



This is the third year of the formal gathering of materials for the Archives. It has been my privilege to set up the Archives. This same privilege has afforded me the opportunity to watch first hand, the growth and development of the Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association.

This is the anniversary of the 10th educational conference and the 6th anniversary of the formal organization of MHSLA.

Under the guidance of fine Leaders, the Association has grown from infancy, taking those first wobbly steps, into a strong, vital association, striving constantly to bring the latest legislative information as well as the most modern, up-to-date methods of librarianship to all of it's members. This organization is truly dedicated to the aid and support of all librarians.

The Archives, which bear truth to all this, has also grown. From a small handful of papers to three portable pendaflex file boxes filled with papers and three photo albums. One album contains pictures of all the Presidents of the Association. The other albums contain pictures of the membership, busily working in a workshop, at attention listening to a speaker or just playing. Stop to see these today in the Archivist's display.

It was necessary on several occasions this past year, for members to use the Archives. They appreciated the fact that information which was important to them, was readily available. Some also discovered the value of storing materials in one place, resulting in my receiving many more papers for the Archives from them. I appeal to the rest of you to look through your files for any papers or pictures of conferences you have attended that will fill in a gap which we may have in the Archives. What you have may be an important missing link to 'our history'.

Letters were sent and phone calls made to several companies requesting information on 'display panels'. Brochures were received along with fabric samples. The Board is currently considering the purchase of such panels. The ones we are using today were borrowed. Hopefully a decision will be made at the next Board meeting.

It has been my pleasure as Archivist, to witness this growth and hope you too will enjoy seeing some of what has happened (our history) by viewing the Archivist's display in the exhibit area.

Respectfully submitted  
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