

President's Message



Looking back, we kicked off 2002 with our annual banquet at MaMa D's Italian Restaurant in downtown Cocoa. This was unique, as we invited past presidents and founders of LAB to commemorate LAB'S 20th anniversary.

With great enthusiasm, the new board began planning the calendar of upcoming events, beginning with two continuing education workshops: "Technology Applications for Libraries" hosted by Sharon Reynolds-Mixon and Deborah Anderson at the BCC Palm Bay Campus on August 19th and "Safety, Security, and Preparedness for Libraries" presented by Kathy Turner at Florida Tech on October 17th. December 15th was Theater Night when we enjoyed "Taffeta Christmas" presented by the Melbourne Civic Theater followed by a social gathering at Elfriede Raedler's home.

An equally exciting line up of events is planned for 2003. We're looking forward to our Spring Meeting at the Suntree/Viera Library hosted by the director, Mary Scholtz, at which we will vote for the new slate of officers. The 2003 banquet will be held in June and a continuing education workshop will be held in October.

Many thanks to Suzanne Bhatia, Suzy Jones, Gwen Birck, Sharon Reynolds-Mixon, Kathy Turner, Dee Evans, and Jim Wheeler for their dedication to serving LAB and to all the volunteers who helped organize and carry out our 2002 events.

John Curri, President

Spring Meeting

Wednesday, March 5th
6:00-8:00 PM

Suntree/Vierra Public Library

902 Jordan Blass Drive
Melbourne, FL 32940
255-4404

(See map on reverse side.)

Please plan to attend this informative and important meeting. The 2003 LAB Membership Directory will be distributed and we will vote to approve the 2003/2004 slate of officers:

- President-Suzy Jones
- VP/President Elect-Sheila Cootes
- Secretary-Elanya Quick
- Treasurer-Gwen Birck

Mary Scholtz, Director of the Suntree/Vierra Public Library, will be our host for a tour of the library and share her impressions on

"The Importance of Library Friends"



Notable News



The impending demise of the Florida State Library has been an issue of growing concern to all of us, and many librarians across the state have heeded the call to rise up in a common voice of dissent.

LAB is doing it's part as the collective representative of librarians in Brevard County. LAB President, John Curri, along with librarians from the Brevard County Public Library System and members of public library friends groups, will be traveling to Tallahassee for the Florida Library Association's Library Days, March 24th-25th, to meet with our Florida legislators.

A form letter was recently sent to the LAB listserv, and you've hopefully each completed the letter, or one of your own, and returned it to John so that he can personally "present these to the right people."

Looking Ahead...

- The 2003 Banquet is planned for Flag Day, June 14th, with a patriotic theme.
- A continuing education workshop is tentatively scheduled for October 17th at the BCC/UCF Library.

Please feel free to contact members of the LAB Board with your ideas, requests, comments, or concerns at <http://www.lib.fit.edu/LAB>.

