Happy spring to all! As I begin a second term as president and reflect on this past year and upcoming year, I’m reminded of the consistency of change. As we’re currently seeing change in the seasons, climate, and environment, we see this paralleled in our profession as a whole. As a profession, we are encouraged to embrace and adapt to our ever-changing roles by keeping up with current technologies and trends, sharing and learning from colleagues, and consistently communicating our value to our peers and organizations.

Change has not escaped SLA, either. The most recent changes within SLA that have occurred these past few months involve the transition to an association management company, MCI USA. As part of this change, Erin Fuller, from MCI USA is now serving as SLA’s transition executive and a search for a new SLA Executive director has commenced.

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March Event Recap: Pop Craft

Chapter members, student chapter members, and friends of members got crafty on March 23 for an evening of screen printing!

Each attendee cut their own stencil from either a chosen design or one drawn on their own, practiced printing it with their chosen ink color through a screen, then printed it to a tote bag. Some t-shirts were also printed!

The event was hosted by Pop Craft Pittsburgh at Assemble on Penn Avenue.

Upcoming Event!

Seminar on Competitive Intelligence
Presented by Terri Sawyer, Senior Product Manager at ProQuest Dialog

Thursday, May 26th, 7:00 PM
Amy Knapp Room,
Hillman Library

Please RSVP by May 23rd at:
http://tinyurl.com/slacpitmay2016

From top to bottom:
Members Amy Watson and Denise Callihan get ready to ink and print
A little help drying the tote bags from Pop Craft owner Monica Yope
Screen printing in action!
Photo Credits: Amy Watson & Leslie Eibl
Congratulations to Ryan Splenda who is the 2016 recipient of our chapter’s Promising Professional Award!

Ryan is currently the Liaison Librarian for Business in Hillman Library at the University of Pittsburgh and has also had experience as a Production Manager and Research Librarian with Behavioral Measurement Database Services (HaPI database) in Pittsburgh. He is currently serving as chapter secretary and will use the award to attend his first SLA conference this June in Philadelphia. A report of his conference experience will appear in a future issue of the Confluence.

The Promising Professional award is one of 7 chapter awards recognizing our outstanding chapter members. Many thanks to the awards committee, Margarete Bower, Eve Wider, Deb Martin, & Brooke Hyatt, for all of their work on this award!

Explore SLA History

Information Outlook, SLA’s bimonthly newsletter and formerly published as Special Libraries until 1997 now has a new online location. You can view previous issues through San Jose State University’s ScholarWorks: http://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/sla_sl/

More current issues, from January 2013– present, are accessible online with an SLA member login.

More information can be found on the Information Outlook site.

SLA Awards

Check the links below for further descriptions.

SLA Honors Judith Currano, head of the Chemistry Library at the University of Pennsylvania, with the Vormelker Award

Jim Matarazzo (a Pitt SIS PhD grad) and Toby Pearlstein honored with the John Cotton Dana Award

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SLA Annual Conference, Philadelphia

June 12–14, 2016

- Two keynote speakers: Erika Andersen, founding partner of Proteus and Marilyn Johnson, author of "Lives in Ruins, This Book Is Overdue! and The Dead Beat"
- Diverse learning opportunities including Spotlight Sessions and Hot Topics
- Visit the INFO & EXPO for up-to-date vendor information
- For a preview of the conference, check out the online Conference Planner
- Additional information about conference location and events, including Dine-arounds, can be found at: http://philly2016.sla.org/

You can follow and join the conference conversation topic “Motivation to Lead” as an attendee or non-attendee on:

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/slahq
- Twitter: @slahq and #SLA2016
- LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/sla?trk=company_logo

Chapter Meet-Up at SLA 2016!

The SLA Pittsburgh Chapter will host a meet-up during the 2016 Annual Conference in Philadelphia. Please join us on Monday, June 13th at Sto’s Bar, 235 Market Street in Philadelphia starting at 7:00 PM. Sto’s is owned and operated by a Pittsburgh native and Pitt alum.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Carrie Wardzniski (cwardzinski10@gmail.com) no later than June 12th.

Safe travels and see you in Philly!
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I’m looking forward to learning from these and any upcoming changes this year with chapter members and our board to continue to support our chapter’s mission and strategic priority of member engagement in the best ways possible. As always, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any ideas for the chapter, questions, or if you would like to be more involved with the chapter or serve on a committee.

Have a wonderful spring and summer!

More products of the SLA Pittsburgh’s Pop Craft event on March 23.
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Have an article idea? Any news to share? Would you like to contribute the our newsletter? Please let us know!

The Confluence is always looking for new contributors. Please contact Brooke Hyatt (brookehyatt@gmail.com) and Leslie Eibl (leslieeibl@gmail.com) with any submissions, ideas, concerns or questions about the newsletter.

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