

President's Message



With this parting message to you as LAB President, I must convey some words of motivation - **participate** and **recruit**.

Ours is a very special organization that brings librarians of all types to together to learn and enjoy some particularly fine camaraderie. If you are one who regularly misses the meetings, come on out to see what you've been missing. Those who go are in the know!

As members, you are each LAB emissaries for your libraries, so share it with your colleagues, because it's still the best professional membership bargain going. From the LAB-LINK web site, follow the "Want to join..." link, print out a form and mail it to the treasurer. It's as easy as 1-2-3.

I must recognize the awesome people with whom I've served on the board. John, Gwen, Elanya, Linda, Sheila, Sharon, Suzanne and Kathy, you are all the greatest and I've enjoyed every minute. I look forward to a year as Past-President and will always carry warm memories of my experiences with LAB.

Suzy Jones
LAB President

Summer Banquets

Saturday, June 18th

5:00- 8:00 PM

at

Island Pasta Company
903 East New Haven Ave.
Historic Downtown Melbourne
www.islandpasta.com
(321) 723-1584

Special Guest Speaker:

Matthew Ruane

Humanities & Communications
Instructor,
Florida Institute of Technology
presenting

"Pirates in Paradise: The Cultural Legacy of Piracy in Florida"

which looks at the merging of fact and fiction about pirates, piracy and their relationship to Florida, in order to disentangle history from folktales. He will discuss the long history of pirates, their relationship to Florida, and the factual truth about their historical legacy. He will examine and discuss the continuing impact of pirates and piracy on Florida's culture and economy, especially why fact has been ignored for fiction and how this has increased tourist revenue, further distorting history in favor of the romantic images of this aspect of Florida's cultural legacy.



Important News



At the general meeting in March, LAB members elected 2005/2006 officers as follows:

- Secretary: **Elanya Bairefoot**, Eau Gallie Public Library.
- Treasurer: **Janice Murray**, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Public Library.

Linda Khan will serve as President and Suzy Jones will serve as Past-President. The installation ceremony will take place at the banquet.

There were no candidates for the office of Vice-President /President Elect, so this office will remain vacant until someone volunteers. At that time, a vote will be conducted by e-mail according the bylaws.

Looking Ahead...

The 2005 fall professional development opportunity will be a roundtable luncheon at the Eau Gallie Public Library from 12:30 to 3:00 PM on October 4. Further details will appear in the fall newsletter.

Contact members of the LAB Executive Board with your ideas, requests, comments or concerns at:

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