MISHULS Invited To Join DOCLINE

The National Library of Medicine has approached the Union List committee of MHSLA and asked if we would be interested in becoming the first hospital library group to have their holdings entered from CCLC into SERHOLD to participate in DOCLINE.

DOCLINE is NLM's automated interlibrary loan request and referral system. The system was developed to fill the need for improved service to the health professional by rapid routing of interlibrary loan requests through the Regional Medical Library Network.

When creating interlibrary loan requests, a user of DOCLINE enters a library identification number (LIBID) rather than the entire name and address of the borrowing institution. Another timesaver is that DOCLINE is linked to MEDLINE and its backfiles so the borrowing library will be able to input the unique citation number (UI) from MEDLINE and have all of the needed bibliographic data placed in the ILL request automatically.

Obvious time and labor savings can result from using DOCLINE for interlibrary loans. Automatic routing of requests for titles in SERLINE is a major component of the system. Routing will be based on holdings data in SERHOLD, as well as established local routing patterns provided by applicants when they join the system. Requests will be routed only to DOCLINE participants that are identified as holders of the requested materials and are included on the routing table provided by the borrower. The system will equalize the workload among potential lenders automatically. Requestors will have the option to select one preferred lender for each request. If the request is not filled by that lender, automatic routing will then occur.

Each DOCLINE participant will receive regular summary reports on its activity as a lender and as a borrower. The costs of these basic reports will be included in the standard access charges for use of the system. NLM is not charging access costs for DOCLINE use at this time. When the system is fully operational, users will be given notice of the charges at least 90 days before they go into effect.

Any terminal that can access MEDLINE will be able to access DOCLINE. Current MEDLARS login codes with a different password may be used to access DOCLINE. DOCLINE will be easy to learn and use and will not require formal training. NLM will provide a user manual to all new users.

If MISHULS data is entered by tape from OCLC to DOCLINE, each participating library in MISHULS will be able to fill out their own application to participate in DOCLINE and will be able to build in their own borrowing patterns in the first levels or cells of the pyramid structure of DOCLINE. Each library can enter up to 20 libraries in a cell and up to a total of 80 libraries in the total routing system. If you have questions concerning possible MISHULS participation in this project, please contact one of the members of the Union List committee or take your questions to your spring local group meeting.

Barbara Kormelink,

MISHULS Union List Chairperson

St. Clair Inn: The American Plan

Renaissance and relaxation in the fall; it sounds wonderful! Time away from hum-drum chores is essential to spark creativity and improve our perspective on work. The St. Clair Inn is the perfect setting for MHSLA's 13th Annual Educational Retreat. All the details of room fees and meals have been combined in the convenient American Plan, which covers your room and three meals per day. Costs are as follows:

    $75.00 per person / per day double occupancy
    $85.00 per person / per day single occupancy

For the convenience of MHSLA conference attendees, meal service will begin with dinner on the day you arrive, and end with lunch on the day you depart. Two brief examples will help explain how it works.

Example 1

You arrive at the St. Clair Inn on Tuesday evening and plan to depart late Friday afternoon. You have registered for the American Plan for three days, which entitles you to a room for three nights and nine meals. The meals will be:

Tuesday:	Dinner
Wednesday:	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Thursday:	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Friday:	Breakfast & Lunch

Example 2

You arrive on Thursday morning and plan to depart late Friday afternoon. You have registered for the American Plan for Thursday, which entitles you to a room for Thursday evening and three meals. The meals will be:

Thursday:	Dinner
Friday:	Breakfast & Lunch

Lunch on Thursday will be included in your daily conference registration fee, so you won't have to make any cash payments during the conference. You can make this arrangement for any day during the conference when your lunch is not covered by the American Plan.

An additional food note: If family or friends are attending with you, meals not covered in the American Plan or in the conference registration fees are available in the St. Clair Inn's public dining room.

To get the full benefit of "renaissance and relaxation," the Accomodations Committee recommends that conference attendees stay at the St. Clair Inn rather than drive the distance back and forth to home each day. The committee estimates that lodging represents only $35.00 of the American Plan cost and our mileage costs for driving to and from the conference will probably amount to that much anyway. An hour spent walking on America's longest freshwater broadwalk is also much nicer than an hour on the freeway, so don't commute. Join us on the river.

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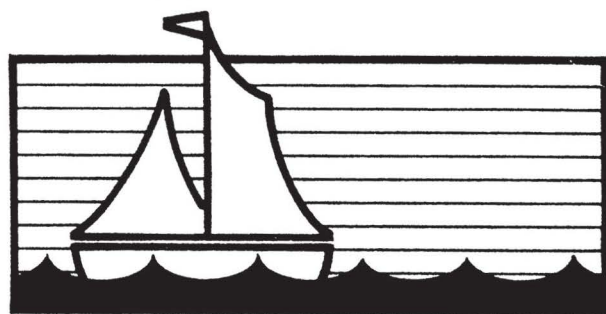
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The Alfred Taubman Medical Library Announces Telefacsimile Service

The Alfred Taubman Medical Library at the University of Michigan has installed a Xerox Telecopier 295. Requests for photocopies of pages from journals or books received by the Interlibrary Loan Department by 11:00 am will be filled and transmitted to the requesting library by 4:30 pm the same day. Same-day service is limited to materials from the Alfred Taubman Medical Library collection only. The collection contains materials in pharmacy, nursing, and basic medical sciences. The charge for this service at the present time is the current Interlibrary Loan fee of $6.00 per journal article or book chapter up to 50 pages.

Requests may be sent to the Interlibrary Loan Department on ALA forms; by Class/Ontyme electronic mail; by telephone (313-764-1210 extension 7); or by telecopier (313-763-1473) between 9:00 am - 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm. Questions about the service may be directed to Marilynn Simpson, Interlibrary Loan Librarian, The Alfred Taubman Medical Library; 313-764-1210 extension 37.

Marilyn G. Simpson

Relational Databases

In order to develop significant library applications, we need to understand the importance of a relational database. With a relational database, we don't have to struggle to put all possible useful information in one file; we can build separate files and relate them to each other as necessary.

For example, an interlibrary loan application requires two files: a file with library names (including library code and complete address) and a transaction file with the specific loan request information (journal title, etc.). After you have entered the ILL information in the transaction file, you can have your report look up the complete library address from the library name file and print it on your ILL form. The library code would have to be a common field in both files. Your transaction file would be a record of all your outgoing ILLs from which you could harvest statistics at any time.

A circulation application would require at least three files; a patron file, a book file and a transaction file. Each transaction record would relate a specific user to a specific book and keep that transaction as a permanent record. From the information in these three files you could print bibliographies, find out if a book is on the shelf or when it is due, print overdue notices, and gather circulation statistics. You could build other files, for example, publisher address (for ordering) or a file with abstracts or tables of contents related to specific books.

Telefacsimile Numbers

Here is a partial list of telefacsimile numbers for Michigan libraries. If you know of other numbers please contact Susan Hubbs at 517-771-6871, or at the fax number (517-753-3439).

Since policy concerning the use of this equipment varies, we suggest that you call the individual library before requesting fax delivery of information.

Macomb Region of Cooperation
    Macomb County Library (Mt. Clemens)
    Telefax number: 313/286-7187

Southern Michigan Region of Cooperation
    Monroe County Library (Monroe)
    Telefax number: 313/241-4722

Detroit Associated Libraries Region of Cooperation
    Detroit Public Library
    Telefax number: 313/833-5039

Blue Water Network of Libraries
    St. Clair County Library (Port Huron)
    Telefax number: 313/982-3600

Northland Interlibrary Loan Region of Cooperation
    Northland Cooperative (Alpena)
    Telefax number: 517/356-1622

Mid-Michigan Library League Region of Cooperation
    Cadillac-Wexford Library (Cadillac)
    Telefax number: 616/775-1749

    Central Michigan University, Park Library
    (Mt. Pleasant)
    Telefax number: 517/774-4499

White Pine Region of Cooperation
    Saginaw Public Library
    Telefax number: 517/753-1125

    Saginaw Health Sciences
    Telefax number: 517/753-3439

    Saginaw Valley State College Library
    (University Center)
    Telefax number: 517/790-4383

Wayne/Oakland Region of Cooperation
    Wayne/Oakland Library Service Center
    (Wayne)
    Telefax number: 313/326-3035

Upper Peninsula Region of Library Cooperation
    Michgian Technological University Library
    (Houghton)
    Telefax number: 906/427-2357

Hiawathaland Library Cooperative
    (Sault Ste. Marie)
    Telefax number: 906/635-0121

    Superiorland Library Cooperative (Marquette)
    Telefax number: 906/228-7697

    Mid-Peninsula Library Cooperative
    (Iron Mountain)
    Telefax number: 906/774-3005

Library of Michigan (Lansing)
Telefax number: 800/292-2431

Library of Michigan, Law Library (Lansing)
Telefax number: 517/373-3915

Library of Michigan, Upper Peninsula Branch (Ecanaba)
Telefax number: 906/786-8284

University of Michigan
    Taubman Library (Ann Arbor)
    Telefax number: 313/763-1473

Greater Midwest Regional Medical Library Network
    Library of Health Science (Chicago)
    Telefax number: 312/733-6440

These Group 3 (sub-minute, digital) telefacsimile transceivers were installed as a result of the recent Statewide Telefax Communications Project. Other telefacsimile transceivers are located in Michigan libraries. A statewide directory of telefacsimile equipment will be a project for the near future.

These are two examples of common library applications that require the power of a relational database. If you are shopping for a database with which to build library applications, be sure to get relational capability. R:Base 5000 is one of the most sophisticated relational databases because it can relate up to forty files (tables). DBase III and the inexpensive PC File/R also have relational abilities. Most integrated programs such as Framework and Symphony do not have relational abilities.

Coming to understand this aspect of database software has been a big help to me in developing my library applications. I hope this explanation will also help you in your application planning and development.

Tom Van Dam

ONLINE INFORMATION RETRIEVAL SERVICES TRAINING SEMINARS

Presented by the Michigan Library Consortium

The Michigan Library Consortium is presenting ten Introductory Seminars in April and May: 3 BRS, 3 DIALOG, 1 VU/TEXT, and 3 WILSONLINE (1 day sessions). An advanced DIALOG Seminar (1 day session) will also be held. The registration fee includes training materials, hands-on practice on selected databases, and refreshments.

INSTRUCTIONS

The instructor for the BRS, DIALOG, and WILSONLINE Seminars will be Michael J. Conway, MLC's Automated Services Coordinator. Mike has taught previous OIRS training seminars. The instructor for the Introductory VU/TEXT Seminar will be Alan S. Bobowski, Head of Technical Services, Lansing Public Library. Alan has taught various courses and seminars, includling previous OIRS seminars.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Those who have not used either BRS, DIALOG, VU/TEXT, or WILSONLINE.
- Those who have not previously attended an introductory taining session on BRS, DIALOG, VU/TEXT, or WILSONLINE.
- Those who would like a basic refresher session on BRS, DIALOG, VU/TEXT, or WILSONLINE searching.

Advanced DIALOG Seminar
May 20, 1986
Grand Valley State College
(Allendale/Grand Rapids)

June 12 - Introductory WILSONLINE Seminar, MLC Office, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., $75.00/MLC members, $85.00/Non-MLC members, for more information contact Judy Zinke at the MLC office, Michigan toll-free (800) 292-1359 or (517) 694-4242.

June 18 - Introductory DIALOG Seminar, MLC Office, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., $75.00/MLC members, $85.00/Non-MLC members, for more information contact Judy Zinke at the MLC office, Michigan toll-free (800) 292-1359 or (517) 694-4242.

June 24 - Introductory BRS Seminar, MLC Office, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., $75.00/MLC members, $85.00/Non-MLC members. For more information contact Judy Zinke at the MLC office, Michigan toll-free (800) 292-1359 or (517) 694-4242.

Other sessions may be added based on demand.

NOTE: Introductory DIALOG Seminars will include Version 2 features. Introductory BRS Seminars will include new system enhancements implemented since January 1985.

Session Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., On-site check-in - 8:30 a.m.

TO REGISTER for one of the eleven seminars listed above, complete and return the attached form with a check or memo authorizing a deduction from your MLC account for the appropriate amount to: MICHIGAN LIBRARY CONSORTIUM, 6810 South Cedar Street, Suite 8, Lansing, MI 48910. Payment may also be made through either VISA or MasterCard. A confirmation letter and a map with directions will be sent upon receipt of payment. Each session is limited to 12 participants. For additional information, contact Judy Zinke at the MLC office, Michigan toll free (800) 292-1359 or (517) 694-4242. The registration fee will be refunded for non-attendance only if notice is received by MLC at least one week prior to the seminar.

The Michigan Library Consortium promotes the sharing of information resources among the libraries of Michigan.

Comparing Online Systems

Are you interested in comparing Medline to fourteen other search systems? If so, the two following citations will be valuable:

Annals of Internal Medicine. Computer Searching of the Medical Literature; November 1985; pp. 812-816.

Annals of Internal Medicine. Online Systems for Searching Medline; March 1986; pp. 441-443.

The above articles compare and contrast performance characteristics of these systems, including average online time and difficulty to learn.

Correction

The MC/MLA meeting in Chicago will be held October 22-25 (**not** October 5-8).

A Terrific Freebie

Follett Software Company is offering at no charge the **Primer of Library Microcomputing** by Eric Anderson (**The Wired Librarian**). A free copy may be requested from Follett by writing them at 4506 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake, IL 60014 or by calling 800-435-6170. MHSLA recommends that all librarians with a micro or those who anticipate purchasing a micro in the future write or call to order this book.

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