



March 13, 2024

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support of the Friends of Sims Library.

The Friends support the activities and collections of the Linus A. Sims Memorial Library at Southeastern Louisiana University by generating funds to purchase needed equipment and resources; to provide programs; to sponsor lectures; and to host other special events. Most recently, the organization has funded the purchase of electronic equipment including iPads, Chromebooks, cameras, and other items for students to borrow; the bestseller collection; and the creation of a new graphic novels collection.

Our annual Marjorie Morrison Memorial Members' Tea will take place on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Sims Library. The doors will open at 1:45. Guests will enjoy a variety of teas and a selection of delicious sandwiches and pastries. Our popular bottomless mimosas will be available for \$10.00. Guests will also enjoy listening to our speaker, local playwright/lyricist Donna Gay Anderson, who will be interviewed by Melissa Griffin, Director of the Hammond Regional Arts Center. Donna Gay's plays include *The Way We Say Goodbye*, performed in Hammond, Cedar Rapids, and St. Paul; *High and Mighty*; *Unfolded*; and *Dead Reckoning*. She is currently working with composer Richard Winzeler on a new musical about the state of homelessness in America.

The Tea is free to Friends of Sims Library members. Those who renew at the Associate or Patron level may reserve one additional complimentary seat for a guest. Friends at the Lifetime level may reserve a complimentary table for four. The cost for non-members is \$35, which includes your admission to the Tea and an Individual membership in the Friends for 2024. More information can be found at <https://www.southeastern.edu/library/about/friends/index.html>

We hope that you will renew your membership or join the Friends for the first time. You can pay securely online at southeastern.edu/librarytea or complete the enclosed form and send us a check made payable to Southeastern Foundation. Please let us know if you will be attending the Tea.

To guarantee seating for the Tea, the deadline for checks is Friday, April 12, and the deadline for online reservations is noon on Wednesday, April 17. Please mail checks to Friends of Sims Library, SLU 10896, Hammond, LA 70402.

Check out our [Facebook page \(Friends of Sims Library\)](#) regularly for more information on upcoming Library and Friends' events, and please invite your friends to join! If you have questions about membership or the Tea, please email us at friends.sims@selu.edu or call Janie Branham at 985-549-2186.

Sincerely,

Eric Johnson, President
Friends of Sims Library Executive Board

Friends of Sims Library Membership Form

To join/renew by credit card please visit southeastern.edu/librarytea

___ I wish to join/renew at the level indicated below. Enclosed is my check for \$_____

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SLU 10896, Hammond, LA 70402

I will be attending the annual Members' Tea? **Yes** _____ **No** _____

Membership Levels

Individual (\$35)

- Invitation to lectures, author readings, and programs
- Advance notice of Friends of Sims Library activities
- One Seat at annual Members' Tea

Associate (\$75)

- Benefits of Individual Membership, plus an additional seat at the Members' Tea

Patron (\$200)

- Benefits of Associate Membership, plus recognition in event programs

Lifetime (\$500)

- Benefits of Patron Membership
- Reserved Table for four at the Members' Tea
- Special gift acknowledgement
- Name included on Lifetime Friends plaque in the Library

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

___ I would like to receive library updates and upcoming event announcements

___ I would like to receive upcoming event announcements only

* If you have questions, please send an e-mail to friends.sims@selu.edu