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NCNMLG Newsletter



A Message from the President

Submitted by Rebecca Davis

I am thrilled to have the chance to work with all of you as your

President for 2004/2005! We have a full roster of elected officers and committee chairs that have volunteered to help steer our course for the year. As you scan the list of projects planned below, think about becoming involved in one that interests you.

Our Fall meeting will be held on September 22 at Kaiser Oakland in conjunction with the MLA Teleconference on licensing. It will provide a great opportunity to attend the Business Meeting AND get up to 4.5 CE units. At that meeting we will have updates for all projects, and decide on a date for the next Tri-Chapter meeting to be hosted in Seattle by the Pacific Northwest Chapter.

At the Transition Meeting in June, the outgoing and incoming executive board members met to discuss our direction for the year. Though we discussed a variety of possible projects, most of our efforts will focus on attracting and retaining members. Here's what's planned:

- Modifying the membership database so we can keep better track of new members, those who don't renew, and member demographics.
- Continuing to attend library school career days.
- Reviving the sending of welcome letters to new members and "what happened?" letters to those choosing not to renew.
- Featuring short bios of new members in the newsletter.

- Sending each new member a coupon for 50% off of an NCNMLG-sponsored CE class.
- Planning a New Member's event/acknowledgement at the Joint Meeting. Have a special ribbon for first time attendees.
- Starting a "Colleague Connection" program that will pair a new member with a current member in their geographic area.
- Finding additional ways to acknowledge and reward the contributions made by members.
- Generating funds to provide scholarships to members to encourage their attendance at Joint Meetings and CE classes.

In addition to the focus on membership, we will also be working on the following:

- Developing an online annual survey to ascertain member's views regarding CE topics and modes of learning.
- Sponsoring a fund-raising auction on E-Bay consisting of items donated by members.
- Investigating the feasibility of an Electronic Document Delivery Initiative to encourage and possibly fund the use of scanners and PDF conversion software for document delivery by small libraries.

Member News

Welcome New Members

NCNMLG extends a warm welcome to the following new members (and one returning member) who have joined January-July 2004.

Margaret P. Brooks, Librarian, Family Resource Center, Lucille Packard Children's Hospital, Palo Alto, CA.

Nicole Cook, Student Member, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, School of Information Studies, Library and Learning Resources Center, University of Southern Nevada, Henderson, NV.

Nancy Firchow, Librarian, San Jose Medical Center, San Jose, CA.

Xiaoli Li, Head of Technical Services, Carlson Health Sciences Library, UC Davis, Davis CA.

Heidi Mortensen, Postgraduate Researcher, Family and Community Medicine, UC Davis, Davis, CA

Cynthia Perkins, Librarian, Pediatric Sciences Library, Children's Hospital of Central California, Madera, CA. Cindy is our new CE Chair.

Laurie Skophammer, Student Member, San Francisco, CA.

Recent Retirees

Sally Chu retired on July 1, 2004 from the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center.

Joan Zenan retired on June 30, 2004 from Savitt Medical Library, University of Nevada, Reno.

Emeritus Members

Have you recently retired or are you planning to retire soon? Consider changing your NCNMLG status from Active to Emeritus by following these steps:

- 1) Contact the Membership Committee and provide the date of your retirement; verify the date you joined NCNMLG and the fact that you have had 10 years of continuous membership.
- 2) The membership committee will then forward a copy of your membership record to the Awards and Honors Committee.
- 3) The Awards and Honors Committee will send a letter to the member confirming Emeritus status, with a copy to the Membership Committee and to the President.

NCNMLG 2005 Elections

NCNMLG works as well as it does because of the commitment of volunteers to run for election, and to chair its many committees. Being an officer of the group provides you with many opportunities to

network with other librarians, and a chance to see your good ideas become reality. The Nominating Committee will soon be sending out a call for nominations. Please consider nominating yourself or some other worthy person to run for election. For more information on the duties of one of the elected positions, contact Julie Haugen at 415-206-6639 or jhaugen@sfgkdean.ucsf.edu.

Notes from Chapter Council Meeting MLA 2004

Submitted by Candace Walker, NCNMLG Chapter Council Representative

Chapter Council (CC) met at the MLA Annual Meeting on May 22, 2004. Of the many issues discussed, these stand out as highlights of general interest to many NCNMLG members. Linda Garr Markwell, Chapter Council Chair, presided over the meeting until the official transfer to the incoming Chair, Sarah Gable.

MLA Officer Reports and Discussion

Pat Thibodeau started off the morning with a summary of the accomplishments during her year as MLA President. The second round of input to the Benchmarking Network is open. Initial response has been a bit slow, so the chapters were asked to encourage participation. CC members thought that the survey might be too long for many small libraries. Pat will ask the Benchmarking Network Editorial Board to consider developing a shorter survey with core questions for small libraries. Cards covering important topics continue to be produced for the Advocacy Toolbox and distributed in JMLA. Progress continued regarding the initiatives on expanding resources in the Center of Research and Education (CORE), developing the Information Specialist in Context (ISIC) program, and recruitment. The status of hospital libraries is being monitored, and MLA sent letters to hospital administrators in response to library closings. This will continue to be a major focus of MLA. There are new task forces on scholarly publishing and on global initiatives. Most chapters followed up on MLA's request to have programs on

scholarly publishing. MLA knows its requests for chapter programs on special topics can present logistical challenges for chapters, so Pat emphasized that MLA is very flexible on the length and format of these programs. They will help provide program content and speakers.

Joanne Gard Marshall, MLA President-Elect, spoke next and presented her Theme and Priorities for the coming year. The formal document can be found on MLANET. One priority will be to celebrate the diversity of MLA members' interests, backgrounds, talents, and responsibilities as a tie in to the theme for the 2005 MLA Annual Meeting in San Antonio. She will also focus on improving evidence-based practice/research and expanding the range of electronic products available to members for continuing education. Related to the latter, the *Platform for Change* may be updated to reflect the greater role of electronic delivery of information. Recruitment and retention will continue to be a high priority. MLA will be looking at creative ways to keep current members involved, support part-time work for those at or nearing retirement, and generally keep our "brain trust." We also need to reach out more to recruit new members and those in non-traditional library jobs. Outreach by chapters to library school students in their geographic area is particularly critical.

MJ Tooley, the President-Elect-Elect, followed seeking input from Chapter Council on which issues or activities are the most important for her to include in her Theme and Priorities. One area that elicited many suggestions was the status of hospital libraries and librarians. The group unanimously expressed an interest in MLA developing a secure system that chapters could use for electronic payment of dues, meeting registration, etc. MLA has already begun to look into this issue. Electronic voting is another area where MLA could help chapters with a system that could be used on both the national and chapter level. The MLA Board is using commercial software for voting and is monitoring the outcome of ALA's use of electronic voting this year. Chapters may have some constraints on electronic voting due to state laws. The role of MLA in addressing electronic journal pricing

and site license terms and costs was discussed too. Due to its status as a professional, tax-exempt association there are constraints on what MLA can legally do in the area of surveying about prices or influencing members purchasing decisions. They do provide a sample letter to publishers on MLANET and will talk to publishers directly if asked to do so by the membership.

Carla Funk, MLA Executive Director, covered some of the many activities MLA accomplished or is planning. The dates for the Annual Meeting in San Antonio have been changed to May 14-19 (Sat-Thurs). There are new communications laws which limit MLA's ability to fax members without their prior approval. Accordingly, MLA will be asking members to sign a form giving MLA permission. Watch for announcements in *MLA News* or *MLA-Focus*. Many more links have been added to the Resources section on MLANET. With the help of NLM all back files of BMLA and JMLA were added to PubMed Central. Promotion of AHIP by MLA and chapters has resulted in an increase in the number of provisional members. MLA will continue to address the issue of assessing the tangible and intangible benefits of AHIP membership.

Chapter Council Chair Report

Linda Markwell covered some of the topics discussed at the MLA Board of Directors meeting held on May 21. The proposed MLA dues increase is necessary. Since the last dues increase MLA has started many new services at the request of members with more in the planning stages. For similar associations dues typically cover a higher percent of expenses than they do for MLA at this time. More Professional Toolbox resources have been added to MLANET in CORE. MLA is considering becoming a signatory to the *Washington, DC, Principles for Free Access to Science*. How to replace the Brandon-Hill lists is being addressed in several MLA forums. The implementation grant for the Information Specialist in Context was awarded to the Eskin Biomedical Library at Vanderbilt. The project may try to involve chapters, so please participate if requested. MLA is working with NLM to reinstate the gold standard searches.

Chapter Council Committee Reports

The MLA Credentialing Committee approved awarding roundtable recorders 1 AHIP point. Roundtable facilitators were already receiving 1 point. In order to qualify, the recorder must turn in a written report to the roundtable organizers who will then send a formal acknowledgement as supporting documentation to the recorder. This is not retroactive but starts with the roundtables at the 2004 MLA Annual Meeting. The number of provisional AHIP members has increased from 52 in 2003 to 70 in 2004. This has presented a problem because provisional members needed to be paired up with a mentor. Not enough people have specifically indicated they would mentor a provisional member when they register as mentors in the MLANET Mentor Database. Mentors must explicitly choose this option when registering. [Please consider mentoring!] The Independent Reading Program should be starting up this summer. To get 1 point a person pays \$15, reads an assigned article from JMLA, and responds to questions. See the May 2004 *MLA News* for more information.

The Majors/MLA Chapter Project award went to the Pacific Northwest Chapter for their use of Survey Monkey. They purchased a group subscription so everyone in the chapter can use it.

A vote was taken on chapter candidates for the MLA Nominating Committee. Gail Yokote, our candidate from NCNMLG, was one of six selected. Those names go forward to MLA for inclusion on the ballot for MLA Nominating Committee in the national election.

MLA Study to Explore Information Specialist in Context (ISIC) Roles: Call for Participants

The ISIC or informationist combines the searching and information appraisal skills of a highly skilled librarian with extensive knowledge in a clinical or research field. What differentiates an ISIC from a librarian? What skills do ISICs need, and where might they practice?

Help to clarify the ISIC concept by voicing your opinions on the ISIC survey at

<http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/biolib/isic>. Your thoughts and ideas will help shape the future direction of this important role. You can also assist with the development of the ISIC by encouraging healthcare and research professionals at your institution to complete the healthcare/research version of the survey at the link above.

This survey is part of an MLA-funded research project headed by Vanderbilt University's Eskind Biomedical Library. For more information about the project, visit <http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/biolib/research>

MLA Awards

You can make a difference! Nominate yourself or an outstanding colleague for one of the awards mentioned below.

Nominations for the following awards are due November 1, 2004, unless otherwise noted. For nomination forms or more information, go to <http://www.mlanet.org/awards/honors/index.html>

Lois Ann Colaianni Award for Excellence and Achievement in Hospital Librarianship

This award, is given to a member of the association who has made significant contributions to the profession in the area of overall distinction or leadership in hospital library administration or service, production of a definitive publication related to hospital librarianship, teaching, research, advocacy, or the development or application of innovative technology to hospital librarianship. The recipient receives a cash award of \$500 and a certificate.

Estelle Brodman Award for Academic Medical Librarian of the Year

The award recognizes an academic medical librarian, who at mid-career demonstrates significant achievement, the potential for leadership, and continuing excellence. The Award was established in 1986 with a gift from Irwin H. Pizer. The recipient

receives a certificate and a cash award of \$500 at the Association's Annual Meeting.

Louise Darling Medal for Distinguished Achievement in Collection Development in the Health Sciences

The medal is presented annually in recognition of distinguished achievement in collection development in the health sciences. Ballen Booksellers International, Inc established the Medal in 1987. Blackwell North America, Inc currently supports it. The recipient receives an engraved medal, a certificate and a \$1,000 cash award.

Majors /MLA Chapter Project of the Year Award

This is a general award for excellence, innovation and contribution to the profession of health sciences librarianship. These attributes must be shown through special projects beyond the normal operational programming of the chapter. The recipient receives a certificate and a cash award of \$500.

EBSCO Annual Meeting Grant

The grants enable MLA members to attend the association's annual meeting. Each year awards up to \$1,000 for travel and conference-related expenses will be given to four librarians who otherwise would be unable to attend the meeting. To be eligible an applicant must be currently employed as a health sciences librarian and have between two and five years experience in a health sciences library.

Janet Doe Lectureship

The Janet Doe Lecturer is an individual chosen annually by the Medical Library Association for his/her unique perspective on the history or philosophy of medical librarianship. The selected lecture is presented at the Association's Annual Meeting, and is subsequently published in the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association. The Lecturer receives a \$250 honorarium, travel expenses to the site of the Annual Meeting, hotel expenses for 1 night, per diem for 1 day and a certificate.

Ida and George Eliot Prize

The prize is presented annually for a work published in the preceding calendar year, which has been judged most effective in furthering medical librarianship. The award was first presented in 1962 and is currently sponsored by Login Brothers Book Company, Chicago, Illinois. The recipient receives a cash award of \$200 and a certificate.

Rittenhouse Award

The award is presented annually for the best unpublished paper (bibliographical, issue or topic based, or report of research results) on medical librarianship or medical informatics written by a student in an ALA-accredited school of library and information studies or a trainee in an internship in health sciences librarianship or medical informatics. The Rittenhouse Medical Bookstore in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania established the award in 1967. The author of the winning essay receives a cash award of \$500 and a certificate.

ISI/Frank Bradway Rogers Information Advancement Award

The award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding contributions for the application of technology to the delivery of health science information, to the science of information, or to the facilitation of the delivery of health science information. The Award has been sponsored by the Institute for Scientific Information since 1973. The recipient receives a cash award of \$500 and a certificate.

Murray Gottlieb Prize

The prize is awarded annually for the best unpublished essay on the history of medicine and allied sciences written by a health sciences librarian. The Prize was established in 1956 by Ralph and Jo Grimes of the Old Hickory Bookshop, Brinklow, MD in order to recognize and stimulate the health science librarian's interest in the history of medicine. The author of the winning essay receives a cash award of \$100 and a certificate.

Lucretia W. McClure Excellence in Education Award

The award honors an outstanding educator in the field of health sciences librarianship and informatics who demonstrates skills in teaching, curriculum development, mentoring, research, or leadership in education at local, regional, or national levels. The recipient receives a cash award of \$500 and a framed certificate.

Marcia C. Noyes Award

The Noyes Award is the highest professional distinction of the Medical Library Association. The award was established in 1947 and recognizes a career, which has resulted in lasting, outstanding contributions to medical librarianship. The recipient receives an engraved sterling silver Revere bowl at the Association's Annual Meeting.

Fellows and Honorary Members

Fellowship is conferred on Regular MLA members in recognition of outstanding and sustained contributions to the advancement of the purposes of the association. Fellows receive a certificate at the association's Annual Meeting and lifetime Regular Member benefits at no charge.

Grants and Scholarships

There are lots of ways to get money for projects; to attend CE classes or library school; to go to the MLA annual meeting; or to conduct research. The Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library (PSRML), MLA and NLM offer a great variety of funding opportunities.

PSRML Funding

One of the benefits of applying for PSRML funds is that you only are competing with people within our region.

Express Outreach Awards

For outreach projects to be conducted by network members in support of the NN/LM mission. Funding is awarded for at least four projects per year, at the level of up to \$6,000 each. Applications will be accepted continuously via a web-based form. For

more information and the form, go to http://www.nlm.gov/psr/outreach_award_info.html

Professional Development Award

To support Network Member library staff in the region in developing their skills and knowledge in using technology for health information access and delivery. PSRML will make available awards up to \$1,000 to individuals in Primary Access Libraries in Region 7. Applications may be made at any time. For more information and an application form, go to <http://www.nlm.gov/psr/libproa.html>

MLA Funding

Applications for the following grants and scholarships are December 1, unless otherwise noted. For an applications, or for more information, go to <http://www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/index.html>

Continuing Education Awards

MLA members may submit applications for these awards of \$100 to \$500 to develop their knowledge of the theoretical, administrative, or technical aspects of librarianship. More than one continuing education (CE) award may be offered in a year and may be used either for MLA courses or for other CE activities.

Cunningham Memorial International Fellowship

The Cunningham Fellowship is a four-month fellowship for health sciences librarians from countries outside the United States and Canada. The award, which provides for observation and supervised work in one or more medical libraries in the United States or Canada, is in the amount of \$6,000, with up to \$2,000 additional for travel within these two countries

EBSCO/MLA Annual Meeting Grant

This scholarship is sponsored by EBSCO Information Services and enables MLA members to attend the association's annual meeting. Each year awards of up to \$1,000 for travel and conference-related expenses will be given to four librarians

who would otherwise be unable to attend the meeting. Applicants must be currently employed as health sciences librarians and have between two and five years' experience in a health sciences library.

Hospital Libraries Section/MLA Professional Development Grants

This award, sponsored by the [Hospital Libraries Section](#), provides librarians working in hospital and similar clinical settings with the support needed for educational or research activities. This award was established in 1996, and is given twice each year. Application deadlines are August 1 and February 1.

David A. Kronick Traveling Fellowship

This grant, established in 2002, awards each year one \$2,000 fellowship to cover the expenses involved in traveling to three or more medical libraries in the United States or Canada, for the purpose of studying a specific aspect of health information management

Donald A. B. Lindberg Research Fellowship

The Lindberg Research Fellowship Endowment, established in 2003, will provide a \$25,000 grant, awarded annually by MLA through a competitive grant process. The purpose of this fellowship is to fund research aimed at expanding the research knowledgebase, linking the information services provided by librarians to improved health care and advances in biomedical research. Application deadline is November 15.

MLA/ARL Leadership and Career Development Program

The Medical Library Association (MLA) and the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) jointly sponsor a minority leadership and career development program. In addition to ARL's contribution, MLA contributes \$12,000 biennially to support advancement and

leadership opportunities for two minority, mid-career librarians in academic and research libraries. Funding for the scholarship is provided by a grant from the National Library of Medicine (NLM). African American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, or Pacific Islander individuals are eligible to apply. The award is offered every other year

Medical Informatics Section/MLA Career Development Grant

This award provides up to two individuals \$1500 to support a career development activity that will contribute to advancement in the field of medical informatics. The award was established in 1996 by the [Medical Informatics Section](#).

MLA Research, Development, and Demonstration Project Grant

The purpose of this grant is to provide support for research, development, or demonstration projects that will help to promote excellence in the field of health sciences librarianship and information sciences. Grants range from \$100 to \$1000. Grants will not be given to support an activity that is operational in nature or has only local usefulness. More than one award may be granted in a year.

MLA Scholarship

A scholarship for up to \$5,000 will be granted to a student who is entering an ALA-accredited library school or who has yet to finish at least one half of the program's requirements in the year following the granting of the scholarship.

MLA Scholarship for Minority Students

A scholarship for up to \$5,000 will be granted to a minority student who is entering an ALA-accredited library school or has yet to finish at least one half of the program's requirements in the year following the granting of the scholarship. African American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, or Pacific Islander American

individuals who wish to study health sciences librarianship are eligible.

MLA/NLM Spectrum Scholarship

The Medical Library Association (MLA) and the National Library of Medicine (NLM) jointly sponsor a scholarship through the American Library Association (ALA) Spectrum Initiative Scholarship program. The two organizations make a total annual donation of \$5,000 each year to support minority students in their goals to become health sciences information professionals. African American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, or Pacific Islander individuals attending ALA-accredited library schools are eligible. **Applications are due March 1.**

Thomson Scientific/MLA Doctoral Fellowship

Thomson Scientific sponsors a fellowship in the amount of \$2,000 to foster and encourage superior students to conduct doctoral work in an area of health sciences librarianship or information sciences and to provide support to individuals who have been admitted to candidacy. The award supports research or travel applicable to the candidate's study within a twelve-month period. The award is given every other year and may not be used for tuition.

NLM Funding

The National Library of Medicine has a great variety of funding opportunities for large and small projects and even has some grants for individuals. For a complete listing, go to <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/grants.html>

Continuing Education

New Online CE Course on the Reference Interview

Brush up on your reference interview skills with a new online, 4-week course taught by David Tyckoson, Director of Public Services at California

State University, Fresno. Learn methods of evaluating reference service, behavioral aspects of reference service, and the different types of questions you can use to help patrons identify what they need. Using images and video, the course covers everything from the approachability of the librarian to how to follow up with a patron. Scheduled chat sessions will model interviewing techniques using sample dialogues. A "must" for support staff, library technicians, and newly hired reference librarians. Each session is limited to 30 registrants. Sessions offered on September 13-October 8, 2004 and November 15-December 10, 2004. See the RUSA web site (http://cs.ala.org/ra/rusa_onlineCE/ref_int/) for more information and registration.

InfoPeople Classes

The primary role of InfoPeople is to provide broad-based technology-related training for those working in California libraries. There are a variety of classes of interest to all librarians that are offered in public library computer labs throughout the state. Several northern California public libraries are regular class sites; but online classes are also available. InfoPeople classes are noted for the excellence of the instructors and the low cost (usually \$75). Go to the InfoPeople web site for a listing of classes (<http://www.infopeople.org/WS/workshop/>).

MLA Offers Online Classes

Details regarding the content of the following classes can be found at http://www.mlanet.org/education/web/web_courses.html. For the cost of tuition or to register, go to <http://www.kovacs.com/register.html>. All courses offer MLA CE units. You can also join the course at any time and work individually with the instructor via web activities, e-mail, and optional online meetings by appointment:

How to Find Good Complementary & Alternative Medicine Information on the Web (10 MLA CE)

Electronic Collection Development for Health and Medicine E-libraries (10 MLA CE)

How to Find Medical Information on the Internet (8MLA CE)

News

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) contracted with AcademyHealth to develop a core list of books, journals, Web sites and bibliographic databases and a desired list of books and journals in the field of health outcomes. The PDF version of the list is at <http://www.academyhealth.org/publications/healthoutcomesreport.pdf>.

On July 15, 2004, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger named Susan Hildreth the new state librarian to replace Kevin Starr, who stepped down April 1 to become state librarian emeritus after 10 years. Ms. Hildreth has more than 30 years' experience as a librarian, most recently as chief librarian for the City and County of San Francisco, managing 650 employees and a \$59 million budget. She currently is president of the California Library Association.

NLM has released a PDA system designed to assist first responders during hazardous material incidents. WISER (Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders) provides a wide range of information on 390 hazardous substances, including identification support, physical characteristics, emergency medical treatment, containment and suppression information. WISER for Palm OS is now available for download at <http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov>.

Jobs

Senior Information Specialist, Library & Information Services, Chiron Corporation, Emeryville, CA

Duties: Perform literature searches on demand, in the areas of biomedical science, chemistry, patents, business and marketing. Evaluate online information resources and technologies, and assist departments to evaluate their requirements for published research and data. Participates in the development of technological

solutions for continually improved access to the literature. Participate in user training and support of research information tools and resources. Requirements: Bachelors Degree in the Life Sciences or Chemistry and a Masters Degree in Library/Information Science, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Experience with major online information providers, including Dialog and STN. 3 years professional experience in corporate information services is desirable, preferably in the pharmaceutical/biotech industry. Strong communication and interpersonal skills; comfortable interacting with peers, scientists, attorneys, and management. Strong customer service orientation and attention to detail. Strong interest in science, and familiarity with emerging trends in reference services, information resources and technologies, Call 510-655-8730 for more information.

Assistant Librarian, Health Sciences Library, California Pacific Medical Center, San Francisco, CA

The Assistant Librarian is responsible for the smooth and efficient delivery of library resources to diverse and geographically dispersed user groups. Duties include, but are not limited to, the following: ensuring that library services/resources meet information needs of user groups and are delivered with highest level of customer-oriented service parameters; team leading and delegating technical systems implementations; overseeing the library website; strategically planning to ensure library resources are in alignment with future institutional growth and development.

Qualifications: Master's degree in Library Sciences or Library Information Systems required; minimum of 2 years previous library experience, preferably in a health sciences library, required; previous supervisory/team leading/project leading experience preferred; previous experience with the administration of an integrated library automation system and technical services responsibilities required; knowledge of MARC record format, acquisition/collection development principles, serials

maintenance, circulation functionality, and access/delivery of electronic resources required

This is a full-time position, working Tuesday-Saturday. Contact Anne Shew (NCNMLG member) at 415.600-5352 for more information.

Assistant Librarian, Touro University-California, Mare Island, CA

Touro University-California seeks an enthusiastic Assistant Librarian for its rapidly expanding university library. The university is located on historic Mare Island, 40 miles

north of San Francisco. Current colleges include Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) and Health Sciences (P.A./M.P.H.). The College of Education will open in September 2004 and the College of Pharmacy in August of 2005. This is an excellent opportunity for an individual who enjoys being part of a dynamic growing environment. Entry-level librarians welcomed to apply. This is a full-time exempt, non-faculty position. Excellent benefits, generous vacation/holiday package. Salary: \$38,000.

Responsibilities include: Interlibrary/document delivery operations using OCLC and DOCLINE; maintenance of print and online journal collection, including the posting of duplicate materials to the Backmed and Backserv exchange lists; oversee circulation activities including overdue records; assist with cataloging print and non-print materials; provide general reference services and assistance to students, faculty, staff and preceptors; and other duties as needed.

Qualifications: Graduate degree from an ALA accredited program or an equivalent graduate library science/information studies degree required. Good computer skills including MS Office, specifically WORD and EXCEL. Working knowledge of online databases, particularly in medicine and education. Good oral and written communication; excellent interpersonal and organizational skills; strong customer-service orientation required. Knowledge of OCLC and integrated library systems such as Innovative Interfaces required. Previous library experience desired, but will consider new library school graduates who exhibit an enthusiasm for learning. Ability to work with other Touro campuses

including those in Nevada and New York. Ability to bend, lift, shift books and journals up to 25 pounds required. Preferred working hours: 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM Monday - Thursday, 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM Friday and occasional Sundays 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Send cover letter, resume, names and addresses of three professional references to: Martha Christopher, Director, Human Resources, Touro University-California, 1310 Johnson Lane, Mare Island, Vallejo, CA 94592, Fax: (707) 638-5927 or mchristo@touro.edu

Medical Librarian, ValleyCare Health Library & Ryan Comer Cancer Resource Center, Pleasanton, CA

Deadline: 'open until filled'

ValleyCare Health System (VCHS) is seeking a medical librarian for its community oriented medical library. Medical librarian works with oncology certified RN and trained volunteers to provide library and information services to the community, VCHS staff and related health professionals.

The librarian is responsible for reference services and day to day operations of the library. Duties and Responsibilities: Collection resource development / maintain print and electronic resources / Reference and research assistance / Fiscal management / Interlibrary loan and document delivery service / Education and library instruction, presentations and tours as needed / Performing other related duties and outreach projects as needed. Required Qualifications: Masters Degree in Library Sciences from an ALA accredited school / Minimum 2 years of experience Internet and database search skills / Communication skills. Desirable skills: Web content management / OPAC and library content on hospital website and intranet / Working with INMAGIC software / Grant writing. Elaine Barnes, ValleyCare Health Library, 5725 W. Las Positas Blvd., #270 Pleasanton, CA 94588. Send questions or resumes to ebarnes@valleycare.com

Upcoming Events

- September 22** NCNMLG Executive Board, Business Meeting and MLA Teleconference on Licensing. 8:30am-4:00pm, Kaiser Oakland, Lunch included. Teleconference seating limited to 50. Lunch included. Contact Cindy Perkins to register. (See flyer)
- October 2-5** Pacific Northwest Chapter Annual Meeting. Washington Athletic Club, Seattle, WA. NCNMLG members can attend at member rate. <http://depts.washington.edu/pncmla/annual/04/seattle.html>
- November 8-9** Virtual Reference Desk. Cincinnati, OH. <http://www.vrd.org/>
- November 15-17** Internet Librarian. Monterey, CA. <http://www.infotoday.com/il2004/>
- November 18** NCNMLG Executive Board, Business Meeting and Program. Location TBA
- February 2-5** Joint Meeting in Long Beach. NCNMLG Business Meeting <http://www.mlgscamlanet.org/jtmtg2005/index.html>
- April 6** NCNMLG Executive Board Meeting, Business Meeting and CE Class. Location TBA.
- May 24** NCNMLG Transition Meeting

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TO SUBSCRIBE:

Send a message to: majordomo@lists.stanford.edu

Leave the subject line blank

Type in body of the message:

subscribe ncnmlglist *your_email_address_here*

TO UNSUBSCRIBE

Send a message to: majordomo@lists.stanford.edu

Leave the subject line blank

Type in body of the message:

unsubscribe ncnmlglist *your_email_address_here*

TO SEND A MESSAGE:

Send a general e-mail to: ncnmlglist@lists.stanford.edu

Submitting Items To The Newsletter

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A CHAPTER OF THE MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

NCNMLG invites you to attend a Business Meeting and MLA Teleconference,
"The Art and Practice of Electronic Journal, Book and Database Licenses:
Practical Tips for Health Care Organizations"

September 22, 2004
Kaiser Permanente
1950 Franklin
Oakland, CA

Agenda

8:30am-10:00am	Executive Board Meeting
10:00am-10:30am	Business Meeting
10:30am-11:00am	Discussion Session I
11:00am-2:00pm	MLA Teleconference (lunch provided)
2:00pm-3:00pm	Discussion Session II

3 hours of MLA CE if you attend the MLA Teleconference

4.5 hours of MLA CE if you attend the MLA Teleconference and both Discussion Sessions

Seating will be limited to 50 people. By **SEPTEMBER 15**, please contact CE Chair, Cindy Perkins at cperkins@childrenscentralcal.org or 559.353.6170 and indicate which portions of the day you will be attending. Directions to the meeting will be sent later via e-mail.