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Letter from the Chair

[Carolyn Olson](#)

A few years ago I attended my first chapter sharing roundtable discussion for CE chairs at MLA. It was an eye-opening experience. I had no idea how different the challenges of our chapter are from the rest of the country. We are large geographically and small in membership. Besides - it's beautiful out here, we are continually reminded that there is more to life than work. So we face some special challenges when it comes to accomplishing all that needs to be done. And we have an easy sell in getting speakers and instructors to come to this beautiful part of the world.

Map Goals Implementation

Last year's board put considerable effort into updating and revising the Chapter Map, PNC's strategic plan. This year, we focus on goal implementation. Take a minute and read the map (available on the website). The goals are intended to assist and empower us as individuals and as a profession. But we have that PNC challenge - how do we get it all done?

Simplify

One way is to simplify work and the new Conference Planning Committee is doing just that. The biggest job each year is the annual meeting and in the past was entirely done by the local meeting Chair and Committee. This new committee, chaired by Leilani St Anna, will organize and develop planning templates for vendor exhibits, registration and other functions, making it far easier for local arrangements committees to host a meeting.

Member participation in committees is essential to accomplishing our goals and we currently need help in many areas. Electronic communication and the web change the nature of our organization. In the past, members who were unable to regularly attend the annual meeting may have felt that PNC did not offer many benefits to them or that they could not participate in the organization. Now, with our web site, there are new possibilities. (As in "Yo, Bob - can I crib your nursing Internet demo?") . Two web projects slated for implementation this year are:

- Listings of relevant resources for vendor contracts
- Listing of presentations members have made to outside groups

Examples:

Bob Pringle - Internet resources for nurses

Pam Bjork - Searching the chiropractic literature for the Oregon Chiropractic Board

Many keyboards make light work

We need more participation from members to accomplish this. We also need the fresh perspective and insight that new participants bring to the organization. I think most of us are willing to assist with professional association responsibilities. Electronic linkages make it possible for members in any location to contribute. Elsewhere in this issue is a "help wanted" listing. Please look through it and think about choosing something. It is worthwhile, fun and a great way to get to know your colleagues in other institutions.

Finance

The board greatly appreciates the dues increase that an overwhelming majority of our members approved. This will help to stabilize PNC finances and, over time, should give us a little more comfortable cushion for one-time and unexpected expenses.

While the dues increase is important, it does not put us in a flush financial situation and we still need to exert the same cost controls that we have in the past. The economics of PNC has changed. We need to rely more on dues and less on revenue generated from continuing education and annual meeting activities. We now expect that the annual meetings will run a small profit in urban population centers and a small loss in other areas.

Special mention

Thanks are due to a long list of members who are actively working on PNC activities. I want to call attention to the following members who have made special contributions this year:

- *Betty Jo Jensen*, retiring to her vacation home on Camano Island in May after 24 years in the profession, was awarded Life Membership by the PNC Board for her substantial contribution to PNC, including a term as Chapter Chair.
- *Mary Ellen Lemon* for her excellent work on the annual meeting in Boise last fall.
- *Maryanne Blake* for her work as last year's chapter chair and for hosting the board meeting in her home this year as well as last.
- *Emily Hull* for her fantastic work on our chapter web site.

That's all for now - please contact me or any other board member with your ideas, comments and suggestions. Have a great spring!

Carolyn

From the Editor

I want to thank all the numerous contributors to this issue. I am especially want to thank *Bob Pringle*, *Kathleen McCrory* and *Andrea Ball* for their articles. I sat at the last Executive Board meeting and said that I could not foresee any need to publish in a manner similar to the *Dragonfly* (i.e., print items as they are received and then compile a quarterly issue), since I rarely received original material. If this level of participation continues, I'll have to eat my words -- which would be a very happy meal!

I'd also like to thank *Loretta Andress*, my Assistant Editor, for again helping me compile copy and for proofreading this issue. Any typos will be my fault for continuing to tweak this issue after she gave it her "red pencil treatment."

Around the Region

ALASKA

submitted by Donna Hudson

The Elmendorf Air Force Base Hospital in Anchorage, as well as its medical library, will be moving to a new location. The library will reopen for regular business on May 12. The new address is: 3 Medical Group/SGSOL, 5955 Zeamer Ave., Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506-3700; the phone number will be 907.580.6490.

IDAHO

The spring issue of the [IHIA Citation](#) (and the first Web issue ever) is now available. If you have problems accessing this issue and would like to receive a paper copy, please contact me.

Sincerely,
[Marcia Francis](#), Secretary-Treasurer
Idaho Health Information Association

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Recognition of local experts, shared by [Linda Milgrom](#)

As its final article in its final issue ([November-December 1998](#)) Gratefully Yours has a lovely piece on the DeArmond Consumer Health Library at Kootenai Medical Center.

MONTANA

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Kalispell's new medical librarian

Hello Everyone!

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Heidi Sue Adams, and I am the new medical librarian at Kalispell Regional Medical Center. (I know I have big shoes to fill here, as Susan Long is a hard act to follow!) I relocated here from New Jersey. My name may be somewhat familiar to some of you; I worked in a medical library in Philadelphia, and served on committees in that

region...including the Hospitality Committee for the national convention last May. I look forward to meeting you all, and please, do not hesitate if there is anything that I can assist you with.

Respectfully,

HS

[Heidi Sue Adams](#)

Kalispell Regional Medical Center

OREGON

Kelly Ferkovich is the new library technician at Legacy Good Samaritan in Portland. She replaces *Gisela Cartmill* who has taken a position with Southwest Washington Hospitals in Vancouver.

Janet Owens is the new librarian at Legacy Meridian Park Hospital in Tualatin, OR. Janet has worked at Montana State University, the Oregon Geriatric Education Center.

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I also enjoyed *Valerie Lawrence's* excellent article, "Consumer Health Information Services: A Growing Area in Hospital Libraries" in the October issue of National Network. The Northwest strikes again!

WASHINGTON

Sherrilynne Fuller will be the Janet Doe Lecturer at this year's MLA Annual Meeting in Chicago. She will speak on Monday, May 17 at 9:00 a.m. Her working title, subject to potential revision, is "Enabling, Empowering, Inspiring: Research and Mentorship Through the Years." All are invited -- and, as Sherri so humbly stated in her email message "I sure hope I have something worthwhile to say by then :)." [Speaking for the rest of us, I have no doubt this will be a worthwhile talk.] Congratulations on receiving this vote of merit from MLA.

Jean Shipman has been elected to the MLA Board. Her term officially begins in Chicago with the second Business meeting on the 18th and she will serve for three years. As she explained in her email message, "I don't know what committees I will be a liaison to yet - should find out soon." Congratulations!

[Susan Way](#) will be leaving the staff of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Library on April 28. She will begin her new job as Network Administrator as part of the SWOG (Southwest Oncology Group) PHS (Public Health Sciences division of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center) on May 11. Her new email address will be susanw@swog.fhcrc.org.

submitted by Betty Jo Jensen; originally posted to hlib-nw

I am pleased to announce that *William Gembala* has accepted the position of Medical Librarian at Evergreen Hospital Medical Center. He will start with us on April 19th. He is replacing me, as I retire on May 3rd.

originally posted on hlib-nw@u.washington.edu on 01 Feb 1999

Fred Hutchinson welcomes new librarian

submitted by *Ann Marie Clark*

Please join us in welcoming Kelly Thormodson to the library staff at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Kelly is new to the Pacific Northwest. She hails from the Midwest, having recently attended the University of Iowa's School of Library and Information Science. She has extensive experience as a corporate trainer, and has spent time in both special and medical libraries. We are very pleased to have her join our team as a reference/training librarian.

New on Video!

Accessing HIV/AIDS Information Resources

This video of the February 11, 1999 AIDS teleconference is geared to public health professionals and anyone else in the community providing HIV/AIDS-related information. The running time is one hour and thirty-nine minutes. A web page with supplemental materials, including tutorials and fact sheets, is available at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/partners/aids.html>.

The RML also has a limited number of packets with materials available on request. Please contact the RML office at 1-800-338-7657, if you would like to receive the video on loan. [editor's note: Our very own *Maryanne Blake* is a feature speaker of the teleconference]

submitted by M. Means; originally posted on hlib-nw

The WMLA board has voted to rely on the HLIB-NW email list and the WMLA Web site for member communications that used to take place via the newsletter. If you want to post something to the [WMLA Web site](#), please contact [Bill Gembala](#), (206) 616-7106. Check here to find instructions for [searching the archives](#) of HLIB-NW.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

[Martha Means](#), President, Washington Medical Librarians Association
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WMLA Election Results

This is probably not a great surprise, but here are the election results. Thanks to all who voted.
Officers:

President: Martha Means, University of Washington
 President-Elect: Brynn Beals, St. Joseph Medical Center
 Recording Secretary: Sarah Safranek, University of Washington
 Membership Secretary: Julia Parker, PathoGenesis Corporation
 Treasurer: Cathy Burroughs, University of Washington
 Past President: Val Lawrence, Western States Chiropractic College
 Member at Large: Beulah Horak, St. Joseph Hospital
 Member at Large: Diana Nelson Loudon, Zymogenetics, Inc.
 Committee Chairs and Appointments
 Annual Meeting Chairs: Barbara Ivester & Nancy Turrentine, Valley Medical Center
 Archivist: Janet Schnall, University of Washington
 Bylaws Chair: Jan Schueller, Battelle Seattle Research Center
 Continuing Education Chair: Pamela Murray, Northwest Hospital
 WMLA Resource Sharing Committee Chair: Kathleen McCrory, Children's Hospital
 Webmaster & Newsletter Editor: Bill Gembala, University of Washington
 Government Liaison for WMLA: open
 UW Student Liaison: Heather Wilder, University of Washington

Dues Increase Approved

submitted by *Pamela Spickelmier*, PNC/MLA Treasurer

On behalf of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association Board, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the PNC membership for your overwhelming approval of the annual dues increase measure! On a yes vote of 92 to 8, annual dues will be increased to \$25.00 per year effective January 1, 1999. Thank you for your willingness to support the important activities of this organization!

Help Wanted

| Position | Description | Contact |
|--|--|--------------------------------|
| AHIP Credentialing Liaison | Keep abreast of AHIP standards and process; act as resource to members with questions | Carolyn Olson |
| Electronic Resources Committee Chair & Members | Act as resource to PNC on technology issues; develop lists and links of resources on vendor contracts/licensing for web site | Carolyn Olson |
| Membership Committee State and Province Representatives | Follow up with state members who haven't renewed; potential new members; forward news about members (with their permission) to Kathy Murray for inclusion in <i>NW Notes</i> | Barbara Crain |
| Government Relations Liaison | Subscribe to ALAWON and forward relevant bulletins to membership | Maryanne Blake |

New Members

submitted by [Barbara Crain](#), Membership Secretary

Please welcome the following new members:

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|--------------------|---------------|
| Heidi Sue Adams | Kalispell, MT |
| Jaque Jakovac | Helena, MT |
| Patricia Mills | Vancouver, BC |
| Claire Rivers | Portland, OR |
| Jane Saxton | Kenmore, WA |
| Cheryl Silverblatt | Portland, OR |
| Kelly Thormodson | Seattle, WA |
| Naomi Trapp | Seattle, WA |

1999 Revised Budget

submitted by *Pamela Spickelmier*, PNC/MLA Treasurer
April 2, 1999

| | 1998 Budget | 1998 Actual | 1999 Estimated |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Membership Dues | \$ 2800.00 | \$ 1668.00 | \$ 4000.00 |
| Checking Interest | 75.00 | 56.31 | 50.00 |
| CD Interest | 200.00 | 258.56 | 170.00 |
| Meeting Income | 2800.00 | 2805.89 | (709.88) |
| Total Income | \$ 5875.00 | \$ 4788.76 | \$ 3510.12 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Annual Meeting Advance | \$ 1000.00 | \$ 1000.00 | \$ 1500.00 |
| Board Meeting Expenses | 1200.00 | 1811.49 | 1500.00 |
| Board Travel to MLA | 1000.00 | 114.50 | 1000.00 |
| Supplies & Software | 50.00 | -0- | 50.00 |
| Development Fund (Scholarships) | 1500.00 | 800.00 | 1000.00 |
| Printing & Postage | 300.00 | 137.13 | 125.00 |
| Liability Insurance/501c/Corp. Fees | 225.00 | 8.00 | 225.00 |
| Lending Library | 300.00 | 78.00 | 200.00 |
| Centennial Project | 1000.00 | 703.55 | -0- |

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Newsletter Expenses | 50.00 | -0- | -0- |
| Board Member Pay Reimbursement | 300.00 | -0- | 300.00 |
| Annual Meeting Photos | 50.00 | -0- | -0- |
| Canadian Fund Exchange Expenses | 80.00 | 57.81 | 80.00 |
| Bank Charges (Checks, etc.) | 40.00 | 62.25 | 100.00 |
| Gifts | -0- | 272.32 | 100.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 7095.00 | \$ 5045.05 | \$ 6180.00 |
| Checking Balance as of 3/31/99 | | \$ 1153.93 | |
| Certificate of Deposit #1 | | \$ 3312.17 | |
| Certificate of Deposit #2 | | \$ 2208.11 | |
| Total Current Assets | | \$ 6674.21 | |

Celebrations at PNC/MLA Annual Meeting, Boise 1998

submitted by *Janet Schnall*, Archivist

Several things were presented at the PNC/MLA annual meeting in Boise this year to highlight MLA's Centennial Celebration as well as PNC/MLA's 45th anniversary.

PNC at 45 Celebrates MLA at 100

coordinated by *Sarah Safranek*, *Janet Schnall* and *Janette Schueller*

Janet Schnall displayed an exhibit that highlighted PNC's 45 year history and contributions to the health sciences library profession. A colorful regional map was surrounded by information about our chapter, including: 1st meeting (1953) highlights and membership statistics; the first (1980) newsletter Northwest Notes and a printout of the most recent electronic edition; CE trends including highlights of an annual CE survey; photograph of our life members; a list of chapter chairs from 1953-present; selected meeting programs; information on Bertha Hallam, the only member from the Pacific Northwest to become president of MLA; and a list of PNC meetings throughout the years. Excerpts of sound recordings of the six life members' oral histories accompanied the display.

At the Banquet *Janet Schnall* gave a presentation on little known facts of PNC history that she "uncovered" from the Archives! *Dolores Judkins* compiled a list of questions to stump the attendees, with fabulous prizes for the winning answers distributed by our own *Vanna White*, *Mary Ellen Lemon*!

Test your knowledge of PNC history with these questions:

1. When and where was the first PNC meeting?
2. Who was the first chair of PNC?
3. Who has served the most terms as chair of PNC?

4. Name the life members of PNC.
5. Who was the keynote speaker at the 1985 meeting in Eugene?
6. Which 3 cities have hosted PNC the most times?
7. How many joint meetings has PNC had and with what group(s)?
8. How many people attended the first PNC meeting?
9. Who is the only PNC member to become president of MLA?
10. What was the topic of the first CE course sponsored by PNC?

Tie breaker questions:

1. What was the date of the first newsletter?
2. Who wrote the Medical Librarian's coloring book?
3. Was Alaska a state when PNC was formed?
4. PNC is 45 years old. What is the Hallmark anniversary stone for 45 years?
5. Who started first at the RML: Linda Milgrom or Nancy Press?
6. Who can name the instructors who taught the first MEDLARS workshop in the region in 1966?
7. What year was the first annual meeting (as opposed to biennial)?
8. What year did PNC become a chapter rather than a group?

Answers:

1. 1953 in Seattle.
2. Bertha Hallam, from University of Oregon Medical School
3. Bill Fraser and Bertha Hallam, tied at 3 each.
4. Jane Belt, Bill Fraser, Isabel McDonald, Gerry Oppenheimer, Melvina Marble, and Jeri van den Top
5. Gene Roddenberry
6. Seattle (7 or 8 if you count Bellevue); Vancouver (6); Portland (5)
7. 3 joint meetings; two with MC/MLA (1986 and 1990); one with AWH (1974)
8. 23 librarians
9. Bertha Hallam
10. Planning Hospital Library Facilities

Answers to Tie Breakers:

1. August 1980
2. Polly
3. No
4. sapphire
5. Linda Milgrom
6. Louise Darling, Lois Ann Collaianni, Bob Braude, Betsy Beamish
7. 1971
8. 1980

If you answered all the questions correctly, please consider becoming the Archivist!!!

Pictures from Boise

The Welcome Reception:

Madelyn Hall, Mary Ellen Lemon
and Leilani St. Anna

Kathy Kaya, Maureen Carleton,
Kathy Murray and Kim
Granath



or even when we're working..



Maryanne and Mary Ellen

welcoming the members.

Comments from attendees were uniformly positive. It's clear that all had an educational, informative and FUN time. This year's meeting will be in Seattle. For more information, check the [Meetings](#) information included in this issue.

Full Text Document Services

submitted by [Bob Pringle](#), Head Librarian

I wanted to share some of the results of the recent introduction of large-scale full text document services in our library (with a little comment about other libraries).

As many of you already know, the Washington State Library led an effort last year to identify vendors of full-text electronic databases, and have Washington libraries select the one(s) they would like to be able to subscribe to. The Library then led negotiations for state-wide contracts that allowed small public and other non-profit libraries, as well as large publics and academics, to subscribe at very low prices. In some cases, larger libraries were able to continue subscriptions to databases they were already using, but at much lower rates.

Empire Health Services' Health Information Service (Robin Braun and Arleen Libertini) at Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane is an example of a hospital library that has benefited; they've found UMI's ProQuest affordable and useful. Just recently, a user asked for an article from the newest issue of Lancet. Their copy was not yet in, and they could not get the electronic version from the Lancet website to work. The issue was already in ProQuest; they were able to print it for their user.

Through our relationship with the Washington State University Libraries, we are able to offer UMI's ProQuest Direct to our students and faculty. This index/journal collection is now accessible from all our facility computers, as well as to users who log in from outside with their library ID.

After looking at the list of full-text journals in the ProQuest Medical Library and Research Periodicals subsets, we are now advising our users to search in the following sequence: first, use CINAHL to identify nursing materials we'll have in our library on the topic. If those items do not have all that's needed, then search ProQuest Direct, using the Medical Library and Research subsets to find nursing, medical, and other health-related journal articles. Most of those will be available in full text right on the screen, so no interlibrary loan activity will be required. Finally, if more is needed, search MEDLINE or other specialized databases, and use our other document delivery services to obtain the items identified.

Both our students and our faculty are using the service. Students have very quickly picked up on the fact that they can print or e-mail the article to themselves right away. They are particularly pleased with being able to find medical journals in full-text, which allows them to expand the resources they use for patient care very conveniently. Faculty, too, are pleased with full-text availability.

The group most pleased seems to be our students who feel more geographically isolated. Those in our Yakima and other out-of-Spokane programs no longer have to wait for document delivery of so much of the material they wish to use. Even with rapid fax delivery from our collection, they have felt a lack of library materials. Now, just as with the student in the main library, they have immediate access from a computer at home or at their learning site. We have seen requests from these students for documents begin to decrease.

One of the things we find ourselves cautioning users about is reliance on just what's available, instead of looking for the "best" article. While availability has always affected user behavior, we are seeing people more and more simply taking what's listed on the screen, without looking any further. This can occur even when they know the item found is not completely satisfactory.

We also find that users want to print from the computer, even when they'd get a higher-quality copy if they went to our paper issue on the shelf and photocopied it. At present, all our public printers are dot-matrix machines, which cannot offer graphics, and are slow and moderately noisy. Some wish to avoid the cost of copying, but some seem to want the computer version no matter what.

The availability of high-quality full text has also made the demand for laser-quality printing much more urgent. Libraries such as ours, which installed inexpensive printers to allow "free" printing of citations and abstracts, now face calls for high-speed laser printers. We expect to spend a good deal of money on this kind of installation, and will be expecting our users to pay for the consumables via a charging system.

As always, it seems that improvements and new services from our vendors mean better information finding for our users, and more teaching and service from us. We're pleased with this new capability, and will deal with the new demands it makes on us.

[[Bob](#) can be reached at the Betty M. Anderson Library, Intercollegiate Center for Nursing Education
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509-324-7349]

OCLC/WLN Merger - Past, Present, and Future

submitted by *Kathleen McCrory*, MLS, AHIP

On January 1, 1999, WLN merged with OCLC, and WLN became the OCLC/WLN Pacific Northwest Service Center (abbreviated PNWSC), serving Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. The merger came as a shock to many of the librarians in the Northwest who have had dealings with either WLN or OCLC, but what does it all really mean?

First, the staff at the Pacific Northwest Service Center is still the same helpful staff that we knew and loved when it was WLN. In spite of the stress of the merger and the tremendous changes in their jobs, there has been surprisingly little turnover. Everyone I've spoken with has been eager to help and to discuss the ramifications of the merger insofar as decisions have actually been made, although some crucial issues remain undecided or in negotiations.

We do know that the WLN database is being merged into OCLC's WorldCat and that the migration is scheduled to be completed by the end of October 1999. PNWSC has pledged to maintain the existing WLN database separately until all online libraries have been converted over, and all problems have been solved. Online libraries have been receiving training in the use of WorldCat since the beginning of March.

For those of us who do not have online access, but have used LaserCat instead, good news! LaserCat will continue as before except that eventually it will be extracted from WorldCat, not the WLN database. This is not to say that there are no problems. As you may know, WorldCat does not display local holdings: no call numbers for books, no volumes or years for journals -- just the 3-letter OCLC code for the holding libraries. Since a large part of the usefulness of LaserCat for cataloging and ILLs has been the presence of local holdings statements, the PNWSC is determined to see that they remain and has made solution of this problem a high priority. For LaserCat libraries, training and migration of data to WorldCat should occur during the third quarter of this year.

As for costs, OCLC/WLN has promised to hold prices at their present level for the next year. After that, nothing is certain. However, the PNWSC staff is well aware that the users of LaserCat are mostly small to medium-sized libraries with budgets to match. The PNWSC will fight hard to convince OCLC that there is a market for products aimed at smaller libraries, and those products must be given an affordable price. They need all the ammunition they can get, so if you have concerns, let the PNWSC know about them.

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UW School of Library and Information Science

submitted by *Heather Wilder*

There has been quite a bit happening at the School of Library and Information Science since last summer. As the student liaison to the Washington Medical Librarians Association, I thought I should give you an earful. I have talked with a few Medical Librarians here in the Seattle area to try to get an idea of general interests concerning the SLIS, but if anyone has further questions that I don't cover, please let me know. This summary will cover:

Introduction of the new director
Things that have changed since Mike's arrival
Brief introductions of new and visiting faculty
Information about Directed Field Work

First, I would like to announce the appointment of a new director to the School of Library and Information Science. Dr. Michael Eisenberg is an exceptional person with lots of energy to share. You can find out more about Mike Eisenberg through his [web page](#). Mike has been changing the School at both a micro and a macro level. Here are just a few of the things that have happened since his arrival in last summer.

- The name of the School has changed. We have dropped the "Graduate" from the beginning, so we are now simply the School of Library and Information Science.
- The change of name is a direct result of Mike Eisenberg's vision. He sees the School adding on both undergraduate and PhD programs within the next five to ten years.
- The School has moved. We are now in temporary quarters on the third floor of the Old Electrical Engineering Building. Please drop by and visit if you have the chance! The School will be there until its permanent location in Mary Gates Hall is prepared. Construction is supposed to be completed in 2000

- The School is in the process of interviewing and hiring several new professors. This quarter alone, there have been twelve people scheduled to each give a presentation, teach part of a class, and meet with the students.
- A few new faces have already begun teaching courses this quarter, both as visiting faculty and as new faculty. The School's faculty list can be found at on the [web](#). I'm looking forward to watching it grow during the rest of the year.

It seems as if the entire attitude of the School has jumped up several levels from last year. Many people have commented, and I've noticed myself, that you can almost feel the energy and excitement as you walk down the halls.

As for the new and visiting faculty, following is a little more about them. These briefs about research and interests were written by the individuals and are displayed with some examples of their work on posters in the hallways of SLIS.

Ziming Liu

Dr. Ziming Liu's current research interests center on trends, emerging issues, and opportunities in information technology, as well as the social, ethical, and policy implications of digital technologies and digital libraries. He is interested in how people's reading behaviors change over time, and the impacts that electronic documents and "links" have on the reading path. Other areas of research include the preservation of digital media, and the future of paper in a networked environment.

Maurice Green

Professor Maurice Green's research focuses on the management of information technology (IT). Particular attention is given to the role of the chief information officer (CIO) in the IT management process. His current research examines competence in the role of the CIO. His teaching interests draw from the project management, systems analysis, leadership, and organizational behavior literature bases.

Joeseeph Janes

Dr. Joeseeph Janes is interested in the idea of digital "reference," drawing on traditional and electronic understandings of the term. His research focuses on technologically mediated reference and user services, exploring strengths, problems, concerns, and the relationships between traditional resources and their digital counterparts. In his work, he seeks to answer questions such as: "What makes a high-quality Net resource?" and "How can computing and telecommunication technologies draw on the strengths of traditional reference knowledge, while maximizing their own inherent strengths?"

Harry Bruce

Dr. Harry Bruce studies the human factors in information and communication technology. His research focuses particularly on how people use these technologies to obtain the information that they need. In recent years he has completed a number of studies that examine how the Internet is used, how people perceive the Internet, the barriers to effective use of the Internet, and the extent to which measurable benefits are derived from Internet use.

It was mentioned to me that night classes would be of particular interest to the WMLA community.

For the spring quarter, the night classes being offered are:

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|---|--|
| Special Topics 498Y(K-12) Strand M 5:00-7:50 OUGL | Subject Analysis of Library Materials 523Y Lee T Th 4:30-5:50 EEB 318 |
| Bibliographic Knowledge 533Y Brooks M 4:30-7:20 EEB 321 | Materials for General Information Needs 540Y Pierce M W 7:30-8:50 EEB 321 |
| Planning Library and Information Services 562Y Green W 4:30-7:20 EEB 316 | Special Librarianship 566Y Gershenfeld Th 5:00-7:50 EEB 321 |
| Public Library Services for Youth 567Y Jacobs T 6:15-9:00 EEB 321 | Intellectual Freedom 581Y Nelson W 4:30-7:20 EEB 321 |

Due to popular demand, there are many more night classes available than in the past. Though the web pages are slow to keep up with the happenings at the moment, SLIS is in the process of finding a paid web master. Keep checking out the [SLIS home page](#). There are links to [past night classes](#). Though the Spring 1999 classes are not yet listed, I imagine that once the web master is hired, pages will be kept much more up to date.

In talking with Judith this afternoon, she wanted me to make sure to say that Mike Eisenberg really believes in "spreading the word," so if some information is not yet available to the world, it's not because we don't want it to be!

I have received some questions about Directed Field Work, whether this is still happening, and how to let it be known that you are interested in having a student for directed field work. SLIS is trying its best to reach its fingers out into the community. If you are interested in having a directed field work student in your library, please contact the school. I participated in directed field work this past summer and found it an invaluable experience, though it seemed there were so few libraries to choose from.

For more information about Directed Field Work, please contact Cass (ckvenild@u.washington.edu) or Joe Janes (jwj@u.washington.edu)

The School of Library and Information Science is a really great place to be right now. It is definitely in a state of transition, which makes some things a bit difficult, but it really adds to the excitement to be able to see things changing and improving on a daily basis. For instance, just this past weekend, Scott Schramke and Scott Barker revamped the student computer lab to give us access to more programs. Also, by the beginning of next quarter "the two Scotts" have promised they will have the new teaching lab ready for use.

I guess that's about it for now. If anyone has further questions, please to not hesitate to contact me: hwilder@u.washington.edu.

originally posted on hlib-nw@u.washington.edu on 09 Mar 1999

More information about the School of Library and Information Science

submitted by *Heather J. Wilder*, University of Washington School of Library and Information Science

I've recently gotten a lot of questions about Distance Learning and the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Washington. In answer to your questions, and for the rest of you who might also be interested:

The director of SLIS, Mike Eisenberg, intends to have a Distance Learning program established through the School by 2001 at the latest. Word is that it is going to be a "full blown distance learning experience" and that is the reason it's going to take so long to get it going.

Thank you to the people who asked me questions about the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Washington. If anyone has further questions, please do not hesitate to send them my way.

Meetings/Conferences

Seattle, Washington: October 25-27, 1999

submitted by [Chris Beahler](#)

This year's annual meeting of the **Pacific Northwest Chapter of MLA** will be held October 25-27, 1999, in Seattle Washington, at the **Seattle Center**. The theme of this year's conference is "Access in the Millennium".

On the first day, Monday, October 25, the NN/LM, Pacific Northwest Region, will sponsor a Technology Forum from 9 a.m. to noon. The theme for the forum is "Access in the Millennium: Medical Applications of New Technologies." The keynote speaker will be Edward H. Shortliffe, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Medicine and Computer Science, Associate Dean for Information Resources and Technology, and Director, Medical and Information Sciences Training Program, at Stanford University. His presentation will be "Future of wide-area networking for the health-care community: the NGI".

His presentation will be followed by four panel speakers who will discuss other technology applications in the field of medicine. A "Technology Fair" will be held Monday afternoon, where practical applications of new technologies will be demonstrated. There will be a "Welcome" buffet of juice and pastries Monday morning, and a social event Monday evening.

On Tuesday, October 26, our business meeting will be followed by a clinical speaker, Richard A. Deyo, M.D., M.P.H., Professor, University of Washington, Professor, UWMC Section Head, Department of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine. Dr. Deyo will speak on back pain assessment and evidence for treatment options. He will also speak about his work on the AHCPR back pain guideline. The Tuesday afternoon program has not been finalized yet.

On Wednesday, October 27, Continuing Education will be held, with two half-day classes not yet finalized.

The Seattle Center is located on Queen Anne Hill, about a mile from downtown Seattle. Transportation downtown is available via the Monorail, which leaves Seattle Center every 15 minutes. Busses are also available. Numerous hotels are located within walking distance of Seattle Center, and a list and price range will be available in the near future.

Future PNC/MLA Meetings

Alaska in 2000: September 16-20

submitted by [Kathy Murray](#)

Begin planning your trip north to Alaska by visiting the web page of our resort hotel, [The Westin Alyeska Prince Hotel](#). As plans begin to take shape for this meeting, I have one question for you - the resort is approximately 45 miles south of the Anchorage airport. Should I consider providing bus transportation between Anchorage and the hotel? I'll be checking into four different companies that provide this kind of service, but this will be an additional charge for members who take the bus. The cost will likely depend on the total number of people using the service. If available, would you likely use it? Please email your comments or questions to [Kathy Murray](#), program chair.

Each issue of the newsletter will give you more information to help you plan your trip. One major cost will be traveling to Anchorage. Visit the [Alaska Airlines](#) web page to get specifics. Today, I looked for a roundtrip ticket for mid-September 1999, and found that leaving Seattle at 2:30 pm on the 16th of Sept and returning from Anchorage on the 21st of September at 6:30 pm would cost \$336.20, \$437.20 from Portland, and only \$465.20 from Boise.

Salishan, Oregon in 2001

Seattle area in 2002 [tentative]

Vancouver, B.C. in 2003 [tentative]

Bridging Traditions: 50th Anniversary of the Midwest Chapter/MLA

CALL FOR PAPERS for the 1999 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan, October 6-9, 1999.

<http://midwestmla.org/conferences>

The Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association and the Michigan Health Science

Libraries Association seek papers to be presented at their joint annual meeting to be held October 6-9, 1999 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Papers are solicited on such topics as:

Evidence-Based Medicine and Its Application

Information Technology in Medical Libraries

Quality Electronic Information for Library Users

Other topics relating to the electronic medical library of the future

Deadlines: Submission of Abstracts - May 30, 1999

Notification of acceptance - June 30, 1999

Send abstracts of papers to:

[Richard Perrin](#)

Ferris State University Health Science Library

1201 S. State Street

Big Rapids, MI 49307

Fax: 616-592-2662

*****CHLA/ABSC 99 - Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada - May 25-29, 1999*****

The early registration date of April 18, 1999 for the Canadian Health Libraries Association 23rd Annual Conference / Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada 23ième congrès annuel has passed. A late registration fee of \$40.00CAN will be applied to registrations received after that date. Also, rooms at the conference hotel, the Westin Nova Scotian, cannot be guaranteed after April 23, 1999. So, if you've been thinking of coming to this year's conference but haven't yet registered, NOW is the time to act.

Complete programme information, registration forms, accommodations information, etc. are available at the conference Web site: <http://www.library.dal.ca/chla-absc99/>

Don't delay! Send your registration form right away. For more information, contact [Ann Barrett](#), Registration, at phone: (902) 494-1649 or fax: (902) 494-3798

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What I've Been Doing Lately

This is a new column where I hope you will all share your latest projects, classes, and accomplishments.

In February 1998, and again on March 8, 1999, I presented workshops on "Internet searching for nurses" to members of the Inland Empire Nurses' Assn. in Spokane submitted by [Bob Pringle](#), Head Librarian at the Betty M. Anderson Library, Intercollegiate Center for Nursing Education.

Based on the outreach grant I received last October, I've presented classes on valuable Internet sites to public health nurses and EMTs in Alaska. So far, I've visited Kenai, Ketchikan, Juneau, Sitka and Fairbanks.

submitted by [Kathy Murray](#), UAA.

[editor's note: I think I can speak for Bob and say we'd both be happy to share our information with any interested colleagues]

Two Northwest Medical Librarians Granted NLM Fellowships

Natalie Norcross and *Andrea Ball* are two of five recipients of the National Library of Medicine's Library and Medical Informatics Fellowship at Oregon Health Sciences University. The Fellowship, which lasts for 12 months, is designed to give mid-career librarians an opportunity to study medical informatics and conduct original research. This is the first year this type of Fellowship has been offered.

[Natalie](#) has been granted a one-year leave of absence from Tuality Healthcare in Hillsboro, OR where she has been Medical Librarian for 11 years and Coordinator of Community Education and Libraries for 2 years. She received her MLIS from Brigham Young University in 1974 and was then Reference Librarian at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine for 2 years. Natalie is a distinguished member of AHIP and began her fellowship year in January. She is excited to have this year to broaden her understanding of Medical Informatics, to do some original research and to gain additional academic library experience. She will be doing research on the relationship of the complexity of clinical questions that physicians have and whether and how they seek answers. Natalie's long-term goal is a library administration position in a larger academic or special library. She will be evaluating future job opportunities not only at Tuality, but also around the country. Her office phone is (503) 494-4552.

[Andrea](#) started her Fellowship last November and is exploring issues and challenges related to information technology and distance education along with computer literacy and delivery options. She has been actively involved with the Virtual Learning Center (VLC) in the OHSU School of Nursing since March 1998, focusing on support issues and evaluation. Andrea has made presentations regarding the VLC at both Online Northwest and OHSLA. She has also done extensive work on the indexing and interface of CliniWeb <www.ohsu.edu/clinweb>, which is a Web-based search engine for clinically-relevant information and is a project of the OHSU Medical Informatics and Outcomes Research Department. Previously, Andrea developed and implemented the Outreach Program for Falk Library at the University of Pittsburgh's School of Medicine. She received her MLS from the University of Pittsburgh in 1996 with an emphasis on Health Sciences Librarianship. Her office phone is (503) 494-0534.

Y2K - On the Home Front

submitted by *Kathy Murray*

While work concerns about complying with Y2K issues are all around us, I wonder if we have given much thought to how the potential disaster will affect our home lives? There are some simple, practical steps we can all take to help keep our peace of mind and provide a more hassle-free transition into the year 2000. The following list is from the BECU newsletter (v.3(4)):

- Create a power outage kit. If your power company experiences problems, be prepared with matches, candles, flashlights, batteries and a wind-up clock.
- Fill up your gas tank during the last week of December, 1999.
- Keep a battery-operated radio handy to listen for news developments.
- Maintain a supply of extra canned and non-perishable goods, bottled water and a non-electric can opener.
- Find out if household items will be affected. Appliances that handle date functions have the possibility of malfunctioning when the clock strikes midnight. This could include anything from personal computers to coffee makers. Call stores and manufacturers to confirm if your appliances are Year 2000 compliant.
- Keep paper records including your financial statements, medical records, insurance, stocks, and Social Security records. Don't wait until December to request paper copies.
- If you think you'll need some cash, ask yourself what you plan to do with it. If you plan to purchase food, fuel, and other goods, it is prudent to plan ahead and make purchases before year-end...Remember that there are safety issues in keeping too much cash around.

For additional year 2000 consumer information, look up the [Year 2000 Information Center](#) site [or check out the [Cassandra Project](#) site].

Humor

supplied by [Roger Davis](#)

A pair of chickens walk up to the circulation desk at a public library and say, "bok, bok, BOK". The librarian decides that the chickens desire three books and gives them to them...and the chickens leave shortly thereafter. Around midday, the two chickens return to the circulation desk quite vexed and say, "bok bok boKKOOOK!" The librarian decides that the chickens desire another three books and gives them to them. The chickens leave as before. The two chickens return to the library in the early afternoon, approach the librarian, looking very annoyed and say, "bok bok bok bok bokkooooook!!" The librarian is now a little suspicious of these chickens. She gives them what they request, and decides to follow them. She follows them out of the library, out of the town, and to a park. At this point, she hides behind a tree, not wanting to be seen. She sees the two chickens throwing the books at a frog in a pond, to which the frog is saying "Rreadit, readit, readit...."

How many librarians does it take to change a light bulb?

Three. One to change the bulb and two to talk about how unprofessional changing light bulbs really is.

And one that's off the topic:

Did you hear about the dyslexic devil worshipper?

He sold his soul to Santa.

Of Interest...

submitted by Shawnalee Whitney (originally posted to uaa-faculty list)

The following item about the current crop of first year students appeared on the pop culture list on March 19. I thought others might find it of interest.

Each year the staff at Beloit College in Wisconsin puts together a list to try to give the faculty a sense of the mindset of that year's incoming freshmen. Here is this year's list:

The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in 1980.

They have no meaningful recollection of the Reagan Era and did not know he had ever been shot.

They were prepubescent when the Persian Gulf War was waged.

Black Monday 1987 is as significant to them as the Great Depression.

There has been only one Pope. They can only really remember one president.

They were 11 when the Soviet Union broke apart and do not remember the Cold War.

They have never feared a nuclear war. "The Day After" is a pill to them, not a movie.

They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up.

Tienamen Square means nothing to them.

Their lifetime has always included AIDS.

Bottle caps have always been screwed off and plastic.

Atari pre-dates them, as do vinyl albums.

The expression "you sound like a broken record" means nothing to them.

They have never owned a record player.

They have likely never played Pac Man and have never heard of Pong.

Star Wars looks very fake to them, and the special effects are pathetic.

There have always been red M&M's and blue ones are not new. There used to be beige ones?

They may have heard of an 8 track, but probably never have actually seen or heard one.

The Compact Disc was introduced when they were 1 year old.

As far as they know, stamps have always cost about 32 cents.

They have always had an answering machine.

Most have never seen a TV set with only 13 channels, nor have they seen a black-and-white TV.

They have always had cable.

There have always been VCR's, but they have no idea what BETA is.

They cannot fathom not having a remote control.

They were born the year that Sony introduced the Walkman.
Roller-skating has always meant inline for them.
The Tonight Show has always been with Jay Leno.
They have no idea when or why Jordache jeans were cool.
Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.
They have never seen Larry Bird play, and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is a football player.
They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.
The Vietnam War is as ancient history to them as WWI, WWII or even the Civil War.
They have no idea that Americans were ever held hostage in Iran.
They can't imagine what hard contact lenses are.
They don't know who Mork was or where he was from.
They never heard: "Where's the beef?," "I'd walk a mile for a Camel," or "de plane, de plane!"
They do not care who shot J.R. and have no idea who J.R. is.
The Titanic was found? I thought we always knew where it was.
Kansas, Chicago, Boston, America, and Alabama are places, not groups.
McDonald's never came in styrofoam containers.
There has always been MTV...

International Anyone?

submitted by *Donna Flake*

For many years, I have been heavily involved with the International Cooperation Committee of MLA. The pleasures and rewards of this work have been tremendously important to me. I want to encourage you to pay the \$10 extra above the regular MLA dues to join this dynamic and fascinating section of MLA. *[editor's note: Donna asked that this be in the last issue of NW Notes - and I apologize for the delay in getting her article published. As a past MLA Representative to Canada, I heartily endorse all her comments and would encourage anyone with even a vague interest in international issues to join this section]*

About the International Cooperation Section of MLA

The International Cooperation Section of MLA was established in 1989. (Prior to this there was an International Cooperation Committee of MLA.) This group of members from over 25 countries value the international sharing of ideas and resources and the coming together of librarians from different lands.

Some of the work of this section includes:

A sister library program

A Job Exchange Committee

Providing an annual International Reception at MLA.

MLA consults with the chairman of the International Cooperation Section when selecting several of its appointments including:

MLA Representative to EAHIL

MLA Representative to Canada

This section's newsletter is excellent and highlights international medical librarians' work around the globe. The [web site](#) is fascinating and provides a good overview of section activities.

Carole Gall is the current chairman of the International Cooperation Section of MLA. She can be contacted at cfgall@iupui.edu or phone: 317/274-1411.

Two of the 1998-1999 goals of the ICS include:

- * global connectivity
- * information technology transfer

I want to share with you how my work with the section has improved my life:

My first involvement with the International Cooperation Committee (forerunner of the International Cooperation Section), was being asked to join when I returned from a six month medical library job exchange in England in 1984. I was delighted to join this dynamic and passionate group of librarians who cared deeply about the cause of international cooperation. In 1989, the International Cooperation Committee was dissolved, and the new International Cooperation Section came into existence.

One result of my international efforts was that in 1986, in 1988, and in 1992, I visited England to present papers or poster sessions at the Medical, Health, and Welfare Librarians Group (which was recently renamed the Health Librarians Group). In 1991, I was asked to present the keynote address at the Second Annual CD-ROM Conference in Tokyo.

Over the years, I have done a great deal of work with the International Cooperation Section. Twice I served as a member of the Cunningham Fellow Selection Jury and once as Itinerary Chair for the Cunningham Fellow. Twice, Cunningham Fellows stayed with me in Wilmington, North Carolina. From 1993 until 1998, I chaired the Job Exchange Committee of the International Cooperation Section.

In 1995, MLA appointed me as their representative to EAHIL. (The European Association of Health Information and Libraries.) I feel this happened as a result of my persistent interest and involvement in the International Cooperation Section of the Medical Library Association. So now new opportunities for international cooperation and travel have opened up for me. Since 1995, I attended EAHIL conferences in Prague (1995), Coimbra, Portugal (1996), Budapest (1997), and Utrecht, the Netherlands (1998). In 1999, I will attend the EAHIL meeting in Tartu, Estonia, and I am currently on the Program Planning Committee for this meeting.

In 2000, I will attend the 8th International Congress of Medical Librarianship in London (this is a joint meeting with EAHIL) and I am on the Scientific Program Committee for this meeting too.

Indeed, MLA's International Cooperation Committee broadened my horizons. But more importantly, my international experiences have made my life profoundly more meaningful, more exciting, and more joyful. I tell you all of this to say: **Reach Out To The World!** It all starts with just \$10 by joining the International Cooperation Section of MLA!

Join the International Cooperation Section - Get Involved - Travel Abroad!

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Donna Flake is Co-Chair of the Membership Committee of International Cooperation Section, along with Pamela Lee of Hong Kong.

In the News

submitted by [NNLM PNR](#) ; originally posted on MedLib-L

NLM ANNOUNCES: ART EXHIBITION at National Museum of Health & Medicine -- Now Booking Other Venues

A unique exhibition that explores links between art, health care and healing will become available for bookings in medical libraries, museums and art galleries, beginning in 1999.

"All the Symptoms of an Artist: Working from Medicine" opened in January at the National Museum of Health & Medicine in Washington DC. The seven featured artists are all current or former health care practitioners. The curator, Cynthia Roznoy, shares this dual background: an art historian and manager of the Whitney Museum of Art's museum in Stamford, Connecticut, she is a former nurse.

"Symptoms" first opened in Philadelphia last summer, at the Esther Klein Gallery of the University City Science Center. A critic for the Philadelphia "Inquirer" lauded the show's fine premise and especially Elizabeth Hill's "striking figurative sculptures" and Frederick Franck's "softly meditative" zen-like paintings. The "Weekly's art critic described June Ahren's sculptures as "elegant and hauntingly spare," Cynthia Stone's "unnervingly attractive color field paintings, [which move in a] delightfully dangerous way." And Libbie Soffer's textile works as "surreal winners." The artists in the show all exhibit regularly in galleries and museums throughout the United States and overseas. June Ahrens was recently awarded the best Artist/Advocacy by the Connecticut Commission on the Arts. A former public health and emergency nurse, she is currently an artist-in-residence at a homeless shelter. One of her works, "Used and Worn" is a carefully assembled installation of 500 used bars of soap, each assigned its own empty sardine can and then adhered in a tight grid to a wall. The 5-by-6-foot work shows soaps that Ahrens has collected from people of all walks of life. It is at once a send-up of minimalism and an evocation of the evanescence of life.

The show can be reconfigured for various size spaces, varying from approximately 1000-2500 square feet, and including upwards of 20 works. It rents for \$6500-10,000 per venues (for 10-12 week periods), depending on the nature of the institution. Johnson & Johnson sponsored the initial tour. Openings for 1999, 2000 and 2001 are now being offered.

For further information, call Betsy Self, OATH (Organization for Artists Trained in Health Care), at 215 849 5790. Or fax 215 849 5791, or email: muxe@erols.com

submitted by Marcia Zorn; originally posted to MEDLIB-L

NLM Unveils New Online Catalog, LOCATORplus 4/12/99

On Monday, April 12, the National Library of Medicine unveiled its new web catalog, called LOCATORplus, which will allow anyone with Internet access to find out what books, journals, audiovisuals, manuscripts, and other items are contained in the world's largest medical library.

There are many exciting new features which will be available via LOCATORplus. Customers using the catalog from the Web can search by author, MeSH subject, title, conference name, keyword and many other specific fields, then e-mail the results to themselves. Current receipts of both serial and monograph material will be displayed along with information about material which is on order or available electronically. Hotlinks to online journals will be available from many records. Direct access to a variety of other resources will be available from LOCATORplus including MEDLINE, MEDLINEplus, Images of the History of Medicine, TOXNET, HSTAT, and other U.S. medical library catalogs.

LOCATORplus is part of NLM's new integrated library system (ILS) which was installed for in-house use in November 1998. The ILS is being used for acquisitions, serials control, cataloging, collection management, circulation and preservation. LOCATORplus is the ILS's online public access catalog and serves as the retrieval engine for the Library's cataloging records, replacing existing online access methods, such as Locator, CATLINE, AVLINE and SERLINE. LOCATORplus brings together a number of previously disparate databases, along with information formerly available only to staff, using state-of-art information retrieval technology.

Beginning April 12th, NLM's LOCATORplus can be found at:

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/locatorplus/> The site is updated daily. For a preview of the system a Quick Start Tutorial can be found at:

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/locatorplus/tutorials/quickstart/sld001.htm>

submitted by National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Northwest Region; originally posted to hlib-nw

It is the intent of the National Library of Medicine to procure services to design and conduct projects that will improve access to HIV/AIDS related information by patients, the affected community, their care givers, and the general public. Request for Quotations (RFQ) Number NLM 99-055/SLF will be issued on or around April 9, 1999. Copies of the RFQ may be obtained by writing to the National Library of Medicine, Office Of Acquisitions Management, 8600 Rockville Pike, Building 38A, Room B1N17, Bethesda, MD 20894, Attention: Sheila L. Fauble,

Procurement Technician. Copies of the RFQ may also be obtained by emailing the request to Ms. Fauble at her email address Sheila_Fauble@nlm.nih.gov. Fax requests will NOT be accepted.

RFQ 99-055/SLF will also be available in electronic format. The RFQ may be downloaded from the National Library of Medicine (NLM) Home Page on the World Wide Web (WWW), after April 9, 1999. The home page URL is <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/oam/oam.html> (see NLM Small Purchases - Simplified Acquisitions). The period of performance is anticipated to start on or about September 30, 1999 and expire on or about March 31, 2001. All responsible and responsive sources may submit a proposal which will be considered by the National Library of Medicine.

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MLA

submitted by [Katy Nesbit](#); originally posted to MEDLIB-L

Call for MLA 2000 CE Courses

What exciting CE courses would you like to be offered at MLA 2000 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada? The MLA Continuing Education (CE) Committee needs you to submit your course ideas now. Please do not hesitate to send any course topics that you would like to see there, and if you know of any instructors or colleagues proficient in areas you mention, do include their names. We would also like to hear about any courses that you have taken in the past and would like to see offered in 2000.

Are you an instructor with a course that you would like to offer to your MLA colleagues? If you have developed a course, or are thinking of developing a course, we would like to hear from you, too. For more information on how to teach your course at an MLA Annual Meeting, see page 26 of the February 1997 issue of the MLA News. For copies of that article, contact Kathleen Gaydos via email at mlapd1@mlahq.org.

Please send all your course ideas to the 2000 National Program Committee CE Liaison, Katy Nesbit, AHIP, Edward G. Miner Library, University of Rochester Medical Center, 601 Elmwood Ave., Rochester, NY 14642; 716/275-6877; 716/275-4799(fax); knes@miner.rochester.edu.

submitted by Penny Coppernoll-Blach; originally posted to MEDLIB-L

Do you have a great idea for a symposium that would be of interest to the MLA membership? MLA is now accepting proposals for symposia for the 2000 Annual Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Symposia are usually sponsored by an MLA section or unit and organized by a committee of members. I would encourage anyone with ideas for symposia to take this opportunity to step forward.

MLA considers a symposium to be "a learning opportunity organized for the purpose of providing a forum for discussion of a well-defined topic." A symposium typically consists of a series of presentations by experts, followed by an exchange of opinions among symposium participants.

Proposals are evaluated by the Continuing Education Committee (CEC) according to the importance and uniqueness of the subject and content; the timeliness, appeal and marketability of the topic; and the availability and adequacy of funding. Proposals for MLA 2000 symposia are due to the professional development department at MLA headquarters by April 30, 1999, and should include

- statement of need,
- intended benefits for participants,
- general content and format,
- personnel and other requirements,
- budget and financial feasibility, and
- evaluation strategy.

For further information and a copy of the official MLA Symposium Guidelines, please see MLANET at <http://www.mlanet.org/education/sympos.html> or contact Kathleen Gaydos, coordinator of continuing education, 312/419-9094 x29; mlapdl@mlahq.org.

Thanks for your ideas,

[Penny Coppernoll-Blach](#)

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submitted by [Katie Bauer](#); originally posted to MEDLIB-L

MLA Dues Increase

The MLA board is proposing dues increases of approximately 23% for regular members. The stated reason is that this is in line with inflation. I have posted a request to the official MLA

forum, listed below, for more information on how they arrived at their inflation figures. I won't bore you with my entire question here, but the condensed version is that inflation, as measured by the CPI, has increased 10% since 1994 (when MLA dues were set at \$110), and this is clearly well below the proposed 23% increase (some membership categories face a smaller increase).

The forum is the official place to discuss the increase, and I am sorry for posting here as well, but since there don't seem to be many postings on the forum yet, I thought maybe this proposal could use some publicity.

This increase might be justifiable, but I am having trouble agreeing with the inflation argument, and I would like to see the MLA board more fully explain their numbers.

Copied below is the message from MLA.

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<http://www.mlanet.org/>

<http://www.mlanet.org/am/am1999/forum/>

<http://www.mlanet.org/am/am1999/forum/dip.pdf> (44k PDF)

March 12, 1999

Dear Colleague:

At the February 1999 MLA Board of Directors meeting, the board voted to recommend a dues increase to the membership that would be implemented no later than 2001. The recommended increase is about 21% or, for example, \$25 for a regular member and \$5 for a student member. The increase was figured using the increase in inflation since 1992. Current and proposed dues are listed at the end of this letter. This letter has also been mailed to the entire membership so that everyone will be notified of the proposal.

As MLA members, we all want expanded services from our professional association. We want services to help each of us face the increasing technological challenges of our jobs and the rising expectations of our users. We want services to ensure that we have a strong collective voice and visible presence on the national scene -- to protect the balance between intellectual property rights of copyright owners and fair use rights of users; to assert our leadership role as health information professionals in the age of the Internet; and to demonstrate our value to quality and cost-effective health care.

You will see these themes reflected in the strategic initiatives of the board for 1999, including expanding MLANET, providing continuing education (CE) courses locally by using new technologies, participating in coalitions to encourage competition in publishing and bring down journal prices, and working with other associations to protect fair use rights. We must take

proactive measures to make them a reality. For this reason, we have used Association Reserves and Shaping Our Future Funds to support them this year. But this is not a feasible long-term strategy, which is why we propose acting now on a dues increase. While the association continues to focus on fund-raising and entrepreneurial activities with much success, the MLA Board of Directors believes the time has come to consider our personal responsibility for investing more financially in our association. We should all expect a return on our investment for the profession and for ourselves.

Please take time to consider these facts:

- The last across the board MLA dues increase went into effect January 1992, when regular dues were raised from \$95 to \$105. Since then, inflation has eroded the purchasing power of dues 21% to an adjusted value of \$87. In January 1994, a revenue-neutral dues plan went into effect, which changed regular dues to \$110 and \$65 for persons with salaries under \$20,000. Institutional dues did not change.
- Today, membership dues support only 22% of the expenditures of the association; in 1992, the figure was 31%.
- Dues income for similar associations our size comprise 37.3% of revenues; several of the major library associations have raised dues in the past few years.

The dues increase proposal will be presented and discussed at an open forum at MLA '99 in Chicago on Monday, May 17, 1999 from 3:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M., where everyone can share their views. We will also set up an online open forum via MLANET beginning March 15, 1999, to gather more information and answer questions about the proposed dues increase. We will conclude the discussion at Business Meeting II on Tuesday, May 18 at 4:00 P.M. If you cannot attend MLA '99 or participate in the online open forum and would like your voice heard, please send your comments by May 1 to Linda Watson by phone (804/924-0187), fax (804/982-4238) or e-mail (law6z@virginia.edu).

Sincerely,

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Jacqueline Donaldson Doyle, AHIP, President

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MLA Membership Categories Current dues Proposed dues:

- For Individuals
 - Regular Membership 110 135
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 - Student Membership 25 30

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JOANNE BOORKMAN TO BE INDUCTED AS MLA FELLOW

JoAnne Boorkman, Head Librarian, Carlson Health Sciences Library, University of California at Davis, has been chosen as a Fellow of the Medical Library Association (MLA). The association chooses its Fellows based on their commitment to furthering MLA's goals and for their contributions to the health sciences information profession.

One of MLA's most outstanding leaders, Boorkman has served on MLA's Board of Directors and on more than fifteen committees, chapters, and task forces. She is a former chair of the Collection Development Section and a past president of the Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group (NCNMLG). Boorkman, a Distinguished Member of MLA's Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP), was instrumental in the development of the Academy's credentialing program. She is also a widely published author and along with MLA member Fred Roper, has co-edited multiple editions of the book, *Introduction to Reference Sources in Health Sciences*.

Boorkman will officially become a Fellow of MLA in May at the Awards Luncheon and Ceremony at MLA '99, MLA's annual meeting, in Chicago, IL. MLA is proud to induct Boorkman as a Fellow and applauds her accomplishments as a leader in the health information sciences profession. March 1999

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1999 MLA SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

The recipients of the Medical Library Association's (MLA) 1999 grant and scholarship awards have been chosen. Award winners will be honored in May during MLA '99, MLA's annual meeting, in Chicago. MLA awards more than \$15,000 annually to students and practicing health sciences information professionals. The recipients selected this year are:

Cynthia Lynn Ammons is the recipient of this year's MLA Scholarship award. A student at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge and a graduate library assistant for a law firm, Ammons will receive a grant of \$2,000 towards her education. The MLA Scholarship is awarded to a student entering an ALA-accredited library school or with at least one half of the requirements of the program to finish in the year following the granting of the scholarship.

Shirley Brooke, Library Associate, Flagstaff Medical Center, Flagstaff, AZ, is the recipient of this year's EBSCO/MLA Annual Meeting Grant. The grant is sponsored by EBSCO Subscription Services and provides medical librarians with \$1,000 to attend MLA's annual meeting. Candidates for the award must have no fewer than two and no more than five years' experience as a librarian and must complete a 200-word essay expressing why they want to attend the meeting. Brooke looks forward to attending MLA '99, which she says will enable her to further her education in the field, increase awareness of others, and build a network of colleagues to whom she can turn.

For her project entitled, "Survey of Health Sciences Faculty Use of Library Computer Systems," Catherine Graber, was chosen to receive the 1999 Research, Development, and Demonstration Project Grant. The grant provides support for research, development, and demonstration projects that will help to promote excellence in the health sciences librarianship and information science field. Through her project, Graber intends to survey the information-seeking behavior of health sciences faculty members, especially with regard to the faculty members' readiness to switch from paper to electronic information formats.

Elena Leonova of Moscow, Russia, has been selected as the recipient of the 2000 Cunningham Memorial International Fellowship. Since 1991, Leonova has worked as a medical librarian with the Cardiology Research and Industrial Complex of Russian Ministry of Health in Moscow. The fellowship supports a four month program that includes observation and work experience in medical libraries throughout the United States and Canada as well as continuing education courses at MLA's 2000 Annual Meeting. Recipients also receive stipends and travel allowances during the program.

Tomeka Oubichon, a student at Louisiana State University School of Library and Information Services, will receive the MLA Scholarship for Minority Students. Oubichon presently works as a monograph assistant at Tulane Medical Library. The scholarship of \$2,000 is granted to a minority student entering or about to enter an ALA-accredited library school.

Established in 1996 by the Medical Informatics Section (MIS), the MIS/MLA Career Development Grant provides \$1,000 to support a career development activity that will contribute to advancing the field of medical informatics. As a recipient of this year's grant, Ruth Riley, Associate Director, Library, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, AK, will attend the conference, Improving Health in a Digital World, which will focus on issues of privacy and consumer health information.

Gang "Wendy" Wu is also a recipient of the MIS/MLA Career Development Grant. Currently the Information Services Librarian for Shiffman Medical Library, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, Wu is one of the first in her university to produce library-related Web sites. With the grant, she will attend three two-day courses at the University of Michigan School of Information, where she hopes to learn cutting edge technological tools to remain progressive and to contribute to her university's IAIMS program.

MLA congratulates all of this year's scholarship and grant winners and wishes them continued success in the health sciences information profession.

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MLA TO CO-SPONSOR TELECONFERENCE ON COPYRIGHT LAWS IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM

The Medical Library Association (MLA) will sponsor a video teleconference entitled "Copyright in the New Millennium: The Impact of Recent Changes to U.S. Copyright Law." The teleconference will provide a forum to discuss two bills passed by the 105th Congress last year that will impact the health sciences information community. The Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) is intended to update copyright law for the digital age in selected areas, and the Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act gives copyright owners an additional twenty years of copyright protection for their works.

The teleconference, co-sponsored by MLA, the American Association of Law Libraries, the American Library Association, the Association of Research Libraries, and the Special Libraries Association, will air on Friday, May 21, 1999 from noon-3:00 p.m. EDT. A distinguished panel of experts will review the specifics of the new laws, the effect the laws will have on libraries, archives, and educational institutions as they attempt to comply with the new law, and discuss strategies for the community.

Teleconference participants will also learn about a third piece of legislation, involving database protection, which did not pass last year but has been reintroduced in the House of Representatives this year. This bill could have a major impact on the way the research and education community works.

Participants of "Copyright in the New Millennium: The Impact of Recent Changes to U.S. Copyright Law," may earn up to three MLA continuing education contact hours. The deadline for early bird registration is May 5. For site registration information, visit MLA's Web site at www.mlanet.org.

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MLA SELECTS JUDITH MESSERLE AS MLA FELLOW

Medical Library Association (MLA) Past President (1986/87) Judith Messerle has been chosen as a Fellow of the (MLA). Messerle, Librarian, Harvard Medical School, Countway Library of Medicine, Boston, MA, will be inducted as a Fellow in May at the Awards Luncheon and Ceremony at MLA '99, MLA's annual meeting, in Chicago, IL.

An MLA member for more than twenty years, Messerle has had an impact on many key MLA programs. During her presidency Messerle contributed to the development of the association's constitution, MLA's Strategic Plan and since 1989 has served on the Task Force on Knowledge and Skills, which led to the publication, Platform for Change, MLA's educational policy statement. Also a past president of the Association of Academic Health Science Library Directors (AAHSLD), she is former chair of the Joint MLA/AAHSLD Legislative Task Force. An accomplished author, Messerle co-edited the popular MLA standard text, Hospital Library Management, which earned her MLA's Ida and George Eliot Prize in 1984.

MLA chooses its Fellows based on their commitment to furthering the association's goals and for their contributions to the health sciences information profession. Many have benefited from Messerle's accomplishments and dedication to the health sciences information profession, which is why MLA is proud to bestow this honor on her.

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NEW LEADERS ELECTED TO MLA BOARD

The voting members of the Medical Library Association (MLA) have selected the new president-elect, three members to the MLA Board of Directors, and nine Nominating Committee members for the 1999/2000 year. The elected officials will begin their terms in May 1999, at the conclusion of the MLA Chicago meeting. The health sciences information leaders chosen for the positions are as follows.

After one year in the president-elect position, J. Michael Homan, AHIP, Director of Libraries, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, will serve as president for the 2000/01 year. In his new position, Homan plans to work to attract new members to the association and forge new and long lasting alliances with affiliate organizations. A twenty-eight year member of MLA, Homan has served as editor of the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association since 1995. A Distinguished Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP), he has also served as chair of the Information Systems Task Force, Scholarship Committee, and the Section Council Advisory Committee.

The following three candidates have been elected to serve on the MLA Board of Directors for three year terms:

Julie McGowan, AHIP, Director, Dana Medical Library, University of Vermont and Fletcher Allen Health Care/Medical Center Hospital of Vermont, Burlington, looks forward to encouraging the involvement of each and every MLA member in her role as board member. She believes that the association must do so to ensure that its organizational goals meet individual needs. One of MLA's most active members, she has served as chair of the Medical Informatics Section, Research Section, International Cooperation Section, and Bylaws Committee. McGowan is the recipient of many professional honors including the MLA Career Development Award in Medical Informatics, and the Frank Bradway Rogers Information Advancement Award.

As an MLA board member, Jocelyn A. Rankin, AHIP, Director of the Medical Library and Peyton Anderson Learning Resources Center, Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon, GA, hopes to encourage MLA members to use sound, practical, research in order to build a solid foundation for the profession's future. Rankin has served on several MLA committees including the Nominating Committee, and the Grants and Scholarship Committee. Editor of the new MLA book, *The Handbook of Problem-Based Learning*, Rankin has received several MLA honors

including Distinguished Membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP), Ida and George Eliot Prize, and MLA's Frank Bradway Rogers Information Advancement Award.

Jean Shipman, AHIP, Associate Director of Information Resources Management at the University of Washington, Seattle, feels that intellectual property rights management is the most critical issue facing the health sciences librarianship. A Distinguished Member of the AHIP, Shipman has served on many committees including the 2001 National Program Committee and the Governmental Relations Committee. Shipman has also served as chair of the Ida and George Eliot Prize Jury of the Awards Committee.

Also joining the board in May will be Nancy I. Henry, Health Sciences Reference Librarian, Pattee Library, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, elected Section Council Chair at the 1998 Annual Meeting, who will serve as Section Council Liaison. Henry is currently a member of several MLA sections including the Relevant Issues, Nursing and Allied Health, and Public Services Sections. A widely published author, she is also a recipient of the ISI/Frank Bradway Rogers Information Advancement Award for creating an researching the Human Nutrition Home Page on the HealthWeb internet site.

The following nine leaders were elected to serve on the MLA's Nominating Committee which will be chaired by Rachael K. Anderson, 1997/98 MLA President.

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| Virginia M. Bowden | Dixie A. Jones | Julia Sollenberger |
| Karen A. Butter | Joanne G. Marshall | Kay Cimpl Wagner |
| Dottie Eakin | Debra C. Rand | Elizabeth H. Wood |

MLA congratulates all of its incoming leaders and looks forward to working with them as it celebrates 100 years of service to the health sciences information community.

Complete text of candidates' background and statements can be found on [MLANET](#).

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MLA RELEASES NEW INFORMATICS DOCKIT

With the increasing amount of information available, health sciences information professionals must know how to navigate this, sometimes conflicting, information efficiently. The challenge to these professionals and health science educators is to develop effective methods for teaching students the skills and tools of information management, or applied informatics. To aid in this process, the Medical Library Association (MLA) has recently released the latest in a series of DocKits, entitled DocKit #11: Informatics in Health Sciences Curricula.

DocKit #11 provides health sciences professionals with current examples of librarians' informatics-related teaching methods. Compiled by MLA members Janis F. Brown, AHIP,

Associate Director, Education Resources, University of Southern California, Norris Medical Library, Los Angeles, and Gale G. Hannigan, AHIP, Director of Informatics for Medical Education, Texas A & M University, College Station, the docket also contains ideas for medical librarians and other educators involved in informatics curricula.

DocKit #11: Informatics in Health Sciences Curricula can be ordered from MLA headquarters at a cost of \$30 for members and \$35 for nonmembers, which includes shipping and handling. To place an order, call 312/419-9094 x19, e-mail mlafa@mlahq.org, or visit the MLA catalog on MLANET at www.mlanet.org/publications/kits/dockits.html.

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J. MICHAEL HOMAN TO SERVE AS MLA PRESIDENT FOR 2000/01 YEAR

The ballots have been counted and results are in: Medical Library Association (MLA) members have elected J. Michael Homan to be the association's new president-elect for the year 1999/2000. Homan, Director of Libraries, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, currently serves as editor of the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association (BMLA), MLA's quarterly journal.

In the more than twenty-five years since Homan first joined MLA, he has proven to be a leader within the association as well as the health sciences information profession. As editor of BMLA for the past four years, Homan guided the start of the publication's electronic evolution with the availability of the BMLA electronic table of contents.

A former MLA Board member, Homan has chaired numerous MLA committees including the Scholarship Committee, the Section Council Advisory Committee, the Information Systems Task Force, and the Pharmacy and Drug Information Section. He is also a Distinguished member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP).

Among the most important issues facing medical librarianship today, Homan feels that structural changes in health care delivery, rapid advances in information technology, and copyright and fair use of electronic information are some of the most critical.

"MLA has done a great job of responding to the major issues facing the profession and must make an even stronger effort as the association enters its next century," he states. "We must also continue to build the MLA virtual association so important to reducing barriers, promoting collaboration, attracting new members, and serving as a model for the possibilities that abound in the networked environment."

MLA congratulates Homan on his new position and looks forward to working under his leadership and guidance as it embarks on its second century.

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NEW EDUCATIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE DEBUTS ON MLANET

The Medical Library Association (MLA) has made furthering continuing educational goals easier for health sciences information professionals by launching its new Educational Clearinghouse on MLANET. The clearinghouse benefits course developers, instructors and participants by providing a listing of courses approved for MLA continuing education (CE) contact hours.

The listing allows users to search for courses by subject, instructor, chapter region, course date, course title, course number, experience level, area of knowledge, or other key words. Updated monthly, the Clearinghouse, also provides CE event organizers with instructor information, approval expiration dates, participant levels, and course prerequisites.

Course developers who are interested in having their continuing education course approved or renewed by MLA will soon be able to obtain approval and renewal applications from the clearinghouse. A listing form will also be available for instructors who would like to list or update their already approved course on the clearinghouse. All forms will be downloadable as PDF files.

MLA's headquarters staff together with the Continuing Education Committee, which coordinates the association's continuing education efforts, spent months planning, organizing, testing, and designing the clearinghouse to make it as effective and informative as possible.

"MLA is proud to offer a tool that will allow health sciences information professionals to plan more effectively for continuing education and credentialing opportunities," said MLA President Jacqueline Donaldson Doyle.

MLA's [Educational Clearinghouse](#) can be found on MLANET.

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