



Mid-South Information: Bulletin of the Mid-South Chapter

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Minutes of the Mid-South Chapter Board Meeting August 17, 2006

The Executive Board of the Mid-South Chapter of SLA met on August 17, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. at Le Chardonnay in Overton Square.

In attendance were: Christina Barnes, Kay Cunningham, Maureen Fitzer, Rosemary Nelms, Jan Smith and Pam Walker.

Jan called the meeting to order and explained that because of the change in SLA's governance year to January-December, officers will serve for one year and 6 months instead of one year.

Jan suggested meeting dates for the coming year, and the members discussed the proposed schedule. The following dates (all Thursdays) were tentatively chosen: September 28, November 16, January 25 (the membership meeting), March 22, April 26 (joint meeting with MALC), May 24 (charity meeting).

For the Joint Meeting between SLA and MALC in 2007, we are responsible for the program. Pam suggested as a possible speaker, Greg Johnson, Blues Curator, Archives and Special Collections at the University of Mississippi, who introduced us to the blues archives at our meeting in Oxford in January.

Jan asked us to contact Maureen with program suggestions for the coming year.

Possible additions (membership list, etc.) to our Web site at <http://midsouthsla.org/> were mentioned.

Jan thanked the Chapter for providing a stipend for her to attend the annual SLA Conference in Baltimore and spoke briefly about some of the programs offered. The 2007 Conference is in Denver.

She reminded officers to fax to SLA headquarters a signed copy of the "Leadership Code of Responsibility."

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Rosemary reported that we have \$2,503.03 in the Treasury.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

--Respectfully submitted,

**Rosemary Nelms, Commercial Appeal
News Library, Secretary/Treasurer**



Minutes of the Mid-South Chapter Meeting May 25, 2006

The Mid-South Chapter of SLA held its annual membership meeting on Thursday, May 25 at 11:45 a.m. at the Memphis Literacy Council, 902 s. Cooper, Memphis, Tennessee

Members in attendance were Kay Cunningham, Maureen Fitzner, Cheryl Lamb, Rosemary Nelms, Octavia Perryman, Kay Sides, Jan Smith, and Pam Walker.

At the luncheon meeting, catered by Bogie's Delicatessen, Maureen and Octavia presented our gift of books to Gay Johnston, Executive Director of the Literacy Council and Wilson McCloy, Family Literacy staff member who talked about some of the ways our gift would be used to help low-literate adults and disadvantaged families.

President Kay Cunningham thanked Maureen and Octavia for their thoughtful selections (the cost of the charity project was \$432.92 for 66 books) and for donating

books that they had collected at yard sales, etc., which brought the total of books to 247. A list of the books bought for the project is on the Mid-South Chapter Web site at

<http://midsouthsla.org/about/104/books-donated-to-memphis-literacy-council/>

The home page of the new Mid-South Chapter Web site, maintained by Laura Blalock, is <http://midsouth.org/> It was suggested that we add a membership list to the sit.

Members were asked to consider nominations for Vice-President of the Mid-South Chapter for next year. Jan Smith will be the new President.

Members voted to award Jan a stipend of \$500 to attend the annual Special Libraries Association Conference in Baltimore beginning June 10, 2006.

Jan presented Kay with a plaque honoring her service as 2005-2006 President of the Mid-South Chapter.

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The business meeting was followed by a tour of the Memphis Literacy Council.

--Respectfully submitted,

**Rosemary Nelms, Commercial Appeal
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Forthcoming Events:

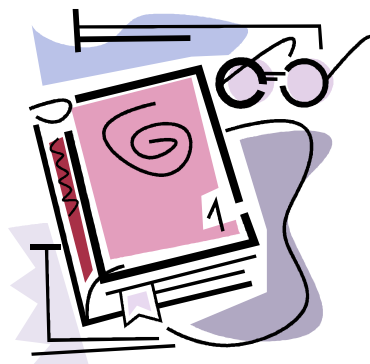
***Moving at the Speed of Byte:
Emerging Technologies for Information
Management***, an MLA Educational Webcast will be November 8, 2006, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., CST. "The goal of the MLA Webcast, *Moving at the Speed of Byte: Emerging Technologies for Information Management*, is to expose information professionals to new and emerging technologies and to encourage their use in information management" (MLA-FOCUS, 7/6/06).

Program objectives, a full agenda, and registration options (Registration opens September 2006), are available on MLANET at http://www.mlanet.org/education/distance_ed/technologies/index.html.

A list of speakers is forthcoming.

For more information, contact:

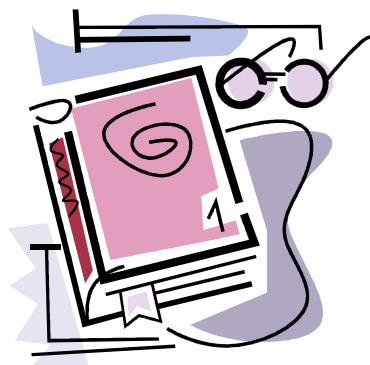
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The 2006 Southern Festival of Books will be in Memphis over October 13-15, 2006. Over 200 authors and 50 exhibitors will be at the Cook Convention Center and on the Main Street Mall in downtown for readings, panel discussions, and book signings. Live performances will include musicians, local actors, poets and playwrights, children's musicians, storytellers and writers.

For more information see, the Humanities Tennessee website at <http://tn-humanities.org/festival/current.php>

Authors confirmed to attend are listed at <http://tn-humanities.org/festival/authors.php>



SLA's Click U Offers Certificates in Competitive Intelligence

Three exclusive programs in competitive intelligence will become available to SLA members Click University later this fall. Created by Knowledge InForm, the certificate programs blend online modules with instructor-led classroom training. All classes are being developed and will be taught by Cynthia Cheng Correia and Samantha Chmelik, both of Knowledge InForm.

Certificates and Programs include:

(1) the *Certificate in Competitive Intelligence for LIS Professionals*, aimed at LIS professionals interested in the intelligence function

(2) the *Certificate in Competitive Intelligence Information Function*, designed to allow LIS professionals to support research and information services for intelligence more effectively

(3) the *Dual Certificate: Competitive Intelligence and the Intelligence Information Function*, for LIS professionals wanting the most comprehensive approach toward intelligence professional development, combining courses for both programs, and eliminating duplications.

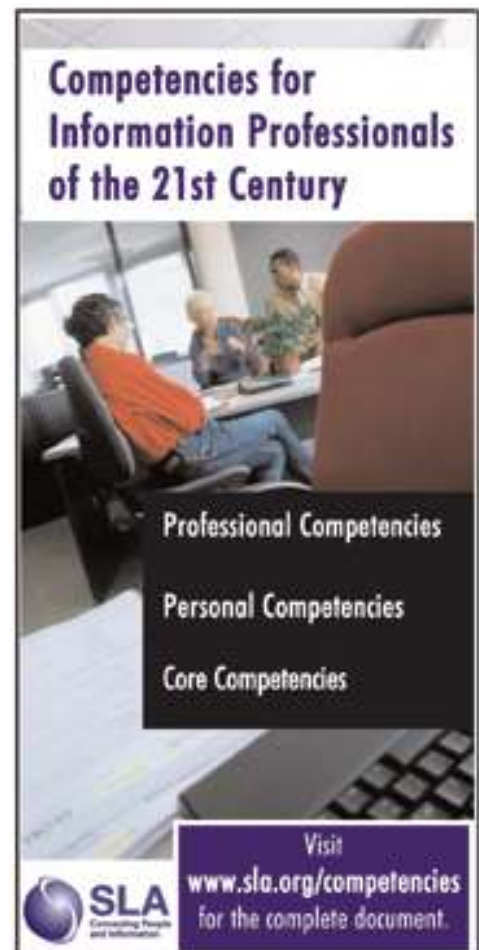
The online portion of the certificates begin in the fourth quarter of 2006. Class sizes are limited.

Further information will be forthcoming to members by email. See also <http://sla.learn.com/learncenter.asp?id=178409&sessionid=3-9D1418C4-9D63-462C-9739-9DA1BD1FE35A&page=102>

In addition to certificate programs, Click U offers live and recorded seminars, and online, onsite, and recorded continuing education classes.

Examples of Click U classes include "Online Collaboration Using Wikis," "How to Start a Weblog," "Elearning Fundamentals," and "Beyond the Basics of Internet Search Engines."

Click U is an exclusive benefit of SLA membership.



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Next Meeting

When: Thursday, September 28, 2006
11:30-1:30

Where: Crichton College, 255 N. Highland
St. in Memphis

Lunch will be provided

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After lunch and a business meeting, we are pleased to have La Vonne Gaw of Elvis Presley Enterprises explain some of her work with Graceland's archives.



Mid-South Chapter 2006-2007 Meeting Schedule*

September 28 Business Meeting	Crichton College Memphis, TN
November 16	TBA
January 25 Membership Meeting	TBA
March 22	TBA
April 26 Joint Meeting	TBA
May Charitable Meeting	TBA
<i>*All Dates and Places subject to change.</i>	

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