80 years

the UNC SCHOOL of INFORMATION and LIBRARY SCIENCE
Welcome to the kick-off of the 80th anniversary of the School of Information and Library Science! We are delighted that you have joined us for our special events that will reunite us with alumni, faculty, students and friends as we reminisce and celebrate the accomplishments of our School.

Since its beginning, the School’s focus has been to locate, research and share information in its many forms for its many audiences with an emphasis on the user’s experience. From bookmobiles, to card catalogs, to the changes brought about by the Internet, to current devices such as laptops and smart phones, SILS has been at the forefront to predict and manage through the ever-changing technologies that enable us to provide a stellar education for our students. Academic excellence has been a hallmark of the School since its inception. The result is more than 4,700 alumni who excel in their careers as librarians and information professionals around the world, all the while serving as ambassadors to SILS and to the University.

Our year-long celebration includes a number of lectures and events including a look at the profession in the year 2050 with the Information Professionals (IP) 2050 Symposium that will take place June 4 and 5, 2012 here in Chapel Hill. We invite you back for any and all events you can attend to continue our celebration.

Today, we will reflect on our history, enjoy each other’s company and continue “Building Our Information Future!”

Have a great time!

Gary Marchionini
Dean and Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor
Our History

Although a student could not receive a degree in library science until almost three decades later, library education really began at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as early as 1904, when Dr. Louis Round Wilson began offering summer school classes.

In 1929, just as the new library building was finished on the UNC campus, Wilson wrote an article on the “Library in Modern Education.” In that article, he said:

As part of the program of social welfare now being worked out at Chapel Hill, a library school is needed, where librarians, like lawyers and doctors and teachers, may secure expert professional training. With its magnificent new building as a laboratory for the school, such an institution would not only be in harmony with the program on which the University has embarked, it would offer opportunity through the sending out of trained librarians for the South to tap the vast reservoir of human knowledge.

The School of Library Science opened at Chapel Hill in the fall of 1931, with a class of 37 students and five faculty members, including Dr. Wilson. The Carnegie Corporation offered a grant of $100,000 to enable the school to operate for three years and make permanent its conditional accreditation from the American Library Association.

When, in 1987, it became apparent that the study of information use and management was of central importance to society, the faculty of the School of Library Science voted to change the program and the name of the school to include Information Science.

Faculty members had been engaged in the research of this emerging discipline, and it was decided that adding this specialty to the program would complement the school’s focus on librarianship by broadening it to the study of general problems of information management.

Since its beginning 80 years ago, the school has sent out more than 4,700 trained information specialists and librarians. Graduates of our programs are employed throughout the nation and the world.

Through the strong leadership of its deans and the great dedication shown by its faculty and staff over the years, the school stands on a solid foundation that is rooted in a rich past and aimed toward a bright future.
Tailgate Barbecue

12:30 p.m.  Carolina Barbecue

1:30 p.m.  Program
Welcome and Opening Remarks
Gary Marchionini, Dean and Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor

Greetings from the 80th Planning Team Co-Chairs
Sarah Snow, Information Management Consultant, and Fred Roper, Distinguished Dean Emeritus

SILS Distinguished Alumni
Kim Duckett, SILSAA President

SILS Alumni Association Lifetime Members
Kim Duckett, SILSAA President

Louis Round Wilson Family
Gary Marchionini, Dean and Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor

The front lawn of Manning Hall
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Special thanks to our hosts, the SILS Alumni Association (SILSAA), the Information and Library Science Student Association (ILSSA) and the School of Information and Library.
Saturday, September 17

Football Game

Tar Heels vs University of Virginia

3:30 p.m.     Kenan Memorial Stadium

Note: Football tickets are necessary. They may be purchased on the Tarheels Web site at: http://tarheelblue.cstv.com/
Lucile Kelling Henderson Lecture

by Distinguished Dean Emeritus of the University of South Carolina’s School of Library and Information Science and SILS Distinguished Alumnus

Dr. Fred W. Roper

“On the shoulders of giants: How SILS achieved the national championship in Library and Information Science”

Friday, September 23, 2011, 3:00 p.m.
George Watts Hill Alumni Center Ballroom

Reception to follow.

About Dr. Roper

Dr. Fred Roper is Distinguished Dean Emeritus of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina and a Distinguished Alumnus from SILS. He retired in June of 2003 after 17 years as Dean and continues to live in Columbia, SC. Fred has been active in the Medical Library Association (President in 1994/95, Fellow, Marcia C. Noyes Award, and Janet Doe Lecturer 2005), the Special Libraries Association (Board of Directors, John Cotton Dana Award, Hall of Fame and Fellow), Association for Libraries and Information Science Education (Board of Directors), and American Library Association (ALA Council and Committee on Accreditation). Dr. Roper received his MS in Library Science (as well as an AB in English) from the University of North Carolina and the Ph.D. in Library Science at Indiana University. He is co-author of *Introduction to References Sources in Health Sciences* and other publications.
Welcome
Dr. Gary Marchionini
Dean and Cary C. Boshamer Distinguished Professor
School of Information and Library Science

Remarks
Alice Bordsen
North Carolina State Representative
Mary Boone
North Carolina State Librarian

Introduction
Dr. Barbara B. Moran
Louis Round Wilson Distinguished Professor

Dr. Fred W. Roper
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Closing Remarks
Dr. Gary Marchionini

Musical Entertainment
Loreleis
UNC at Chapel Hill’s All-Female A Cappella Group

Reception

Lucile Kelling Henderson Lecture

The Lucile Kelling Henderson Lecture Series was established in 1990 to honor the memory of Lucile K. Henderson, SILS faculty member (1932-1960) and dean (1954-1960). As an excellent teacher, administrator, counselor and advisor, Henderson made many contributions to the University and to the profession. She died in 1990 at the age of 95.
A series of activities is planned throughout the day.

9:00 to 1:00 p.m. Exhibits at Wilson Library
"UNC School of Information and Library Science: 80 years of building our information future"

and

"Meaningful Marks: Image and Text and the History of the Book"

9:00 to 3:00 p.m. SILS Historical PowerPoint Presentation
Manning Hall Room 208

10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Architectural walking tour of UNC led by Will Owen
Associate University Librarian

11:30 a.m. to noon Storytelling
Dr. Brian Sturm
SILS Associate Professor

Noon to 12:30 p.m. Crafts for the kids
Live Angry Birds

12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Break
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.  ✪ SILS Book Group - *This Book Is Overdue! How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All* by Marilyn Johnson
SILS Library

2:00 to 3:00 p.m.  ✪ Information Sessions on SILS programs (BSIS, MSIS, MSLS, Ph.D.)
Manning Hall Lobby and Room 209

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.  ✪ Research Highlights - Three Minute Madness
Manning Hall 208

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.  ✪ Reception - light refreshments
Manning Hall Lobby
The Susan Steinfirst Memorial Lecture in Children’s Literature

by Korean-American award-winning author who has published works such as, *The Firekeeper’s Son*, *Seesaw Girl*, *The Kite Fighters*, *Yum! Yuck!* and her most recent book, *A Long Walk to Water*.

**Linda Sue Park**

Sunday, September 25, 2011, 2:00 p.m.
Gerrard Hall

Booksing and reception to follow in the Campus Y.M.C.A.

About Linda Sue

Linda Sue Park was born in Urbana, Illinois on March 25, 1960, and grew up outside Chicago. The daughter of Korean immigrants, she has been writing poems and stories since she was four-years-old, and her favorite thing to do as a child was read. In 1997, she started writing her first book, *Seesaw Girl*. It was accepted that same year and published in 1999.

*The Kite Fighters* came out in 2000. This book was especially exciting because the chapter-heading illustrations were done by Linda Sue’s dad.

*A Single Shard* was published in March 2001 and was awarded the 2002 Newbery Medal. Since then, Linda Sue has published several other novels, as well as picture books, poems and short stories. Besides reading and writing, Linda Sue likes to cook, travel, watch movies, and do the *New York Times* crossword puzzles (daily and Sunday). She enjoys baseball and soccer (watching); board games (playing—Scrabble and trivia games are her favorites); and video games like Tetris and Dr. Mario.
The Susan Steinfurst Memorial Lecture in Children’s Literature honors the memory of Susan Steinfurst, a professor of children’s and young adult literature at SILS from 1976 to 1996. She dedicated her life to the promotion of children’s literature by teaching future librarians and by publishing scholarly works in the field.
Ranked number one in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s School of Information and Library Science (SILS) consistently takes a leadership role in today’s ever-changing information and library science landscape. SILS seeks to advance the practice of librarianship and information science, to prepare students for careers in the field of information and library science, and to make significant contributions to the study of information. Faculty members further these goals by outstanding teaching and advisory work; by research and scholarly publishing; and by service to the school, the university, the state and the professional community.

The School regularly provides our alumni with services such as information about networking, job opportunities, special events and professional news. To ensure your contact information is correct, or to make changes, please visit: [sils.unc.edu/alumni/alumni-directory](http://sils.unc.edu/alumni/alumni-directory)

SILS is a treasured part of Carolina and the larger network of library and information science professionals. Much of what we are, and what we hope to be in the future, is a result of private gifts from alumni and friends. Private support is central to the School’s mission of creating an innovative environment to educate the world’s leaders in information generation and use. We invite you to help further excellence in information education. Please visit: [sils.unc.edu/giving](http://sils.unc.edu/giving)

### The 80th Anniversary Planning Committee

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