

# KEYWORD

The Pratt Institute School of Information and Library Science Student Association Newsletter

FALL 2007 Guide



**Get to know us.**

**Get involved.**

**FIRST MEETING!**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 30TH**

**5:30 P.M., ROOM 610**

*Welcome to new students and  
Welcome back to returning students!*

## Who are we?

Student Chapter of the American Library Association. Everyone in the SILS program is a member.

SILSSA Officers:

Louis Muñoz, President

Julie May, Vice-President

Alicia Gibb, Secretary

Romel Espinel, Treasurer

## What do we do?

- Promote academic excellence and professional development.
- Network: meet your future colleagues.
- Foster a sense of community among Pratt students.
- Participate in professional activities outside of the classroom.
- Exchange ideas and information.
- Maintain awareness of trends, issues, and opportunities in the profession.

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## Pratt Student Advice . . .

### Around Pratt

- \* There are vending machines on the 2nd floor
- \* The computer lab is on the 5th floor for all your printing and computing needs
- \* The library computers do not have Microsoft Word on them so head up to the 5th floor
- \* My.pratt.edu is where you can access your student information and your grades
- \* The Learning Management System (Moodle) is part of my.pratt.edu where course information and discussion can be accessed,

similar to Blackboard. Your Moodle password retains your original Pratt password until you change it separately.

- \* To subscribe to the Pratt SILS listserv, address your message to Majordomo@list.pratt.edu, leave the subject blank and type "subscribe sils-announce" in the body.
- \* Look for bookmarks at the library that explain their new system
- \* The Practicum is a great way to get experience if you haven't yet worked in a library and the opportunities are plentiful! [continued on page 2]
- \* The Brooklyn campus is located at

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200 Willoughby Ave. Take the G train to Washington-Clinton Streets and head north.

- \* Financial aid checks are not cut until mid-October, but you can apply for an emergency loan and get half of your money sooner
- \* Course evaluations are kept in the library and are a great way to decide which courses you'd like to take

### About Community

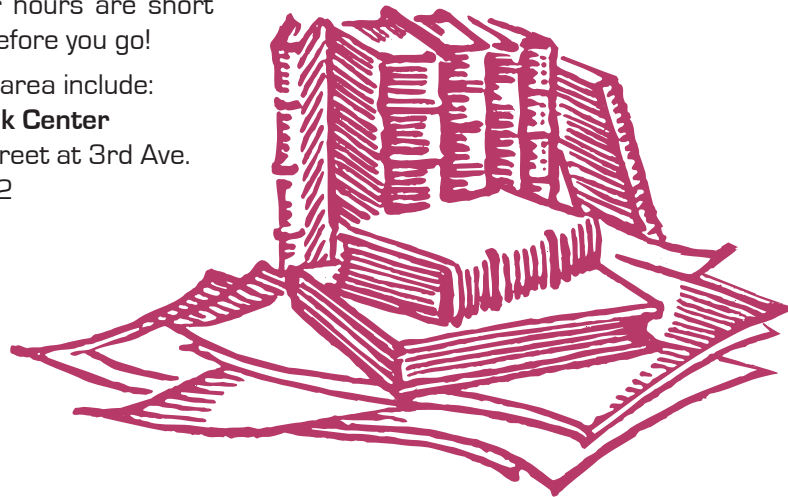
- \* SILSSA meetings are the coolest ever things to attend. Our next one is Sept. 4th at 5:30 in room 610!
- \* Getting published in Keyword looks good on your résumé.
- \* Joining organizations such as ALA, SLA, SILSSA, etc. (whatever your interests) will help you in your career path.

- \* There is an Independent Student Blog where you can find actives, get-togethers, and much more

### Around Town

- \* Hopstop.com is a great website to help you get around the city
- \* There are two different library cards you'll need for NYPL, one for the Research libraries and one for the branch libraries (where you can check out)
- \* The nearest NYPL branch to Pratt is the Jefferson Market branch on 425 6th Ave at 10th street; (212) 243-4334. Their hours are short so double check before you go!
- \* Bookstores in the area include:
  - 1) Academic Book Center**  
211 E 11th Street at 3rd Ave.  
212-533-5542

- 2) Barnes & Noble**  
33 E 17th Street at Union Sq.  
212-253-0810
- 3) Barnes & Noble**  
396 6th Ave at 8th Street  
212-674-8780
- 4) Bohemian Bookworm**  
110 W 25th Street at 6th Ave.  
212-620-5627
- 5) Shakespeare & Co.**  
716 Broadway at Waverly Pl.  
212-529-1330
- 6) The Strand Bookstore**  
12th Street and Broadway  
212-473-1452



## The Year Ahead

By Luise Trabucchi

Special Libraries Association @ Pratt Institute continues to offer students opportunities to visit libraries and archives at diverse institutions in the year ahead: Christie's, Pentagram, Economist, American Kennel Club, Explorers Club, Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Its agenda includes a look at work taking place at New York University's Preservation and Conservation Department as well as tours of NYPL Rare Books Division and Columbia University libraries. During the summer, SLA @ Pratt organized an insightful exploration of the Gap library, the first event for the 2007-08 academic year.

Surely of interest to Pratt students, too, is Career Day at Credit Suisse on

Monday, September 10. Organized by the New York Chapter of Special Libraries Association, this event features panel discussions on "A Day in the Life," "Improve Your Interview Skills," and "What Employers Want!" Please visit SLA-New York's website, <http://units.sla.org/chapter/cny/>, for details.

A general meeting of SLA@Pratt, open to everyone, takes place in Room 610 on Tuesday, September 6, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Absorbing new faces and interests every year presents a unique challenge, so let members know what is on your mind.

Participation in SLA@Pratt events does not entail SLA student membership (a reduced rate is available), but members receive priority for tours.

Special Libraries Association publishes Information Outlook and holds conferences; the New York Chapter offers a scholarship, discussion group, job line, newsletter, and numerous educational and social events. Knowing your colleagues and staying abreast of the field is a powerful way to become an empowered librarian, and it's good to maintain the habit as a student.

Highlights of SLA @ Pratt in previous semesters include tours of the Morgan Library and Museum, Condé Nast Archive, and the libraries at the New York Botanical Garden, United Nations, and Columbia University. A recent frank discussion with new librarians exemplifies some of its panels.

## RESTAURANT AND COFFEE SHOP REVIEWS

### Near Pratt Manhattan

**Lassi** 28 Greenwich Ave., nr. 10th St.; 212-675-2688

Prices: Parathas, \$3.95 to \$4.95; entrées, \$6.50 to \$14.95. Cash only. Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 10 P.M.

Named for the Indian yogurt drink, Lassi is bright, cheerful and small. The menu changes throughout the day with a variety of fascinating, home-style Indian dishes. Try the shahi chicken, or the channas Punjabi. Lassi also specializes in parathas: griddle-blistered dough stuffed with minced fillings like potato, goat, daikon, or cauliflower. Don't leave without trying a lassi: sweet, salty, mango and cardamom are but a few of the flavors. -Laena McCarthy

**Dirty Bird** 204 W.14th Street (between 7th and 8th Ave.); 212-620-4836. <http://www.dirtybirdtogo.com> Prices: depends how many people you're feeding, but they accept credit cards. Hours: Daily 11am-10pm Excellent Southern style chicken and sides. Both the Buttermilk dipped and Rotisserie chicken is mouth watering. My favorite side is the Mac-n-cheese. They're meals are a fairly good deal, and free delivery. -Alicia Gibb

**Miyagi** 220 West 13th Street (between 7th and 8th); 212-620-3830. Accepts credit cards

**Hanami Japanese Cuisine** 525 Ave Of The Americas (between 14th and 13th); 212-255-9981

Prices: around \$8 for a lunch special I love sushi and there are two great Japanese restaurants within just a few blocks of PMC. Both have really good fresh sushi and will not break your wallets, especially if you go for the lunch specials. -Bonnie Cohen-Lafazan

**Papaya King** 14th and 7th Ave

Prices: cheap.

They make a decent hot dog in a pinch.

**Grey's Papaya** on 6th Ave and 8th St They make a great hot dog and the

papaya drink is better. -Kelly Detrick

**Sucelt Coffee Shop** 200 W 14th St (corner of 7th Ave); 212-242-0593 Prices: Nothing over \$4.25 on the menu! Cash only.

Hours: Mon-Fri: 7am-9:30pm, Sat: 7am-10pm, Sun: 8am-9pm

Latin American food, heavy on the meat and beans and rice. They have daily specials and many different kinds of empanadas. This place is awesome! Cheap and filling and small and crowded and delicious. The waitresses barely speak English but they are really sweet, the fried plantains are a nice side to whatever you order and the Spanish coffee is really strong. Definitely comfort food for cold weather. -Rebecca Austin

**Grand Sichuan** 229 9th Avenue (24th Street); 212-620-5200

Prices: \$8-\$20.

Hours: Daily 11:30am-11pm

If you can overlook the long waits and the dingy decor of this restaurant then be prepared to taste excellent Sichuan style — heavy on the spice and heat — Chinese food. The steaming hot soup dumplings are sublime. Other dishes which stand out from the others are the crispy green beans with or without pork, the whole fish, and the chef's special chicken. -Becca Gordon

**'sNice** 45 8th Ave (Cross Street: W 4th Street) Price: \$7-\$9, Cash Only. Hours: Sun-Thu: 7:30am-10pm, Fri-Sat: 8am-10pm

Go to 'sNice for free wireless, organic coffee/tea/drinks, simple food, comfortable wooden tables, and good (ish) music. The food is vegetarian café type stuff: smoked tofu panini, Thai salad, BBQ seitan, arugula pear brie sandwich etc. Muffins, cupcakes, and other sugary items are also on hand. -Laena McCarthy

**Bamiyan Afghan Restaurant** 3rd Ave. and 26th Street; 212-481-3232

Price: \$10-\$17, accepts credit cards

Hours: Daily Noon-11pm

Welcoming, warm, and wonderful. Bamiyan offers an extraordinary and rare atmosphere, they serve traditional Afghani dishes. So settle into the window seat on cushioned Bukharan rugs surrounding traditional low tables, or opt for more conventional seating and order an excellent Afghani charcoal-grilled kebabs. -Nick Jackson

### Just a Coffee Fix Please!

**Joe** 9 East 13th St and 141 Waverly Plc.; 212-924-6750

Hours: M-F: 7am-8pm, Sat. & Sun: 8am-8pm

Really good coffee. Good crema, milk not burnt, mellow flavors, baristas skilled in the ways of "latte-art". If stopping by the Waverly Place Joe (there's also one at 13th St. and 5th Ave.), you will often get the additional pleasure of spotting Maggie Gyllenhaal or Liv Tyler getting their morning fix. -Laena McCarthy

**Westside Market** Across the street from Pratt Manhattan, 14th/15th and 7th Ave.

Surprisingly good coffee: \$1, simple, fix it yourself, not gross, but sometimes strong enough. You'll find the coffee bar near the salad counter. -Laena McCarthy

### Near NYPL 42nd Street

**Cafe Charlie** 9 E 40th St.; 212-725-1420 Prices: Nothing over \$8

Hours: 24 hours/7 days

Near Mid-Manhattan & Humanities Research Library Cafe Charlie has it all — juice bar, sushi bar, gourmet coffee, pitas, wraps, sandwiches, and on and on. The food is pretty darn good. You can get grocery items here as well. Free delivery. -Heather Hunt

**Cosi** Across the street from NYPL on 42nd. Prices: \$7-\$10, credit cards accepted.

Has a good weekday lunch special and the sandwiches are excellent. Sometimes the Metro or AM NY has coupons for a \$1 off. -Kelly Detrick

## Next Issue . . .

### Why write for Keyword?

- It looks great on your résumé
- You can list your article as a publication of your work
- It benefits the student body at Pratt SILS
- It helps to create community at Pratt SILS
- See your name in print!
- Everyone here at Keyword wants you to write for us
- We give away free smiles for every article
- If you have an idea or want to see something in Keyword WRITE IT UP. Nobody is going to do it for you. [So don't ask.]

### A bit about formats:

Acceptable applications to use: Microsoft Word, Open Office or Google documents

Notes in your article must be in the form of endnotes

Pictures should be sent separately.

Feature articles should be 2-3 pages or 750-1,200 words max

Short articles should be 1-2 pages, 300-750 words

Reviews should be 100 words.

Restaurant reviews should include the address, phone, website, and price range.

Email submissions to keyword.silssa@gmail.com

### Copy editors:

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Please email your submissions to keyword.silssa@gmail.com

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