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## President's Column

Well, this is the last installment to this diary from my presidential year. All in all it's been fun. I've always said that being President is easy. All you have to do is get good people to chair the committees and then sit back and accept all the laurels! This year we had great people chairing the committees. We are gearing up for a dynamite conference. Thanks to the Education Committee, especially Mary Fitz, for all the hard work they put into this conference. Thanks, too, to Leslie and her local arrangements group. I can hardly wait to hit the Soaring Eagle. I'm looking forward to the speakers and events. And maybe just a little gambling...but not much. I limit myself to \$20.

This conference will also feature our first Memorial Lecture. In honor of Barbara Coe Johnson and Jeanne Brennan, Dr. Felita Wilson will speak about patient literacy and health information. Jeanne and Barbara were both long time members who passed away this year. While I will miss them both, I'm excited that we are starting this tradition in their honor.

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*This has been an exciting year for the Technology Committee. MHSLA has pursued agreements for the group purchase of many important databases such as STAT!Ref and Ovid.*

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We've had an interesting time deciding about MISHULS. This has been an ongoing project for the Board. While we all acknowledge the group's desire to have some sort of printed union list, it's been hard to come up with a feasible plan to produce one. The old system we used to produce MISHULS is no longer available to us. The report from the Document Delivery Committee will highlight our struggles and decisions.

We've also had lots of excitement with the Technology Committee. With the grants Harvey's written for group purchase of STAT!Ref, ARIEL, and perhaps Ovid, it's been a busy year for him. Thanks, Harvey, for doing soooooo much work on our behalf.

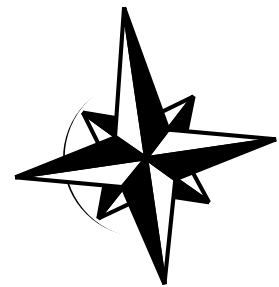
The Collection Development Committee has completed its list of unique titles and it will be available on our Web page soon. Thanks Betty and Mary Jo for going the extra mile with this...also thanks Leslie for seeing it gets added to our Web page.

One of the things we didn't accomplish, but will try to manage in the next year, is a way for the Board meetings to happen in a way that our very distant members can participate. The Board is looking into having our meetings via teleconferencing. This is technically possible today, but the issue right now is money. If we can do it in a cost-effective manner, we will be having video meetings soon.

Well, now that my year is just about done, I can look forward to being the Dowager President (Immediate Past-President just doesn't sound as grand). If I know Mike, this next year will be exciting, and I get to be part of it all. And so can you...I know there are spots left on committees for volunteers...just do it!

Thanks for a great year!

Doris B.



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# Norma Powers Writes a New Chapter

By Janette Ransom

Norma Powers, Manager of the Health Sciences Library at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, is retiring after 24 years of excellent service. Over the years Norma has been active in our organization and has made many contributions to MHSLA, especially in hosting several annual meetings. The 1995 "Northern Exposure" annual conference in Traverse City was especially memorable. Special events included the Malabar sunset cruise, wine tasting, tour of the Chateau



Grand Traverse and a fabulous dinner at Bowers Harbor Inn. Even the bus ride up the Old Mission Peninsula was fun! In spite of it being late September, the weather was warm and beautiful (Norma planned it that way). And, of course, the educational part of the conference was great too!

Norma is in the process of purchasing a new condo and will be selling her home this fall. Between decision-making

on her condo, preparing her home for sale, and trying to tie up loose ends at the Library, Norma has been quite busy. She also added a new dog to her life this summer. "Hickory" is an adorable, seven-year-old longhaired daschund. Hickory has visited the Library on several occasions and we all adore him.

We had a Retirement Tea for Norma at the Munson Health Sciences Library from 1:00-2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11th. Norma's last day will probably be sometime in early September after she has helped Barbara Platts, our new manager, become acclimated to our library and hospital. It is our hope that Norma will remain "on-call", filling in when we need help, and available to answer any questions we may have. Although we are confident the transition from old manager to new will go smoothly, we will miss Norma.

# Saginaw Health Sciences Library Merges with IS Department

By Stephanie John

The Saginaw Health Sciences Library has combined with the Information Systems department at Saginaw Cooperative Hospitals, Inc. to become the Information Resources department. This new department will be meeting the information needs of SCHI, including IT hardware, software,

PDA's, electronic and print knowledge resources, knowledge management services, and developing a new information architecture. SCHI is receiving a \$334,000 HRSA grant in September for information resources and will be moving to Exchange Server 2000, replacing its billing system with a practice management system, adding many more e-journals, supporting PDA's throughout the enterprise and many more exciting (and challenging!) projects. Stephanie John, M.Ln., AHIP, is the director of the new department. Two managers report to Stephanie: one for technical services and one for knowledge services. The entire department is restructuring its work and looking for other "best practices" to emulate. Talk to these people at MHSLA and find out how it's going!

# Technology Committee Update: Grants and Group Purchases

By Harvey Brenneise, Technology Committee Chairperson

The primary focus of the Technology Committee is to find ways for all member libraries to leverage their resources by pooled purchasing of electronic information sources. This has proven to be more difficult than originally thought, but the first product is nearly in place now with a group purchase of the STAT!Ref electronic medical reference books to commence on October 1. Michigan Library Consortium will be the fiscal agent. They will charge 5% of the total to cover their overhead. In the short run, this appears to be the most economical, though in the future we will look for less expensive ways to handle this. The STAT!Ref purchase will be a good test case and libraries do not have to be MLC members to participate in the MHSLA group purchase. During this first year, current subscribers will renew at their "old" renewal price and, as an incentive, receive the six new titles being introduced October 1 at no additional cost. Purchase of the new titles would have cost each library between \$1,000 and \$5,000, so this is a considerable savings and incentive to join. New subscribers will purchase the package at the rate of \$1770 per simultaneous user. Teton Data will not max out usage, so there is no possibility that our users will be locked out "because someone else is keeping the site too busy".

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MHSLA hopes to be able to sponsor group purchases of additional electronic products, including the Ovid databases. Once the purchase order for STAT!Ref has been issued, the committee will begin serious discussions with Ovid and perhaps one or two more vendors.

The Technology Committee also initiated writing two grant proposals for federal LSTA grants through the Library of Michigan--one for the purchase of Clio interlibrary loan management software and Ariel workstations for over 20 member libraries, and the other for expansion of STAT!Ref resources to all libraries in the state for the period of a year to gather statistics on actual use by users other than the primary group of MHSLA members.

During this year, the Technology Committee has also considered options for electronic conferencing to make MHSLA Board and Committee meetings more widely accessible to members in remote locations. The first step will be to begin using telephone conference capabilities in Board meetings, but additional technology solutions will be examined as well.

## ILL Tip: Integrating FirstSearch with DOCLINE borrowing

By Sandy Swanson, Saint Mary's Health Sciences Library, Grand Rapids, MI

**H**ospital libraries in Michigan have free access to OCLC FirstSearch through the MEL/AccessMichigan project. Libraries that do not use OCLC's interlibrary loan function can efficiently use FirstSearch to identify and find lenders for books and non-Serhold serials to be borrowed through DOCLINE.

WorldCat and UnionLists are the most useful FirstSearch databases for identifying library holdings. WorldCat includes over 41 million catalog records for books, serials, and a variety

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of media held by OCLC member libraries. UnionLists includes over 7.4 million periodicals records. Title words, book authors, standard numbers (ISSN/ISBN) or other identifying information may serve as access points to search out a bibliographic record. Note that these two databases list serial titles, but do not include information about specific articles.

When a search is executed in FirstSearch, the system will display a list of results in brief form. A search may yield multiple listings for the same title due to cat-

aloging variations, for example, when some libraries hold microfiche while others hold print editions. The number of libraries reporting holdings is the last bit of information shown in the

brief record. For best results, select the record with the highest number of reporting libraries. When the underlined title is clicked, a detailed record for the selected item will be displayed.

Detailed records include an icon for "libraries" as well as a Libraries with Item link near the top of the screen. Clicking the icon or link will call up a list of libraries holding the title, with Michigan libraries listed first. The list will include the libraries' three-letter OCLC codes and, at the bottom, a descriptive record for the item including standard numbers and other information needed to borrow the item. Print this list, then go to DOCLINE.

In DOCLINE, select Docuser to find LIBIDs for the libraries on the FirstSearch printout. On the Search/View screen, select OCLC codes in the Search in drop-down boxes and enter a three-letter OCLC code from the FirstSearch printout in each box. Remember to change the Boolean connector to "OR" instead of "AND."

Below the three Search in boxes, find a box labeled Only If. To filter for DOCLINE lending libraries, select DOCLINE participants from the drop-down menu. Click the "Search" button. If a match is found, note the six-letter LIBID from the Results screen. Return to the Search screen to try more OCLC codes. (If no DOCLINE participants are found, search OCLC codes without the "DOCLINE participants" selection to find lending libraries' interlibrary loan department policies, phone numbers, and fax numbers for borrowing outside the DOCLINE system.)

Once LIBIDs have been identified for DOCLINE participating libraries, search LocatorPlus or use DOCLINE's Manual screen to enter bibliographic data about the item to be borrowed. Advanced Menu searching in LocatorPlus offers the option of searching by ISBN or ISSN numbers. When the bibliographic information has been entered, go to the next screen and enter LIBIDs of up to four libraries in the routing boxes at the bottom. Some libraries do not rigorously update their holdings information in OCLC, so it is best to retain the FirstSearch printout in case the first four selected libraries cannot fill the request.

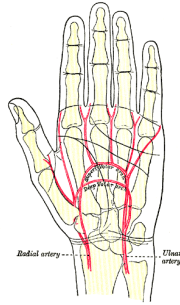
## Please Update MHSLA Directory Information!

**P**lease keep your directory information up to date so that you receive MHSLA mailings in a timely fashion. Contact the Membership Chairperson, Debbie Porter, to make any changes.

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# Medical Images on the Web

Submitted by Janette Ransom



## **Anatomy of the Human Body by Henry Gray** <http://bartleby.com>

*Gray's Anatomy of the Human Body* on Bartleby.com contains 1,247 vibrant engravings, with many in color, from the classic 1918 edition. Bartleby claims to provide "students, researchers and the intellectually curious with unlimited access to books and information on the Web, free of charge".

## **Bristol Biomed Image Archive** <http://www.brisbio.ac.uk/>

This categorized archive maintained by the University of Bristol, United Kingdom, contains more than 20,000 images for teaching. A search engine allows for retrieval of images on specific topics or conditions. Users can search and browse the archive without registering, but, to download full-size images, users must complete a free registration process. The creators of the archive allow free use of the images for teaching and educational purposes.

## **Public Health Image Library (PHIL™)** <http://phil.cdc.gov/phil/default.asp>

Created by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), PHIL™ offers an organized, searchable gateway to the CDC's pictures. The content is organized into hierarchical categories of people, places, and science and is presented as single images, image sets and multimedia files. PHIL welcomes public health professionals, the media, educators and the worldwide public to use this material for reference, teaching, presentation and health messages.

## **The Visible Human Project®** [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/visible/visible\\_human.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/research/visible/visible_human.html)

A project of the National Library of Medicine (NLM), the Visible Human Project consists of images of cross-sections of a female and a male. Anyone may use the images free of charge, but a license agreement must first be filed with NLM. This site also includes links to projects showing some of the images in use.

## Member News

**Barbara Platts**, former director of the Bon Secours Cottage Hospital Library in Grosse Pointe, has accepted the position of manager at the Health Sciences Library at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. Barbara began her new position on Monday, August 27th.

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## Conference Activities: CMU Theatre

*Adapted From the CMU Web site.*

**Play:** Bee-luther hatchee  
**Date:** 10/10/01-10/13/01  
**Start Time:** 8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Bush Theatre

Central Michigan University Campus  
**Ticket Site:** CMU University Theatre Box Office  
**Cost:** \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens  
**Contact Phone Number :** 989-774-3874  
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**Description:** This powerful exploration of racial identity, cultural ownership and imaginative fiction tells the story of Shelita Burns who publishes the eloquent memoir of an elderly black woman named Libby Price to considerable acclaim--only to discover that Libby is not exactly who she seems. University Theatre is excited to have the opportunity to present the Midwest nonprofessional premiere of this new play.

## Righteous Brothers Perform at Soaring Eagle

Regain that lovin' feeling! See the Righteous Brothers at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort during the MHSLA conference. Performances take place on October 10 and 11 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$39, \$33 and \$25. For more information call 1-800-585-3737.