FIAA UPDATE – March 20, 2015

A brief update of our current initiatives and activities:

1. Bertha Bassam Lecture
   - David Lankes gave a lively and inspiring talk on “Radical Librarians” on March 11, 2015 at Innis Town Hall.
   - Lankes is a professor and Dean’s Scholar for the New Librarianship at Syracuse University’s School of Information Studies and director of the Information Institute of Syracuse.
   - The event was well attended although about 1/3 of those who registered did not attend, possibly due to picket lines.
   - CUPE 3902 protestors picketed outside the event and spoke out against the event on Twitter.
   - FIAA would like to thank Kathleen O’Brien, Robin Kester, and Audrey Johnson for their tireless work to make this event possible.

2. Grants and Awards Committee
   - Deadline for nominations for FIAA Outstanding Alumni and Outstanding student Awards is March 20, 2015 (today!)
   - For more information: http://www.ischool.utoronto.ca/fiaa-outstanding-alumni-award-fiaa-outstanding-student-contribution-award
   - The next deadline for conference grant applications is March 27, 2015.
   - For more information: http://www.ischool.utoronto.ca/fiaa-student-conferenceresearch-grants

3. Ask an Alum Committee
   - The AaA committee has embedded the sign-up form for AaA mentors on the website <http://bit.ly/146Ulid> and we welcome FIAA members to sign-up or pass on the link to alumni that you know.
   - Plans to host social events to help encourage participants to connect.

4. Job Shadowing Committee
   - Recruited 104 hosts as of Feb. 18, 2015.
   - Changes for this year: hosts should receive automatic notifications when students sign up; opening remaining spots to alumni after first two weeks.

7. Social Media and Web Committee
   - Plans to develop social media policy, strategy, and workflow.
   - Goal to increase followers on the various social media platforms.

8. Social Events Committee
   - FIAA’s OLA Alumni Reception, which took place at Baton Rouge on Front Street, had over 60 attendees
   - Plans underway for Spring Reunion and Convocation.