



President's Message



“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...” - that opening line from Charles Dickens’ “A Tale of Two Cities” is a mirror image of how our world today is reflected in the mass media and on the World Wide Web, aka the Internet. The major strides in all fields of civilization that we have made since that classic work was first published have been astounding, to say the least. Yet from a librarian’s perspective, we have survived and embraced all the technological advances that have occurred to keep ourselves and our careers relevant in today’s age.

But let’s take another look at how all libraries’ roles have evolved over the years, figuratively speaking. From the first recorded civilizations that used ‘tablets’ and cuneiform to the libraries of Alexandria and Rome, to Benjamin Franklin’s free public library system, and our own Library of Congress, we now have the means to virtually download any book or movie or the latest news instantaneously from ‘the cloud’ to our wireless devices.

Our e-readers and i-phones are no longer just pie-in-the-sky ideas, but the realization of

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everyone from Project Gutenberg to Google Docs along the way. Who knows what lies ahead? It’s all up to us! Many thanks again for all of your support this year, and the best of luck to Janice Murray as she takes over the reins of leadership for LAB in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Francis M. Reid

Francis M. Reid,
President,
Library Association of Brevard

Notable News



At the last General Meeting, next year’s officers were elected.

2012/2013 Officers:

President:

Janice Murray, *Central Brevard Library*

Vice President/President Elect:

Kellie Sparks, *Keiser University*

Treasurer:

Richard Shea, *Keiser University*

Secretary:

Lynn Bennett, *Melbourne Public Library*

Annual Banquet



Saturday, June 16th
5:30 PM

at

The Mansion

1218 East New Haven Ave.
Melbourne, FL 32901
(321) 345-5800

www.thebigmansion.com

The installation of the 2012/2013 officers will take place. There will also be a raffle with door prizes.

Please see the reservation form.

Looking Ahead...



Contact members of the LAB Executive Board with your ideas, requests, comments or concerns at <http://lab-link.org/>