



## President's Message



As we look back at 2011 in a librarian's light, we have a lot to be thankful for at the national, state and local levels. The American Library Association (ALA) capped the year by continuing its leadership role of advocacy, education, fundraising and grants. Closer to home, we saw the State of Florida renew its commitment to support the State Library and Florida Electronic Library.

At the 2011 Florida Library Association Conference, over 30 topics were discussed, with presentations ranging from the Future of OPAC to QR Codes. In other notable news of the year, our neighboring Osceola County Commission voted to outsource the operation of their public libraries to the Maryland-based private company Library Systems & Services (LSSI), effective January 2012, while maintaining some oversight of and contributions to the annual budget.

Our local LAB group has also enjoyed a successful year, with theater night, our annual banquet and election of new officers, along with a memorable presentation of "Birding in Brevard" by Richard and Kathy Turner. In addition, we recently hosted a Fall Workshop in the FIT Evans Library media room given by Dona Gaynor.

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Another highlight of the year was the debut by the Brevard County Public Libraries of ebooks and audiobooks for checkout using the Overdrive and Adobe Digital Editions software for a plethora of ereader devices.

So as we enjoy our time off and some holiday cheer, here's hoping that you all are filled with the spirit of the season, and we look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year!

Sincerely,

**Fran**  
*Francis Reid*  
**President,**  
**Library Association of Brevard**

## Renew and Recruit



It is that time once again! Time to renew your membership in LAB. A renewal form is enclosed in this newsletter, and is always posted on the website at [www.lab-link.org](http://www.lab-link.org).

Also, be sure to tell your colleagues about all the entertaining and informative things we do! Get involved because you are what LAB is all about!

## Theater Night



Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 PM

### Grease

*presented by*

Surfside Playhouse

301 Ramp Rd.  
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931  
(321) 783-3013

*Reservation form included.*

## Notable News



As a result of a request for projects sent by UIUC instructor, Diane Kovacs, on the ALA College Libraries Section listserv, collib-l, Suzy Kozaitis collaborated with LIS student, Clifford Harrison, to produce a new website for LAB. Please make note of the new address, [www.lab-link.org](http://www.lab-link.org), and pay a visit to see what you think!

Also, LAB needs volunteers for an officer position on the Executive Board for 2012-2013. Before the spring general meeting in 2012, a candidate for the office of Vice President/President Elect must be found. Please consider volunteering for this position!