

## What is SCALA?

SCALA is the Student Chapter of the American Library Association at the University of Pittsburgh. SCALA was founded in 1988 and was the 15<sup>th</sup> official student chapter of the ALA. Since then, SCALA members have worked diligently to provide their fellow classmates with library-infused activities and programs.



*Past SCALA Members reunite at the 2004 ALA Convention in Orlando, FL.*

### *Why should I join ALA and SCALA?*

ALA and SCALA offer you opportunities to become involved with THE professional organization for librarians. You will have opportunities to develop your leadership skills, to learn more about professional issues, and to network with other MLIS students.

## SCALA's Mission

It is part of **SCALA's** mission:



Acquaint members with the goals and objectives of the American Library Association and the local student chapter.



Encourage professional contacts and involvement in professional activities.



Provide the members of the Student Chapter with official representation to the American Library Association and elsewhere.



*SCALA Members relaxing before a Meeting and Movie Night.*

## SCALA Membership

### *How do I become a member of SCALA?*

You are automatically a passive member of SCALA if you are a student member of ALA and are enrolled in the MLIS program at the University of Pittsburgh. Realistically though, passive members don't have the same opportunities as active members who become involved in SCALA and school-related events. To be active, join ALA and come to a one of our movie nights, join us for a tour of a library or museum in the city, or help make suggestions on how to improve SCALA. This is your chance to meet new people, have discussions with professionals in the field, and get to know your professors and instructors on a more personal basis. Don't let yourself be left behind!

### *Okay, okay! You've sold me! How do I become a member of ALA?:*

ALA's student membership costs \$25 and includes a subscription to *American Libraries*. We recommend you also join the New Members Round Table ([http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Our\\_Association/Round\\_Tables/NMRT/NMRT.htm](http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Our_Association/Round_Tables/NMRT/NMRT.htm)). It is a great way to develop leadership skills and become involved. Joining the New Members Round Table is an addition \$10, but is well worth the investment!

## SCALA Events

### *Meetings:*

January 28, 2005

6pm / 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Commons

Movie of the Night: Indian Jones and the Last Crusade

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005

6pm / 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Commons

Movie of the Night: All the President's Men

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005

6pm / 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Commons

Movie of the Night: The Matrix

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005

6pm / 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Commons

Movie of the Night: The Princess Bride

Remember, these dates are subject to change! Look for fliers in the building announcing the meetings closer to the actual meeting date.

### *Events:*

Our semester calendar has not yet been completely set! If you have a suggestion, please don't hesitate to mention it to us. You can contact our VP of Programming, Jessica Schelleng at [jks16@pitt.edu](mailto:jks16@pitt.edu) or bring up ideas at any of our meetings. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Your SCALA Officers

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*SCALA Members attending one of the semester's four main meetings.*

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