed for Freshman English-II classes, Alicia and Judy will offer strategies for adapting this approach for research assignments in other disciplines.

Sample papers, survey results, assessment data, and feedback from students and faculty will be shared.

Handouts that detail the assignment, an online library research toolkit, and their own published articles on the project will be provided. Participants will have ample opportunity to ask questions about the assignment and discuss why this new approach works.

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## What's Planned

Please join us on **Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**, 5:30-8 pm, at CAE in Tampa for the first SIS meeting of 2009. Hear how a librarian and teaching faculty member from Hillsborough Community College collaborated to teach research skills to college students in an innovative way. Enjoy a catered dinner at CAE and visit their corporate library and facility in Tampa. See <http://www.tbtc.org/sis/meeting> for details. See you there!

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## \*\*\* SIS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND FLA \*\*\*

Calling all LIS students!!!

SIS/Suncoast Information Specialists is again offering student scholarships for LIS students interested in attending the FLA conference in Orlando this May 5-8. Read about the conference here: [http://www.flalib.org/conference\\_2009.php](http://www.flalib.org/conference_2009.php)

**DEADLINE for completing an application is Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.** (Deadline for early registration to the conference is April 16<sup>th</sup>.) Further details about the SIS scholarships and application forms are available on SIS website at: <http://www.tbtc.org/sis>

This is a great opportunity for LIS students to attend the FLA conference!

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**SIS / Suncoast Information Specialists  
Program and Meeting  
December 8, 2008**

**MINUTES – *Unapproved (once approved, minutes will be posted [here](#))***

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A joint social dinner meeting of the Florida Suncoast Information Specialists (SIS) and the Central Florida Association of Law Librarians (CFALL) was held on Monday, December 8 at the Habana Café in Gulfport. About 30 members and guests were in attendance. The evening began at 5:30 with registration, a social gathering, and informal networking. Annual SIS dues were also collected at the registration table.

SIS President Janine Awai opened the program about 6:00 pm with an introduction of the incoming SIS officers: President Jessica Zairo; Vice-President/President-Elect Christa Fowler; Secretary Linda Garrison; and Treasurer Cheryl Wolfe. Christa Fowler was unable to attend.

There were no announcements.

A buffet dinner was served and socializing continued until about 8 pm.

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Submitted December 10, 2008  
Secretary Marcy Carrel

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**SIS / CFALL Holiday Mixer (Habana Café, Gulfport, FL)  
December 8, 2008**



Members and guests lingered over food after the buffet dinner.



SIS President Janine Awai welcomes attendees and introduces new officers.



Incoming SIS President Jessica Zairo poses with CFALL Treasurer Helen



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Job announcements, promotions, upcoming library events.....**  
**Please share your news, successes, and achievements with the group. All it takes is an email: Marcy Carrel, [mcarrel@nelson.usf.edu](mailto:mcarrel@nelson.usf.edu)**

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**AWARD: Dr. Cheryl Dee**, School of Library and Information Science, University of South Florida, received a 2008 Emerald Highly Commended Article Award for the article, "Cognitive shifts related to interactive information retrieval," Online Information Review 31(6):845-860. Read more about the Emerald awards [here](#).

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**AWARD: Betsy King**, librarian at CAE in Tampa, was awarded the President's Award by the Florida and Caribbean Chapter of SLA for her outstanding service to the Chapter as Treasurer and Webmaster. *Congratulations!*

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**JOB POSTING: The City of Safety Harbor** has an opening for a part-time Library Assistant II. More details are available on the employment section of the city's web site: <http://www.cityofsafetyharbor.com/index.asp?NID=101>

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**NEW POSITION: Christa Fowler** recently joined the USF Libraries staff as the Reference and Instruction Librarian Cook Library (a joint use facility) and University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee. *Congratulations!*

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**NEW POSITION: Tracy Elliot**, formerly at St. Petersburg College, was recently named director of library services at Manatee Community College. *Congratulations!*

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**NEW POSITION: Cheryl Wolfe** was recently promoted to Senior Librarian – Web Services at the Hillsborough County Public Library. *Congratulations!*

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**MEMBER NEWS: Tom Taylor**, an August 2008 graduate from USF SLIS, wrote to say that he accepted a position as the Continuing Education Coordinator for the South Central Kansas Library System on August 25.... "I am also a member of the Wichita Area Library Association. I like to think of it as the equivalent of SIS. My wife and I now live in Wichita, KS. We were incredibly thrilled to sell our townhouse in Largo on the same day we closed on a home in Wichita."

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Do you have an idea for a presentation? Do you have recommendations for meeting venues? 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 [mcarrel@nelson.usf.edu](mailto:mcarrel@nelson.usf.edu).

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