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Calendar

MARCH

"Services and Programs for Hospital Based Physicians", presented by Martin M. Cummings, M.D., Director, National Library of Medicine. March 15. McLaren General Hospital, Flint.

Flint Area Health Science Library Network Meeting. March 19. "Role of Computers in Libraries".

Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group Meeting. March 20. General Motors Technical Center. Tour of Libraries. Limited registration.

"Medical Information On-Line". March 31 - June 9, 1980. Wayne State University (LS 8518) Tues. 6:20 - 9:00 P.M. (4 cr.).

APRIL

Midwest Regional Group MLA Spring Meeting. April 10-11. Stouffer's Dayton Plaza Hotel, Dayton, OH. "Technical Services: Present & Future". For information call B. Robinson (513/278-2612).

South Central Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association Meeting. April 18. University of Michigan School of Public Health.

Work Performance Measurement. April 17. Workshop sponsored by Special Libraries Association. White Conference Center, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. For information call B. Becker (313/994-3500 x204).

MAY

Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group Meeting. May 15. Crittenton Hospital, Rochester. "Rap Session on Library Concerns".

Western Michigan Health Science Library Association Spring Conference. May 16. Holly's Bistro, Grand Rapids. "Selecting Biomedical Materials".

Health Sciences Library Management Workshop #1. The Management Setting & Communication Skills. May 19. University of Michigan. For information call J. Durrance (313/763-1569).

Valley Regional Health Science Librarians Meeting. May 20. Saginaw Health Science Library, Saginaw.

JUNE

"Law and the Library User". June 3. Kellogg Center, East Lansing. Sponsored by the Michigan Library Association, Reference Section. For information call F. Hickok (517/353-8705).

UPMEP

UPMEP sounds like a new super-vitamin, with a healthy exhilarating effect on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, but you won't find it at your local drug store. UPMEP (Upper Peninsula Medical Education Program) is an innovative primary care education program that was established in 1974 to provide primary care physicians for the U.P. of Michigan, where there has been a shortage of physicians for many years. The program consists of a full four-year pre-doctoral educational program, a new three-year family practice residency, and a regionalized system of primary/ambulatory care.

The pre-doctoral program, a branch of Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, has the administrative support coming from a regional corporation that includes representatives from major communities throughout the U.P. After spending one term on the Lansing campus attending traditional classes, the students receive the balance of their four year training in the U.P. with the principal learning center for basic and clinical science at Bay de Noc Family Health Care Center in Escanaba. The center is a specially designed model that provides patient care for a cross section of families. The third year is spent on clinical clerkships in Escanaba and Marquette, where the student's experience is broadened by time spent concentrating on the needs of the acutely ill and hospitalized patient. The fourth year includes a hospital care clerkship for six months at Marquette General Hospital with the balance of the year spent at an approved hospital clerkship anywhere in the world; for example, one fourth year student is currently working on a clerkship in Australia. The first class of ten medical doctors graduated in 1978.

As librarian at Marquette General Hospital, I have watched the program grow from its beginnings in 1974. During the past five years, I have provided interlibrary loan and reference support for the Escanaba center when requested. In addition, I have provided consultative service for book selection and library review. The advent of the Med-Ed program and the subsequent development of the residency program at our hospital (July 1979) have had a positive effect on the medical staff and the hospital at large. From the point of view of a librarian who sees, perhaps, more of the residents and medical students than anyone else during their time here, I can definitely report a more charged educational climate, more interest in the growth of the library and more input from staff in book selection since these programs arrived on the scene. I look forward, not only to working with these energetic and enthusiastic young men and women, but to seeing them return to our beautiful Upper Peninsula after their residencies to enrich and strengthen our medical community.

—Mildred E. Kingsbury
Marquette General Hospital

Serials Management

Serials management is a most ambitious title for a brief article but — Journals tend to be a problem in most health sciences libraries simply because of numbers and varieties. The first recommendation is to try to get your orders for journals combined on one order to a subscription agency. This saves untold hours of time typing individual purchase orders and paying invoices. The small percentage of your total order which the agency charges for the service is a bargain because of the saving in clerical time.

Your subscription agency should provide an annual list of your subscriptions for you to check for accuracy, change by adding or deleting and return to them for ordering about four to six months before the end of the year. They should also provide you with a supply of simple claim forms for requesting missing issues easily.

The second recommendation is to keep track of journals received by using a card system available from library supply companies. These cards have spaces to check in journals by the week or month and provide a record of what you have received. This job of checking in journals, stamping and shelving them, can be done by a clerk or volunteer who is trained. The important thing in this operation is to be sure that the checker catches missing issues and either claims them or informs the librarian so that she can do so. Many journal issues go out of print quickly and claims must be mailed promptly for any journals which are lost in the mail.

Another important aspect of serials management is how to keep them once you have them. Most hospital libraries bind some or all of their subscriptions. A single issue is much more likely to "walk away" than a large bound volume.

If space is a problem, microforms sometimes become a solution - depending on the acceptance of library patrons. Many journals are available in microfilm for about the same cost as binding one volume if you have purchased the regular paper edition. Microfilm can help in several ways. You have the paper edition available at the time of heaviest use when the journal is current. Items are never "gone to the bindery" when a patron wants them. Very little vandalism or theft occurs with microfilm. Some disadvantages are that you must have a reader and a reader/printer to use the microforms, and some patrons dislike the format. When space problems become acute, the advantages seem to outweigh the disadvantages.

I would be happy to discuss this topic further and in more detail if anyone wants to call me at 517-894-3782 or write to me with questions or comments.

—Barbara Kormelink
Bay Medical Center

MHSLA Archives

Helen Howley, Associate Librarian, Saginaw Health Sciences Library, has been appointed as archivist for MHSLA. The Executive Board has made the decision that the following types of material will be gathered and filed: Minutes of the Executive Board meetings, of the conference general sessions and of Ad hoc committees; reports of standing and special committees; all presidential addresses; programs of educational conferences; conference financial statements; annual membership lists; Constitution and By-Laws; publications of the association; and photographs of incoming officers and of the Executive Board. Helen will be glad to receive the above materials from members. If you have questions please call or write her. The telephone number is 517-771-6846.

Introducing . . . The Publications Committee

This first issue of the MHSLA NEWS provides a good opportunity for our readers to become acquainted with the members of the Publications Committee.

Many of you already know our Chairperson, Mary McNamara, who is Coordinator of Extramural Services for the KOMRML Network and Editor of the KOMmentary.

Jae Walker, Library Technician at Sparrow Hospital Medical Library in Lansing, is also a member of our Committee. Jae can be reached at Sparrow's library every Monday thru Friday from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M.

The third member of the Committee is Cathy Helbers, the Medical Librarian at Chelsea Community Hospital. She is available there every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Our ex-officio committee member from the MHSLA Executive Board is Margo Dix, Medical Librarian at Riecker Memorial Hospital, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor.

All of the members of the MHSLA Publications Committee are working toward making our newsletter an effective tool for communication between all the local state health sciences libraries associations. To accomplish that goal, we need your help and input. We want you to let us know what you like - or don't like - about our publication and the Association. Feel free to contact any of us with your thoughts and comments.

President's Column

Greetings to everyone in the state association! This year promises to be a very exciting and rewarding time for health sciences librarians to be a part of our state association. We have come a long way in just two years — and this remarkable growth can be attributed to the leadership of our presidents — Faith and Anni. Our first issue of the association's newsletter is symbolic of the dedication and voluntary efforts of many librarians around the state of Michigan working together in a spirit of cooperation to build a state association for health sciences librarians.

Our newsletter, to be effective, must serve as a vital communication link between the officers on the Executive Board and the members of our state association. Included in the first issue of the newsletter is an Executive Board Roster. This roster lists the addresses and phone numbers of all the officers on the Executive Board. Your officers represent your professional and educational interests. Please feel free to contact the officers or me at any time to inform us on what you think regarding educational and professional concerns and priorities for our state association. The Executive Board exists to serve you! I am encouraging members to be active participants in the decision making process. You can also express your ideas at the "grassroots level" by talking to your local area group representatives or by contacting committee chairmen in our state association.

I am confident that this year our association will continue to grow and thrive — exploring new directions in health sciences librarianship. As your President, I have made a "commitment to excellence in librarianship" and pledge to work diligently toward fulfilling this commitment for our state association.

—Carole Colter

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Carole Colter, President

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Biographical Note: Carole is Librarian of the Health Sciences Library, Midland Hospital Center. She earned both her undergraduate degree and MSLS from Wayne State University. Before coming to Midland, Carole held positions with the libraries of the Detroit News, the Burroughs Corporation and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Detroit and the East Central Michigan Health Systems Agency in Saginaw.

Mildred Kingsbury, President-Elect

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Biographical Note: Mildred is Health Science Librarian for Marquette General Hospital. She earned a BA and the MA in English from Northern Michigan University. Her previous library experience includes the Nursing School of Marquette General Hospital, Northern Michigan University, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana and the University of Michigan. In addition to her duties as Librarian, Mildred serves as Co-Director of the UPMAC Consortium to improve library service in the Upper Peninsula. The Consortium is supported by a NLM project grant. She also served as coordinator for a similar project grant to develop audiovisual services in the UP.

Margo R. Dix, Secretary

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Biographical Note: Margo is Librarian of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. She is from Detroit and earned a BA in Social Studies and English as well as her AMLS from the University of Michigan. Before joining the staff at St. Joseph she was Librarian of Foote Memorial Hospital, Jackson. She is a member of Beta Phi Mu Library Honorary Society, the Medical Library Association and the University of Michigan, Department of Internal Medicine Women's Club. She serves as News Editor for her local group, the South Central Michigan Health Science Libraries Association.

Robin Rand, Treasurer

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Biographical Note: Robin is Head Medical Librarian, Saginaw Health Sciences Library. She is originally from New Hampshire and earned her BA degree in Biology from Skidmore College. Her AMLS was received from the University of Denver. Robin's previous experience includes a reference position with the

University of California, Biomedical Library, Los Angeles and as Program Director, Biomedical Library Program, University of California, Central Joaquin Valley Area Health Education Center. At the AHEC she served as consultant to forty rural hospitals in six counties.

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Local Group News

Flint Area Health Science Library Network (FAHSLN)

The group is planning a union list of audiovisual materials. The 1980 officers are: Fran Gach, Chairperson, Mott Children's Health Center and Jan Smith, Secretary/Reporter, St. Joseph Hospital.
—Jan Smith, Reporter

Mid-Michigan Health Sciences Library (Mid-MHSL)

David Keddle is Co-Coordinator for the Lansing Area Librarians. Doris Asher is a member of the Committee for the Study of Improved Inter-type Library Cooperation. The Committee serves as a cooperative caucus among various types of libraries in the Lansing area to establish mutual lending agreements. Mid-MHSL is co-sponsor of the MHSLA conference to be held this fall. New officers will be announced at the February meeting.
—Bethany Knox, Reporter

South Central Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association (SCMHSLA)

The new officers are: Gene Regenstrief, President, Health Administration Press, School of Public Health, University of Michigan; Cathy Helbers, Vice-President, Medical Librarian, Chelsea Community Hospital, Chelsea; Cathy Constance, Secretary, Librarian, Center for Forensic Psychiatry, Ypsilanti; and Bonnie Gasperini, Treasurer, Librarian, Ypsilanti Regional Psychiatric Hospital, Ypsilanti.
—Margo Dix, Reporter

Upper Peninsula Health Science Libraries Group

The members of the Upper Peninsula Library Consortium have received the majority of the books purchased with project grant funds. The library managers of the eight hospitals in the Consortium have received assistance in organizing library service by means of mini workshops. The first issue of **Outlook** has just been published. The newsletter is designed to serve as a follow-up to the mini workshops and answer questions that the library managers may have.
—Mildred Kingsbury, Reporter

Valley Regional Health Science Librarians (VRHSL)

The January 1980 meeting was held at Dow Corning

Corporation, Midland. Chris Shea and Keith Markstrom, East Central Michigan Health Systems Agency spoke on the Health Manpower Project and the Consumer Health Center Concept which the agency is working on. VRHSL is co-sponsor of the MHSLA conference to be held this fall at Bay Valley Inn.

—Barbara Kormelink, Reporter

Windsor Area Health Librarians Association (WAHLA)

The group met January 29 at Windsor Western Hospital Centre and discussed the "Composition of Library Committees and the Use of an Advisory Committee to the Librarian." Hotel-Dieu of St. Joseph Hospital has purchased ULOSSOM. The ULOSSOM Council has approved the inclusion of the hospital library's serial holdings in the list. Hotel Dieu has the largest medical library in the area, largely due to the generous support of the Essex County Medical Society which developed the collection some years ago.
—Toni Sinclair, Reporter

MHSLA NEWS is the official newsletter of the Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association. Comments and inquiries may be sent to any member of the Publications Committee.

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