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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

by Wendy Larson

Greetings and Happy Spring!

I sat down for a few minutes when I arrived at work today and realized that since I have been chair of HSLM, my world has been in constant change. I opened a consumer health library in October, had a bouncing baby girl in January, returned from maternity leave last week to prepare to move the medical library to its new location next week. Oh, yes, I forgot to mention that due to a network server software change, I also had to entirely convert our online catalog to a new program in November.

And that is in just one small part of the HSLM world. I can only imagine what types of changes are occurring in our collective libraries!

Speaking of changes, the HSLM board is always interested in hearing about changes and innovations in your library. We always welcome ideas and suggestions on how HSLM can help support you and your libraries.

The Board will be meeting in April to plan the annual meeting. The annual meeting is known for the excellent programs and networking opportunities provided. Last year we learned how to be search engine gurus, and the year previously we learned how to plan for disasters. Watch for upcoming information about the annual meeting. We hope to see you there so we can all catch up with each other!

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HSLM NEWS

2006 Dues Reminder

by Doreen Roberts

Reminder: Please submit your 2006 dues for HSLM. Dues are \$25 for the calendar year (January-December). Contact Doreen Roberts (218-249-5320 or droberts@slhduluth.com) with questions.

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MEMBER NEWS

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HSLM Member Spotlight: Jennifer Feeken

by Jennifer Feeken

I graduated from South Dakota State University in 1995 with a B.S. degree in microbiology. After working for a few years as a food microbiologist, I decided to get my MLIS degree from the College of St. Catherine. While attending school, I was a library assistant at Fairview Southdale Hospital. I graduated from St. Kate's in August 2000 and started as a librarian at Regions Hospital in December 2000. I enjoy working with Mary Wittenbreer to continually try to improve the library. When we started, the reference books were locked in my office and nurses weren't allowed in! The library is now a busy place with strong support from staff. It also looks promising that the library will finally be remodeled in 2007. On a personal note, I am expecting my first baby. I'm due April 28th and plan on taking 12 weeks off. See you in July!

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HSLM Board Member Spotlight: Frances Cockrum

by Frances Cockrum

I was born 61 years ago in Boise, Idaho. In the summer between my junior and senior years of high school my father, mother, sister, and I moved to Gresham, Oregon where I graduated from high school. I have lots of university hours in physical education (which I thought was my first love) and a degree in anthropology with an emphasis in archeology from the University of Oregon, an earth science degree from Minot State University, and an MLS library science degree from the University of Oregon. (Not listed in chronological order).

My first professional medical library job was in Minot, North Dakota. For the past sixteen years I have been a reference librarian at the Mayo College of Medicine Plummer Library in Rochester, Minnesota. On the HSLM Board, I am the GMR Representative and have held

various other board positions as well. I am a life member of the Medical Library Association (which I purchased with my first paycheck from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine). I am a Distinguished Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals, and a member of the Midwest Chapter of MLA, too.

I think I was destined to be a librarian. I started working in libraries when I was in the fifth grade. During the following summer I finished reading all of the books in the children's area of the library and got to go upstairs to the "adult" book area of the public library.

I volunteer as a first aid provider for the National Ski Patrol at the Coffee Mill Ski Area in Wabasha, Minnesota. During my leisure time I enjoy backpacking, canoeing, and cross country skiing. I like to go on archeology digs and would like to learn more about using GPS to precisely locate items on topographic and grid maps. I write Haiku poetry, make "Easter" eggs with scenes inside, and I make paper beads and seed bead works. AND of course I devour books by reading for a couple of hours every night.

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HSLM Member News

MELISSA RETHLEFSEN, MLS, a Librarian at the Mayo Clinic and a member of the MLA's Core Public Health Journal Project editorial team has received the 2006 MLA Louise Darling Medal for Distinguished Achievement in Collection Development in the Health Sciences. Melissa is serving on the oversight Committee and was a primary developer for the Occupational Health and Safety 2.0 list. Congratulations!

DAWN LITTLETON, MA, MLS, AHIP, was awarded rank of Assistant Professor in Medical Education, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, in January.

PAT ERWIN, Head of Reference at Mayo Clinic, has co-authored two articles:

Montori VM. Devereaux PJ. Adhikari NKJ. Burns KEA. Eggert CH. Briel M. Lacchetti C. Leung TW. Darling E. Bryant DM. Bucher HC. Schunemann H. Meade MO. Cook DJ. Erwin PJ. Sood A. Sood R. Lo B. Thompson CA. Zhou Q. Mills E. Guyatt GH. Randomized trials stopped early for benefit - A systematic review. JAMA. 294(17):2203-2209, 2005 Nov 2.

Mueller PS. Murali NS. Cha SS. ErwinPJ. Ghosh AK. The effect of online status on the impact factors of general Internal medicine articles. Netherlands Journal of Medicine 2006 Feb; 64(2):39-44.

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LIBRARY NEWS

U of M Health Sciences Libraries

by Karla Block

The Bio-Medical Library, Veterinary Medical Library, and the Owen H. Wangensteen Historical Library of Biology and Medicine are now administered jointly as the Health Sciences Libraries (HSL), directed by Linda Watson. HSL is the new umbrella term used to refer to these three University of Minnesota libraries collectively. All three libraries retain their distinct identities, but now share an overarching identity as the Health Sciences Libraries based on their common mission, visions, and goals.

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U of M Hires Outreach Librarian

by Linda Watson

The Health Sciences Libraries at the University of Minnesota recently hired Annelie Sober as an Outreach Librarian. Annelie's start date was February 13, 2006. Her position is a new, part-time position that is unique in that Annelie lives in and will work in Duluth. Her primary duties are to serve as liaison to librarians, health professionals (especially community-based faculty who serve as preceptors for U of M health professional students, as well as the AHECs), and community agencies in Northeast Minnesota to extend quality health information services to both citizens and health professionals. She will also work as part of a project team to launch My Health Minnesota > Go Local, a MedlinePlus Go Local initiative. Annelie has an MLS from the University of Illinois, and many years of experience as a hospital librarian for Miller Dwan Medical Center in Duluth after beginning her career at UCLA Biomedical Library.

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Bio-Medical Library Open House Named a Winner

by Karla Block

Every year, the Medical Library Association sponsors its Creative Promotions Award for events held during National Medical Librarians Month in October. The awards recognize libraries for excellence in library marketing and promotion. This year, the Bio-Medical Library entered for the first time, highlighting its Open House held on October 11, 2005, for which it received an honorable mention. For more information about the 2005 awards, please read the press release at <http://www.mlanet.org/press/2006/jan06.html#2>.

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Minnesota Prevention Resource Center Wins Award

A recent press release (March 27) from the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) announced the ten finalists for the 2006 NCLIS Health Information Awards for Libraries. The awards are designed to encourage library programs that address one or more of the following: dietary choices; exercise; smoking cessation; alcohol and/or drug abuse prevention or cessation; immunizations and health screenings; and improved health literacy, that is, the ability to understand and make use of health information.

State winners were selected in each state, and from those, a panel of NCLIS Commissioners selected the ten finalists, including the Minnesota Prevention Resource Center. The Center, located in Mounds View, is a project of the Minnesota Institute of Public Health. Sally Mandler, MLS, is the Information Services Coordinator. She will travel to the National Library of Medicine on May 3, where the ten finalists will be presented in a day-long forum built around the subject of libraries and health information. Dr. J. Edward Hill, President of the American Medical Association, will be the Keynote Speaker. The forum will also be addressed by Surgeon General Vice Admiral Richard H. Carmona. Representatives of the finalist organizations will discuss their programs in three categories: "Effective Programs," "Health Literacy," and "Partnerships and Outreach."

Each finalist will be awarded a \$1,000 prize in recognition of their library's work. At a reception at the end of the day, the Commission will announce the Grand Prize Winner, chosen from the finalists, with a prize of \$20,000 to be awarded to that program.

Congratulations to the Minnesota Prevention Resource Center! Visit their website at <http://www.emprc.org/> to find out more about them.

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Library Spotlight: University of Minnesota Medical Center Library

by Michael Scott

The University of Minnesota Medical Center (UMMC) Library is located in Minneapolis with a collection of about 300 current periodicals and 2000 books. The Medical Center is actually two campuses divided by the Mississippi River and is composed of UMMC as well as the UMMC Children's Hospital. The Library has a staff of 3 including 2 librarians and 1 library assistant. Michael Scott is the Manager of Library Services and has been with UMMC since 1999. Renee Jacobson, Senior Library Assistant, has been with UMMC since 2001. Currently, our Medical Librarian position is vacant (but we hope to fill it soon, so watch for the position posting!). The Library is a part of Fairview Health Services and is one of three libraries at Fairview.

The Library has subscriptions to online databases, including Ovid & UpToDate (resources shared with the entire Fairview system.) A big push in the past few years has been toward more

things electronic. We have an extensive collection of online journals via Journals@Ovid, Wiley Interscience, ScienceDirect, Blackwell Synergy, and Internurse.com. Online texts have become popular at UMMC too, with titles available via Books@Ovid, AccessMedicine, and STAT!Ref.

The Library serves all UMMC and UMMC-affiliated community clinics as well as the corporate offices of Fairview Health Services. Our patrons include medical staff, residents, students (medical, nursing, allied health, etc.), nursing and other allied health staff, as well as non-medical hospital and clinic staff. We, as well as the two other libraries within Fairview, serve the entire Fairview system as well. The major services we provide include literature searches, interlibrary loan, database training, and other information-related services (oh, the questions we've answered and consultations we've given!)

Finally, while we don't have a view of Lake Superior we do have the Mississippi River right out our back door. Please feel free to stop by anytime and check us out.

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New Staff at Regions Hospital

by Mary Wittenbreer

Jennifer Neville recently joined the staff at Regions Hospital. She received her MLIS from Dominican University in 2005. Her library experience includes 5 years at Hennepin County Medical Center as a library assistant plus cataloging the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's library collection.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Midwest Chapter Call for Papers/Posters

Adapted from the Midwest Chapter website

The most important part of any meeting of medical librarians is the papers and posters presented by our professional colleagues. The Program Committee of the 2006 annual meeting of the Medical Library Association Midwest Chapter is excited to announce the call for papers and poster presentations for our meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, 7-11 October 2006. The submission deadline is June 1.

We especially want to encourage new Chapter members, those new to the profession or new to medical librarianship to submit their work. Library school students with an interest in pursuing careers in medical librarianship are also encouraged to submit a proposal.

While our theme is Southern Exposure: A Different Point of View, papers on any topic relevant to the improvement of medical librarianship will be considered. Express your different point of view in a paper or poster presentation. Paper presentations should be prepared to last 20 minutes. Posters will be presented in the Exhibit Hall on Monday, October 9th.

Full details can be found online at <http://midwestmla.org/Currentconference/Papers.htm>

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