Friday April 27th: Annual Awards and Initiation Ceremony at School of Library & Information Science

See Old Friends and make New Ones!

This year our Annual Awards and Initiation Ceremony will be held at SLIS, 1320 E 10th St., Bloomington, Friday, April 28, 2007 from 9:30 am to 11:30 in the Commons Classroom. The room will be open at 9:30 am for you to visit with friends and have some refreshments; our business meeting starts at 10:00 and should last about an hour. This year’s Scholarship Award winner is Ellen Rubenstein for “The Monroe County Public Library: Its Place in the Community”, nominated by Alice Robbin. The award is for excellence in student scholarship as nominated by SLIS faculty. Our Service Award is presented annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to the profession. Come and give our new initiates a warm welcome--all Chi Chapter members and current SLIS students are cordially invited to attend!

Chi Chapter Board Positions- Available!
If you are interested in serving on the Board of Chi Chapter, or would like to nominate a candidate for 2007-2008, please contact Keith Kuhn at Keith.Kuhn@cincinnatilibrary.org

2007 Service Award to Pat Steele

This year’s Chi Chapter Service Award for outstanding contributions to the profession goes to Patricia Steele, Ruth Lilly Interim Dean of University Libraries. Pat has been with the IU Libraries since 1975 and has served in many capacities since then. Steele is a member of the Indiana State Library and Historical Board 2000 -07 She was twice president of the Indiana Library Federation, and is a past president of the Indiana Library Trustee Association. She is a past president of the Monroe County Public Library Board of Trustees and still serves on that board. Come hear in her own words about Pat’s wide-ranging career on April 27th!!

Career Forum: November ‘07

Over 50 students and guests attended our Chi Chapter Career Forum, held Friday November 3 at SLIS in Bloomington. President Keith Kuhn moderated. Speakers
addressed changes in the job market, including new career opportunities, and what skill sets will best serve the library and information professional of the future. Many thanks to our speakers:

- **Ned Heeger-Brehm**, Manager, Groesbeck Branch, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
- **Paula Brehm-Heeger**, Teen Services Coordinator, Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
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For public libraries, Paula noted that story-time and youth programs are growing, especially for the after-school time slot, including homework help and teen programs, such as computer game clubs. Programs for special groups are emerging as a way to serve the community via the library, as people now are using the web to answer many of their own questions rather than call the library. SLIS grad Christina Bennett-McNew emphasized that the first job you get may not be the one you imagined in library school, but to stay flexible!

Changes in our profession cited by panelists included: Public libraries: more retail competition, libraries no longer “the source” but an enabler to help find answers. Special Libraries: need for focus on the customer, fear of closing, need to show how we save the company money, pushing resources to user desktops; Academic Libraries: students/faculty as “customer”, competition with and between other schools, continual new technology, new search products, need to keep trying new things, measuring outcomes.
vocabulary skills and helping entrepreneurs e.g. market research, international trade. This is a high growth area.

3. View the library’s role in achieving community goals; 4. Experiment with new business models; and, 5. You need to be comfortable with disappointment and controversy.

Sarah continues today as President of Sarah Laughlin & Associates, library management consultants, in Bloomington. Special thanks to Sarah for her lively and inspiring story of librarianship in action.

2006 Scholarship Award Winner

Rachel Radom won $100 for her research study, “Librarianship in the Information Age: Do We Need Librarians?” nominated by Noriko Hara. Dr Nisonger presents the award to Rachel, an IU grad in Art History and Art Conservation. Rachel is also a double major in her SLIS program, working on both the MIS and MLS degrees.

BPM Scholarships Available

For information on various BPM scholarships and fellowships, see: http://ci.fsu.edu/go/virtual_host/beta_phi_mu_org/scholarships

2007 Dues and Address changes

If you are an initiated member of Beta Phi Mu and need to pay your current membership dues, send ($10.00/yr) to:

Andrea M. Morrison, Beta Phi Mu
Technical Services Department
Indiana University Libraries
1320 E. 10th St. Room E350
Bloomington, IN 47405-3907

Treasurer’s Report as of 3-23-07
From Denise Shockley, Chi Chapter Treasurer

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Balance 5-31-06 $1,236.52
Balance 3-23-07 $2,647.36

We will be sending $1,350 to National for new members.

New Inductees for 2007

Congratulations and welcome to our new members! Miranda Henry Bennett, Paul Betty, Katherine Drewes, Penelope Gillie, Jordan Goffin, Juliet Hardesty, Shana Higgins, Megan Mecken, Susan Maguire, Mary Snyder, Susan Steuer, William Van Arsdale, Catherine Ponder Vanstone, Susan Winkler and Allison Yanos.

Nominees for Chi Chapter Executive Board 2007-2008

President: Cindy Monnier Indiana Chamber Commerce
Vice-President: Andrea Morrison IU Libraries
Treasurer: OPEN
Secretary: OPEN
Membership Coordinator: OPEN
At Large: David Ross Morgan County Public Library
At Large: Ginny Richey, Retired
Past President: Keith Kuhn Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County
Faculty Sponsor: Tom Nisonger IU School of Library & Information Science

Volunteers are needed! If interested, e-mail Keith.Kuhn@cincinnatilibrary.org