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President's Corner

by Jennifer Bowen

It's amazing for me to recollect that I've been working in libraries for close to 16 years! I started my career in librarianship as an undergraduate student aid in the Wayne State University Purdy Kresge Library. I worked the circulation desk and re-shelved. I then progressed to a library services vendor which sent me out to various law libraries to do loose leaf filing, which is where I pulled out the old pages and inserted the new. That was fun (not really). However, that position led to an offer from a law librarian to join their staff as a library assistant. I quickly jumped at the chance and was soon managing the serials and the homegrown expert witness database using Lotus Notes. It was at the law firm that I had my first informal librarian mentor. She encouraged me to get my MLIS and she was the person who alerted me to an open position at a hospital, which is where I met my second informal librarian mentor. She too encouraged me to grow professionally by joining MDMLG and MHSLA, as well as recognizing the value of continuing education opportunities. As I've transitioned into academia in my career, I've again encountered another informal librarian mentor who has helped me understand the academic realm.

So, when I was asked by the President of my regional group (MDMLG) to co-chair on an Outreach Ad Hoc committee on starting a mentor/mentee program, I immediately recognized the benefit of starting the program and said "yes". I'm pleased with the work this committee has done and although it only launched in early March 2017, we've already matched 6 pairs of mentor/mentees. So, I'd like to thank the committee members for their work:

Elizabeth Bucciarelli (co-chair)



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I'd also like you to consider the ways we informally mentor each other. Just a simple phone call for advice or an e-mail to the listserv for the collective wisdom of the group is a valuable way in which we mentor each other. I'd also like to thank the people who have informally mentored me over the years. You know who you are, and I really appreciate your wisdom, encouragement, patience, and humor!

Jennifer Bowen
2016-17 MHSLA President

Nominate a Colleague for the MHSLA Librarian of the Year Award

It's not too early to start thinking about nominating a deserving colleague for the MHSLA Librarian of the Year award. The purpose of this career award is to recognize a librarian (MLS or equivalent) for outstanding leadership and accomplishment in library service. To view the full criteria, guidelines, and nominating form please visit:
http://www.mhsla.org/members/procedures/librarian_year.pdf

The deadline for nominations is Friday July, 14th 2017.

New Librarian Spotlight

Extend a warm welcome to new colleagues at the Western Michigan University School of Medicine and Ferris State University!

Anna White, Western Michigan University School of Medicine

Western Michigan University School of Medicine has a new Informationist, Anna White, who began in January 2017. Anna received her undergraduate degree in English Language and Literature from Grand Valley State University. She went on to complete an MSLIS at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she worked in the Social Sciences, Health, and Education Library while serving as assistant director to the Writers Workshop. Her primary research interests include the intersection between medical research and medical writing, narrative medicine, and the use of children's literature in teaching health literacy and communication.

Heather Symon Bassett, Ferris State University

The Ferris Library for Information, Technology, and Education (FLITE) is happy to welcome Heather Symon Bassett as the Optometry and Life Sciences Librarian. Heather has previous experience working as library liaison to Ferris' Michigan College of Optometry, having filled in for former Optometry Librarian, Maureen Watson, during her sabbatical leave. We welcome Heather's return to FLITE! Heather is excited about the opportunities available for learning and networking through MHSLA and WMHSLA.



“I am pleased to be a new member of the Michigan Health Science Libraies Association and the Western Michigan Health Sciences Library Association. I know both will be important resources in my position as the Optometry and Life Sciences Librarian at Ferris State University. I would like to thank everyone in MHSLA and WMHSLA who has extended a warm welcome to me and I look forward to meeting other members at future meetings and learning opportunities.”-Heather Symon Bassett

Member Publications

The latest publications from members of MHSLA. Take a look and learn more about what our colleagues around the state are doing.

Engwall, K.D. (2017). Anne O'Tate. *Journal of the Medical Library Association*, 105(2), 200-202.

Kendall, S.K. (2017). Lessons learned training new health sciences librarians in collection management. *Doody's Review Service Featured Article*.

Kovar-Gough, I. (2017). Taking chances: A new librarian and curriculum redesign. *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*, 36(2), 129-137.

Lorbeer E.R. (2017, February 10). Marketing for librarians: How to market what cannot be seen. *Wiley Exchanges*. [Blog post]. Retrieved from <https://hub.wiley.com/community/exchanges/discover/blog/2017/02/09/marketing-forlibrarians-how-to-market-what-cannot-be-seen?referrer=exchanges>

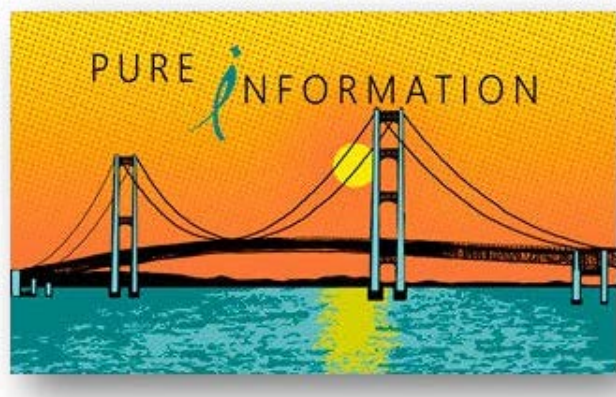
Mi, M. & Zhang, Y. (2017). Culturally competent library services and related factors among health sciences librarians: an exploratory study. *Journal of the Medical Library Association*, 105(2), 132-139.

Sprague, E.R. (2017). ORCID. *Journal of the Medical Library Association*, 105(2), 207-208.

Turner, J.A. (2017). Online support groups: The good, the bad, and the motivated. *Journal of Consumer Health on the Internet*, 21(1), 11-25.

Visit Us in Pure Michigan for Pure Information 2017!

The planning committee for the Joint Meeting of the Midwest Chapter/MLA and Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association (MHSLA) is excited to welcome you to our state for our conference on October 13 – 16, 2017 at the Ann Arbor Marriott at Eagle Crest in Ypsilanti, MI!



Join us for four days of learning, sharing, and networking with your Midwest colleagues! The main events for this year's conference include:

Friday, October 13	Midwest Board Meeting "Spontaneous" Happy Hour @ 5pm
Saturday, October 14	CE Day Featuring: <i>Morning</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perspectives in Research Data Management (4 CEs)• Advanced PubMed (4 CEs)• Getting Started with Information Outreach in Your Community (4 CEs) <i>Afternoon</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data Management for Librarians (4 CEs)• Environmental Health Policy: Sources & Strategies (2 CEs)• Engaging Assessment to Show Value & Make Decisions: Making the Case for Your Library (3 CEs) Opening Reception

Sunday, October 15	Keynote Address by Curt Guyette <i>Hear from the investigative reporter whose coverage of the Flint Water Crisis gained him national recognition</i> Contributed Papers Exhibits Evening Social Event
Monday, October 16	Exhibits Posters Business Meetings

Visit the conference website to register, view the preliminary program, submit a poster or paper abstract, apply for a conference scholarship, and more! Get the latest conference updates by following @MHSLANews on Twitter or the Midwest/MLA Facebook page.

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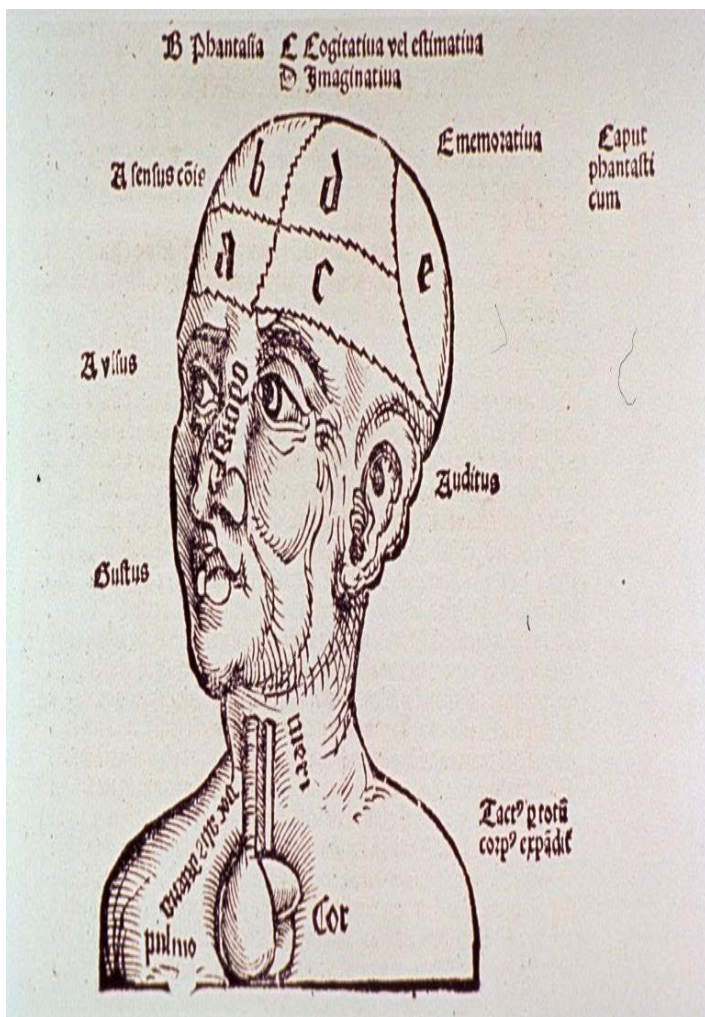
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