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MICHIGAN HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Executive Board met on May 9 at Lansing General Hospital and will meet again July 21 at the State Library in Lansing. All Board meetings are open to the membership and I urge any of you who are interested to come to any of the meetings.

The committees have all met and are progressing toward their stated goals. A survey conducted by the Ad Hoc Committee on CD-ROM revealed a strong interest and the Committee is now investigating vendors and possible funding sources.

The Audit Committee has received significant help from Richard B. Crandell in developing an accounting system for MHSLA. Mr. Crandell is a former Treasurer of the W. K. Kellogg Co. His expertise was volunteered by his daughter, Marilyn Schleg, Hurley Medical Center, Flint. We are grateful for his generous assistance and to Marilyn for sharing him with us.

The Board continues to discuss ways of controlling expenditures and managing our funds to derive the most benefit for the membership. The Long Range Planning Committee is considering types of memberships and their impact on funding. Most local groups have discussed the possibility of a dues increase and have shared their views with the Board.

The format of the MHSLA Newsletter, as you have noticed, is a considerable departure from previous issues. The Publications Committee will continue to explore ways to arrive at an acceptable compromise between cost and appearance.

Plans are almost complete for our Fall Educational Conference on Mackinac Island. You should have received the first brochure with dates and tentative program. Look for details and updated information in this Newsletter.

Thanks to all of you who are working to keep MHSLA functioning. Without you, there is no organization.

Lea Ann McGaugh
President.

Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association
16th Annual Educational Conference

GRAND FOUNDATIONS
GRAND OPPORTUNITIES

September 13-15, 1989

Grand Hotel
MACKINAC ISLAND

Hosted by:

Upper Peninsula Health Sciences Library Consortium

Northern Michigan Health Sciences Library Group

CONFERENCE NOTES

The 16th MHSLA Annual Educational Conference is scheduled for 13-15 September 1989 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

----*CHANGE IN KEYNOTE SPEAKER*----

Kaycee Hale, Executive Director of the Fashion Research Center in Los Angeles, had agreed to be our keynote speaker for the September conference. However, Kaycee has been invited to conduct workshops at the first 'Fashion Week' in China to be held at about the same time as our conference. Kaycee felt she could not miss the opportunity to be one of the few American representatives at this major event and has cancelled her appearance with us.

Fortunately, the Education Committee has been able to persuade Julie Virgo, Executive Vice President of the Carroll Group, Inc., and member of the staff of the Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, to be our keynote speaker. Ms. Virgo's specialty with the Carroll Group is market strategy, planning, and training. She has an MA, MBA, and PhD from the U. of Chicago, and has taught courses in pricing and cost accounting of library services for the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. *

The topic of her Keynote Address will be "New roles for Health Sciences Librarians". Ms. Virgo will teach a workshop, "Costing information services: how to make wise decisions that affect your library's future."

----*MORE DETAILS ON THE CONFERENCE*----

Dr. Mirando Pao will make research methods make sense, help us improve the study of our libraries' activities, and increase our understanding of research in general.

Sandra Martin will do her usual upbeat performance of updating changes at NLM.

Margaret Seller will answer those difficult questions about hiring and firing.

Lew Dotterer will help us deal with the 'Difficult Patron'.

Helen-Ann Brown will guide us through the thicket of statistical sources.

Michelle Klein will bring personal experience in planning for library disasters.

A panel of our peers will discuss CD-ROM; and, an Apple users workshop, two excellent continuing education courses, and a choice of BRS or DIALOG updates. Toss in a nationally acclaimed resort setting with incredible food and a unique ambience, and our only problems will be choosing among the workshops and reserving enough time to enjoy the Grand Hotel and Mackinac Island. Hope to see you there!

ATTENTION APPLE COMPUTER USERS

Judy and Alan Savela will be presenting a workshop on Apple Computer applications in the library setting at the MHSLA Conference. They have asked that workshop attendees send them questions regarding Apples in their libraries and/or discussion topics so they can tailor the workshop to meet the needs of Apple users. Send questions to:

> ASJ ASSOCIATES, INC.
> P. O. Box 1224
> Sterling Heights, MI   48311

-from Gayle Williams (313) 759-7345

* *A few years back, I had the opportunity to attend a week-long course that Julie Virgo taught on financial accounting. She knows a lot about financial accounting, but even more important, she knows libraries well. With the pressure on all of us to defend our services and expenses, Julie's workshop ought to be 'right on target'.*

> *---Lea Ann McGaugh*

----NEWS FROM THE LOCAL AREA GROUPS----

----FAHSLN----

The Flint Area Health Sciences Library Newtwork has begun working on local arrange-
ments for the one day 1990 MHSLA Conference to be held in Flint. During the summer
we will be visiting several locations to examine the amenities, and a final selection
will be presented to the MHSLA Board by late summer. If there are special needs you
want considered please call or write:

Ria Lukes
St. Joseph Hospital Health Sciences Library
302 Kensington Ave.
Flint, MI 48502   tel. (313) 762-8519

----MDMLG----

The Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group has just completed a very productive year.
One accomplishment was the establishment of a Research Task Force for the development
of research projects. The first project is the development of both manual and automated
circulation productivity standards. MDMLG also sponsored a book repair workshop for
LTAs who rarely get to attend CE activities. This was highly successful and well attended.
The May meeting hosted Terry McLeod, Senior Vice President of Drake, Boehm, Morin, Inc.
His topic was 'Downsizing' --of particular interest to many of the members. A preview
of the invitation to the 1990 MLA Conference in Detroit, which will be presented at MLA
in Boston at the end of this month, was reviewed. A summer luncheon meeting is planned
July 13 at the Westin Hotel in Detroit, site of the 1990 MLA Conference. Lila Green
will speak on, 'Laughing matters: humor in the workplace.'

-Diane M. O'Keefe

----MMHSL----

Sparrow Hospital and Lansing General Hospital Libraries have successfully created
fully integrated library systems with cooperative online catalogs. At both locations,
users can view books, journals or audiovisuals held by both libraries. The online
catalog was created using a relational database software package called Nutshell Plus.
The same software handles full serials control, circulation, acquisitions, and the
online catalog; and it was done with a piece of generic software and templates costing
less than $500! St. Lawrence Hospital is in the process of adding their files to this
online catalog and should be finished by fall. The MSU members report there is no fur-
ther progress on the new Science Library Building. Foote Hospital library has moved to
larger quarters and their journals and current monographs are in the Nushell Database.
Chi Memorial Medical Library celebrated National Library Week with a Bookmark Making
Contest. Contact Dave Keddle for details. *-Doris Asher, Judy Barnes, MaryAnne Wallace*

----UPHSLC----

Marquette General Hospital's Kevin O'Brien Health Sciences Library has selected Silver
Platter for their CD-Rom subscription; limited to the current Medline and Medline back-
files to 1983. The program will be available for medical students, residents and physi-
cians as well as nurses and allied health staff during and after library hours on a 24
hour basis. In addition, Marquette is a member of the Upper Peninsula NOTIS network with
current plans to begin retrospective conversion of all library holdings this summer.
Portage View Hospital, Hancock has an Apple program for monographs. Contact Nancy Man-
ninen, who developed the program for details. Calumet Public Hospital Library recently
purchased an AppleIIGS Computer and Mousetalk software to be used to access the NLM
MEDLARS Database. The computer is in the library and will be shared with the Nursing
Administration and Community Relations departments.

-Mildred Kingsbury, Amanda M. Binoniemi

----WMHSLA----

The Western Michigan Health Sciences Librarians' Association sponsored an Advanced Dialog
Training Seminar at MLC headquarters in April. Our next meeing will be held 14 June 1989
at Mercy Hospital in Muskegon. The educationsl session of that meeting will examine user-
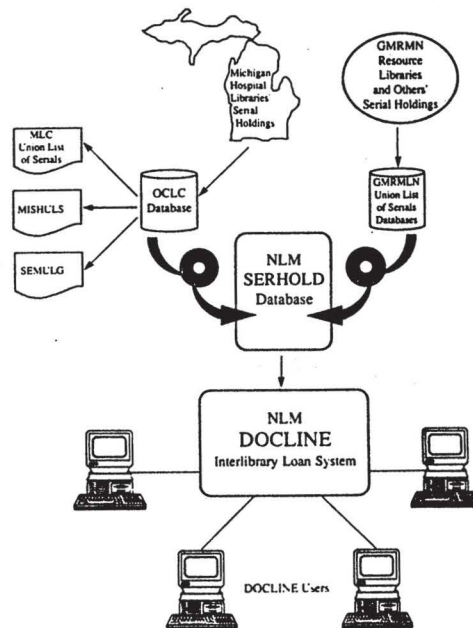oriented front-end programs including GRATEFUL MED.

-Sandra Swanson

OCLC and GMRMLN: Two Different Routes to SERHOLD

-by Lynn Sorensen Sutton

The Report and Recommendations of the GMRMLN Serial Database Committee issued by the Greater Midwest Regional Medical Library Network last fall has raised questions and uncertainties in the minds of many health science librarians in Michigan. The proposed $ 275 database maintenance fee for participants in the GMRMLN Union List of Serials does not apply to hospital libraries in Michigan. The rationale for this fee is that libraries are using the GMRMLN database as a means of entry into SERHOLD and therefore enjoy the benefits of DOCLINE.

As the diagram below illustrates, Michigan hospital libraries chose a different route in sending serial holdings to NLM for inclusion in SERHOLD and subsequently DOCLINE.

Hospital libraries in Michigan input their serial holdings into the OCLC database, either directly or through a variety of inputting agents such as their local Regions of Cooperation. A tape is produced each February at OCLC and sent to the National Library of Medicine for updating SERHOLD. In fact, Michigan was the test site for this OCLC-NLM interface. SERHOLD is NLM's National Biomedical Serials Holdings database. It contains the serial holdings of over 2,200 libraries. SERHOLD is linked to DOCLINE and provides the data for the automatic routing of interlibrary loan requests through the system.

For a fuller discussion of the original decision to use OCLC rather than GMRMLN to produce MISHULS and also provide the link to DOCLINE, see Sutton and Wolfgram "Using the OCLC Union Listing Component for Statewide Health Sciences Union List of Serials" Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 74(2):104-109, April 1986. It is gratifying to see that the OCLC-NLM link which was still a promise when MISHULS was in its planning stages has indeed proven reliable. It is also interesting that while the original emphasis of MISHULS was on the hard copy union list, the database is now the primary focus as the gateway to two national interlibrary loan systems: OCLC and NLM. That's progress!

ATTAINING HIGHER COMPUTING SPEEDS WITHOUT UPGRADING   -by Judy Barnes

I would not have believed it if I had not seen it for myself - My old PC running faster and without adding or changing boards. Using a program called Spinrite, the efficiency of one PC in my library was increased by 420% and another by 120%. Spinrite checks the interleave factor of the fixed disk and if possible, makes changes in the factor or performs a low level format to increase machine efficiency. A similar shareware program called Checkdisk is also available.

Another program you should check out if your aging PC does not have "disk cashing" capabilities is a shareware program called DCache. "DCache is a hard disk cache that speeds up your computer by cutting the disk access time by as much as 50%. It reduces response time by keeping the most recently used data from the disk in its own reserved section of RAM." DCache is now included in the MHSLA DEMO Disk Library or is available for downloading from many BBS's. Here's a reference which tells all about it:

Speed up hard disks with DCache, by Douglas Boling. PC Magazine 1988 Oct 11; p. 225+.

The article also provides the program line by line if you wish to enter it yourself.

Another way to speed up disk performance is by using defragmenting programs. The following article reviews several

Order out of chaos: boosting performance with a well-ordered disk, by Edward Mendelson. PC Magazine 1988 Oct 11; p. 161+.

———————— CD-Rom ————————

CD-Rom is still one of the hottest topics in Library services today. Here's a couple of references to help you make the decision "to buy or not to buy?":

Computerized reference tools of the next decade: taking the plunge with CD-Rom, by Tina Roose. Library Journal 1988 Oct 15; p.56,61.

Microcomputer technology : helping users cope by Nancy K. Herther. Online 1988 Sep; p. 120-122.

Online vs. CD-Rom vs. onsite: high volume searching - considering the alternatives, by Michael Halpeerin and Patricia Renfro. Online 1988 Nov; p. 36-41.

Online vs. CD-Rom - the impact of CD-Rom databases upon a large online searching program, by Vicki Anders and Kathy M. Jackson. Online 1988 Nov; p. 24-32.

The effect of CD-Rom MEDLINE on online end user and mediated searching, by Frances A. Brahmi. Medical Reference Services Quarterly 1988; 4(7) p. 47-56.

Also, as cited in the October 1988 issue of National Library of Medicine News, a bibliography with 371 citations on CD-ROM, prepared by NLM's Reference Section entitled "CD-ROM: Compact Disc-Read Only Memory (SBS No.1988-3)" is available without charge. Send a self addressed gummed label to: Editor, Specialized Bibliography Series, Reference Section, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD 20894.

———————— Computer Viruses ————————

Yes, Virginia, there is such a thing as a computer virus. In fact, it seems their contagion has spread. I recently heard of one such infection in my own city. To help you protect your systems, here are a few articles which discuss coping mechanisms:

Computer viruses: checklist for recovery, by Roger A. Aucoin. Computers in Libraries 1989 Feb; p. 4, 6-7.

High anxiety : viruses, pranks, crime - everyone tells scary stories of PC security. Whom, and what, can you trust? by Herb Brody. Shareware Magazine 1988 Nov; p.; 215-216, 218, 222, 224.

Invasion of the data snatchers! Time Magazine 1988 Sep 26; p. 62-67.

Confronting the growing threat of harmful computer software viruses, by Jim Seyumour and Jonathan Matzkin. PC Magazine 1988 Jun 28; p. 33-37.

Is your computer secure?: hackers, high-tech bandits, and disasters cost business billions - and as PC's proliferate, the problem can only grow worse. 1988 Aug 1; p. 64-72.

To help you decide on a software for backing up your system to prevent data loss from a virus infection, here is an article you should read:

Best bets for better backup, by Van Wolverton. PC Computing 1988 Aug; p. 166-176.

———————— Software reviews ————————

Winning databases, by Hardin Brothers. PCResource 1988 Nov; p. 59-66.

Classified intelligence : managing information. PC Magazine 1988 Dec 13; p. 92+.

Designing great graphics : desktop solutions. PC Magazine 1988 Sep 27; p. 109+.

Spreadsheet analysis : battle of the spreadsheet stars, by Jared Taylor. PC Magazine 1988 Nov 15; p.129+.

Procomm plus: the next generation of an excellent product, by Stephen Clancy. Online Sep 1988; p. 70-73.

———————— Hardware reviews ————————

Removable mass storage : you can take it with you. PC Magazine 1988 Sep 13; p. 213+.

Fast talkers : 2400-BPS modems. PC Computing 1988 Dec; 126-139.

4 great low-cost laser printers, by Bruce Brown. PC Computing 1988 Aug; 132-137.

!! 1989 MHSLA SLATE OFFERED !!

1989 MHSLA slate presented by the Nominating Committee:

President-elect: Deborah Adams
              Marge Kars

Secretary: Judy Barnes
              Lois Huisman

Nominating   Stephanie John
  Committee: Dave Keddle
              Sandra Martin
              Norma Powers
              Marilyn Schleg
              Theresa Scram
              Mary Jo Wyels

Other candidates may be nominated by petition from the membership, see MHSLA Bylaws Article 8, Section 1-F:

Candidates for any elective office may also be nominated by petitions signed by not fewer than five (5) members. Candidates who present these petitions, accompanied by the items required in part D of this section of the Bylaws, to the Chair of the Nominating Committee no later than 90 days prior to the date of the Annual Business Meeting (45 days prior to the mailing of the ballots) shall be included on the ballot.

The Chair of the Nominating Committee:

Mildred Kingsbury, Chair
Marquette General Hospital, Inc.
Health Sciences Library
420 W. Magnetic St.
Marquette, MI 49855

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT NEWS IS 10 JULY 1989.

!!CONGRATULATIONS!!!CONGRATULATIONS!!

I was elected to the Executive Board of the Greater Midwest Regional Medical Library Network (GMRMLN). This prestigious organization has membership in a ten state region and the Executive Board has 5 members. My term is for one year and I am the only Hospital library representative on the Executive Board.

-David Keddle

Carole Gilbert of Providence Hospital is the new President-Elect of MLA's Hospital Library Section.

Sharon Phillips of Oakwood Hospital is the new President-Elect of MLA's Midwest Chapter.

-from the MDMLG NEWS

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!!THANK YOU!! !!THANK YOU!! !!THANK YOU!!

Our thanks to Ms. Sue Ellen Hozman, Lansing General Hospital for publication of the May Newsletter and the MHSLA directory. Your time and efforts are appreciated by the MHSLA membership.

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Stephanie John suggests reading: 'Are doctors computer-compatible : are computers physician-friendly?' by Chuck Benda in Minn Med 1989; March 72(3):146-150. A side bar on p.150 provides cogent citations for further perusal. Following this article is one by M. Korcok that originally appeared in Amercian Medical News 3 June 1988 and discusses Doctors and books vs. Online searching. Both articles address current issues in Health Sciences Librarianship. Recommended reading.

-Nancy J. Winslow

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"Consortia/Local Groups Revitalization" is the theme of the workshop being presented by the Greater Midwest Regional Medical Library Network on Wednesday September 20, 1989 at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee immediately following MC/MLA. Frances E. Johnson, the Program Officer of NLM's Extramural Programs, will discuss **NLM's new Resource Grant Programs**. A panel on **successful consortia/local group projects** is planned, as are **group exercises** for exploring possible solutions to consortia/local group concerns. The cost of the half-day workshop is $35. The Committee is applying for **MLA CE credit**.

For more information contact: Kim Goldman, GMRMLN Management Office, University of Illinois, Library of the Health Sciences, PO Box 7509, Chicago, IL, 60680, 312/996-2464, FAX:312/942-1950.

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