LIU's Palmer School of Library and Information Science is one of the most distinguished schools of library and information science in the world. Founded in 1959 at LIU Post with programs offered throughout New York state and online, the School awards the M.S. degree in Library and Information Science, the Ph.D. in Information Studies, and Advanced Certificates in Archives and Records Management and Public Library Administration.

Hutton House is pleased to welcome thought leaders from the Palmer School who will offer a series of lectures exclusively to Hutton House students during the 2019-2020 academic year. Among the speakers will be:

Meet the President of the American Library Association: Loida Garcia-Febo is a student in the Palmer School doctoral program and holds the coveted position as president of the ALA, the oldest and largest library association in the world. Learn about her ground-breaking efforts to bring library services to underserved countries and minority groups in the USA.

"The role of libraries and librarians is essential in the information ecosystem to promote citizen participation, social inclusion, positivism and hope," said Garcia-Febo. “Globally, librarians have joined efforts with organizations to create policies that benefit people of all ages, races, gender, abilities, and social status to access information.” Meet Mrs. Garcia-Febo on Monday, January 14 at 1 p.m. Fee: $30

From Cuneiform to Kindle: The History of the Book, 3000 B.C. to the Present: Fernando Peña is an instructor at the Palmer School's offices located at NYU’s Bobst Library. J. Fernando Peña, a rare books librarian formerly with the Grolier Club in New York City and a graduate of Stanford, Berkeley and Harvard, will take you on a 5,000-year journey, from the rise of written communication in ancient Mesopotamia to the e-book. He will discuss the numerous ways that the book has changed over time in response to culture, technology and taste. The role of printers, publishers and bibliophiles will feature prominently in this story of innovation and survival. Meet Mr. Pena on Tuesday, February 26 at 1 p.m. Fee: $30

History of the Encyclopedia Britannica: Long before Google, there was the Encyclopedia Britannica. Dr. Thomas Walker, Long Island University's Dean of University Libraries and Director of the Palmer School of Library and Information Science, will describe the history of this resource from 1768 through March 2010 when the company ceased production of its iconic multi-volume book sets. Are encyclopedias going to evaporate from our culture? Find out on Tuesday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m. Fee: $30

The Winter brochure will be mailed shortly to the homes of Hutton House students. You can use the registration form in the back of the brochure or register online at liu.edu/post/ce and click the Hutton House button. If you need assistance reserving a class on the website, call 516.299.2850.

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Our Heritage

This structure is located on the LIU Post campus facing Northern Boulevard. It was constructed in 1911 as a chicken coup for estate owners William and Nina Prime. When new owners Marjorie Merriweather Post and E.F. Hutton purchased the Prime's property in 1921, the building was renovated into a guest house. Named Post Cottage, the wings were added between 1921 and 1925 by E.W. Howell, a builder from Plainview. After LIU purchased the estate from Mrs. Post to establish C.W. Post College, the structure was converted into the school’s first campus library in 1955, and expanded in 1960 to include a red-brick façade to match the college’s gymnasium that was being constructed nearby. In 1993, the building was renovated and renamed Kumble Hall for LIU trustee Steven J. Kumble H’90. Today, the building houses Enrollment Services, which provides academic advising, bursar and financial aid services to LIU Post’s undergraduate and graduate student population. An average of 500 students visit the building on a weekly basis. The building has been undergoing a renovation since 2018.

Billie Burke, who played Glinda the Good Witch (pictured) in the Wizard of Oz, was a guest of Post Cottage in the 1920s.