

President's Message



I can see where some people might find joining and participating in a library association to be a waste of time. But, that is because they do not really participate or help in association activities. I was initially reluctant to join the executive board of LAB, but now that I have spent almost two years working with them, I have found it to be a very valuable experience.

First of all, I have met and become friends with far more people than I could have any other way, people who share similar goals and interests. Secondly, it has been an important learning experience for me. Besides learning how to work effectively in an organization, I have gained knowledge and skills from the people I have worked with.

LAB offers special training in subjects and skills that we librarians and library staff need to more effectively do our jobs. This year the association offered a class on the "Invisible Web." We did this in cooperation with Suzi Holler and CFLC (Central Florida Library Cooperative).

LAB also arranges for other

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group events such as plays and banquets and is prepared to do far more given the cooperation and participation of its members. I value my time on the executive board, and if you join it you will too.

Jack A. Newcombe
President, LAB



~ **General Meeting** ~
Wednesday, April 1, 2009
6:30-8:00 PM

**Holmes Regional Medical
Center Library**
1350 S. Hickory Street
Melbourne
434-7000

Carol Crawford, the librarian at Holmes Regional Medical Center, will provide an overview of the top free medical Web sites and demo the resources licensed by HRMC. The meeting will be held in the HRMC Auditorium located directly to the right of the main entrance of the hospital as you are facing it. Park in the main lot at the corner of Hickory and Hibiscus Streets.

Also, the 2009 LAB directory will be distributed to members who attend and there will be a vote to elect the 2009/2010 slate of officers. Candidates for office will be posted on the LAB-list prior to April 1. See you there!

Important News



LAB is very happy to extend a warm welcome to fifteen new members for 2009! Welcome back to each of our returning members, as well.

LAB also wishes to recognize the members who regularly turn out to attend our events. You are the foundation that keeps our organization strong, and we hope you are well-rewarded with fun and enriching experiences.

Thanks are in order to the executive board members and others who volunteer in various capacities to provide these excellent programs and services year after year.

Looking Ahead...

The 2009 banquet will be held on Saturday, June 13, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM, so please mark your calendar. The location and speaker have yet to be determined but will be announced in the summer edition of the LAB newsletter.

Contact members of the LAB Executive Board at:

<http://www.lib.fit.edu/lab>.