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SJSU Student Chapter Newsletter

Student Workshop:
Manage Those Citations With Zotero

By Frank Florian

On February 20, 2012, Margaret Driscoll gave a Student Workshop about Zotero, the free open-source citation management tool. This was the first Student Workshop this semester and the fourth one in our chapter's Student Workshop series which started at the beginning of last semester. Margaret is a student member of the SJSU ASIS&T Student Chapter. She is finishing up her last semester in the program and planning to graduate in May. She has worked in academic libraries since 1992 with interests in copyright/fair use, open access publishing, digitization, distance learning, and technology. She currently works as the Course Reserves Coordinator at CSU Channel Islands. Some students may also know her as a LIBR 203 Peer Mentor this semester.

Margaret started off her workshop with a short slide presentation providing an overview of Zotero and how it helps to manage the large volume of information that you will often want to keep track of as you engage in research for an academic paper. Zotero is easy to download and comes in a stand-alone version that works with Safari and Chrome and a plug-in version that works with Firefox. Unfortunately, there isn't a version that currently works with Internet Explorer, but Margaret mentioned that the Zotero community is working on this and that one should be available in the future. In addition to the software that works with the particular browser you are using, Zotero also offers an add-in for the Microsoft Word and Open Office word processing programs to offer a convenient way to insert in-text citations and generate a reference list from the citations used in your paper based on information saved within the main Zotero citation management tool. Other aspects of Zotero which Margaret mentioned are the ability to install and run the stand-alone version on a flash drive so that it is portable from one computer to another, and the ability to save your citation information to the Zotero web server so that you can synch and access that information from different computers you may use while working on your research project.

After the introductory slide presentation, Margaret spent a

good deal of time doing a live demonstration of Zotero as she had it installed in the Firefox browser on her computer. She gave an overview of how to start it up within the browser and the main sections of the tool for organizing your citations into folders, viewing the list of all your saved citations, and the extensive metadata – such as title, author, publication info, abstract, and many other fields – that can be captured for every citation. You can manually edit this metadata and add missing metadata, including a customized notes field for capturing your own notes pertaining to the citation. Margaret demonstrated several of the many different types of resources that can be captured into Zotero, including full-text articles in commercial databases, online electronic journals, and websites. The caveat for some resources is that Zotero can only capture metadata that is actually provided by the online resource, so if there is none available, you will have to manually create it. However, once entered, you can use it with the Word and Open Office add-ins to insert and manage citations in your research paper. In response to a question during the Q&A session, Margaret also mentioned that Zotero will even work with some OPACs if their metadata is visible to the tool.

The workshop was very informative, with many participants offering positive feedback about how they were going to start using the tool on their next research paper. Given Zotero's ease of use and Margaret's excellent overview and demonstration of the tool, any interested student should be able to install and be up and running with the tool within minutes. If you missed the workshop, you can listen to a recording of it, accessible from the Recordings > Student Workshops > 2011-2012 Archive page on the SJSU-ASIS&T Student Chapter website. This Recordings Archive page can be accessed directly at http://slisgroups.sjsu.edu/asistsc/?page_id=624.

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Academic & Professional Experience Sharing: Gaining Stories, Dreams, and Inspiration at the Library 2.011 Conference

by Ellie Fullman

The February 8, 2012 SJSU ASIS&T business meeting's Academic & Professional Experience Sharing feature was presented by Mardi Veiluva.

Mardi, an SJSU ASIS&T member who is currently completing her final semester, shared her experience as a volunteer at the Library 2.011 conference last year in an enthusiastic and inspiring presentation *Library 2.011 & Academic Libraries*. The content of this presentation was threefold: Mardi discussed what makes 2.0 conferences unique, what is involved in being a session volunteer, and what she personally learned from listening in on many of the presentations.

Sponsored by our very own SJSU SLIS program, 2.0 conferences are free, virtual conferences where library and information professionals from around the world gather together in order to share their professional experiences. These annual conferences run continuously over a two day period and offer as many as six concurrent Collaborate sessions at a time over various time-zones. As Mardi explained, the success of the conference rests in session volunteers whose job is to "monitor sessions," or, more specifically, load slides and answer any technical questions the presenters may have - skills she acquired in her LIBR 298 Special Projects class as an Elluminate Trainer. Mardi explained that experience is not necessary to become a volunteer as training is provided.

Mardi shared her experience as an attendee, which she likened to "listening to people's stories" and provided details from two sessions she found particularly interesting as they dealt with the subject of gaming - a subject of personal interest to her in regards to its use and value in academic libraries. Specifically, Mardi shared snippets of a presentation given by Judith Whey on the upcoming game *Pottermore*, which is based on the J.K. Rowlings' *Harry Potter* series. The second presentation discussed was given by Mary Broussard and Mardi shared many resources ranging from websites discussing how to create games to Broussard's blog which discusses a number of games that she uses to test information literacy skills in the library.

With preparations for the 2.012 conference scheduled for October 3 – 5, 2012, Mardi's presentation was very timely and I feel certain that her enthusiastic recounting of her experience as a volunteer convinced many in attendance (myself included) that volunteering at this event is an experience worth pursuing. According to Mardi, volunteering even one hour is welcomed. She pointed out that many ended up volunteering for more hours after their shift because the experience "was kind of addicting." As for Mardi, she was given the title of "super-volunteer" because she volunteered for a 12 hour shift!

For more information on the upcoming 2.012 conference, visit their website for details and announcements.

Ellie Fullman is the 2011-2012 Membership Director of the San Jose State University Student Chapter of ASIS&T

Donate to the Student Chapter
by Melissa Hunt Glickman

Our Student Chapter fund has significantly increased and we are continuing to seek new and innovative ways to generate more revenue. To that end we recently updated the Student Chapter website to provide information about ways people can make a tax-deductible donation to our Chapter. Originally, donations were only accepted by mailing a check to ASIS&T Headquarters. However, upon our request, ASIS&T Headquarters was kind enough to update their website credit card donation page to accept donations earmarked for individual Student Chapters. We owe a big "Thank You!" to Jan Hatzakos, ASIS&T Director of Finance/Webmaster, for allowing this and making the changes so quickly.

I encourage you to visit the ASIS&T website and consider making a donation to our Student Chapter, because every little bit helps us out.

If you're wondering what we use the money for, we have a number of contests and raffle drawings either occurring now or in the planning stages and each one of these contests is funded by our Student Chapter. Keep an eye out for those e-mail announcements for your chance to win cash or prizes from SJSU ASIS&T!

As always, feel free to send me any thoughts and ideas you might have for ways we can continue to increase our Chapter's revenue stream!

Melissa Hunt-Glickman is the 2011-2012 Treasurer of the San Jose State University Student Chapter of ASIS&T

Interim Officer Elections
by Sarah Emmerson

During the course of the Fall 2011 semester, the SJSU ASIS&T Student Chapter lost three officers from its Executive Committee due to graduations and resignations. Chris Kyauk, who served as Social Media Administrator, graduated in December 2011. Additionally, Patrcia D'Cruz, who served as Membership Director, resigned in November 2011, and Mandi Ottaway, who served as Newsletter Editor, resigned in December 2011. As a result, the Nominating & Elections Committee held two interim elections from December 5-9, 2011 and January 17-21, 2012 to fill the open positions of Membership Director, Social Media Administrator, and Newsletter Editor. The newly elected officers of the SJSU ASIS&T Student Chapter's Executive Committee are Ellie Fullman, Membership Director, elected on December 9, 2011; Kathy Layer, Social Media Administrator, elected on January 21, 2012; and Toni Rodriguez, Newsletter Editor, elected on January 21, 2012. Congratulations to Ellie, Kathy, and Toni on their elections to the SJSU ASIS&T Student Chapter's Executive Committee!

Sarah Emmerson is the 2011-2012 Chair of the San Jose State University Student Chapter of ASIS&T and Chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee

Welcome New Board Members by Toni Rodriguez

Membership Director
Ellie Fullman

Ellie Fullman is a third year student in the SLIS program, with an interest in cataloging, indexing, digitization, and anything metadata related. Her first career was in teaching English as a Second Language, followed by her most personally rewarding position to date – implementing and running a district-wide Before and After-school Spanish Language Program at four K-5 elementary schools for the benefit of her children. Earning her B.A. in English Literature from U.C. Berkeley and passionate about art history, her overriding dream is to one day merge her passions and find employment in the technical services department of an art or academic library. [LinkedIn]

Social Media Administrator
Kathy Layer

Kathy is in her second year as a SJSU SLIS student and expects to graduate this May. Her concentration has been in general librarianship with plans to work as an academic, law, or special librarian. She graduated with a BA from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst with a concentration in public policy development in 2010 and she has a paralegal certificate from Boston University. She has worked as a litigation paralegal for several years. Her LIS experience includes volunteering at a state public law library for two years and in two local elementary schools and her local public library doing cataloging and processing materials. She has been a member of ASIS&T for a year. She lives in Western Massachusetts in the Five Colleges area with her husband and three children. [LinkedIn]

Newsletter Editor
Toni Rodriguez

Toni is in her final semester at SLIS, focusing on her E-portfolio. She started her SLIS studies in Fall 2008, and some of her electives included Preservation Management, Web Usability, Special Libraries, Spanish, and Competitive Intelligence Using Social Media. She really would like to be a "Jill of all trades", incorporating everything she's learned at SLIS. Toni was a Board Member of LISSTEN and served as one of two Social Media Managers. Toni earned her undergraduate degree in Human Services from the University of Phoenix in 2004, and realized librarianship is just as much about being of service but with more technology thrown into the mix. For the past two years, she's been a volunteer Library Assistant at the Tom of Finland Foundation in Los Angeles, copy cataloging the book collection. [LinkedIn]

Webinars Brought to You by NEFLIN
(always free unless otherwise specified)

ALA (American Library Association)
All = $
15 events in April. Click the link if interested.

Infopeople
Apr 24. Leveraging Technology to Support Early Literacy
Apr 26. Teen Literature Update 2012

Library Journal
Apr 24. Cook Book Spring Buzz

Nebraska Library Commission
Apr 25. Tech Talk with Michael Sauers

WebJunction
May 16. Libraries and the Era of the Learner: A Vision for the Future

Wild Apricot
Apr 26. Engaging Pro Bono and Skilled Volunteers

EYE ON IT—Job Openings Around the US (cont'd)

Science and Engineering Librarian
University of Alabama Libraries
Tuscaloosa, AL
Apply by 4/30
View and Apply

Communications/Public Relations Head
Birmingham Public Library
Birmingham, AL
View and Apply

Chief Curator, Center for Creative Photography
The University of Arizona Libraries
Tucson, AZ
Apply by 4/30
View and Apply

Health Sciences Librarian
Arizona State University
Tempe, AZ
Apply by 4/20
View and Apply

Electronic Resources Librarian
Grand Canyon University
Phoenix, AZ
Apply by 5/30
View and Apply

Web Writer/Content Strategist (Part-Time Temporary)
Marketing Department, Northern Arizona University
Flagstaff, AZ
View and Apply

Digital Asset Manager
Unknown
Phoenix, AZ
View and Apply

San Francisco company with relevant library-ish jobs
View and Apply

TechSoup: check for related jobs in California (most likely San Francisco)
View and Apply

Twilio: Techie jobs in San Francisco, CA
View and Apply

Reference Services Librarian
Confidential
Los Angeles, CA
View and Apply

Adaptive Cataloger
California State University
Long Beach, CA
View and Apply

Mobile Device Expert & Android Wrangler
Location Labs
Emeryville, CA
View and Apply

Web Services/Research & Instruction Librarian
Roger John Voskuyl Library
Westmont College
Santa Barbara, CA
View and Apply

Wikipedian in Residence
OCLC Research
San Mateo, CA
View and Apply

Coordinator of Data Management & Research
The Women's College, University of Denver
Denver, CO
View and Apply

Archives Technician
National Archives and Records Administration
Broomfield, CO
Apply by 4/24
View and Apply

Mobile Applications Developer
Amadeus Consulting
Boulder, CO
View and Apply

.Net Developer- Client Support
Amadeus Consulting
Boulder, CO
View and Apply

Student Workshop: Content Management
by Lauren Reid

On December 5, 2011, Lorraine Stein, SJSU ASIS&T Student Chapter member, presented on content management and how it relates to control, culture, and content. Lorraine's background is in electronic technology, technical writing, and journalism. She also has extensive experience working in information technology at Qualcomm, where she recently assumed a new role in content management. As she explained to the group, content management is just a component of assessment management and a process where control, culture, and content must be utilized to create order in the world of information "chaos." Lorraine also helped members understand how MLIS professionals fit in the world of technical communication and how the skills we are learning through our courses can help agencies manage their internal information. Lorraine gave excellent advice to the Chapter about courses to consider taking for gaining the skills required in this field. She also relayed wonderful insight into the complexity of content management in the real world workplace. We are extremely thankful for Lorraine sharing her incredible experience in information technology and helping members explore the possibilities of content management as a rich and viable career.

Lauren Reid is the 2011-2012 Secretary of the San Jose State University Student Chapter of ASIS&T

Student Workshop:
Alternative Careers with the MLIS

On November 28, 2011, Toni Rodriguez presented "Alternative Careers with the MLIS" as part of the Student Chapter's ongoing Student Workshop series to share the knowledge and experiences of its members. This workshop was part of a larger presentation she participated in while a Peer Mentor during the Fall semester. Even before her studies at SLIS, she was interested in pursuing a career in special libraries and alternative environments that can benefit from the theories and hands-on skills that come with an MLIS from SJSU.

Toni started the workshop by describing alternative library environments and the qualities that make them different from traditional libraries, such as K-12, academic, and public. She highlighted some of the "non-librarian" job titles now being advertised in job listings: Information Specialist, Information Management Specialist, Records Manager, Business Intelligence Analyst, and Market Research Specialist, to name a few.

Toni shared the courses she took to help her hone in on specific areas that interested her and would be valuable skills in the marketplace. She also discussed the courses that focused on specific types of librarianship—Maps and GIS, Medical, Legal, Music, and Business. She suggested seminar courses that would be beneficial to students looking outside the traditional library career track. Courses such as Social Media for Business Research (LIBR 282), and Social Media and Special Collections (LIBR 284) are two recent additions to the course offerings. She also took Web 2.0 Tools for Libraries (LIBR 246) because libraries and non-libraries are now discovering the possibilities of social media and examining which tools will engage patrons and/or customers.

Although it would be ideal to work in a library post-SLIS, it may not be possible in this economic climate, and it is important to remain flexible during the job search process. LIS skill-sets are valuable in any sector, public or private.

Toni Rodriguez is the 2011-2012 Newsletter Editor of the San Jose State University Student Chapter of ASIS&T

Bits & Bytes

SJSU ASIS&T Student Chapter to Co-Host Second Life SLIS Student Mixer

by Carletta Woods

The SJSU ASIS&T Student Chapter will co-host a Student Mixer with the SJSU ALASC (American Library Association Student Chapter) and SAASC (Society of American Archivists Student Chapter) student organizations in Second Life on March 22, 2012. The SJSU SLIS Student Mixer will give students the opportunity to meet their peers, learn more about what other students are doing, and provide the opportunity to exchange contact information. All SLIS students are invited to join the virtual party on March 22, 2012 from 6pm – 8pm in Second Life. Festivities will begin at the VCARA Roman Senate.

http://maps.secondlife.com/secondlife/SJSU%20SLIS/104/27/33

For more information visit http://slisgroups.sjsu.edu/asistsc/?p=1551

Carletta Woods is the 2011-2012 Vice Chair of the San Jose State University Student Chapter of ASIS&T

So, What About This Listserv ?

by Diane Grevalsky-Angiletta

Sjsu-student is the electronic mailing list dedicated to the San Jose State University American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) Student Chapter. Sjsu-student began in June 2011 to further the communication channels between members, the Student Chapter, ASIS&T national, and those within SJSU SLIS wishing to engage in conversations regarding information science. The listserv currently has 154 subscribing members, and continues to grow with new subscriptions every semester.

Our electronic forum welcomes discussions related to promoting and furthering the interests and programs of ASIS&T and fields of information science and related disciplines.

Our list is open to all who wish to participate in discussions and receive announcements regarding the Student Chapter.   Learn about Student Chapter program offerings, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), and national conferences.

Be a part of the conversation!

To sign up for our listserv please visit:

SJSU-ASIS&T Student Chapter Listserv (All are welcome to subscribe to the listserv; you need not be a member to participate!): **http://mail.asis.org/mailman/listinfo/sjsu-student**

Diane Grevalsky-Angiletta is the 2011-2012 Communications Officer of the San Jose State University Student Chapter of ASIS&T

Upcoming Chapter Events

April 25, 2012 — Faculty Prime Time with Virginia Tucker on "What does it mean to be an expert searcher in a 2.0 world?" 6-7pm PST

May 17, 2012 — SJSU ASIS&T & LACASIS&T co-sponsored program featuring guest speaker Marianne Afifi (Associate Dean at the Oviatt Library at CSUN) from 6-7pm PST. Marianne will talk about her work as a Library Administrator, what it entails and what she looks for in terms of skills and abilities when hiring. An announcement containing further details will be forthcoming.