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Student Associations and Upcoming Events

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Student Association News

- Southern Miss Student Archivists Association:

In spring 2010, the Graduate Certificate for Archives and Special Collections was approved and students began taking course for the Certificate in fall 2010 (<http://www.usm.edu/slis/ASCCertificate.php>). As support for this aspect of the program we have started a student organization: the Student Archivists Association. We are affiliated with the Society of Mississippi Archivists and plan to become a student chapter of the Society of American Archivists. Colleen Beavers has been the President since the organization's inception; Melissa Chambliss Davis has taken over the Vice President position from Jim Thompson since his graduation; and Peggy Ganger has agreed to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. Last semester we created a display case on campus to celebrate National Archives Month (see image below) and several members attended the Mississippi Library Association annual meeting as well as a pre-conference preservation workshop.

Image: Display celebrating National Archives Month in Southern Miss Union

- The Library and Information Science Student Association:

The Library and Information Science Student Association (LISSA) has some exciting events planned for this semester. Every SLIS student is counted as a member of LISSA. An ongoing book

drive is scheduled to benefit residents of a Hattiesburg area nursing home. LISSA members planning to attend the Children's Book Festival can look forward to our annual gathering in April. LISSA still has a few "This is How I Roll" book truck T-shirts available in sizes M-2XL in blue or green for \$10; please contact xinyu.yu@usm.edu to purchase yours. Be sure to "like" Southern Miss LISSA on Facebook for up-to-date information!

Upcoming Events:

- Creating Futures through Technology Conference, Biloxi, MS, March 7-9, 2012

<https://sbcjcweb.sbcjc.cc.ms.us/conf/>

Creel, S. and T.S. Welsh, "Distance Education Doesn't Have to be Distant: Connecting to Students through Technology."

- Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, Hattiesburg, MS, April 11-13, 2012

In 1968, Dr. Warren Tracy, chairman of the Library Science Department and university librarian for The University of Southern Mississippi, saw his vision for a children's literature conference come to life. The university, under the leadership of Dr. William D. McCain, and the Library Science Department hosted the Conference on the Writing, Illustrating, and Publishing of Children's Books, which in 1969 became known as the "Children's Book Festival" and included an event that became an honored tradition – the presentation of The University of Southern Mississippi Medallion, an award for distinguished service in the field of children's literature. Additional awards given at the festival include The Coleen Salley Storytelling Award, The Ezra Jack Keats Awards, The Kaigler-Lamont Award, and The Magnolia Award. The 45th annual Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival will be held on April 11-13, 2012, at the Southern Miss Thad Cochran Center.

This year's 2012 recipient of the Southern Miss Medallion is Jane Yolen, outstanding author of over 300 books. Additional keynote speakers include: Margery Cuyler (2012 de Grummond Children's

Literature Collection Lecturer and author), Matt de la Peña (young adult author), Rebecca Kai Dotlich (poet and picture book author), Denise Fleming (author and illustrator), Jennifer Holm (children's author), Anita Silvey (Keats Lecturer and author), and Caroline Herring (folksinger, storyteller, and winner of The 2012 Coleen Salley Storytelling Award). Additionally, there will be more than 30 breakout sessions presented by practitioners and experts in the field. For more information, please go to <http://www.usm.edu/childrens-book-festival>.

Something new at the Children's Book Festival 2012 is the presentation of The Ezra Jack Keats Awards. The School of Library and Information Science at the University of Southern Mississippi has the distinct honor of hosting the co-presentation by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation and the deGrummond Children's Literature Collection of the Ezra Jack Keats New Writer and New Illustrator Awards for Children's Books during the 2012 Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival! SLIS has hosted a Ezra Jack Keats Lecturer through the support of the Keats Foundation at the book festival for a number of years, the opportunity to host this award provides another opportunity for recognition of the contributions and influences of Keats' works and highlights the scope of the de Grummond Children's Collection as a repository for Ezra Keats works.

Known collectively as the Ezra Jack Keats Book Award, the New Writer Award was established in 1985, and the New Illustrator Award in 2001, to recognize and encourage authors and illustrators starting out in the field of children's books. Many past winners of the EJK Book Award have gone on to distinguished careers creating books beloved by parents, children, librarians and teachers across the country. For more information on this award visit <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/news/ezra-jack-keats-award-winners/>.

- Southern Archivists Conference, Jackson, MS, April 26-27, 2012

SAA Preconference Workshop, April 25: "Project Management for Archivists"
<http://www.msarchivists.org/news.html>

- Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries (QQML12) International Conference, Limerick, Ireland, May 22-25, 2012

<http://www.isast.org/>

Dr. Welsh will be chairing sessions on bibliometric research and historical case-study research.

- British Studies LIS Course, London and Edinburgh, June 28 – July 29, 2012

http://www.usm.edu/sites/default/files/groups/international-programs/pdf/65498_bsp_brochure.pdf

The Southern Miss British Studies Program, one of the oldest and largest study-abroad programs in the U.S., will offer a course in Library & Information Science. Earn 6 hours of credit while learning from distinguished British information specialists who will provide lectures and behind-the-scenes tours in a variety of British libraries, museums, and archives.

Students will have the opportunity to accompany faculty to sites around London and Edinburgh as well as day trips to Stratford-upon-Avon and Oxford. There will also be time for students to explore sites of interest on their own or to see a play at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, the National Theatre or the Old Vic Theatre, all within walking distance on the South Bank of the Thames. We will stay at King's College Dorm on Stamford Street, a short distance from Waterloo Station, where you may catch the tube to Leicester Square theatre district, Paddington Station, or King's Cross Station, site of Harry Potter's "Platform 9¾."

The Southern Miss School of Library and Information Science is accredited by the American Library Association and students from other ALA-accredited programs from across North America have participated. Information about course requirements is available online at: <http://www.usm.edu/slisl/British.htm>