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## President's Column

by Doreen Bradley

MHSLA is progressing along a number of different avenues this year. Most notably, we're in the process of registering the domain name **mhsla.org** for our website! The Board thought that this would be beneficial for several reasons: 1) Our URL could always stay the same, regardless of our ISP, 2) If you are using a computer where the MHSLA site is not bookmarked or you just can't remember the URL, it is pretty easy to remember **mhsla.org**, and 3) It looks more professional, since we are a professional organization. You'll be seeing more information on this as it becomes available.

Many of you saw the invitation posted to the MHSLA listserv by the Michigan Association of Law Libraries. I'm very pleased that MichALL is extending their program and educational opportunities to members of MHSLA. On behalf of MHSLA, I thanked the MichALL conference planners for including us and also suggested a number of topics that may be of interest to both groups for possible future collaboration. Their feedback was very positive, and I'm hoping to hear back from their new incoming president soon to see if we can jointly sponsor programs or CE opportunities in the near future.

Another item on which we're moving forward is the MHSLA journal clubs. The Web Crossing software used for running the clubs is now available to us for free. The Technology Committee is in the processing of having the software installed and it should be available quite soon. In addition to being free, this version of the software will also give us expanded capabilities for hosting more journal clubs. If you thought about starting or participating in a journal club

last year, we encourage you to take another look at Web Crossing. The Technology Committee has created step-by-step instructions at [http://www.lib.msu.edu/mhsla/members/journal\\_club.htm](http://www.lib.msu.edu/mhsla/members/journal_club.htm). It is a great way to earn MLA CE credit!

Since MHSLA has not traditionally held a meeting for Michigan librarians attending Midwest Chapter/MLA conferences, we've decided to try hosting an informal "social hour" this year. So, for those of you who will be attending the Midwest Chapter conference in Cincinnati, please make time to stop by the Caprice 2 Room in the Omni Netherland Plaza Hotel from 4-5pm Monday, September 25. We'll have light refreshments before heading out for the gala riverboat cruise that evening. If you've never attended a Midwest Chapter conference before, we encourage you to consider attending this year. It is a nice alternative to MLA – offering great programming in a smaller conference environment. We hope to see many of you there!

## MHSLA Fall Education Conference Update

By Alexia Estabrook

Planning for the 2000 MHSLA Fall Education Conference is falling into place. I have to laugh though, by the time I figure out what I'm doing as chair, the conference will be over! The committee has worked hard to bring quality CE courses and concurrent sessions as well as an interesting keynote speaker. We think you will enjoy what we have to offer.

This year's CE offerings include the following:

MLA CE5020 – Building and Managing Your Digital Library taught by Scott Garrison from Duke University Medical Center. Learn to create and manage a digital library consisting of a set of networked electronic services, databases, and collections. Gain an understanding of digital library affordability, and current and near-future concepts, including metadata, Internet and database technologies, consortial licensing, and profile-driven access.

MLA CE3001 – Complementary and Alternative Medicine [CAM]: Information Resources for Choices in Healing, taught by Charles Wessel of the University of Pittsburgh. This course will provide an overview of complementary and alternative medicine in healthcare today and will discuss the most commonly used CAM systems, their nomenclature,, their impact on the treatment of chronic diseases, and the future impact these therapies will have on the provision of reference services in academic and clinical settings.

Ergonomics taught by Leslie Behm and Nancy Lucas from Michigan State University.

This year's keynote speaker will be Wiggins & Severance, back by popular demand. You may remember them from the Grand Rapids conference. In addition to their keynote speech, they will hold a session Thursday afternoon looking back at their predictions last year and offering new pictures of the future.

The conference will conclude on Friday with a twist. In stead of concurrent sessions all day Friday, we will be offering Round Tables on various topics in the morning, with facilitators presenting the discussions over lunch. Friday afternoon concurrent session offerings will include a session on problem solving, a Firstsearch/AccessMichigan session, and the GMR update.

On behalf of the MHSLA Education Committee, I look forward to seeing you all in Traverse City.

## Roundtable Topics and Facilitators Needed

The MHSLA Education Committee is looking for ideas and facilitators for Roundtable sessions to be held Friday morning, October 20, 2000 at the Fall Conference. Please contact Diane LeBar at Oakwood Hospital (313-593-8652, email lebard@oakwood.org) if you have a topic you would like to see discussed at a round table, or would like to be a facilitator.

## Upcoming CE Classes in Michigan

*M-MHSL* will be offering on April 25, 2000 at the Michigan State University Libraries. Room will be announced later.

### Creating Your Own Future: Strategic Planning and Strategic Action

Bet Ison, Frontier School of Midwifery. Bet recently retired from hospital librarianship and is the librarian at Frontier, a distance learning school. She practices what she will be teaching.

We can be the victims, participants, or the creators of the future. Learn how to use the techniques of strategic planning and strategic action to become a creator instead of a victim. The concepts and techniques of formal planning and informal action will be reviewed and participants will learn to apply these to their own library and organization. Strategic action skills will be emphasized including identifying partners, evaluating current actions, and the ongoing evaluation of both planned and emergent strategies.

The cost will be \$90.00 per person. A bargain given MLA charges \$225.00 to take the same class at the national meeting. Please make check payable to M-MHSL and send to:  
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On 28 April 2000, the *Western Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association* will hold a PubMed training class in conjunction with its spring meeting.

Tantalizing tidbits:  
The instructor is Leslie Behm.  
6 CEUs.  
No fee.  
Registration required.

WMHSLA members will have first priority, but others are welcome to fill any vacant slots.  
Class size - 15.

Place - Saint Mary's Mercy Medical Center Peter Wege Center for Health & Learning

Time - 9:30 AM to 4 PM, with 1.5 hours for lunch. (The WMHSLA business meeting will be held at 9 AM & expanded to a full 30 minutes.)

I will be mailing notices with explicit driving (remember the S-curve!) & parking instructions to all WMHSLA members. Others wishing more details may e-mail me.

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## 1999 Midwest Chapter Conference Report

The Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association (MHSLA) hosted the 1999 Midwest Chapter/MLA annual conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 5-9 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel. With the theme "Bridging Traditions," conference programming focused on information technologies and quality electronic information for library users. We had 145 registrants plus vendors, speakers and other guests. CE enrollment was 108, including 19 who registered for the GMR "Exploring Technology" teleconference at off-site locations. We also had 21 exhibitors, with 9 vendors who were sponsors and provided some

financial support. The conference earned over \$5,000 to be shared by MHSLA and the Midwest Chapter/MLA.

In the post-conference evaluation, almost 50% of attendees reported being in the Midwest Chapter but outside of MHSLA. About 62% were from hospital libraries and 33% from academic medical libraries. Satisfaction with the conference was quite high with 88.5% rating their overall impression of the conference as "Excellent" or "Good." Many attendees identified the plenary sessions by Doug Van Howeling and Richard Wiggins & Charles Severance as highlights of the conference. The Special Event and Watergate exhibit at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum were fabulous - and extremely well received. Though a bit late, the comedy group was equally entertaining. The meeting was a great success due to the tremendous work of the conference planning committees and attendees from the Midwest Chapter and MHSLA. Our thanks go out all of you for being part of the 1999 Midwest Chapter/MLA conference!

Doreen Bradley  
1999 Conference Planning Chair

## Rationale for Changing DOCLINE Cells

By Judy Barnes  
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In her article "The effect of DOCLINE on interlibrary loan and patterns among health sciences libraries in Michigan: preliminary analysis", published in the April, 1990 *BMLA*, our colleague, Lea Ann McGaugh writes in conclusion that the study "failed to support the prediction that the availability of DOCLINE would significantly affect the ILL volumes and patterns of basic health sciences libraries in Michigan." While a subsequent study has not been done, from this librarian's own experience, there have been sufficient changes in the borrowing and lending patterns due to mergers, affiliations, and closures to

greatly influence individual ILL volumes.

Our relationships with other institutions changed, and partnerships developed, and in some cases, dissolved here at Ingham. As programs were adopted or eliminated, our trends in borrowing were affected. For instance, in adopting a Transitional Care Unit, our borrowing of geriatric and rehabilitation literature increased. This caused us to acquire new serial titles and to send our requests to different libraries than we had before. Ingham also had the opportunity to create reciprocal lending agreements with libraries, with which we had none before.

At Ingham, we monitor ILL and DOCLINE statistics for trends in borrowing, both for collection development and for modification of our DOCLINE cells. These trends include titles borrowed, for what years and for whom. We also monitor changes in borrowing and lending volumes by library. This helps us to restructure our cells to minimize overburdening any one library.

Our DOCLINE cells are reviewed annually and modified, if necessary, to allow for, better disbursement of requests to "favored" libraries, i.e. those who turn requests around promptly; prevent colleague overload; to modify for mergers, closures and changes in charging policies; and to respond to requests from libraries impacted by downsizing.

The following guidelines for developing cells were adopted by Ingham in 1989, when DOCLINE first became available to us. They have served us well for the past number of years and may assist you in developing your cells as well.

### Cell 1: Non-Charging:

In the first cell libraries with the smallest collections are included. These libraries are not likely to be hit often, as their collections generally contain the more "common garden variety" titles such as JAMA, NEJM and Lancet, etc. These collections are often large enough to contain only the Brandon select titles. These are also the titles that our library owns and therefore would only request on occasionally. Reciprocally speaking,

these libraries borrow more frequently because they have so few journals. In essence this does balance out their borrowing and lending volumes. On the flip-side, borrowing these common titles from the larger institutions adds to their volumes and could be an incentive for their adopting charging policies.

### Cell 2: Non-Charging:

This cell contains mid-sized libraries with somewhat larger collections, and moderate interlibrary loan activity. Since there are a larger number of small libraries than larger ones, the small ones usually overflow into this category.

### Cell 3: Non-Charging:

Mid-sized libraries with larger collections and interlibrary loan volumes are placed in this cell. (This would be a good place to put Ingham, for instance) In this way, the mid-sized library is not the first target for filling requests for Brandon titles, but responds to requests for more esoteric titles before going to libraries which may charge.

### Cell 4: Reciprocal (typically charging):

The largest libraries with unique titles, with which Ingham has reciprocal agreements to receive free ILLs are placed in this cell. Over the years Ingham has negotiated reciprocal agreements with out of state libraries, which also go here.

### Cell 5: Quota (typically charging):

This cell contains libraries that charge beyond a quota or maximum number. This is the last chance to get the article free before charging institutions are accessed.

### Cell 6: Charging:

Charging libraries within the state are placed in this cell to take advantage of U.S. Mail turn-around-time for delivery. Generally speaking, drug companies, larger hospital libraries and some university libraries will fit here.

### Cell 7: Charging:

Those charging institutions, outside the state, but which are part of the GMR would fit here. Out-of-state libraries are more amenable to assisting if in-state resources have already been exhausted.

**Cell 8: Charging:**

This cell is reserved for charging, out-of-state libraries either outside the GMR, or belonging to large volume lenders like the AHA or AMA.

**Cell 9: Charging:**

Document delivery service companies, libraries outside the United States, such as CISTI, with which the library holds contracts, are placed in this cell.

**Cell 10: NLM:**

National Library of Medicine is the only library in this cell. NLM is not always the last resort. If it is available from a library not contained in this library's cells, NLM will offer the LIBID information for the libraries holding the title. In that way, the override function may be used to request the article.

By no means are these guidelines meant to be the total solution to everyone's needs. They work for Ingham. Ingham continues to be a net lender, but feels it has balanced its borrowing so as not to overburden its providers. Naturally, there are libraries with which we participate, that could adapt parameters, which would be more equitable for us. Even though the borrower may have been diligent in deciding which library goes where, as volumes change, this scenario will be seen from time to time. Nevertheless, we encourage everyone to make changes to their cells to accommodate changes in the environment, challenges by lenders, and additions and deletions of libraries. We also look forward to accommodating libraries, which may question their placement in our cells.

**Conferences in 2000**

Mark your calendars now for the **MHSLA Annual Educational Conference in 2000**. It will be at the Park Hotel in Traverse City. Dates are October 18-20, 2000.

The **Midwest Chapter** meeting is September 23-26, 2000 in Cincinnati, OH.

**Recipes and Nutrition Resources Online**

By Debbie Porter

**Campbell's Kitchen**

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

If you need to locate a favorite Campbell's recipe, simply search the Quick Recipe Finder or receive a Recipe of the Day featuring Campbell's products. A Nutrition Center is coming soon.

**Cooking Light Online**

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

Search the Cooking Light recipe finder to locate a lighter version of one of your favorite recipes. You will also find information for healthy living and hot links to other credible sites for food, nutrition, health and fitness.

**Epicurious Food: For People Who Eat**

[http://food.epicurious.com/a\\_home/a00\\_home/home.html](http://food.epicurious.com/a_home/a00_home/home.html)

This is the place to go if you want to locate recipes from Bon Appetit or Gourmet magazines. There is a Greatest Hits section that lists fabulous recipes in a variety of categories, such as restaurant recipes, Jewish cooking, vintage cookbook finder, meatless recipes, and more. The site has an excellent search engine for finding over 10,000 recipes from Gourmet and Bon Appetit and then saving them in your personal recipe box. You can also find food-related articles from the Epicurious TV show.

**Innkeeper Recipes and Cookbooks**

<http://www.bbonline.com/recipe/>

This site was created by the Bed and Breakfast Inns ONLINE to serve as an introduction to the cuisine found at bed and breakfasts around the country. Recipes are divided into breakfast recipes, desserts, breads, and innkeeper cookbooks.

**The Recipe File**

<http://www.Dailyinbox.com>

The Recipe File is one of the free e-mail delivery services available from Your Daily Inbox. Check out this site if you would like to receive Chicken Soup for the Soul: Home Delivery free inspirational e-mail messages, Proverbs Plus or sign up to receive selected recipes from award-winning Junior League cookbooks. You can also find

**World Wide Recipes**

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

If you would like a complete gourmet menu sent to you electronically, just sign up for this daily recipe service. You can visit the Virtual Restaurant and obtain free recipes from the Bar or Dining Room.

**Personnel/Institutional News**

Michigan State University welcomes Sheila Bryant and Arlene Weismantel as our newest health sciences librarians. Leslie M. Behm has been elected Chair-Elect of the Research Section of the Medical Library Association.

Pat Wolfram, **MidMichigan Health Library**, has been asked to serve as a member of the Ida and George Eliot Prize Jury for the 2000/01 Medical Library Association year.