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

SURVIVAL GUIDE '08

Welcome to New and Returning Students!

18 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW!

- * Subscribe to the **Pratt SILS listserv**. Send an email message to majordomo@list.pratt.edu, leave the subject blank and type "subscribe sils-announce" in the body.
- * **My.pratt.edu** is where you can access your student information and your grades.
- * 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.
- * 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.
- * There are **vending machines** on the 2nd floor.
- * 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!
- * The Brooklyn campus is located at 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

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Who are we?

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

SILSSA Officers:

- Julie May, President
- Romel Espinel, Vice-President
- Alicia Gibb, Secretary
- Jess Godden, 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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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 January 15th 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. silblog.wordpress.com

Around Town

- * Hopstop.com is a great website to help you get around the city.

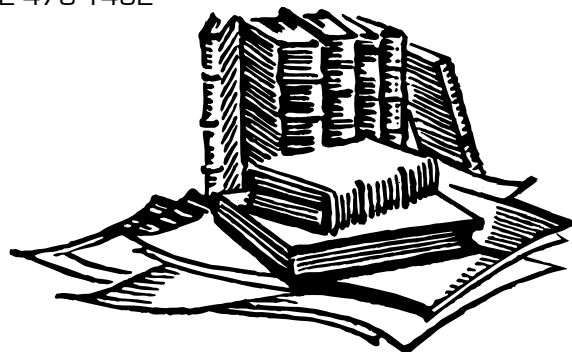
- * There are two different library cards you'll need for NYPL, one for the Research libraries and one for the branch libraries (where you can check out).

- * 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



SILSSA PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Dear New SILS Students,

Welcome to Pratt School of Information and Library Science. As you have probably read or heard, our field is experiencing growth and opportunity. Likewise, our school is growing in enrollment, certificates offered, internship opportunities, and study abroad programs.

I'd like to introduce you to our Spring 2008 SILSSA Officers. Romel Espinel is our Vice President. He has his paws in most, if not all, the things we do over the course of the semester. Ask him anything and he will have an answer (one serious and one less so!).

Alicia Gibb is our Secretary. In addition to her excellent notes, she sends out many emails to the listserv and her

editorship of KEYWORD has been publication-changing.

Jessica Godden (who prefers going by Jess) is our Treasurer. She's also in a band so one of our goals is for her band to headline at one of our bar nights. Stay tuned.

Tim Salazar is our newest addition. He's our New Media Officer - or Consultant - we haven't quite decided. He'll be slaving away at our website's redesign this semester and has created a SILSSA Twitter account so anyone interested can find us while we're out and about (twitter.com/silssa).

I'm the President, Julie May. You'll see me at Pratt events, SILSSA Bar Night, SLA gatherings, and SAA

seminars. You should feel free to email me and SILSSA at silssa@gmail.com with any question or, by all means, attend a general meeting or bar night (see our schedule on page 4). We encourage you to participate in SILSSA events as well as other events sponsored by SILS organizations to get to know your fellow students and future colleagues.

This Spring should offer some interesting events to take advantage of. Students have planned many library tours, seminars, and social events. Please join the listserv so that you can be a part of it. Good luck!

Julie May

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. Their 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 Afghani 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 lowtables, 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

Write for **KEYWORD!**

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:

Keyword is also looking for volunteer copy editors. Copy editors are responsible for editing the first drafts of Keyword articles. This also looks great on your résumé and perfects your writing skills! Email keyword.silssa@gmail.com if interested.

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

SILSSA WEBSITE

pratt.edu/~silssa/

SILSSA Newsletter Keyword

View the most recent Keyword here:

pratt.edu/~silssa/images/keyword_dec07.pdf

Email submissions to:

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SILSSA EVENTS CALENDAR

General Meeting and Book Swap

**Come meet your fellow students and
get the books you need.**

January 15th - 5:30pm Room 610

Bar Nights

Where: McKenna's, 245 W. 14th St.

<http://newyork.citysearch.com/profile/7117720>

**When: -Thurs. January 24th, 8:30 pm
-Wed., February 27th, 8:30 pm
-Thurs., March 11th, 8:30pm**

Keyword Article Deadlines

- January 27th
- March 3rd (April Fools' Issue)
- April 7th

To Be Announced!

- Joint Sponsored SILSSA/SLA/SAA Library of Congress Trip
- Pratt Alumni Forum

Check our website for dates and times.