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NCNMLG Newsletter

President's Message from Keir Reavie

As many of you know, it is hard to write an article, even a short one like the president's message for a newsletter, when you are under pressure. I'm currently writing two days beyond my due date (thank you for a patient editor), which seems to make it even harder to complete. I mention this at the beginning, as writer's block can be broken only by writing—writing whatever flows from your thoughts. Just get it down on paper, or computer screen, regardless of subject, theme, or logic. So if this message rambles a little you have some context for any confusing or unfocused statements. If you are hoping for an inspirational message, it probably won't happen here. However, one take away lesson is that writing requires writing—simply put hands on a keyboard and type. Don't procrastinate.

My morning commute is long, so I have a lot of time to think about appropriate topics for a president's message. We all involve ourselves in numerous activities each day, both through work and in our personal lives. Our experiences may be superficial, enlightening, or somewhere in between, and those experiences can often be transformed through metaphor into lessons or new ideas, applicable to say, the profession of librarianship. Books and music are amongst my favorite experiences to draw on, especially a good book. Good books make you think and help generate new ideas—ideas that go beyond the book's initial intent. The modern world calls such transformation of information into new ideas the *art of blogging*—communicating original and meaningful ideas via a blog.

This morning I was thinking about *The Godfather*. I received the box set of three movies as a gift this past Christmas, so have recently watched the first two movies again. They're brilliant. There is always more to explore about the story and characters

with each viewing. (I haven't watched the third movie yet. It's ok, but Sophia Coppola really stinks it up and ruins an otherwise good movie. Fortunately she moved away from acting and started directing). *The Godfather*, you ask? How might that relate to librarianship? Michael Corleone is hardly the librarian type, at least not our stereotypical librarian. I don't see librarians as ruthless commanders that remove all obstacles standing between them and absolute power over, well I guess, libraries. Librarians are more cooperative types. We have a tendency to work with our perceived competitors, like Google, and that's a good thing. Librarians need to be where people are looking for information, to ensure they get the best information in the most efficient way possible. We need to ensure they get the right information to make decisions and help generate new ideas and knowledge. Good information after all is vital to the survival of an enlightened blogosphere.

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I was likely thinking of The Godfather because the Joint Meeting was in Las Vegas. There are numerous Las Vegas and Nevada references in The Godfather, particularly the second movie. Hopefully everyone had a great time visiting the city during the meeting. The meeting itself certainly went well (See Jim Curtis' meeting summary in this issue). We had great speakers, contributed papers, posters,

and lots of happy vendors. Everyone involved in planning and participating did a wonderful job. I once again want to thank Jim Curtis, Terry Henner, Florence Jakus, and the rest of the planning committee for pulling the whole shebang together. Their hard work made my job at the meeting a lot easier. I was comfortable in knowing everything was taken care of, for me and other participants, just like Michael would want it.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR NCNMLG OFFICERS

Submitted by Barbara Ryken and Michelle Henley

Your NCNMLG Nominating Committee is again asking for volunteers to run for NCNMLG office. Although we've made great headway so far, we still need a few more candidates for the following positions:

- **NCNMLG Nominating Committee**
- **MLA Nominating Committee**
- **Treasurer**

If you have questions about these or any of the positions, or if you have any suggestions for potential

candidates, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee:

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Michelle Henley (michelle.henley@chw.edu), (415) 353-6321.

THE MEETING HAS LEFT THE BUILDING!

Submitted by Jim Curtis



It is hard to believe that a little over two weeks ago many of us were together in Las Vegas at the 2008 Joint Meeting of the Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group and the Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona. For me, as one of the Tri Chairs, it is perhaps even harder to believe just how worried I was about pulling off this meeting early in January! At one point we were talking about whether we should cancel the whole thing. Now I am so glad that we persevered, and I am so grateful to the members of the Program Committee, our exhibitors and supporting vendors, and to each person who attended the meeting for contributing to our success.

Left to Right: Joint Conference Planning Committee Members Marie Kennedy, Donna Alexander, Rebecca Davis, Peggy Tahir, Terry Henner, Florence Jakus, Jim Curtis, NCNMLG President Keir Reavie, Kerry Sullivan, and June Simms

Thank you so very, very much!

The evaluations are still coming in, but based on those that we have already received it seems that most people who attended the meeting were quite pleased with their experience. Las Vegas and casino hotels are not everyone's cup of tea, and there were a few parts of the meeting that went a little less well than we would have liked, but overall the evaluation of the program was quite high. People seemed to enjoy the opening reception and the visit from Elvis, the food at most of the meeting events, the number and contact with the vendors, the continuing education classes, the contributed papers, the plenary speakers, the posters, and the meeting venue. The events planned for the evenings were well received, and as long as you were open to the Vegas experience, it seemed a good time was enjoyed by most who attended.

We ended up with approximately 170 members in attendance with almost 20% coming from outside of our joint chapters. We had about 30 vendors represented. Reports from various committees are still coming in, and we won't know for a bit yet how we did financially, but I am personally very happy with how the meeting turned out. I was very impressed with the Flamingo's

support for the meeting. Their staff was excellent, capable, and quite responsive.

And what can I say about our co-chairs and all of the hard working members of the Program Committee except I am so impressed with what you accomplished, how hard you worked, and how well things turned out. Sorry I haven't gotten those "thank you" letters out yet, but I hope to get those done this week. I have served on several National Program Committees for MLA annual meetings, but I had never been involved in planning a chapter meeting before. I now know how hard it is to pull a meeting of this kind together without the help of professional, fulltime staff, or even a well developed "how to" manual. Our meeting was done entirely by dedicated volunteers, working together by phone and email, who can expect little reward or recognition for all of their hard work. Without the efforts of these folks there would be no MLA Chapters and no chapter meetings. Once again, thanks to all who did such a superb job... and to every one of you who presented papers and posters, taught a class, led a discussion, and attended our meeting. It takes all of us to make it happen.

Viva Librarians!

PANEL DISCUSSION SUMMARY: BE IT RESOLVED: EXCELLENT HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL SCHOOLS NEED LIBRARIANS AND LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY SERVICES

Submitted by Jacqueline Doyle

Friday's Panel Discussion was entitled ***Be it Resolved: Excellent Hospitals and Medical Schools and Other Learning Organizations Need Librarians AND Libraries AND Library Services; How the Provision of Evidence-Based Knowledge Improves Care.*** The session was moderated by **Jacqueline D. Doyle**, Librarian at the Arizona



Health Sciences Library, Phoenix, University of Arizona College of Medicine, Phoenix.

Speakers included:

- **Robert A. Wise**, M.D., Vice President, Division of Standards and Survey Methods who addressed *Knowledge Management at the Sharp End: A Look into the Future*;
- **Mark E. Funk**, AHIP, Head of Collection Development, Samuel J. Wood Library, Weill Cornell Medical College and Current MLA President, who asked *Are We Toast Yet?*
- **Katherine Stemmer Frumento**, MLS, MBA, AHIP, Director of Library Services at Greenwich Hospital in Greenwich, CT Greenwich Hospital whose talk was called *It's More than Just the Standards*; and
- **Peter Meyer**, MLIS, Regional Library Coordinator for Northern California Kaiser Permanente, who discussed *Positioning the Library Strategically: the Kaiser Permanente Experience*

Each speaker spoke from his and her own unique perspective. **Dr. Wise** differentiated between the *sharp* and *blunt* ends of the patient care process. He addressed how information needs are discovered, used, and fulfilled in different ways depending on the end of the process the need is situated. In placing library and information service and resources in the *blunt* end, he made the point that our function is part of the “system” and infrastructure that must be in place, and rarely is utilized at the point of care. Many people in the audience attempted to dissuade him of that opinion and since there was very little time for active discussion, we did not succeed. Perhaps we need to continue to communicate with Dr. Wise on this topic?

Mark began his talk with a question: *Are We Toast Yet?* and likened hospital librarians to canaries in the coal mine. (You had to be there or check the meeting web for details.) He then filled us in on the many projects MLA has initiated, including the Vital Pathways Project (<http://www.mlanet.org/resources/vital/>), the Advocacy Toolbox (<http://www.mlanet.org/members/advocacy/>) and the JCAHO resource page (<http://www.mlanet.org/resources/index.html#jcaho>).

Kathy referred briefly to the JCAHO standards, but reminded us of other strategies and documents to use and refer administrators to, including ANCC Magnet Recognition Program (<http://www.nursecredentialing.org/magnet/>) and how librarians can aid their organizations to achieve this status, ACCME (<http://www.accme.org/>) and the ACGME (<http://www.acgme.org/acWebsite/home/home.asp>) standards, as well as common sense public relations endeavors.

Peter closed by talking about why it is critical for librarians to do five key things: align the library’s mission and goals with those of their parent organization; partner with strategy in mind; rally around technology; transcend and ignore (some) barriers, and promote librarians and the library unmercifully.

Being the last session of the last day, we had to close our conversation prematurely but doing so left us wanting more. This is something we all need to address every day and across all library types, and with enthusiasm. Let’s not hesitate to continue this conversation with our speakers and MLA. Presentation notes and slides are to be posted, so watch <http://www.med.unr.edu/ncnmlg/> for future postings.



SCENES FROM THE VIVA LIBRARIANS JOINT CONFERENCE
FLAMINGO HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA
Pictures on this page courtesy of Jacqueline Doyle



THE OPENING RECEPTION FOR VIVA LIBRARIANS! FEATURED—WHO ELSE?—ELVIS.

ILL COUPON COUNTDOWN

DECEMBER 31, 2008 WILL BE THE LAST DAY TO REDEEM COUPONS!

This is a reminder that the Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group is ending the interlibrary loan coupon program! The program will be phased out according to the attached schedule over the next calendar year.

All outstanding coupons will be honored if they are sent to the ILL Coupon Manager for redemption before the closing date. Coupons not returned by the closing date will **no longer** be honored by libraries in the system and will **not** be redeemable for cash.

How to Redeem Coupons

Please batch the coupons for redemption in bundles of 20 with the "leavings" of less than 20 batched and labeled as a "short" bundle. For example, if you have 89 coupons, please return them as 4 bundles of 20 and 1 bundle of 9, the latter bundle labeled "short." Send your coupons directly to the Coupon Manager (to save time and to avoid the need to spend group funds on postage):

David W. Brown, MA, MLS
Library Technical Services Coordinator
Kaiser Permanente
Physician Education and Development
1800 Harrison St, 21st floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Please send your coupons for redemption according to the accompanying schedule (coupons sent early will be handled during the proper time slot according to the schedule; **ANY COUPONS RECEIVED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2008 WILL NOT BE HONORED**):

January 2008

Redemption of coupons by institutions A - B

February 2008

Redemption of coupons by institutions C

March 2008

Redemption of coupons by institutions D - J

April 2008

Redemption of coupons by institutions K

May 2008

Redemption of coupons by institutions L - O

June 2008

Redemption of coupons by institutions P - R

July 2008

Redemption of coupons by institutions S

August 2008

Redemption of coupons by institutions T - Z

September 2008 – December 2008

Redemption of remaining coupons.

Please be sure to accompany your coupons with the NCNMLG coupon redemption form, which can be found on the Internet at:

http://ncnmlg.org/programs/programs_ill.htm

Redemption checks will be made out either to your library as designated on the redemption form or to EFTS (this latter option is for those libraries who would like to use their redemption funds to set up, on their own, an EFTS account with the University of Connecticut Health Center (see below for further information on this). Checks will be returned directly to the redeeming library in either case and without exception.

Alternatives for ILL include the Electronic Fund Transfer System (EFTS), a transaction-based electronic billing system for ILL and document delivery sponsored by the University of Connecticut Health Center, and FreeShare, a cross-regional DOCLINE Library Group whose members agree to

fill DOCLINE requests free of charge on a reciprocal basis.

You will find further information about the EFTS option at their website:

<https://efts.uchc.edu>

The program's direct contact information is:

Email: efts@uchc.edu

Phone: Toll-Free: 866-561-5045 or 860-679-4500 (8am – 4pm EST)

Facsimile: 860-679-1305.

The link to FreeShare is

<http://nmlm.gov/rsdd/freeshare/>.

Your contact for FreeShare in this region is Julie Kwan, Library Network Coordinator, jkkwan@library.ucla.edu, 310-825-5342.

If you have questions about the final closure of the NCNMLG ILL coupon program, please contact the ILL Coupon Manager:

David W. Brown, MA, MLS
Library Technical Services Coordinator

david.w.brown@kp.org

Telephone: 510-625-2369

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APPLY FOR AN NCNMLG PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT BY APRIL 15

Submitted by Rebecca Davis

The NCNMLG Professional Development Grant program has been created to support NCNMLG members' professional development activities including attendance at classes, conferences and meetings and to provide NCNMLG members with the opportunity to increase their competence in the theoretical, administrative and/or technical aspects of librarianship and information management.

Persons given the award must complete the program within a twelve-month period. Once the program has been completed, the awardee must write a short article

for the next NCNMLG newsletter. Applicants must be regular members of NCNMLG. Grants range from \$100-\$300. For more details on the award and for an application, go to

http://www.ncnmlg.org/documents/ncnmlg_prof_dev_brochure.pdf. The next deadline for applications is April 15, 2008.

Questions? Contact Rebecca Davis, Chair of the Awards and Honors Committee, at radavis@ucdavis.edu or 916-734-3529.

NCNMLG PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2007 MLA BENCHMARKING SURVEY

Submitted by Candace Walker

Twenty-five NCNMLG members did the survey! A big thanks to:

Amy Andres – UCSF Fresno
Ysabel Bertolucci - Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Oakland
Hella Bluhm-Stieber - Santa Clara Valley Medical Center
Geri Bodeker - Seton Medical Center
Janet Bruman - Natividad Medical Center
Rupa Chaobal – Washington Hospital Healthcare System

Mary Carlson - Good Samaritan Hospital
Nancy Crossfield - St. Agnes Medical Center
Mina Davenport – Children's Hospital Medical Center
Carolyn Fishel – Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Walnut Creek
Florence Fong – Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Redwood City
Karen Halverson - El Camino Hospital
Doris Hayashikawa – Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Santa Clara
Michelle Henley - Saint Francis Memorial Hospital

Colleen Lamkin - St. Joseph's Medical Center
 Monique Liston - Mercy San Juan Hospital
 Eve Melton - Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Modesto
 Owen Miller - Kaiser Permanente Medical Center San Francisco
 Marlene Rogers - TPMG Division of Research
 Vickie Sanders - O'Connor Hospital
 Anne Shew - California Pacific Medical Center
 Susan Ulrich - Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula
 Lynn Van Houten - Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Vallejo
 Carrie Walsh - Kaiser Permanente Medical Center San Rafael
 Candace Walker - Dominican Hospital

At the NCNMLG business meeting in Las Vegas we held the drawing for two Border's gift cards. The lucky winners were Monique Liston and Lynn Van Houten.

MLA is still doing some data cleanup, but preliminary results show that over 300 libraries completed the survey. You'll all be notified as soon as the 2007 data is available in the interactive reports section of the MLA benchmarking web site.

NCNMLG'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CONTINUES!

Submitted by Kim Schwartz

NCNMLG turned 60 on November 12th, 2007! To commemorate this event, a poster was shown at the Joint Meeting in Las Vegas; a Diamond Jubilee page was created on NCNMLGweb, as well as a 60th anniversary blog, and an event is being planned for the late spring.

All NCNMLG members are invited to record their personal highlights from the past decade as well as

goals or predictions for NCNMLG's future. Locke Morrissey and Rebecca Davis have already posted their thoughts. The blog is at: <http://ncnmlg.blogspot.com/>.

If you wish to post an entry and are unable to login to the blog yourself, please send an email to Kim Schwartz at kim.schwartz@stanford.edu and it will be posted with your signature.

NCNMLG REGION LOCATIONS FOR MLA EDUCATIONAL WEBCAST: WEB 2.0 PRINCIPLES AND BEST PRACTICES ON MARCH 5TH

Adapted from the PSR News, Melina Duenas

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Southwest Region, is sponsoring the following regional sites in the NCNMLG region for the broadcast of MLA's Educational Webcast: **Web 2.0 Principles and Best Practices: Discovering the Participatory Web, Wednesday, March 5, 2008, 1:00 p.m., Central Time:**

California – Alameda County

Kaiser Permanente
 1 Kaiser Plaza, 16B
 Oakland, CA 94612
 Site Coordinator Name: Sara Pimental
 Phone: 510-271-2360

Email: sara.pimental@kp.org

California – Fresno County

UCSF Fresno Center for Medical Education and Research
 155 N. Fresno Street
 Fresno, CA 93701
 Site Coordinator Name: Amy Andres
 Phone: 559-499-6505
 Email: amy.andres@fresno.ucsf.edu

California – Los Angeles County

UCLA Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library
 12-077 CHS, Box 951798
 Los Angeles, CA 90095-1798
 Site Coordinator Name: Andrea Lynch
 Phone: 310-206-5020
 Email: andlynch@library.ucla.edu

California – Monterey County

Community Hospital of the Monterey
 Peninsula
 P.O. Box HH
 Monterey, CA 93942
 Site Coordinator Name: Susan Ulrich
 Phone: 831-625-4550
 Email: susan.ulrich@chomp.org

California – San Bernardino County

Del E. Webb Library
 11072 Anderson St.

Loma Linda, CA 92350
 Site Coordinator Name: Andrea Griffith
 Phone: 909-558-4581
 Email: agriffith@llu.edu

Nevada- Eureka County

Savitt Medical Library
 1644 N. Virginia St. MS 306
 Reno, NV 89557
 Site Coordinator: Terry Henner
 Phone: 775-682-7301
 Email: thenner@medicine.nevada.edu

For more information, visit the MLA website at
http://www.mlanet.org/education/distance_ed/web2.0/index.html.

NN/LM PSR will circulate a videotape and DVD following the teleconference. If you are unable to attend the conference, you can request a loan from our website at the Lending Library page:
http://nml.gov/psr/services/lending_lib/

FREE CE COURSE ON WEB 2.0 AVAILABLE TO MLA MEMBERS Submitted by James Beattie

Want 8 FREE hours of CE credit? The MLA Social Networking Task Force (SNSTF) is offering an 8 week continuing education class on second generation webtools. No prior knowledge of Web 2.0 technologies required. This class provides a hands-on introduction to 2.0 tools & an opportunity to discuss their benefits & detractors as related to medical libraries with your colleagues! This online class will require 1-2 hours/week of work. Content will include background readings, discovery exercises (along the lines of 'try this tool out'), and a discussion blog.

This course covers many new web trends that you may have heard of, including:

- * Wikis
- * Social networking
- * Social bookmarking and tagging
- * Web office tools

- * Photo sharing
- * Online hosted video
- * Mashups

You will have time to make up weeks if you have an absence, but only members who finish the entire course content will receive the CE credit.

The SNSTF is very excited to bring this FREE opportunity to MLA members - sign up today! Registration is open until March 9th.

For more information and to register, visit the MLANET members-only area
http://www.mlanet.org/members/snstf_ce.html?focuss_20080221>; use your MLA ID/username and MLANET password to register. Registration deadline is March 9, 2008.

UC DAVIS HOSTS FREE MEDICAL INFORMATION CLASSES MARCH 18 AND 19

Submitted by Ken Firestein

UC Davis will host classes on medical information as described below. The classes are FREE, and Kay Deeney from the Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library will be the instructor. Classes are offered on Tuesday, March 18th and Wednesday, March 19th in the afternoon. Both classes will be given in the Shields Library at the University of California, Davis.

SPACE IS LIMITED. Contact: Ken Firestein at: klfirestein@ucdavis.edu to reserve a space.

Class Descriptions:

Tuesday - March 18 1-4:30 pm

Making PubMed Work for You

This class is intended to hone basic searching techniques and the ability to develop search strategies that will take advantage of the PubMed interface to MEDLINE. The course will explore various methods for searching the PubMed system. Topics covered include Automatic Term Mapping, Search Results, Features Bar, Related Articles, My NCBI, Searching

with MESH, Journal Database, and Single Citation Matcher. This course will provide an overview of the system and demonstrate utilizing the features of PubMed to search effectively. The 3.5-hour version of the course provides the attendees with hands-on opportunities to practice their search techniques. More information about this class is at: <http://nml.gov/training/work/>. This is a 3.5 hour CE class with hands on.

Wednesday, March 19 1pm-5pm

PubMed for Experts

Designed as an advanced class for experienced MEDLINE searchers. This hands-on class will highlight advanced PubMed techniques that can be used to conduct comprehensive searches. Attendees are encouraged to contribute past and present difficult searches to discuss with the class. More information about this class is at: <http://nml.gov/training/pubmedexpert/>. This is a 3 or 4 hour CE class with hands on.

HEIDI HEILEMANN IS WINNER OF MURRAY GOTTLIEB PRIZE FROM MLA

Source: MLA Focus, Feb. 28, 2008

The winners of MLA awards for 2008 were announced in a special edition of MLA-FOCUS published Feb. 28. NCNMLG member Heidi Heilemann, AHIP, Lane Medical Library, Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford, CA, won the Murray Gottlieb Prize for "Envisioning the Unborn:

Art, Anatomy and the Printing Press in the Early Modern Era." The Murray Gottlieb Prize is awarded annually for the best unpublished essay on the history of medicine and allied sciences written by a health sciences librarian.

2008-2009 MLA ELECTION RESULTS

On December 12, 2007, the 2008/09 MLA election results were certified and notarized by staff at Survey and Ballot Systems. There were 1,360 valid, returned ballots (via Web voting and paper ballots) from eligible members. The election had a participation rate of 38.51%.

MLA thanks all candidates who agreed to run. The successful candidates listed below will assume office at the conclusion of MLA '08 in Chicago, IL.

President-elect: Connie Schardt, AHIP
Board of Directors (2008-2011): Jane Blumenthal,

AHIP; Julia Kochi; Beverly Murphy, AHIP. Also joining the board is Judy Burnham, AHIP, who was elected by Section Council to serve as the Section Council liaison (2008-2011)

Nominating Committee: Ysabel R. Bertolucci, AHIP; Ellen Gay Detlefsen; Sandra G. Franklin, AHIP; Charles J. Greenberg; Elaine Russo Martin; Gerald (Jerry) Perry, AHIP; Chris Shaffer, AHIP; Julia Sollenberger, AHIP, FMLA; Michele Spatz. Jean P. Shipman, AHIP, MLA's 2007/08 immediate past president, will chair the Nominating Committee.

NLM ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF NEW DRUG INFORMATION PORTAL By Alan Carr, Outreach Coordinator, NN/LM Pacific Southwest Region

The National Library of Medicine has announced the release of the NLM Drug Information Portal. The site is located at <http://druginfo.nlm.nih.gov>. This resource provides the public, healthcare professionals, and researchers with a gateway to current, accurate, and understandable drug information from the National Library of Medicine and other key government agencies. The Drug Information Portal offers a varied selection of resources and focused topics in medicine and drug-related information, with links to individual resources with drug information and summaries tailored to various audiences. General drug categories from MeSH are also included in the Drug Portal records.

More than 12,000 drugs are available for searching. The search interface is straightforward, requiring only a drug name as a search term, and a spellchecker is provided. Information buttons and balloon pop-ups guide the user by providing helpful hints or a description of the resource and links to the source website. Search results include links to related drug information in MedlinePlus®, AIDSinfo®, Medline/PubMed®, LactMed, HSDB®, Dietary Supplements Labels Database, TOXLINE®, DailyMed®, ClinicalTrials.gov, PubChem, NIAID Anti-HIV/OI Database, ChemIDplus®, Drugs@FDA, DEA, and USA.gov.

NLM RELEASES GUIDELINES AND RESOURCES TO FACILITATE COMPLIANCE WITH NIH PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY

President Bush signed the [Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008](#) on December 27, 2007. Section 218 of the bill includes the provision on the National Institutes of Health (NIH) public access policy that requires all investigators funded by the NIH to submit or have submitted for them to PubMed Central an electronic version of their final, peer-

reviewed manuscripts upon acceptance for publication, to be made publicly available no later than 12 months after the official date of publication.

To facilitate compliance with the revised policy, NLM has released new [guidelines and resources](#), including tutorials, for the NIH manuscript submission system.

LIBRARIES IN MEDICAL EDUCATION: A NEW GROUP

Submitted by Rikke Ogawa, co-convenor of WGEA LiME-sig

The library's role in medical education is a much discussed topic in both medical education and library communities. Seeking opportunities to foster collaboration between librarians involved in medical education and physician educators, Libraries in Medical Education special interest groups (aka LiME-sigs) have been popping up in the various regions of the Association of American Medical Colleges*. Unlike MLA, the AAMC does not sponsor special interest groups at a national level. LiME-sigs must be formed at the local level through one of the professional development groups, in this case the Group on Educational Affairs, at the regional level of the AAMC.

At MLA 2007, a group of librarians met to discuss the successes of creating LiME sigs in their regions and to discuss librarian involvement with our regional Groups on Educational Affairs. The Western region (Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, and Washington) is the only region currently without a LiME-sig. While librarians have

attended WGEA meetings in the past and participated in other special interest groups, increasing interest has been expressed by Western region librarians to form such a group. The current chair of the WGEA has also expressed interest in seeing librarians participate in as more active members of the regional group.

In late December, email was sent to the librarians at WGEA member institutions announcing the intent to form a LiME-sig in our region. The first Skype conference call was held on January 10th and was attended by librarians from California, Utah, Washington and New Mexico. Discussion centered around the history of the process of officially convening the group through the WGEA and plans for attending the upcoming WGEA meeting in Asilomar, April 27-30, 2008.

If you are interested in participating in the newly forming LiME-sig of the Western group on Educational Affairs or just want more information, please contact:

Jeanne Le Ber

Education Services Librarian
Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library
University of Utah
801-585-6744
jeannele@lib.med.utah.edu

or

Rikke Ogawa

Emergent Technologies Coordinator
Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library
University of California Los Angeles
310-794-1907
rikke.ogawa@library.ucla.edu

* See the August 2007 MLA News article for more details on LiME-sigs:

http://www.mlanet.org/members/mla_news/2007/aug



"SERU: A SHARED ELECTRONIC RESOURCE UNDERSTANDING" DOCUMENT NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

By Cynthia Hodgson, NISO Technical Editor Consultant

Slightly more than one year after the Shared E-Resource Understanding (SERU) Working Group was formed, the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) has issued "SERU: A Shared Electronic Resource Understanding" as part of its Recommended Practice series (NISO-RP-7-2008). The SERU document's publication follows a six-month trial use period, during which time librarians and publishers reported on their experiences using the draft document.

SERU offers publishers and librarians the opportunity to save both the time and the costs associated with a negotiated and signed license agreement by agreeing to operate within a framework of shared understanding and good faith.

"SERU is a wonderful example of librarians and publishers working together to create a new option for electronic resource transactions that is convenient and legal," said Working Group co-chair Karla Hahn, Director, Office of Scholarly Communications, Association of Research Libraries. "Small publishers, especially, will be able to use SERU to reduce licensing costs making them more competitive and easier for librarians to work with."

Co-chair Judy Luther, President of Informed Strategies, added, "Based on a decade of licensing experience, SERU represents widely adopted

practices already in place in North America, and is both library and publisher friendly."

"The SERU Working Group developed a document that addresses the key issues in a manner that is nuanced and creative, and they did it in record time," said Todd Carpenter, NISO's Managing Director. "The feedback we received during the trial use period was uniformly positive." The trial use period ran from June 20 through December 20, 2007.

The Recommended Practice and a SERU FAQ are available from the SERU webpage (<http://www.niso.org/committees/SERU/>). In accordance with plans laid out by the SERU Working Group, which concluded its work with publication of the Recommended Practice, NISO will produce additional materials to help publishers and libraries adopt a SERU approach, maintain a registry of participants, and continue to promote, educate, and plan for regular review and evaluation of SERU. Note: This announcement was cross-posted to multiple lists.

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AN INTERNATIONAL INVITATION FOR CALIFORNIA MEDICAL LIBRARIES Submitted by Donna Flake

Would you consider leading an international medical library partnership between the National Scientific Medical Library of Ukraine in Kiev, and California medical libraries? In 2005, medical libraries in North Carolina did just that with medical libraries in Moldova in Eastern Europe. We raised funds for the

project so that individual North Carolina libraries did not have to contribute money from already strained library budgets.

There is already a California governmental structure to facilitate this partnership. The California National

Guard has an official mandate to work with the Ukraine, part of a United States program which paired almost every state in the U.S. with a former Soviet bloc country. North Carolina is paired with Moldova, the poorest of all eastern European countries, which also borders the Ukraine.

The North Carolina-Moldovan partnership began in 1999, with activities such as exchanges of physicians, supporting Moldovan orphanages, building Moldovan wells, helping Moldovan agriculture, and the exchange of choirs. In 2005, I was asked to set up a plan to assist Moldovan Medical Libraries. Once Diane Darrow joined with me, the partnership between the twelve North Carolina Medical Libraries and the Scientific Medical Library of Moldova began.

Some of the accomplishments of our North Carolina program have been:

- Over 7,000 current medical journals and books have been gathered from NC medical libraries and shipped to the Moldovan Library in August 2007.
- All the North Carolina medical libraries are providing the Scientific Medical Library in Moldova free electronic interlibrary loans.
- Four library vendors have provided the Scientific Medical Library these excellent databases free of charge:
 - Elsevier provided MD Consult and First Consult
 - EBSCO provided Dynamed
 - Teton Data Systems provided STAT! Ref
 - Ovid provided OVID MEDLINE and Clin E-Guide

- Donna Flake and Diane Darrow spent a week in Moldova organizing and further developing the partnership in September 2006 and again in September 2007. Training was given on the United States National Library of Medicine DOCLINE interlibrary loan program. Training was also given on a number of electronic databases.
- Two Moldovan librarians visited medical libraries in North Carolina and England in March and April 2007. In England, detailed training was provided on HINARI and the Cochrane Collaboration. In North Carolina, training and skills development was provided on library organizational charts, marketing, outreach services, and rare books.

Please contact me if you have an interest. Our library's website provides pictures and many more details of the project. The URL for the website is: <http://www.coastalahec.org/library/library-moldova.asp>. I hope to hear from you soon!

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MEMBER NEWS

Welcome to our new members!

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- Dennis Bashaw - San Joaquin General Hospital, French Camp, near Modesto
- Rebecca Bayrer - student – San Francisco
- Cara Keaton – American Academy of Ophthalmology, San Francisco
- Derek Monypeny – Samuel Merritt College, San Mateo
- Rebecca Morin – California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco

- Katrina Rahn – Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto
- Doug Varner – Associate Director/Chief Biomedical Informationist, John Vinton Dahlgren

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IN MEMORIAM: WINIFRED "WIN" KISTLER, 1918-2008
Submitted by Jo Anne Bookman

Another NCNMLG notable and honorary member has left us. Winifred "Win" Ewart Kistler passed away on January 10, 2008, at the age of 89, due to complications from pneumonia. She was an active member of NCNMLG for many years, providing enthusiasm and leadership to the group.

Winifred was born in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1918, and her family, which traces its ancestors back to the Revolutionary War, moved to Miami, Florida, just before the famous hurricane of 1926. Win graduated with honors from Miami High School, having been president of her freshman class, sophomore class, junior class, and then president of the entire student body in her final year. She went on to Florida State College for Women (FSCW) in Tallahassee, now Florida State University (FSU), and again was president of her freshman class, sophomore class, junior class, and then president of the entire student body in her final year. She graduated from college in 1939, Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude.

She worked briefly in Miami, Florida, and then went down to Panama to join the war effort shortly after WW2 began. There she met and married Col. Eric Pike Kistler, who in 1947 was sent to Europe to work on the war trials. They spent five years there and returned to postings in New York, Washington, and Texas. Her beloved husband died in 1961.

Following her husband's death, Winifred attended UC Berkeley School of Library Science, graduating in 1962 with her Masters degree. After graduation she held librarian positions in the Forestry Library and Public Health Library at UC Berkeley. In 1967 she accepted a position at UC Davis as head of Public Services for the Carlson Health Sciences Library where she and Marjan Merala developed the services and collections from a small branch veterinary library to a comprehensive health sciences library serving the UC Davis Schools of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. She worked there until her retirement in January 1985.



As a librarian and administrator, Win was a model of the highest professionalism to the library's staff and patrons. Win attended the first (three-week) MEDLINE training class offered by PSRML in 1972. In our first professional positions at the Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library at UCLA Michael Homan and I assisted with teaching that class. Win was an enthusiastic participant eager to learn the new online searching techniques and to start offering mediated searching services at UC Davis. She was very accepting of two young newly minted librarian instructors. We all learned from each other. Win frequently led the group in exploring Westwood, sampling the many restaurants in the area and enthusiastically joining the evening swimming parties that hot July.

She was an active member of NCNMLG and served as President in 1971/72. Len Shapiro remembers "Early on when she and I were president/vice president (she held the office in 1971/72 and I in

1972/73) she was truly a mentor to me, and that's long before the term achieved such prominence. She advised me on the pitfalls and rewards of my relatively new profession and she also thought it would be a very good idea if I ran for president of NCN. Here I was, new to the profession and to our professional organization, and I was already being touted for office! Winnie in her own way, along with Nancy Zinn, pushed the idea. She was a confident and dedicated woman and she won out! I've often thought that holding office helped to make me more self assured and comfortable with my fellow librarians. I thank Winnie for a lot of that." Ysabel Bertolucci remembers that Win "rallied the troops" from UC Davis to attend NCNMLG dinner meetings. She and the gang were always there."

Win brought her keen mind, energy and enthusiasm to her professional associations. In addition to her activities with NCNMLG, she served as the first secretary/chair-elect in 1974/75 of the newly established Veterinary Medical Libraries Section of MLA, then serving as Section chair in 1975/76, and president of the Sierra Nevada Chapter of the Special Libraries Association in 1979/80. She was also active in the Librarians Association of the University of California Davis (LAUCD), where she served two terms as chair of the Program Committee in 1982-1984 at the end of her active career.

I met up with Win many years later, as a more seasoned librarian, when she announced her retirement and I interviewed for her position at UC Davis. Twenty-three years later, I'm still at UC Davis. I inherited a well-organized public services department with capable librarians and staff dedicated to offering the highest quality service. It has been a tall order to follow in her footsteps to continue and expand on the foundation she laid.

Following her retirement, Win pursued a wide variety of interests. She had many friends with whom she attended the San Francisco opera, ballet, concerts, and drama seasons. Win was an avid sports fan and

frequently joined friends at San Francisco 49ers and Giants games. She also played bridge, attended an aerobics class at the Veterans Memorial Center, dined out, went to movies, and traveled abroad regularly. She visited Russia, Turkey, Egypt, Scotland, Ireland, Norway, Kenya, Tanzania, and most of Europe. Her favorite city was Rome. She explored, mainly on foot, every place she visited, often with the local "City Walks" book under one arm. As her companions soon discovered, she could walk for miles at a stretch!

After her retirement she was active in a variety of community projects. She became a docent at the Crocker Museum in Sacramento. She delivered Meals-on-Wheels and was a volunteer driver for the American Cancer Society. In 1991-92 she served as President of the Friends of the Davis Public Library and she also served on the Davis Branch Library Expansion Project, responsible for the renovation of the library. She worked actively to deal with the complexities that arose when Pacific Retirement Services, Inc. expressed an interest in locating a retirement community in Davis. When URC opened in 2000 she was among the first of its residents.

Win's family was very important to her. She took care of her two young nieces for four years when their mother (her sister) became too seriously ill to do so. She made a home for them, guided them, and arranged for the financing of their college educations.

In 1995 Win suffered a debilitating stroke. She soldiered on, realizing full well that her mind, memory, and physical abilities had been affected and would increasingly limit what she would be able to do. Family rallied around as best they could, given that many of them lived great distances away. She had good friends who visited her frequently and brightened her life during those difficult times.

She'll always be remembered by those who knew her as an engaging, highly intelligent person. All will remember her quick, light step, her interest in them, and her caring heart.

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