



President's Message



*"The only constant is
change"*

- Heraclitus (as interpreted by
Plato)

Change isn't a new phenomenon. Ancient Greeks, such as Heraclitus and Plato, were aware of the paradoxes of change; just as there is a lot of change about, much remains fundamentally the same. The question is not only how we exist, but continue to adapt and thrive in the face of change.

Particularly now, in the current economic crisis, libraries and librarians are under a great deal of pressure due to the changes surrounding us. Budget cuts have lead to reduction in staffing, services, and hours of operation, particularly in our public libraries. Yet, we are seeing higher demand than ever.

According to a 2008 Web poll conducted by Harris Interactive, "U.S. libraries experienced a dramatic increase in library card registration as the public continues to turn to their local library for free services. More than 68 percent of Americans have a library card. This is the greatest number of Americans with library cards since the American Library Association started to measure library card usage in 1990."

As members of one organizational body, we are here to support one another, particularly in hard times. In an effort to address the concept of change, we have

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asked Suzi Holler of CFLC to present a workshop specifically geared towards change management. Details regarding this *free* event are included within this newsletter - please take advantage of the opportunity!

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for your continued membership and for those of us who have seen better times, let us consider these words: "*This, too, shall pass*" -proverb

Thank you,

Nathan Hosburgh

Nathan Hosburgh,
President,
Library Association of Brevard

Notable News



LAB needs volunteers for officer positions on the Executive Board for 2010-2011. Before the spring general meeting in 2010, candidates for the offices of Vice President/President Elect and Treasurer must be found. Please consider volunteering for one of the available positions next year!

After many years of dedicated service as LAB's Newsletter Editor, Suzy Kozaitis has stepped down. Beginning with this issue, Ashley Romans, LAB's current Secretary, will be the Newsletter Editor.

Continuing Education Workshop



Wednesday, November 4th
2:00 - 5:00 PM

Change Your Library, Change Your Mind!



featuring



Suzi Holler,
Central Florida Library
Cooperative (CFLC)

@

Keiser University
900 South Babcock St.
Melbourne, FL 32901
(321) 409-4800

Directions:

From Interstate 95 north or south, exit east at Route 192. Continue east to Babcock Street and make a left. Continue to the intersection of Babcock and NASA Boulevard. The campus is on the NW corner of Babcock and NASA.

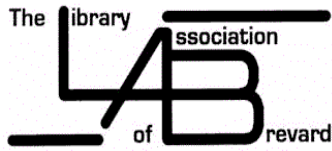
Space is limited so register early!

Refreshments will be served!

Looking Ahead...

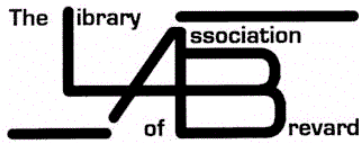


Contact members of the LAB Executive Board with your ideas, requests, comments or concerns at www.lib.fit.edu/lab



c/o Nathan Hosburgh, President
150 West University Blvd.
Melbourne, FL 32905

**WORKSHOP REGISTRATION
FORM ENCLOSED.**



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Technology Trainer
Central Florida Library Cooperative (CFLC)

Adaptability is one of life's crucial survival skills. This interactive program will not tell you what to change, but it will certainly provide a number of options on both how to implement and cope with changes. This session begins with a review of strategies for those with some degree of power. Part two emphasizes communication, emotional intelligence, and rational thinking skills that are helpful when you don't control the process. Then, working from the perspective that "change is learning," the program concludes by showing how principles of learning can be effectively applied to managing change.

Refreshments will be served.

This workshop is free of charge. Register early because space is limited.

Please reserve me a seat at the LAB workshop on November 4th, 2009.

To ensure my seat, I will mail this reservation form no later than **October 26th, 2009** to:

Deborah Anderson
260 Narragansett Street
Palm Bay, FL 32907

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____ Phone number: _____