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## Extramural Activity at MSU

I have held the KOM Extramural Coordinator position (which is part-time) at Michigan State University since early in October 1980. During my interview I was told that it would be necessary to work independently, and that the job was pretty much what the incumbent made of it. These descriptions certainly proved to be true, and are two of the main reasons I have found the duties of Extramural Coordinator both stimulating and challenging. I have addressed myself to the two principal goals of the Extramural Program, namely, a) develop and improve basic unit libraries and strengthen their roles in the provision of health care, and b) facilitate the utilization of information services.

More specifically, I have concentrated my efforts on identifying hospital libraries that have had little or no previous contact of any kind with KOM/MSU. After attending the Bay City MHSLSA meeting in October 1980, which was an excellent way to get introduced to the health science libraries scene, I planned a trip to the upper and central portions of the Lower Peninsula. Working from the files and the *AHA Guide*, I selected libraries to visit that had written or telephoned for information but had never been seen, and libraries that, apparently, had remained uncharted territory until that time.

This week-long trip, plus other briefer forays, left me with several impressions of the situation in the large 62-county MSU service area. Outside the cities with firmly established libraries with full-time library managers, there are a significant number of libraries in various stages of development (approximately 45) struggling along with a will and a way under the supervision of a library manager who is a busy Medical Record Technician or Administrative Secretary. (In one case, one individual is a very effective library manager in addition to being an ART and Administrative Secretary.) The majority of these managers are sincerely interested in improving the quality of their libraries and are doing as much as possible to achieve this aim. The value of their time and effort cannot be overemphasized. In one hospital with no library facilities at all, the Physical Therapist is campaigning persistently for the establishment of a library and is making active use of KOM/MSU resources. The majority of libraries are supported by staff assessment or partially by staff assessment, and in a few instances by the hospital auxiliary. Others are under the hospital's education department; only a minority have a line in the hospital's budget.

A few libraries, unfortunately, show no signs of desiring to improve their collections or services. Perhaps the demand for biomedical information by their staff physicians is not sufficient, or there has been no support from the administration. I regret also to report that some library managers and hospital administrators have never heard of KOMRML or of the availability of its resources and services. A typical comment was "Where have you *been?*" There are at least twenty libraries not making use of ILL (a few are unaware of it), and a significantly greater number have not heard of, or are not using, MASH.

Where possible I have encouraged library managers to explore the possibilities of cooperation and/or consortia with other libraries in similar circumstances in their general geographic area. It should be emphasized that MSU's territory is

very large, and that distances create problems both for hospital libraries and for the Coordinator. It is good to see a small nucleus of full-time librarians from well-established libraries acting as consultants for developing libraries — frequently driving a good many miles to do so.

To date I have made 35 on-site visits getting acquainted personally with individual library managers and their hospitals. The list of hospitals never before visited has thus grown much smaller. A map of the MSU service area, with detachable color coded dots representing various stages of library development, shows only eight hospitals with no library facilities whatsoever; about six with no contact of any kind; and 45 developing libraries. There have been also at least 25 telephone and/or letter contacts, and I have attended nine meetings of various kinds.

Libraries that previously had remained outside KOMRML at least have been introduced to its services and to the concept of a biomedical information network, and have been encouraged to make use of or expand their use of its resources. As Extramural Coordinator, I have been able to develop a "feel" both for the territory and for the potential for growth in the very large 62-county MSU service area.

—Judy Coppola

Michigan State University

## Regions of Cooperation

In September, 1980, the access offices at Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, and Wayne State University were closed because LSCA (Library Services and Construction Act) funds were no longer available to support such activities.

Prior to this date, Michigan had a decentralized document delivery system through these access offices. When the access offices were closed, the State Librarian appointed a task force to develop a new structure for document delivery in the state.

This task force recommended that Regions of Cooperation be established to aid in the development of a rational document delivery system. The plan is that all resources within a contiguous geographic region will be searched to fill requests from all participating libraries (public, school, academic, and special) within the Regions of Cooperation.

In order to form the Regions of Cooperation, public library cooperative directors were asked to assume the responsibility of contacting all library-type institutions in or near their established library cooperative areas for the purpose of meeting and forming a regional planning group. The director of the White Pine Library Cooperative did so in the nine county region served by this cooperative.

Representatives of the various types of libraries have been meeting since late in 1980 and recently formed a Region of Cooperation for the area of Arenac, Bay, Huron, Iosco, Midland, Ogemaw, Saginaw, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties.

At the present time, grant money from LSCA funds are available to Regions of Cooperation based on the population, number of full-time equivalent students in two and four year academic institutions and the density of the library cooperative population. Our local Region of Cooperation has been granted a sum to develop our cooperative efforts. One use for the grant money will be to develop and update a union list of serials for the area.

In addition to grant money, each regional outlet in the region will receive a set of locator tools which will give them sources for finding material beyond the region.

At present in our region, each academic institution is acting as a regional outlet. The Regional Educational Media Centers (REMCs) have been designated as regional outlets for the school libraries. White Pine Cooperative is the regional outlet for public libraries. Saginaw Health Sciences Library will serve as the regional outlet for special libraries.

There is a Board which consists of representatives from the various types of libraries which meets regularly to define services, decide on spending money from the grants, and mediate any problems.

The Region of Cooperation hopes to fulfill their charge to help in the development of a rational document delivery system and to provide needed services quickly within the region. Already the meetings between various types of librarians has facilitated increased cooperation between the various types of libraries and when the union list of serials is completed, it is hoped that even better cooperation will result. Obviously, this type of arrangement will not completely remove the need to go outside the region for materials, but it is hoped that some of the burden on the large university libraries will be shared by other libraries. Another obvious benefit is that the libraries in the region are not charging each other for inter-library loans at the present time.

-Barbara Kormelink  
Bay Medical Center Library

### TAMIC Awarded NLM Grant

The Thumb Area Medical Information Consortium (TAMIC) was awarded a \$30,000 consortium grant by the National Library of Medicine to improve library service for health professionals in the thumb area of Michigan. Mercy Hospital in Port Huron is the consortium headquarters. Laura Vaelz is the TAMIC Librarian and visits each of five hospitals one day ever two weeks. She meets with the library managers of the hospitals on a regular basis to develop by-laws for the consortium. The group is also working on a union list of serials, book inventory, ordering and cataloging. St. Clair County Community College Library serves as a resource for the consortium.

Besides Mercy Hospital and the Community College, the following hospitals have made a commitment toward consortium development: Harbor Beach Community Hospital, Harbor Beach; Deckerville Community Hospital, Deckerville; McKenzie Memorial Hospital, Sandusky; River District Hospital, St. Clair and Port Huron Hospital, Port Huron.

### MASH III Is Published

The third edition of *Michigan Area Serial Holdings* (MASH III) is available for distribution. Currently, MASH III includes the health-related serial holdings of 54 hospitals and other institutions in Michigan (mostly outside of Detroit). Each of the more than 1700 titles is listed alphabetically with the holdings by volume and date of the participating libraries. The list contains titles which have ceased publication as well as current titles. There is a listing of institutions, library codes and library personnel.

MASH III is edited and distributed by the MASH Committee. The subscription price includes updates for one year (May 1982). The price of MASH III is: \$35.00 for participating libraries; \$55.00 for non-participating libraries.

All orders must be prepaid. Checks should be made payable to the MASH Committee. Send the order and check to: Mrs. J. Raphaelson, Hurley Medical Center, Hamady Health Sciences Library, Flint, MI 49502.

### President's Column

In April the space shuttle Columbia successfully completed its maiden voyage. This feat of human courage and engineering provides us with a glimpse of a "future-world" where space travel will be commonplace. Libraries of the future will directly reflect the new technology, according to Dr. Wooster, Special Assistant for Program Development, Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications. Dr. Wooster spoke on "Medical Libraries in the Year 2000" in July 1979 at the Detroit Boat Club. Dr. Wooster predicted that in the year 2000 the medical library will no longer use card catalogs, making old wooden and metal catalogs collector's items. Catalogs will be computerized, consisting of small consoles with visual display screens. The console teleprinter will be controlled by a light pen to edit the printout. Searchers will use natural language while search procedures will be standardized in all databases. Patrons will do their own searching and books will be delivered to the patron from storage areas after a "fetch" button is activated. What will be the librarian's role in this future world? To find out, plan to attend the MRG/MLA Annual Meeting, October 11 - 13, 1981. The Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group is host for the conference and MHSLA members will meet jointly with MRG/MLA. The conference theme is "Options For The Future."

The keynote speaker, Dr. Carlos Cuadra, President of Cuadra Associates, is an international authority on on-line systems. His topic is "Electronic Challenge to Libraries and Librarians in the 1990's." Following his address there will be a panel discussion by Charles M. Goldstine, Chief Computer Technologist, National Library of Medicine, a speaker from the Burroughs Corporation and Dr. Tefko Saracevic, Ph.D., Professor of Library Science, Case Western Reserve University.

The main program will be organized along three tracks accenting the following broad areas: a) the librarian's role in the future, b) vendor organization of information and c) accessing information. Speakers so far announced for the twelve presentations include Professor N.A. Rahimi, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Computer Science and Dr. John Childs, Professor of the College of Education, both of Wayne State University; Paula Moses, Technical Information Services, Dow Chemical Company; Dr. Robert Smythe of the Congressional House Committee on Science and Technology; and Tom Harnish, OCLC Research Division. The health sciences library world will be represented by Dina Nameth, Henry Ford Hospital; Michele Klein, Children's Hospital of Michigan and Edna Jolliff, Harper Hospital.

The setting for our visit to the world of the future is the elegant Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn. I hope you will mark your calendars for October 11 - 13, 1981, so that we can discover what is waiting for us in the year 2000.

-Mildred Kingsbury

### Individual Items

**Janette S. Caputo**, Ph.D. has been appointed the Director of the Saginaw Health Sciences Library. Dr. Caputo earned both her Ph.D. and MSLS from Wayne State University. Before coming to Saginaw Health Sciences Library, Dr. Caputo served as Director of the Science Library, Wayne State University.

**Andrea Kenyon** is the new Assistant Librarian at St. Joe's in Ann Arbor. She is a 1981 graduate of University of Michigan School of Library Science.

**Barbara M. Kline** has accepted the position of Librarian at Charfoos & Charfoos, P.C., a Detroit law firm. She was formerly on the staff of the Science Library, Wayne State University.

**Two new MEDLINE centers** have been created in Michigan. Barbara Kormelink at Bay Medical Center and Carol Colter of Midland Hospital Association, both received their initial training at the National Library of Medicine in April 1981.

## Executive Board Minutes: Summary

Starting with this issue of MHS LA News the Executive Board will provide a summary of its meeting activities. The Executive Board's work at its meetings is to review and discuss committee reports, to examine the work of the committees in light of their specific charges, and to prepare documentation based on committee work that the members may need prior to voting on an issue. By publicizing the Board's minutes in an abbreviated form, the Board hopes the members will see how the work of the Association gets done and what progress is made by the Association in achieving its goals.

The most recent Board meeting was held April 10, 1981 at the Shiffman Medical Library, Wayne State University. The following committee reports were received:

**Conference Planning Committee** report was presented by Edna Jolliff, MDMLG representative. The MRG/MLA program has been finalized. Speakers have made commitments to present papers at the conference on October 11 - 13, 1981. The conference theme is "Options for the Future: Libraries in the Year 2000." MHS LA members may attend this conference as their education event for 1981. MHS LA members who would like to volunteer to work the information desks during the conference and can travel to Detroit for orientation meetings should contact Sharon Phillips, Oakwood Hospital, 18101 Oakwood, Dearborn, MI 48124 (313/336-3000 x414). **Treasurer** reported a balance on hand of \$4879.30.

**Archivist** reminded the Board that originals of minutes, reports and other Association documents should be sent to the archives. Photographs and other media should be sent also to build the Association's record of growth. The Archivist will prepare a budget for the Board's consideration.

**Education Committee** presented proposals for changes in the bylaws to clarify the committee's role as an advisor to the Conference Planning Committee and to local groups engaged in any educational activity. The Board will review the report and discuss the proposals at its September meeting. The MICCLE representative is now a member of the committee.

**Legislation Committee** — no report.

**MLA Liaison Committee** reported that the members have yet to respond to the question of MLA affiliation as announced in the Spring 1981 MHS LA News. Carole Colter, Past-President and Chair, will attend the MLA Montreal meeting and report new information about MLA's concerns with chapter affiliation. Also, the committee will devise a fact sheet on this issue in preparation for a vote at the October business meeting.

**Nominating Committee** present a slate of candidates for office. The slate was approved. The candidates will be announced at a later date.

**Publications Committee** announced that the new banner for the News is completed and the design is incorporated in the new Association stationery.

**Ad Hoc Committee on a Statewide Union List of Serials** has been meeting regularly and has evaluated some preliminary estimates from potential union list producers. The committee is waiting to receive more information from NLM on its position as a union list producer. The committee plans to complete its work on schedule and issue a report by the end of the summer.

**Ad Hoc Committee on MHA Affiliation** reported on its first meeting when the problem of gathering information was discussed. Committee members are responding to a list of suggestions for collection of pro and con arguments made by chairman Janet Parsch, MSU. The committee is also waiting to hear the concerns of the members about this issue. Their report will appear in the Fall issue of MHS LA News.

**Ad Hoc Committee to Study Bylaws** was created by the Board at its December 12, 1980 meeting to review the bylaws for update, correction and/or revision. This committee is asking the members for feedback on the state of the bylaws.

All correspondence should be addressed to: Carol Colter, Midland Hospital Association Library, 4005 Orchard Drive, Midland, MI 48640. Feedback should be received by the end of June 1981.

**New Business** — The Board discussed an association directory. Jim Shedlock, President-elect, will approach the Publications Committee concerning this project. The Board also discussed the problem of communication with the members. There are three pressing issues about which the Board and the various committees need opinions: MLA affiliation, MHA affiliation and the bylaws revision. The Board urges members to be in touch with local representatives and to respond to the committees' request for feedback either individually or as a group.

The Executive Board will meet at the Saginaw Health Sciences Library at 10:00 A.M., September 11, 1981.

—Jim Shedlock  
President-elect

## Local Group News

**Valley Regional Health Science Librarians** — On March 18 the VRHSL met at Saginaw Osteopathic Hospital. The business meeting was followed by a slide/tape presentation of the use of *Index Medicus*, a production of Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. The program is available on interloan from Barbara Kormelink, Medical Librarian at Bay Medical Center, Bay City, Michigan.

**South Central Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association** — The spring meeting of SCMHS LA was held at Chelsea Community Hospital on May 1. The Luncheon was followed by a business meeting and program. Robert Sekerak, NLM Academic Health Sciences Library Management Intern at Taubman Medical Library described the internship program and his recent visit to NLM. The next meeting is scheduled for August 7 at Gelman Sciences in Ann Arbor.

**Flint Area Health Sciences Library Network** — Members of FAHSLN met on May 21 at St. Joseph Hospital in Flint. The group began work on a consulting package that they hope to market to institutions that do not have library services. The group also discussed the issue of MHA affiliation. Lea Ann McGaugh is a representative to the Ad Hoc Committee which is addressing the possible affiliation.

**Mid-Michigan Health Sciences Libraries** — At the annual business meeting of M-MHSL the following officers were elected: Pearl Ann Miller, Librarian, Office of Health and Medical Affairs, as Chairperson, and Leslie Behm, Science Librarian, MSU as Secretary. Mary Anne Wallace, Librarian, McPherson Community Health Center, Howell will continue her two-year term as Treasurer. Laurel Minott, Librarian, Michigan Department of Mental Health, hosted the meeting held on February 12. The Fall meeting is scheduled for September 10 at Pennock Hospital in Hastings.

**Upper Peninsula Health Sciences Libraries Consortium** — The Consortium met at Marquette General Hospital on May 8. A panel discussion on interlibrary loan was held in the morning. The discussants included Suzanne Dees, Superiorland Library Service, Amanda Binoniemi, Calumet Public Hospital, Nancy Manninen, Portage View Hospital and Mildred Kingsbury, Marquette General Hospital. In the afternoon the members discussed the future plans of their group, including structure and organization.

**Health Instructional Resources Associated** — On May 7 HIRA members met at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. The program that followed the business meeting was a presentation of helpful hints for AV equipment maintenance and troubleshooting. Members were able to ask questions and see firsthand demonstrations of routine and essential hardware care procedures. The next meeting will be held on July 9 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

## The Non-Health Related Interloan

The Kentucky-Ohio-Michigan Regional Medical Library Network (KOMRMLN) has been most successful in developing the mechanisms to fill or refer health-related requests. Many basic unit librarians, however, are frustrated in their effort to obtain non-health related requests for their patrons. Because the RML network is so successful, many health science librarians feel it is the answer to all their interlibrary loan needs. A misunderstanding of the scope of the network results in librarians incorrectly submitting non-health related requests to the KOM Participating Libraries. An explanation of the scope of the national biomedical network and some suggested sources for non-health related interloans are offered here as a partial solution.

For network purposes requests are divided into health-related or non-health related interloans. The scope of a request is determined by the *nature* of the journal or book title requested and not by the specific article or chapter within that title. For example, if a patron requests an article on trends in financing hospital construction, published in the *Harvard Business Review*, the request is out-of-scope because the journal is not health related. Although the specific article is relevant to the area of health care, the journal title makes this request ineligible for the RML network. The same principle applies to books or photocopies of parts of a book. The book itself must be health related in order to be in-scope for the RML network.

A good way to determine whether or not a title is in-scope is to check the National Library of Medicine collection for ownership. Journal titles can be checked through SERLINE or in the two volume set, **Index of NLM Serial Titles**.<sup>\*</sup> Book titles that are catalogued by NLM and have a NLM call number are in-scope and can be verified in Current Catalog.<sup>\*</sup> Any title owned by NLM is considered to be in-scope.

Since only health related requests are accepted for processing through the KOM network, how should librarians handle these non-health related requests? First, an attempt should be made to obtain the non-health request from local public, college or special libraries. It would be beneficial to the requesting library to obtain current serial lists as well as interlibrary loan policy statements, including cost information from these institutions. Once the journal is located the interloan request should be sent directly to the institution which holds it. If at all possible OCLC should be checked. It is a great time saver. By using OCLC the librarian not only verifies but also locates a title, either in Michigan or out-of-state. Again, it should be emphasized that the KOM Participating Libraries accept only health related requests.

There are a number of commercial sources which can supply non-health documents. These include:

**Dial Order:** An on-line document delivery service available through the Lockheed Corporation's Dialog System. Write: Lockheed Information Service, 3460 Hillview Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94304 (800/227-1960).

**Chemical Abstracts Service Document Delivery Service:** Requests from CAS publications or from the CAS library can be filled at a cost of \$10 to \$20. Write: CAS Document Delivery Service, 2540 Olenangy River Rd., P.O. Box 3012, Columbus, OH 43210 (614/421-6940 x2956 or 2031).

**University Microfilms International:** Provides photocopies of journal articles. Costs range from \$6 to \$10. Write: UMI Article Reprint Department, 300 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48106 (313/761-4700).

**Institute for Scientific Information OATS (Original Article Tear Sheet):** Provides materials listed in the weekly *Current Contents* series. Costs range from \$5.50 to \$10. Write: ISI, 350 Market St., University City Science Center, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (215/386-0100).

Another way to obtain a needed article is to ask the patron to write directly to the author. Many authors are willing to provide reprints of their articles if requested.

—Jim Shedlock  
Wayne State University

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<sup>\*</sup>Both the *Index of National Library of Medicine Serial Titles*, 4th Edition, 1981 and the *NLM Current Catalog* are available from the Superintendent of Documents. Price and order information are to be found on the inside cover of each issue of *Abridged Index Medicus* and *Index Medicus*.

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