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## President's Column

You know some of the cliché's, the buzzwords that basically say in one sentence "if you care, you can change and meet the challenges" or this "lead or follow, but don't get in the way."

We should be aware that we can't stand still if we are to remain competent and professional in our jobs. And do you agree with the idea that if you think you're winning the rat race; along comes faster rats? Our friendly vendors and even NLM, who can empower us are also empowering the end-users - our patrons. Case in point: "PubMed". The average person who has access to a computer and is linked to the Internet, has at their finger tips the same knowledge-based information that our health professionals do. As a society, we should be seeing better educated individuals that when seen as a patient, will know if they are getting the proper health care. That is why it is our job, in our professional role, to be, if not on the cutting edge, aware of the best resources. We must discipline ourselves to keep ahead and advance our skills so that we can better care for, guard, organize, and provide access to information that meets our client's needs. The professional library staff should make library service "user-friendly, accessible and exceed our patron's expectations."

As our association is marking it's 25th Annual Education Conference, this year's theme "Inventing The Future: Cutting a Path to the 21st Century" couldn't be more appropriate. As I see it, "You have to invent your future". Library schools can start you off, experience can teach you, and conferences can polish your

skills but you.... You have to invent, create, and develop the path you wish to travel.

I hope you can join me on this year's path in Port Huron. Bonnie Swegles asked me to remind everyone that it's casual, easygoing wear at the Thomas Edison Inn. Just follow the "Being Good To Ourselves" items on the blue sheet in your conference packet.

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## Conference Note

As you register for the MHSLA Fall Conference you will find the GMR Update listed for Friday afternoon, 2:00-3:30. This will NOT be a 1-1/2 hr. session.

As in the past, GMR staff will speak very briefly at the Membership Meeting on Thursday morning. Jean Sayre will distribute literature and point out the most important details so that everyone has an opportunity to keep up-to-date.

Since time at the Membership Meeting is at a premium, however, we have asked that Jean provide a more thorough update on Friday afternoon, similar to the update that is regularly presented at the Midwest Chapter conference. We felt this would be appropriate since very few of us can attend both conferences.

We expect that the Friday afternoon presentation will take about ½ hr. In addition, GMR staff will be available for a question-and-answer period following the presentation.

Thank you.  
Sandy Swanson, co-chair, Education Committee.

## DOCLINE News From NLM

Elhill will be gone in September 1998. Version 1.0 of the web DOCLINE will be available. In June 1999, version 2.0 of DOCLINE will be implemented. It will be ILL protocol compliant. One advantage of the ISO standard will be the ability to sign into other vendors such as OCLC and exchange messages back and forth between the two systems. Electronic payment will be an option in the new system.

The FTS2000 number will be available until the new system is up.

The DOCLINE manual is online (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/psd/cas/docline/contents.html>).

RELAIS is the document delivery process at NLM. With its implementation, ILLs now take 20 hours instead of 60 hours. Ariel requests are the fastest and can be received with in 2-8 hours. Fax is almost as fast. If a request is a clinical emergency, it should be coded 2029C.

For more details, see web page: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/gmr/hiiwir/docline.html>

## MISHULS Changes

The Board of MHSLSA has decided to pay for the input of serials changes this year for all MISHULS participants because of the change in the way the National Library of Medicine is willing to accept

updates to SERHOLD.

NLM will no longer accept OCLC tapes of MISHULS (or any other group) updates. All updates to SERHOLD will be done through one library in each state. Michigan State will be our inputting agent. Because of the difficulty in knowing how many changes there will be with all of our participants, the Board voted to pay MSU for doing the updating this year only. It is expected that most libraries will be able to update their own holdings in the future. If not, MSU will have an idea of the costs and will be able to give libraries a quote for doing the updating.

Leslie Behm has requested that everyone who wants their holdings in MISHULS updated should send the updates to her as soon as possible.

There will not be an edition of MISHULS this year since we do not have to purchase the OCLC output.

If you are planning to update your holdings in OCLC, you will need to do so through your usual input agent or your usual input method.

The Document Delivery Committee appreciates the efforts of the Board in helping through this transition.

If there are questions concerning this decision, please contact Barbara Kormelink, Document Delivery Chair.

## Web Sites of Interest

Susanna VanSant, MSU Libraries has put together a great web page for resources for locating people and businesses. <http://www.lib.msu.edu/vansant/phone.html>

The New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM) and the National Library of Medicine (NLM) cosponsored a health policy and public health forum, Accessing Useful Information:

Challenges in Health Policy and Public Health at the NYAM on March 23, 1998. Several of the slide presentations can be viewed by clicking on the author links below.

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nichsr/nyam/nyam.html>

National Center for Infectious Diseases of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is a good page for information for the lay person.

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/ncid.htm>

Dejanews for searching newsgroups for a specific topic.

<http://www.dejanews.com/>

Aspen's Nursing Internet Resource Guide includes links to association pages and government resources among others.

<http://www.aspenpub.com/new/internet/IGNurs.htm>

Builder.com is a web site from CNet for information on web site design and construction. One section is call Graphics101. It is a good discussion on graphics and how to use them in web pages.

<http://www.builder.com/Graphics/Graphics101/index.html?dd.cn>

HealthWeb Reference Resources page. Good for broad categories of information. <http://bones.med.ohio-state.edu/hw/ref/>

International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC) Statement of Current Perspective and Preferred Practices for the Selection and Purchase of Electronic Information

<http://www.library.yale.edu/consortia/statement.html>

TOXNET is now available at the following experimental search system test Web-site:

<http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/servlets/simple-search>

Librarian's Datebook is a great source for conferences specific to libraries. It is apparently maintained by the Health Sciences Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

<http://www.hsl.unc.edu/libcal.htm>

HealthAnswers is produced by Orbis Broadcasting Group.  
<http://www.healthanswers.com>

## New Mailing List

In conjunction with the Centennial Distance Learning Program, Evidence-Based Health Care in Action, MLA has created EBHC listserv to allow those interested in EBHC to communicate with each other.

To subscribe send the message:  
 subscribe mla-ebhc  
 to majordomo@mlahq.org

To send a message to others on the listserv send it to:  
 mla-ebhc@mlahq.org

You do not have to be a member of MLA to join the listserv. If you have any questions, contact:  
 Katy Nesbit  
 Miner Library  
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## Publications of Interest

### Nursing Times

A supplement on Clinical Effectiveness is appended to the July 15, 1998 issue of Nursing Times (volume 94 number 28). There is no supplement number or authorship statement, but the contents of the 10 sections (31 pages) look excellent, including: 1. the clinical effectiveness process, 2. improving clinical practice, 3. searching the literature, 4. critically appraising literature, 5. designing and carrying out a clinical audit, 6. preparing a proposal for a clinical audit, 7. changing clinical practice, 8. designing a research study, 9. preparing a proposal for research, and 10. writing and publishing on clinically effective practice.

### Medicine & Public Health: The Power of Collaboration

By reshaping the relationship between

medicine and public health, some professionals and organizations in the two health sectors have identified powerful strategies for dealing with the problems they face. **Medicine & Public Health: The Power of Collaboration**, published by the New York Academy of Medicine elucidates these collaborative strategies, giving a broader audience of health professionals effective tools not only for improving health, but also for enhancing their own effectiveness and economic stability. The full report can be found at <http://www.nyam.org/pubhlth/medpub.html>

### Benchmarking Tool Kit

This useful tool kit sponsored by the Canadian HealthLibraries Association / Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada is now available for purchase. This document will be of interest to any librarian who is pursuing continuous quality improvement or performance measurement. Benchmarking is a key tool for continuous quality improvement. Using the guidelines for data collection and performance measurement in this Tool Kit, health and other special libraries will be able to compare their own performance with pilot project data; benchmark against their own performance over time; or benchmark against one or more partners. The Tool Kit was prepared by Joanne Marshall and Penney Kirby at the Faculty of Information Studies at the University of Toronto in close collaboration with members of the CHLA/ABSC Benchmarking Task Force. Over a year of development and testing went into the tool kit, which includes precise definitions and detailed, easy to follow instructions for gathering consistent and reliable data.  
 ISBN 0-9692171-5-3; soft cover; 82 pages

Order from:  
 CHLA/ABSC  
 P.O. Box 94038  
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 Toronto, ON, Canada M4N 2R1

## Hospital Libraries Section/MLA

A Professional Development Endowment Fund has been established by the Hospital Libraries Section of MLA to encourage participation in professional programs which will aid librarians working in hospitals and other clinical care institutions in developing and acquiring the knowledge and skills delineated in the Platform for Change (MLA's Educational Policy Statement) and Using Scientific Evidence to Improve Information Practice (MLA's Research Policy Statement). The Award may also be utilized to support reimbursement for expenses incurred in conducting scientific research such as professional assistance in survey research design, statistical analyses, etc.

Applications may be submitted for either of two award cycles:

Deadline Feb 1st Awarded April 15th  
 Deadline Aug 1st Awarded Sept. 15th

Eligibility criteria & application forms can be found on the Hospital Library Section web site, at [http://www.njc.org/hls/hls\\_grant.htm](http://www.njc.org/hls/hls_grant.htm). If you need more information and cannot access the web site, contact:

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## Upcoming Conferences

### Health Sciences Education for the New Millennium: Internet/Multimedia Resources

September 9-10, 1998  
 Bio-Medical Library, University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN  
<http://www.biomed.lib.umn.edu/conference.html>

**Internet World Fall '98**

October 5-9  
New York, NY  
<http://events.internet.com/fall98/index.html>

**Midwest Chapter/MLA Annual Meeting - Weaving Our Future (Joint Meeting with Southern Chapter/MLA).**

October 10-13, 1998  
Lexington, KY  
<http://www.uky.edu/OtherOrgs/MCMLA/home.html>

**EDUCOM'98**

October 13-16, 1998  
Orlando, FL  
<http://www.educom.edu/conf/98/>

**Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals: Serving America's Needs**

Association of American Medical Colleges  
October 30-November 5, 1998  
New Orleans, LA  
<http://www.aamc.org/meetings/annual/1998/start.htm>

**ACRL 9th National Conference "Racing Toward Tomorrow"**

April 8-11, 1999  
Detroit, MI  
<http://www.ala.org/acrl/preindex.html>

**Medical Library Association**

May 14-20, 1999  
Chicago, IL  
<http://www.mlanet.org>

**A Bridge to the New Millennium**

CHLA/ABSC 23rd Annual Conference  
May 25 to 29, 1999  
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada  
<http://www.library.dal.ca/chla99/>

**Knowledge Leaders for the New Millennium: Creators of the Information Future**

June 5-10, 1999  
Special Libraries Association  
Minneapolis, MN  
<http://WWW.SLA.ORG/conf/index.html>

**PubMed Updates**

On August 3, 1998, NLM redesigned the way PubMed stores and retrieves information. This will improve search time. A search that took 18 seconds now will be executed in 2 seconds.

The online help manual for PubMed was updated April 1998. The url is <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/pubmedhelp.html>

Planned enhancements to the system include:

- 1) Redesign of the Advanced Search Page to be able to limit to human, age groups, English only articles, etc. The journal subsets (AIM, Nursing, Dental) will also be available for limiting.
- 2) The Modify Current Query will be replaced with a Search History with numbered statements showing the postings for each term. Combing statement numbers using Boolean operators will be possible.
- 3) Additional display options will be available including a user defined option.
- 4) A Sort option is also planned.
- 5) A 'cubby' service is being developed where individuals can store saved searches, individual preferences, and information based on the preferences such as tailored print commands.

To stay informed about changes to PubMed, look at the New/Noteworthy on a regular basis  
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/news.html>

**Personnel/Institutional News**

**Munson Medical Center:** Janette Ransom's e-mail address is incorrectly listed in the MHSLA directory.

It should be listed as: jransom1@mhc.net (the number one, not a lower case "L")

**Spectrum Healthcare - Downtown**

**Campus:** Sandra Swanson has completed a Master's in Public Administration (with a "health care concentration"). Sandra indicates it's a pretty good program for managers -- human resource management, strategic planning etc.

**Michigan State University:**

Congratulations to John Coffey on his successful application to the Academy of Health Information Professionals at the Senior Member level.

**GMR:** Chris Shafer is the proud father of baby girl Anara (no middle name) Gesserit, an 8lb 12.5oz girl, was born at 5:05a.m. on Friday August 7.

Kathy J Davies is the new GMR Communications Coordinator.  
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**Job Posting**

Children's Hospital of Michigan  
Medical Library  
Library Technician

Summary:  
Controls Interlibrary Loan, serials control, and bindery. Assists patrons with basic reference, location and circulation of items. Systems used include OCLC, DOCLINE, NOTIS, PC skills necessary. Qualifications:  
Associates Degree in a related field or equivalent combination of education and experience.  
Up to six months related experience.  
OCLC, DOCLINE, NOTIS, PC skills.

Please indicate source code:  
COCC08DA-5LA10 in your cover letter.

Contact Michele Klein  
1-313-745-5322 - voice  
1-313-993-0148 - fax



**Inventing The Future: Cutting A Path To The 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

**Turn off the lights!**

**Lock up the library!**

**Come to Port Huron September 16-18**

**Thomas Edison Inn**

**MHSLA's 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

**Keynote: Honey, Mud, Maggots, and Other Medical Marvels**

**CE: Online Resources In Alternative Medicine**

**CE: Librarian To Cybrarian**

**MACHIS**

**Board Dinner**

**Vendors' Exhibits**

**Business Meeting**

**Workshops**

**Birthday Party**

**Outdoor Cookout**

**Line Dance Lesson**

**Contact June Cronenberger (517-771-6869 or [cronenbe@pilot.msu.edu](mailto:cronenbe@pilot.msu.edu)) for a registration packet.**