



Oct.-Dec. 2000 Volume 21 Number 4

## Letter from the Chair

Greetings from Montana!

Wow, what a year! But now it's time to hand matters over to Janice. She's fired up and ready to lead PNC into the new millennium. I want to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Chair. I truly enjoyed working for this group and getting to know my colleagues across the region. I honestly couldn't have survived without the tremendous support of the Executive Board that worked with me. Thanks again to Carolyn Olson (now Adams), Janice Bacino, Nola Higley, Barbara Crain, Kathy Nelson, Bob Pringle, Edean Berglund, and Kathy Murray. I also need to send a special thank you to Kathy Murray and the Alaska conference planning committee for organizing such a great annual meeting. The dedication and hard work of all these people made my year as Chair fairly painless!

Finally, I want to encourage all of you to consider serving on the PNC Executive Board. Later this year I'll be asking some of you to run for an office. Keep in mind you don't have to wait for me to contact you. If there's a position that interests you please let me know. I'll take all the volunteers I can find! Please consider serving on the board. I guarantee you'll enjoy it.

---

## Around the Region

### Idaho

Idaho State University Health Sciences Library: Under director *Nancy Griffin's* leadership the Idaho Health Sciences Library (ISHL) has conducted several innovative outreach projects. Currently, Nancy is using town meetings and focus groups to assess information needs and raise awareness of resources in rural communities, networking with thirteen public libraries in remote areas of SE Idaho. A recently completely activity established Internet access and provided followup training for Community and Migrant Health Centers.



## Montana

St. James Community Hospital: Montana Medical librarian *Laurel Egan* is the only hospital librarian in a seven-county expanse in southwestern Montana (and she's only part-time). Her outreach program provides training for patients and healthcare professionals in Silver Bow and Beaverhead counties, frontier areas impacted by the mining industry. Laurel is working with community health centers and service organizations to provide access to consumer health resources and basic internet skills development.



## Oregon

### **New Position at OHSU Library**

The OHSU Library is pleased to announce that *Friday Valentine* has accepted the position of Digital Resources Librarian. This is a new position in Library and Information Services which

deals primarily with the creation of a database of streaming video for the OHSU community. Friday received her MLS in 1997 via the Emporia State University distance education program in Oregon. She was previously employed at Blackwell's Book Services in Lake Oswego. In her spare time, she is active in the Society for Creative Anachronism. Friday reports to Janet Crum and will spend time working in the Library and with the OSHU video production unit.

posted on HLIB by [Diane Carroll](#) 1/9/01

---

The OHSU Library welcomes *Karen Finney*, a new reference librarian. Following is her introduction to you all:

I received my Bachelor's degree in English from the University of Puget Sound in my hometown of Tacoma, Washington. Two years later, I decided it was time to explore another part of the country, so headed to the Midwest, where I attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison and received my Master of Arts in Library Science. While I enjoyed Wisconsin, the beauty of the Pacific Northwest was calling me home. I got my feet wet in two one-year library positions in Oregon, the first at Linfield College, the second at Portland Community College. After living in Portland for a year, I knew that I wanted to make it my home, and was thrilled to begin my position as Reference Librarian at Oregon Health Sciences University. When the weekends arrive, I'm often snowboarding up at Mt. Hood or enjoying the beaches.

submitted 2-2-01 by Dolores Judkins

---

### **New Contact Information**

Hi everyone, since starting a new job at Kaiser Permanente on January 22, I have naturally acquired a whole new set of contact information. Everything, it seems, but a carrier pigeon service... here's the info for those who keep track. (I could also include my personal cell phone and the addresses for the SIX email accounts I suddenly realized I currently have--though some are in transition -- but that would make technology truly too scary.) So here's just the work stuff.

Valerie Lawrence

Kaiser Permanente

Clinical Information Systems

Librarian

2850 NW Nicolai St.

Portland, OR 97210

voice (503) 778-2415

pager (503) 904-0326

fax (503) 778-2491

email [valerie.j.lawrence@kp.org](mailto:valerie.j.lawrence@kp.org)

originally submitted 2-7-01 to hlib-nw by [Valerie J. Lawrence](#)

For those who are wondering about the librarian structure at Kaiser (as I did until a few weeks ago!) Daphne Plaut is still at the Center for Health Research. Ann Haines is still directing NW regional library services from the Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center. I'm replacing Rosemary Burris. I'm not based in a traditional library and I don't have a physical collection. If any of you are curious about the position, drop me a line.

See you all at Salishan, if not before!

Val

---

## **I Made It to the East Coast!**

Hi, all you HLIBBers! I just wanted to let you all know I made it to the East Coast and am trying to unlearn my VA ways and learn Navy ways! Argh! Weather hasn't been too much different from the NW, but we have had a small bit of snow (4 inches where I live, maybe 2 inches at work) which is mostly gone already. I would love to hear from anyone, and if any of you are out for a visit (to NLM, say?), please let me know, so we can have lunch or something! (We are across the street and down a block or so from NLM!). My particulars are below:

Cathy Jordan, Medical Librarian

E.R. Stitt Medical Library

(301) 295-1185

National Naval Medical Center  
(aka Bethesda Naval Hospital)

(301) 295-6001 fax

8901 Wisconsin Ave.

[cmjordan@bethesda.med.navy.mil](mailto:cmjordan@bethesda.med.navy.mil)

Bethesda MD

See y'all later! (I'm trying out my Texas twang!)

*originally posted 1-25-01 to hlib-nw by [Cathryn Jordan](#)*

---

## **Washington**

### **First the Good News...**

Please welcome the latest (that I know of) addition to our extended family.

*Emory Alexandra Hoelscher-Hull* arrived November 3, 2000 at 9:14pm. She was 7 pounds 4 ounces, 21 inches long. *Emily Hull*, our web mistress, is already back at work.

---

### **And now the bad ... Library Closure**

Dear Colleagues,

Due to financial difficulties, Stevens Hospital is laying off 80 FTEs, including me! Library service as we know it will end January 8th.

I have asked Susan Barnes to deactivate Stevens' DOCLINE account until further notice. Those of you who have WAUMEH in your routing lists may wish to replace it with that of an active library.

My five years at Stevens have passed quickly and pleasantly. Thank you for your superb service and for your good will.

Lynne

Lynne Graber, Librarian  
Stevens Hospital

*originally posted 1/2/01 to hlib-nw by [Lynne Graber](#)*

---

## **New millenium, new library name, somewhat new librarian**

Hello everyone,

Before the year is out, I wanted to fill everyone in on some news from this part of the state. First, the old news - Effective Oct. 2nd, *Sarah McCord* became the new Health Sciences Electronic Resources Librarian. Sarah is a recent graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison's School of Library and Information Studies. She was previously employed as a paraprofessional at numerous U Wisconsin-Madison campus libraries, including Chemistry, Health Sciences, and Business. She's also our new liaison to the College of Pharmacy. She's made the rounds in Spokane, but has yet to travel to libraries outside the Inland Empire. Salishan is on our list for next year, though. In the meantime, you can contact her at: [mccord@wsu.edu](mailto:mccord@wsu.edu). We are very happy to have her here.

Secondly, as of January 2, 2001, the name of our library will be officially changed to the Health Sciences Library. This past summer more than 70 medical journals were transferred down from the Owen Science and Engineering Library as well as liaison and collection development activities for the WWAMI Program and Pre-nursing. Our OPAC records will now read HLTH, Health Sci, and/or Health Sciences, and thanks to Sarah, we'll also have a new web page.

Happy holidays to everyone, Vicki

[Vicki Croft](#), M.S.L.S., AHIP  
Health Sciences Library  
Washington State University

*originally posted 12-22-00 to hlib-nw by [Vicki Croft](#)*

---

## **Chapter Business**

### **PNC 2000 Reports**

#### **2000 Report - PNC/MLA Bylaws Committee**

During 2000 there were no reviews or additions to the PNC Bylaws, which were extensively revised in 1998-99, and reviewed and approved by MLA in 1999. The Chair did participate in the Chapter Sharing Roundtables at MLA 2000 in Vancouver, BC, facilitating the Bylaws discussion. It was reported there by the MLA Bylaws Committee Chair, Barb Lucas, and the resource person, Lucretia McClure, that new Model Bylaws for chapters and Sections will be available in Fall of 2000. When these are distributed, the PNC Committee will review our bylaws for any mandated or advisable changes. The Committee will at that time also consult with

the PNC Board to see if there any other issues to be considered, besides a change in date for completion of the budget, raised in Spring of this year and postponed due to the anticipated Model Bylaws revision.

Submitted by *Jan Schueller*, Chair

Committee Members: Robin Braun, Donna Hudson, Doreen Smith

~~~~~  
**2000 Report – Governmental Relations**

I have no formal report from the Government Relations Committee.

I have not kept track of the number, but as I received them I have been forwarding 'Alert' messages from the American Library Association Washington Office Newsletter listserv, ALAWON, to hlib-nw. ALAWON usually asks for help lobbying on behalf of libraries, literacy, internet filtering, etc, as bills come before Congress.

Marcia I. Batchelor, MSLS, AHIP

Chief, Medical Library

Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, WA 98431

253-968-1135 voice, 253-968-0958 fax

[marcia.batchelor@nw.amedd.army.mil](mailto:marcia.batchelor@nw.amedd.army.mil)

~~~~~  
**PNC/MLA State Report--ALASKA**

**September 2000**

The Alaska State Legislature has allocated \$34 million to the University of Alaska Anchorage, of which Health Sciences Information Service is a part, for the expansion of the Consortium Library and construction of a parking structure. HSIS will be housed in the new addition--with, hopefully, a beautiful view of the mountains.

HSIS and the University are a part of the new Anchorage Municipal Libraries joint catalog. It makes available in one location the holdings of University campuses throughout the state, as well as the Anchorage Public Library and Alaska Resources Library. The plan is that eventually all Alaska libraries will be included.

Kathy Murray was awarded \$3,965 for a faculty development proposal for reviewing and evaluating the HSIS collection. She was also notified that she has been admitted to the National Library of Medicine fellowship program in Medical Informatics. She will be attending a course at the Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory in Massachusetts in October.

Loretta Andress and Kathy Murray of HSIS hosted a visitor from the National Library of Medicine in December. Postgraduate medical librarian, Heather Wilder, spent three days at the Consortium Library learning about local library operations and assisted in setting up an Microsoft Access database.

HSIS has purchased a scanner that allows the e-mailing of journal articles. There are still some bugs to be worked out, but library users find it a welcome option.

HSIS is conducting a survey of Alaskan health care professionals in an attempt to deliver better and more timely library service. The results will be useful in developing a new business plan for the medical library.

Loretta Andress, Librarian, HSIS

~~~~~  
**CE report for the year 2000.**

As outgoing chair, I thought you might appreciate it if I could propose a replacement as CE chair and I have contacted several people to see if they might be interested. You may already have

ideas of your own, but I'll get back to you next week if you'd like with a couple of names of potential chairs. My report is also on the PNC web site so Kathy may be able to link directly to it for Northwest Notes rather than having to mark it up again. I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the meeting this year, I hope everyone has a wonderful time and that the weather is great. Please let me know if you have any questions!

Lisa

~~~~~  
**2000 Professional Development Committee Report**

<http://depts.washington.edu/~pncmla/ce/00report.html>

Current membership of the Committee includes:

- Lisa Oberg, Health Sciences Library, University of Washington, Seattle - Outgoing Chair
- Janice Bacino, St. Peter's Community Hospital, Helena, MT
- Dolores Judkins, Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland, OR
- Mary Ellen Lemon, Healthwise, Boise, ID
- Nancy Press, NN/LM PNR, Seattle, WA
- Barbara Saint, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC
- Doreen Smith, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, Fairbanks, AK
- Ann Robertson, Evergreen Hospital Medical Center, Kirkland, WA\*
- Dorothy O'Brien, Good Samaritan Hospital, Corvallis, OR\*
- Karin Thomsen\*

\* volunteered in 1999

=====  
**PNC Web Site**

=====  
A section of the PNC/MLA web site is maintained by the Professional Development Committee and is available at <http://depts.washington.edu/pncmla/ce/> Information available includes roster of current committee members, upcoming CE opportunities in the PNC region and professional development funding opportunities. Suggestions are welcome, as well as CE courses you would like to see included.

=====  
**PNC CE Survey**

=====  
Together with Nancy Press and the generous support of the RML, the PNC CE Survey was revised and the 2000 survey was mailed to members in January. The most frequently suggested course topics continue to be using Internet resources such as Web DOCLINE and Advanced PubMed searching, as well as critically evaluating the medical literature and providing electronic document delivery options. For complete results see <http://depts.washington.edu/pncmla/ce/00results.html>

=====  
**PNC Annual Meeting**

=====  
**Alyeska Resort, Girdwood, AK, September 16-20, 2000**

The Program Planning Committee arranged nine courses for the meeting:

*Reading and Evaluating Reports of Clinical Research: A Basic Introduction*

Sherrilynne Fuller, Health Sciences Libraries, University of Washington, Seattle

*Designing Web Pages*

John Iliff, University of Alaska, Anchorage

*Digital Copyright Issues*

Sarah K. Wiant, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA

*Advanced Web Page Design*

John Iliff, University of Alaska, Anchorage

*Web DOCLINE, SERHOLD, DOCUSER & Loansome DOC*

Susan Barnes, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Northwest Region, Seattle

*Using the OCLC/WLN NLM Conspectus*

Bonnie Chadbourne, OCLC/WLN, Lacey, WA

Bob Pringle, Intercollegiate Center for Nursing Education, Betty M. Anderson Library, Spokane

*Ovid Applications Training*

OVID Technologies Staff, New York City

*PubMed Update*

Linda Milgrom, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Northwest Region, Seattle

*Using Microsoft Access to Build Library Databases*

Peggy Baldwin, Providence Medical Center, Portland

=====

## **E-Journals Teleconference**

=====

MLA's continuing education committee is presenting a satellite teleconference entitled "The Effects of E-Journals on Your Libraries" as part of their "The Myth and Reality of Electronic Publishing" distance learning program. We hope to downlink this teleconference at the University of Washington. Look for more details soon on HLIB-NW. The teleconference is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2000, 1:30-3:00 p.m. CST.

=====

## **2000 Goals**

=====

Develop a packet for instructors to use as a guide to developing courses.

~~~~~

## **Nominating Committee Report**

The following candidates have been elected for the coming year (2001):

- Chair elect - Bob Pringle
- Recording secretary - Chris Beahler
- Membership secretary - Kathy Martin
- Chapter council representative - Patrice O'Donovan
- Chapter council alternate - Dolores Judkins
- MLA Nominating Committee Nominee - Sherry Dodson

Thanks to all who agreed to participate. Ballots were tallied by 3 individuals. 94 votes were received.

Kim Granath, Chair

~~~~~

## **ARCHIVES REPORT**



## PNC/MLA

### 2000 Annual Meeting

Girdwood, Alaska

1. This is the 40th annual meeting of PNC/MLA, and the first one held in Alaska: September 16-20, 2000 at the Alyeska Resort, Girdwood, Alaska.
2. History: The early history of PNC/MLA, formally known as the Pacific Northwest Regional Group, has been written by the Archivist, Janet Schnall, and can be found on the PNC web site: <http://depts.washington.edu/pncmla/history/early.html>. A summary history was also submitted to MLA News by Bob Pringle and Janet Schnall: Geographically challenged Pacific Northwest Chapter has a proud history. MLA News June/July 2000 327: 20.
3. Oral History: The MLA Oral History Committee has produced an interview with Gerald J. Oppenheimer. The interview was conducted by Diane McKenzie and Janet Schnall, with the transcript edited and prepared for publication by Diane McKenzie, June 2000. Copies can be found in the PNC/MLA archives; in the University of Washington Libraries collection; and in the NN/LM PNR circulating collection. (Medical Library Association. Oral History Committee. Interview with Gerald J. Oppenheimer. Interview conducted by Diane McKenzie and Janet Schnall, 25 June 1999, Seattle, Washington. June 2000)
4. The inactive records of PNC/MLA are kept at the University of Washington Libraries Manuscripts, Special Collections, University Archives Division.
5. Any records (especially Program Chair's records from this meeting) should be sent to Janet Schnall as Archivist of PNC/MLA. When committee chairs give reports, please announce the names of the committee members.
6. Members are welcome to ask the Archivist for information that is in the Archives. This is especially helpful when members apply to MLA's Academy of Health Information professionals and need verification of holding an office in PNC/MLA. Please allow enough lead time to search the Archives, as some of the archives are located off the University of Washington campus.

Janet G. Schnall

Health Sciences Library and Information Center

University of Washington

Box 357155

Seattle, WA 98195

206 543-7474

[schnall@u.washington.edu](mailto:schnall@u.washington.edu)

---

### Chapter Council Report

Here's a winter report for the Pacific Northwest Chapter Representative:

1. Professional Development.
  - Facilitated a Benchmarking table at the CC Roundtables for the 2000 MLA Annual meeting.
  - Recruited Robin Braun as the Pacific Northwest Benchmark Chapter Educator.
  - Co-taught, with Bonnie Chadbourne of OCLC, a class on use of the Conspectus method of collection assessment during the PNC annual meeting in Alaska.
2. Advocacy.

- Member of Majors Chapter Award Committee.
- Completed and posted the Chapter history for MLA News

3. Organization.

- Identified potential Chapter Council Representatives and Alternates for the PNC Nominating Committee. Both positions were filled.
- Successfully ran for Chapter Chair-elect, effective on completion of term as CC representative.
- Provided Chapter information to MLA members and officers as required.
- Participated in Chapter Board meetings and discussions.

4. Research.

- PI for Benchmarking Project within the Chapter, replicating the Canadian study.
- Presented a poster at MLA 2000 and wrote an article (in press) on initial results.

5. Information Technology.

- Used Chapter and MLA websites to gather information for reports and discussion.
- Continued use of e-mail to communicate within the Chapter and MLA.

Bob Pringle, Head Librarian  
 Betty M. Anderson Library, Intercollegiate College of Nursing  
 2917 West Fort George Wright Drive  
 Spokane, WA 99224-5290  
[RPringle@wsu.edu](mailto:RPringle@wsu.edu) Phone: 509-324-7342 Fax: 509-324-7349

~~~~~

**DRAFT Business Meeting Minutes**  
 Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association  
 Annual Meeting 2000  
 September 19, 2000

The meeting was called to order by Kim Granath, Chair, board members were introduced, and the minutes of the last meeting were approved with corrections. Nancy Press was appointed Parliamentarian. Past Chair, Carolyn Olson and Chapter Council Representative, Edean Berglund were excused.

**Executive Board Reports**

**Treasurer-Nola Higley**

The current checking account balance is \$6,121.79. We have \$8,190.34 in a one-year CD at 6.4% interest with total assets of \$14,322.13. The healthy treasury is due to the Seattle meeting's impressive income last year. We must note, however, that our income this year has exceeded expenses by \$1221.59, meaning we must continue to be alert to ways of increasing income and

curtailing expenses, while enjoying our present prosperity. See the Executive Board Minutes for the complete report.

### **Chapter Council-Bob Pringle for Edean Berglund**

Bob and Edean attended the annual Medical Library Association meeting at Vancouver, British Columbia and gave member's identifying stickers. Bob called for members to consider serving as facilitators at the round table discussions. See the Executive Board Meeting minutes for the complete report.

### **Membership-Barbara Crain**

We have 7 life members and 11 new members, our total current membership is 167. This total excludes any who might have joined with annual meeting registration. In 1999, at the Seattle meeting, we had 161 members. In 1980 when our chapter was formed we had 135 members. Dues notices were mailed in December with follow up notices at the end of March, for lapsed memberships. The most common reason was "I just forgot" followed by a change in job. Membership committee members (Loretta Andress-Alaska, Jim Henderson-British Columbia, Kathy Nelson-Idaho, Steve Teich-Oregon, Jan Schuller-Washington, Barbara Crain-Montana) were responsible for contacting lapsed members in their state or province. Membership information is on the web. See the Executive Board Minutes for the complete report.

### **Conference Report---Kathy Murray**

The conference committee was introduced (Kathy Murray, Chair; Loretta Andress, Marcia Colson, Anne Girling, Donna Hudson, Doreen Smith, Barbara Sokolov) Jeri van den Top was unable to attend but helped the group as treasurer. The 2000 Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association meeting at the Westin Alyeska Prince Resort in Girdwood Alaska has 48 registered attendees. 43 were all-inclusive, 3 paid only registration and 10 paid vendors plus the Regional Medical Library. The conference committee had a goal of 65 attending. The hotel was good to work with, there was some vendor support for specific events beyond the display table fees. 105 people attended continuing education classes. The Alaska Library Association funded the copyright speaker and the Anchorage Chapter of AkLA paid for Susan Alling's expenses.

### **Nominating-Kim Granath for Carolyn Olson**

There were 94 ballots returned for the election of officers. Bob Pringle is Chair-Elect, Chris Beahler is the recording secretary. Kathy Martin is the membership chair, Patrice O'Donovan is chapter council representative and Dolores Judkins is alternate. Sherry Dodson is the MLA nominating committee nominee. There was some discussion on why the ballot includes both the chapter council member and alternate. Lea Starr asked Kim as immediate-Past Chair to investigate the bylaws for need for both positions. A new set of model bylaws will be published next fall from the MLA, Jan and Kim will follow up as the information is made available.

### **Salary Survey request---Kim Granath**

Kim had been contacted by Brynn Beals-representing WMLA asking if the chapter might do a regional salary survey. Kim asked if members would consider doing this as a web based survey. There was discussion concerning the last MLA survey of region, members were uncertain how timely this data was. The MLA Benchmarking data is asking for salary exclusive of fringe

benefits. Members agreed they would be more likely to answer a question on range rather than specific salary. Kim will follow up with Brynn on exact details, and a voluntary web based survey may be developed with clearly defined areas keeping Metropolitan and rural ranges clearly identified. Ideas on the emerging library market might also be included, the UBC library school has two job offers for each student they graduated. A team to design the web survey will be solicited on HLIB-L if necessary.

### **Newsletter---Kathy Murray**

With the Alaska Conference, Kathy has not been able to keep up on the chapter newsletter. Does the group want a newsletter? The web based format has saved the chapter mailing costs, however the HTML format has made design and layout boring. Kathy purchased "Pagemaker" and will look at putting a PDF version of the newsletter together for future issues. Loretta Andress has done much of the actual work in putting together the newsletter. Kathy has had a hard time getting news from the members; it was suggested that the membership person from each state add newsgathering to his responsibilities list and answer the call on HLIB-L for news. It is not fair to expect Kathy to follow the various listserves and pull the information such as new positions from this source.

### **Archives-Janet Schnall**

Janet reminded members the newsletter contains much of the history of our chapter as an organization. We need to submit hard copies to the archives of official documents even if they are published on the web. The chapter history is online and a summary was published by Bob Pringle for MLA News. An oral history with Gerry Oppenheimer was edited and approved for archives. A copy will be kept at the University of Washington Health Sciences Library.

### **Future of Annual Meetings---Kim Granath**

The board has discussed the problems we are experiencing with declining attendance at annual meetings. A decision had been made to rotate Seattle, Portland, and Vancouver as sites to control costs, yet our next meeting is actually going to be at another resort location, Salishan. The 1999 meeting had only 51 all inclusive registrants and 36 conference only for 87 total and this was in Seattle. The expectation was 100 registrants. To continue as an organization, the one annual meeting must have higher attendance to support PNC's expenses.

Discussion moved to members who were not present, why do they not attend the annual meeting? A web survey will be developed to ask members what they really want, is a welcome reception, program, banquet and continuing education offering meeting their needs? This format has been successful in the past, but maybe we need to change. The evaluations in Seattle were evenly divided on the no hotel format. Other considerations for declining attendance is the timing of this event with having the National meeting in Vancouver this spring, travel budgets were already spent. Many members are finding their organizations are offering less support for any travel at all. The programs offered may be too basic for experienced members who are attending some other types of meetings, and there is conflict over the dates for some of the academic libraries with starting of school sessions, whether semester or quarter schedules.

Looking at the last Seattle meeting almost half of the membership was present, this is probably as good as we can expect. The demographics of our chapter show continued decline in number of

hospital librarians as hospitals have merged and closed. Younger members have not been able to attend because of low salaries, but sharing rooms and other options to keep the expenses affordable should help. Since it is possible for more members to car-pool to Salishan travel costs will not be as high as travel was to Alaska. The 2002 meeting is planned for Vancouver BC.

### **Benchmarking---Robin Braun**

Libraries that collect data for an annual report probably have some of the information needed for the MLA Benchmarking project. Robin has prepared a benchmarking worksheet with data definitions from the web site. She would like as many PNC members as possible to submit their information. Please provide comments such as not applicable, I don't understand, I can't get this information, I can't tell what you want here. It is important for the feedback to reach MLA before December as 100 participants are needed in this Beta test to have any meaningful data analysis done. If you have any questions please phone or email Robin and she will help as much as she can. She is asking for 1999 data that you have, fill in as much as you can on the form and offer suggestions in the comments section so the form can be improved.

### **2001 Meeting---Kathy Martin**

Kathy Martin presented "2001 Hal Unplugged". The next annual meeting is being planned for Salishan, another Westin hotel in Gleneden Beach, Oregon, September 9th to 13th. The location is on the ocean with sea lions near-by and a beautiful lodge and golf course on the property. Roy Tennant has been approached as the keynote speaker. Continuing education programs are being selected.

### **MLA Vancouver Meeting---Jim Henderson**

Jim thanked regional members for support for the Medical Library Association meeting held in Vancouver. It was a great success.

A gift of an engraved Alaska Ulu was presented to Kim for her service as chair by Kathy Murray.

The meeting was adjourned after Kim Granath asked members to consider running for board positions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Nelson  
PNC Recording Secretary  
2000

---

**FYI \*\*\* HUMOR**

Hello!

You have just received the Amish virus. Because we don't have any computers, or programming experience, this virus works on the honor system. Please delete all the files from your hard drive

and manually forward this virus to everyone on your mailing list. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Amish Computer Engineering Department

\* \_ \* \_ \* \_ \* \_ \*

*Tom Curley*

*Suquamish Tribe GIS Program Manager*

[curley@silverlink.net](mailto:curley@silverlink.net)

---

## Are you old?

This one will scare you a little! Just in case you weren't feeling too old today, this will certainly change things.

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 1982.
- \* They have no meaningful recollection of the Reagan Era and probably did not even know that 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 only been one Pope.
- \* They were 11 when the Soviet Union broke apart and do not remember the Cold War.
- \* They have never feared a nuclear war.
- \* They are too young to remember the space shuttle blowing up.
- \* Tianamen Square means nothing to them.
- \* Their lifetime has always included AIDS.
- \* Bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic.
- \* Atari predates 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 Ping-Pong.
- \* They may have never heard of an 8 track. The Compact Disc was introduced when they were 1 year old.
- \* As far as they know, stamps have always cost about 33 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 VCRs, but they have no idea what BETA is.
- \* They cannot fathom not having a remote control.

- \* They were born the year that the Walkman was introduced by Sony.
- \* Roller-skating has always meant "inline" for them.
- \* Jay Leno has always been on the Tonight Show
- \* 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.
- \* They never took a swim and thought about Jaws.
- \* The Vietnam War is as ancient history to them as W.W.I, W.W.II, and 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? They thought we always knew where it was.
- \* Michael Jackson has always been white.
- \* Kansas, Chicago, Boston, America and Alabama are all places, not groups.
- \* McDonalds never came in Styrofoam containers.
- \* There has always been MTV.
- \* They don't have a clue as to how to use a typewriter.

---

We can't vouch for the truth of the following, but it IS interesting (source unknown):

### **Drink to your health! Water Vs. Coke**

We all know that water is important but I've never seen it written down like this before.

75% of Americans are chronically dehydrated. (Likely applies to half the world population)

In 37% of Americans, the thirst mechanism is so weak that it is often mistaken for hunger.

Even MILD dehydration will slow down one's metabolism as much as 3%.

One glass of water shut down midnight hunger pangs for almost 100% of the dieters studied in a U-Washington study.

Lack of water, the #1 trigger of daytime fatigue.

Preliminary research indicates that 8-10 glasses of water a day could significantly ease back and joint pain for up to 80% of sufferers.

A mere 2% drop in body water can trigger fuzzy short-term memory, trouble with basic math, and difficulty focusing on the computer screen or on a printed page.

Drinking 5 glasses of water daily decreases the risk of colon cancer by 45%, it can slash the risk of breast cancer by 79%, and a person is 50% less likely to develop bladder cancer.

Are you drinking the amount of water you should every day?

=====

**COKE: No wonder coke tastes soooo good:**

1. In many states (in the USA) the highway patrol carries two gallons of Coke in the truck to remove blood from the highway after a car accident.
2. You can put a T-bone steak in a bowl of coke and it will be gone in two days.
3. To clean a toilet: Pour a can of Coca-Cola into the toilet bowl and ...Let the "real thing" sit for one hour, then flush clean. The citric acid in Coke removes stains from vitreous china.
4. To remove rust spots from chrome car bumpers: Rub the bumper with a crumpled-up piece of Reynolds Wrap aluminum foil dipped in Coca-Cola.
5. To clean corrosion from car battery terminals: Pour a can of Coca-Cola over the terminals to bubble away the corrosion.
6. To loosen a rusted bolt: Applying a cloth soaked in Coca-Cola to the rusted bolt for several minutes.
7. To bake a moist ham: Empty a can of Coca-Cola into the baking pan, wrap the ham in aluminum foil, and bake. Thirty minutes before the ham is finished, Remove the foil, following the drippings to mix with the Coke for a sumptuous brown gravy.
8. To remove grease from clothes: Empty a can of coke into a load of greasy clothes, add detergent, and run through a regular cycle. The Coca-Cola will help loosen grease stains. It will also clean road haze from your windshield.

**FYI:**

1. The active ingredient in Coke is phosphoric acid. Its Ph is 2.8. It will dissolve a nail in about 4 days.
2. To carry Coca-Cola syrup (the concentrate) the commercial truck must use the Hazardous Material place cards reserved for highly corrosive materials.
3. The distributors of coke have been using it to clean the engines of their trucks for about 20 years!





## News You Can Use

*Edupage*, November 27, 2000

### **WEB USERS SEARCH FOR MEDICAL ADVICE MOST OFTEN**

The Web is a vital source of medical information for American Internet users, although many users harbor privacy concerns over the storage of medical records on the Internet, according to a new report from the Pew Internet and American Life Project. The report surveyed more than 12,000 people, determining that 52 million Americans have gone online to become more informed about medical problems. Roughly 55 percent of all Web users have gone online to seek out health-related information, making the activity more popular than online shopping or searching for sports scores and stock quotes, according to the report. Some 41 percent of those polled said data found on the Internet helped inform their medical decisions, such as whether to see a doctor. Internet users are wary of placing their medical records online due to privacy concerns, with 63 percent of those surveyed saying they oppose the storage of medical records on the Web, even if the information is guarded by passwords. (*Wall Street Journal*, 27 November 2000)

---

*Edupage*, November 20, 2000

### **LIBRARIES AROUND THE WORLD TEAM UP FOR NET SERVICE**

A group of libraries from around the world began testing the Comprehensive Digital Reference Service, a free service that will help users find information on the Internet by directing inquiries to the appropriate library. The Internet often provides too many search results or questionable information, and the libraries hope to bring a higher quality of information online by providing access to their wealth of research collections and specialized catalogs. A network will route questions to the library best suited to provide an answer, based on the libraries' expertise, hours of operation, and other considerations. Although the group will initially focus on answering questions in English, the service should eventually accommodate up to 20 languages. The group, which expects to launch its Web site officially by June, has about 60 members, including Yale, Harvard, the National Gallery of Art, the National Library of Australia, and the Duke University Divinity School. (*Baltimore Sun*, 20 November 2000)

---

*Edupage*, November 17, 2000

### **SEVEN NEW DOMAINS ARE CHOSEN TO JOIN THE POPULAR .COM**

ICANN initiated the largest structural change the Internet has seen since the late 1980s as it approved seven new top-level domain names: .info and .biz as general TLDs, .pro for professionals, .name for personal sites, .museums for museums, .aero for airlines, and .coop for business cooperatives. ICANN's staff will negotiate with the chosen organizations to help balance the business and technical portions of the new TLDs. Because the general public is already comfortable with .com, it will likely take a great deal of marketing to get people used to the newly available TLDs, says Register.com's Sloan D. Gaon. The new domains will not be used until spring of 2001 at the earliest. Afilias, a consortium of 19 domain name registrars, including VeriSign and Register.com, will handle the .info TLD; JVTeam will handle the .biz TLD; the Global Name Registry will handle .name; the National Cooperative Business Association, which will handle .coop, is unique because it does not currently have a large Web presence. (*New York Times*, 17 November 2000)

---

## THE INVISIBLE WEB

"Google has quietly rolled out a new feature that allows searchers to find information contained in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) files, effectively revealing a significant portion of what's known as the Invisible Web." Did you know that most search engines don't search PDF files? That there is an entire "invisible web" out there? This article discusses how Google is now adding PDF files to its database of searchable pages. Check this [link](#) for more details.

---

## Meetings/Conferences

Future PNC/MLA Meetings

**Salishan, Oregon**

**September 9-13, 2001**

Beverly Schriver, Program Chair. Planning Committee members include Peggy Baldwin, Madelyn Hall, Judith Hayes, Cathy Jordan, Dolores Judkins, Val Lawrence, Kathy Martin, and Daphne Plaut.

**Vancouver, B.C.**

**October 19-22, 2002**

Diane Helmer, Program Chair.

**Seattle area** in 2003 [tentative]

---

## MLA / NLM

*originally posted 1-30-01 to hlib-nw*

### **NLM ANNOUNCES: IGM's Going Away & Big Changes in PubMed**

There are two must-read articles in the current NLM Technical Bulletin (Jan-Feb 2001).

"Changes to PubMed for 2001 "

[http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/jf01/jf01\\_pubmed\\_2001.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/jf01/jf01_pubmed_2001.html)

"Internet Grateful Med to Be Retired; Reminder of NLM Gateway Availability"

[http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/jf01/jf01\\_igm\\_phaseout.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/jf01/jf01_igm_phaseout.html)

---

### **Call for CE Ideas/MLA 2002/Dallas**

The MLA Continuing Education (CE) Committee would like you to submit your ideas for exciting courses to be offered at MLA 2002 in Dallas, TX. Please send any course topics you would like to see, and if you know of any instructors or colleagues that are sufficiently proficient in an area and could teach courses, please include their names and contact information, if known. We would also like to know of any classes from past meetings that you would like to see offered again.

If you are an instructor with a course or an idea for a course that you would like to offer to your MLA colleagues, we would like to hear from you as well. For more information on how to teach your course at a MLA annual meeting, see [MLANET](#) or contact [Kathleen Gaydoes Combs](#) via email.

Please send your course ideas to Linda Azen Martin, 2002 National Program Committee CE Liaison, Health Care Informatics Consultant, 330 Regatta Way, Seal Beach, CA 90740, 562-598-1813 (phone), 714-564-4200 (fax), [Martin\\_Linda@rscsd.org](mailto:Martin_Linda@rscsd.org) (please do NOT use the email address published in the MLA 2000/2001 Directory, it is no longer in service).

---

### **Sponsor A Symposium at MLA 2002**

MLA is now accepting proposals for symposia at the 2002 Annual Meeting in Dallas, TX. 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.

The MLA Continuing Education Committee will be meeting January 19-21, 2001, to begin discussing the 2002 annual meeting continuing education roster. If your section is interested in hosting a symposium, please send your ideas to the professional development department at MLA headquarters by January 2, 2001.

Official proposals for MLA 2002 symposia are due to the professional development department at MLA headquarters by May 1, 2002. Proposals are evaluated by the Continuing Education Committee 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 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 contact [Kathleen Gaydos Combs](#), coordinator of continuing education, 312/419-9094 x29

---

### **NLM Announces: NLM Gateway Now Available**

NLM's new Gateway was made available on August 16. The NLM Gateway is a web-based system that lets users use one interface to search across multiple NLM resources. The target audience is the Internet user who comes to NLM not knowing exactly what is available or how to search for it. In the first stage of development, resources searched will include PubMed, OLDMEDLINE, Locatorplus, AIDS Conference abstracts, HSRProj and MEDLINEplus. In future stages, DIRLINE, TOXNET and ClinicalTrials.gov will be added.

The URL for this new product is <http://gateway.nlm.nih.gov>. Please watch for the article "NLM Gateway: Your entrance to the Knowledge Resources of the National Library of Medicine" to be published soon in the NLM Technical Bulletin.

From: National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Northwest Region  
University of Washington [nnlm@u.washington.edu](mailto:nnlm@u.washington.edu)  
NN/LM PNR 800-338-7657  
Box 357155  
Seattle, Washington 98195-7155  
206/543-8262 \*\*\* FAX: 206/543-2469

*originally posted to hlib-nw 10-17-00*

---

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Nancy Griffin and Laurel Egan were recognized by NLM during National Medical Librarians Month, <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/lo/profiles00/medlibnsmonth00.html>

originally submitted 10-30-00 to hlib-nw by [Linda Milgrom](#)

---

## MLA 2001 ELECTION RESULTS

The 2001 election ballot counting, chaired by MLA member Pat Pinkowski, took place at MLA headquarters in Chicago on January 9, 2001. The successful candidates are:

### **President-Elect**

Linda A. Watson, AHIP

### **Board of Directors**

Ruth Holst, AHIP

Diana Cunningham

### **Nominating Committee**

Eve-Marie Lacroix

Faith A. Meakin, AHIP

Neil Rambo

T. Scott Plutchak, AHIP

Patricia L. Thibodeau, AHIP

Janice E. Kelly

Alexandra Dimitroff, Ph.D., AHIP

Diane G. Schwartz, AHIP

Jean Williams Sayre, AHIP

MLA thanks all candidates who ran for office and the volunteer group who counted ballots.

---

## Positions Available

### OREGON

#### **Medical Indexer**

Seeking local candidates (Portland, Oregon) to help build the Consumer Health Terminology Thesaurus by classifying medical web content materials through the use of an electronic indexing system and a controlled vocabulary. Perform both content subject and target indexing on all content types. Contribute to the building of the Consumer Health Terminology Thesaurus.

Must have ALA-accredited masters level degree in Library and Information Science, or

comparable work experience. Experience or training in medical terminology, consumer health terminology or medical informatics required. Work in a technical, dynamic work environment and meet prescribed deadlines. Salary commensurate with education and experience.

Forward resume with cover letter to:

Human Resources,

520 NW Davis, Suite 300

Portland, OR 97219

or fax to 503-416-2575, or e-mail to [jobs@wellmed.com](mailto:jobs@wellmed.com). **No phone calls please.**

*originally posted 1/16/01 to hlib-nw by [Rose Burris](#)*

---

## **Position Opening--Portland, OR**

### **Assistant Director of Learning Resources**

- Responsibilities: Reference, bibliographic instruction, audiovisual collection development and cataloging, supervision.
- Position: Salary commensurate with experience and qualifications. Great retirement program.
- Requirements: ALA accredited MLS degree, three years minimum academic and/or health sciences library experience, bibliographic instruction, Internet and online searching experience, flexibility and initiative. Knowledge of OCLC and MeSH a plus.
- The College: WSCC ([www.wschiro.edu](http://www.wschiro.edu)) is a private, non-profit, four-year professional college offering the degree of D.C. and is known for its excellent teaching. Enrollment is 425.
- The Library: 11,000 volumes, 350 subscriptions, 2500 audiovisual items, Internet access, automated. Staff of four, including two professionals.
- Procedure: Send letter, resume, and three references to: Assistant Director of Learning Resources Search, Western States Chiropractic College, HR, 2900 NE 132nd Ave.; Portland, OR 97230-3099; Telephone: (503) 251-5716; Fax: (503) 251-5723;
- E-mail: [pbjork@wschiro.edu](mailto:pbjork@wschiro.edu). Open until filled.

*originally posted 2-14-01 to medlib-l by [Pam Bjork](#)*

---

## **WASHINGTON**

### **New professional position in Seattle: Health Information Computing Trainer**

Reference: P10040 (Continuing Education Specialist 3)

Department: Health Sciences Libraries/Regional Medical Library

Date Available: January 16, 2001

Closing Date: Open until filled.

Refer to full position description at:

<http://www.washington.edu/admin/employment/2001archive/01-2001archive/P10040.html>

**General Duties/Description:** The Health Information Computing Trainer will train people in the effective use of health information resources on the Internet. Those trained will be health professionals, librarians, teachers and other information intermediaries, as well as lay members

of Native American communities, primarily in the southwestern U.S. Resources will include National Library of Medicine search services and other agency and organizational databases, Web sites, search tools, and electronic discussion groups, as appropriate, related to Native American health. The training will be conducted in small group workshop settings as well as individual tutorials. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is funding this position for two years. The primary focus of this training is members of communities in the Four Corners region (Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah) that are part of the Gates Foundation's Native American Access to Technology Project.

**Requirements:** Master's degree in Library and Information Science, Education, Information Systems, related fields, or equivalent experience. At least 1 year of computer training experience. Other training and teaching experience is desirable. Experience as a librarian or educator, preferably in a health-related setting.

**Salary:** Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

**How to Apply:** Please send cover letter and resume with Ref #10040 to Neil Rambo, Associate Director, Regional Medical Library, Box 357155, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-7155.

---

### **New professional position in Seattle: Health Information Resource Specialist**

Reference: P10041 (Public Information Specialist)

Department: Health Sciences Libraries/Regional Medical Library

Date Available: January 16, 2001

Closing Date: Open until filled.

Full position description at: <http://www.washington.edu/admin/employment/2001archive/01-2001archive/P10041.html>

**General Duties/Description:** The Health Information Resource Specialist position is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for a period of 2 years, as part of the Foundation's Native American Access to Technology project. The Resource Specialist will locate, evaluate, categorize, and make accessible existing Native American health information resources. The focus will be on Web-based content but will include other formats and media as appropriate. The Resource Specialist will lead or participate in the development of new resources as needed. Resource selection and development will be based on the health information needs of identified Native American communities. Develop and maintain a high quality Website of consumer health information for Native Americans.

**Requirements:** Master's degree in Library and Information Science, or a Master's degree in a related field with significant coursework in information science. At least 2 years experience of professional writing and editing. At least 3 years of development experience on a production Web site.

**How to Apply:** Please send cover letter and resume with Ref #10041 to Neil Rambo, Associate Director, Regional Medical Library, Box 357155, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-7155.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Chair                          | <a href="#">Kim Granath</a>    |
| Chair-Elect                    | <a href="#">Janice Bacino</a>  |
| Past-Chair                     | <a href="#">Carolyn Olson</a>  |
| Recording Secretary            | <a href="#">Kathy Nelson</a>   |
| Treasurer                      | <a href="#">Nola Higley</a>    |
| Membership Secretary           | <a href="#">Barbara Crain</a>  |
| Chapter Council Representative | <a href="#">Bob Pringle</a>    |
| Chapter Council Alternate      | <a href="#">Edean Berglund</a> |

### 2001 PNC Board Officers

|                                |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Chair                          | <a href="#">Janice Bacino</a>     |
| Chair-Elect                    | <a href="#">Bob Pringle</a>       |
| Past-Chair                     | <a href="#">Kim Granath</a>       |
| Recording Secretary            | <a href="#">Chris Beahler</a>     |
| Treasurer                      | <a href="#">Nola Higley</a>       |
| Membership Secretary           | <a href="#">Kathy Martin</a>      |
| Chapter Council Representative | <a href="#">Patrice O'Donovan</a> |
| Chapter Council Alternate      | <a href="#">Dolores Judkins</a>   |

### Committee Chairs - 2000

|                           |                                  |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Archives                  | <a href="#">Janet Schnall</a>    |
| Bylaws                    | <a href="#">Jan Schueller</a>    |
| Electronic Resources      | open                             |
| Governmental Relations    | <a href="#">Marcia Batchelor</a> |
| Liaison to MLA/AHIP       | <a href="#">Terry Jankowski</a>  |
| Nominating Elections      | <a href="#">Carolyn Olson</a>    |
| Professional Development  | <a href="#">Lisa Oberg</a>       |
| Program - Alaska          | <a href="#">Kathy Murray</a>     |
| Publications / Newsletter | <a href="#">Kathy Murray</a>     |

### Committee Chairs - 2001

|          |                               |
|----------|-------------------------------|
| Archives | <a href="#">Janet Schnall</a> |
|----------|-------------------------------|



|                           |                                  |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Bylaws                    | <a href="#">Jan Schueller</a>    |
| Electronic Resources      | open                             |
| Governmental Relations    | <a href="#">Marcia Batchelor</a> |
| Liaison to MLA/AHIP       | <a href="#">Terry Jankowski</a>  |
| Nominating Elections      | <a href="#">Kim Granath</a>      |
| Professional Development  | open                             |
| Program - Salishan 2001   | <a href="#">Beverly Schriver</a> |
| Publications / Newsletter | <a href="#">Kathy Murray</a>     |

---

## Publication Statement

*Northwest Notes* is published four times per year by the Pacific Northwest Chapter, Medical Library Association: Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington.

**[Kathy Murray](#), Editor**

University of Alaska Anchorage  
Consortium Library  
Health Sciences Information Service  
3211 Providence Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99508  
907.786.1611  
F: 907.786.1608

Statements and opinions expressed in the newsletter do not necessarily represent the official position of the Chapter or the Editor.

**News and articles are welcome!** Please include your name, library, address, phone and fax number, and email address (if available). The editor reserves the right to edit submissions as necessary.

Articles from *Northwest Notes* may be reprinted without permission; credit would be appreciated.

---

**Volume 21 Number 4 Oct.-Dec. 2000  
March 1, 2001**