



NCNMLG Newsletter



A message from the President An Antidote to Difficult Times

These are turning into difficult times. Besides the usual internal problems of budget or staffing we're now bombarded with stressful events in the world at large. But I have a possible antidote. Why not take a few days off and go down to sunny San Diego for the Medical Library Association Convention! Spend some time getting energized with your colleagues. There's everything from exciting plenary lectures and rewarding CME to fun filled parties. So come on. Catch the Wave!

We will also be holding an NCNMLG business meeting at MLA, so mark your calendars! The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6, from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. The room is Towne. I'll be looking forward to seeing many of you there!

As this year winds down for NCNMLG we begin our search for committee chairs. Becoming involved in your professional organization is a rewarding experience. It is. Trust me!! We especially need a newsletter editor and an electronic resources chair. The email newsletter is much easier to produce than

the old days of snail mail and the electronic resources chair gets to run the website. There are also needs to chair or serve on other committees. Please contact me at sara.pimental@kp.org or (510) 271-2360 if you're interested in ANY of our committees.

Sara Pimental

EDITOR'S CORNER

This edition of the Newsletter highlights two of the upcoming events at MLA: the Mentoring Plenary Session and the symposium on evidence-based nursing practice. Both promise to be excellent programs. I hope that many of you will be able to attend the Annual Meeting to network with colleagues and take part in the diverse and interesting sessions planned for the meeting. New libraries are joining EFTS monthly, and NLM will also be using this system beginning in April 2003. The Spring NCNMLG CE course was a great success—kudos to all involved in organizing and participating. There's still room in some of the Census 2000 workshops, and the PSRML will be sponsoring a UMLS Class—no dates yet, but stay tuned to your local LISTSERV. And don't forget; VOLUNTEER for NCNMLG committee positions for next year!

Peggy Tahir, Editor

MENTORING

MENTORING PLENARY SESSION AT MLA IN SAN DIEGO

JOINTLY SPONSORED BY CHAPTER COUNCIL AND SECTION COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2003 9:00 AM - NOON

In Homer's epic poem *The Odyssey*, the goddess Athena assumes the form of Mentor, friend of Odysseus and counselor to Telemachus, his son. As Mentor, Athena guides Telemachus in making the correct decisions at home, easing the way for the return of Odysseus.

Mentor's name has come to connote a faithful and wise adviser. While Athena may have chosen to give advice in disguise, mentors these days are making known their willingness to advise and support colleagues in need.

At MLA's meeting in San Diego, California, the Chapter and Section Councils will be sponsoring a session all about modern mentors: finding one, being one, and ways in which the mentoring process benefits us as individuals on our professional Odyssey. Please join us.

DETAILS:

"Mentoring: Sharing Experiences for Professional Growth," sponsored by the MLA Joint Section/Chapter Councils Committee for MLA '03, Wednesday, May 7, from 9:00 A.M.-NOON. The session will explore ways to develop, implement, and maintain mentoring activities in MLA. In addition to consultant Karen Garman, Ph.D., and a distinguished panel of speakers—Sue Trombley, Ruth Holst, AHIP, and Rick B. Forsman, AHIP--Jean Shipman, AHIP, will facilitate a town meeting where

MLA members can express opinions, offer ideas and thoughts, and ask questions about the mentoring process.

SYMPOSIUM: EVIDENCE-BASED NURSING PRACTICE

Evidence-Based Nursing Practice: Needs, Tools, and Solutions

Offered: Saturday, May 3, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$225 (non-MLA and ICIRN agency members, \$325)

Includes a box lunch

6 Contact Hours or 8 Nursing Continuing Education Units

Sponsored by MLA's Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section (NAHRS) and the Interagency Council on Information Resources for Nursing (ICIRN)

This symposium will give participants the ability to:

- describe nurses' technology readiness, including health information literacy skills
- define gaps and barriers for evidence-based nursing practice
- compare nurses' information-seeking behavior in varied settings, with an emphasis on knowledge-based information resources
- search for evidence-based nursing resources in the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL), PubMed, and other evidence-based electronic resources
- identify high-quality electronic resources for nursing
- identify strategies to improve knowledge-based information services for nurses and nursing students in their organization

The day will include:

- research on nurses' knowledge-based information needs in both clinical and educational systems
- breakout sessions on search strategies and electronic information resources
- what works: proven strategies for teaching and implementing evidence-based practice, including personal data assistants and other point-of-care resources, and a panel with invited and contributed papers and electronic posters
- planning strategies for implementation in your organization

The sponsors encourage participation by librarians and nurses in all settings. This is a great opportunity to learn and work together to develop evidence-based nursing practice as the foundation for professional education and interdisciplinary health care. For more detailed information, visit nahrs.library.kent.edu/annmtg/ and icirn.org.

EFTS NEWS

The following libraries have joined EFTS, the Electronic Fund Transfer System for DOCLINE, during March, 2003:

- CAUVKP, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Vallejo, Vallejo, CA
- CAUKWC, Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Walnut Creek, Walnut Creek, CA
- CAUOXS, St. Johns Regional Medical Center H.S. Library, Oxnard, CA
- CAUUDA, UC Davis Medical Center Library, Sacramento, CA
- CAUCDA, UC Davis Carlson Health Sciences Library, Davis, CA
- CAUSEO, Seton Medical Center, Daly City, CA
- CAUPOO, Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center Library, Pomona, CA
- CAUSJH, San Jose Medical Center Health Sciences Library, San Jose, CA

We now have 29 libraries in our region that have signed up for EFTS, and 6 out of 12 of our resource libraries now offer EFTS.

EFTS application materials are available on the EFTS web site at: <http://efts.uchc.edu/>

Congratulations to our new EFTS participants!

EFTS AND NLM

At the end of February, NLM announced that it would begin participating in EFTS beginning with transactions processed during April - June 2003. Please read the following message carefully if you want your NLM loans to be processed through EFTS.

“EFTS statements will include much more detail about your loans compared to NTIS bills. Note that we are still waiting for further instruction regarding how to handle NTIS deposit accounts.

We anticipate that because of this change, there will be more libraries that want to join EFTS. Since the paperwork takes some time, if you are interested in joining EFTS, you might want to get the paperwork started soon.”

GRANTS AVAILABLE

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development is accepting applications for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant program for 2003. The Distance Learning and

Telemedicine Grant Program is designed specifically to meet the educational and health care requirements of rural America. The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance to enhance learning and health care opportunities for rural residents. The program asks applicants to define the educational or health care problems that face their communities and determine how federal distance learning or telemedicine assistance can help. Approximately \$27 million in grants and \$300 million in loans are available. Funding is structured to provide three categories of financial assistance: 100% grants, 100% loans, and combination loan-grants. The deadline for submitting applications is May 2, 2003, and July 31, 2003. An application guide is available to assist in the preparation of applications and it is available on the Web at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm> or contact Andrew Gag at 218-847-9392 Ext. 4.

UMLS COURSE

Keep your eyes open for postings about NLM's new UMLS course, which will be offered in our region (date TBD). There was substantial interest expressed for this course and the PSRML will be working on scheduling the class in various locations. Formal announcements will be sent via LISTSERV once dates are set. This is a free course.

This 8-hour course on the Unified Medical Language System (UMLS) is designed for medical librarians interested in medical informatics who desire an introduction to the UMLS and an understanding of the issues and practical considerations involved in selecting and using appropriate controlled vocabularies for a range of biomedical applications. (MLA CE contact hours would be awarded.) Here are details on the course:

UMLS Basics: What Is This Thing Called the UMLS And Why Do I Care?

This 8-hour, hands-on course introduces NLM's Unified Medical Language System (UMLS): what it is and how it is used. Students gain an understanding of the 3 main components, or Knowledge Sources: the Metathesaurus, the Semantic Network, and the SPECIALIST Lexicon—what these are and how these and related tools are used in a variety of biomedical applications and research. A broad overview of the 95-plus source vocabularies contained in the Metathesaurus is provided. Criteria for assessing the usefulness of specific controlled vocabularies for clinical, research, and educational purposes are discussed. The online UMLS Knowledge Source Server (UMLSKS) is used to access UMLS data throughout the class. Hands-on exercises allow students to practice basic and advanced searching skills. Some experience is provided with software called MetamorphoSys and how it can be applied to produce customized local versions of the Metathesaurus useful for particular applications. The audience is those medical librarians interested in medical informatics who desire an introduction to the UMLS and an understanding of the issues and practical considerations involved in selecting and using appropriate controlled vocabularies for a range of biomedical applications.

Agenda for UMLS Basics: What Is This Thing Called the Unified Medical Language System (UMLS) and Why Do I Care?

08:30 - 08:45 am	Welcome and Introduction
08:45 - 09:15 am	UMLS Overview
09:15 - 10:15 am	Controlled Vocabularies and the UMLS
10:15 - 10:30 am	BREAK
10:30 - 11:00 am	Controlled Vocabularies, continued
11:00 - 12:00 pm	Metathesaurus
12:00 - 01:00 pm	LUNCH
01:00 - 01:30 pm	Metathesaurus: Customizing with MetamorphoSys
01:30 - 02:00 pm	Semantic Network
02:00 - 02:30 pm	SPECIALIST Lexicon
02:30 - 03:15 pm	UMLS Knowledge Source Server Advanced Features
03:15 - 03:30 pm	BREAK
03:30 - 03:45 pm	UMLS Applications
03:45 - 04:15 pm	Standards, HIPAA, and the Future
04:15 - 04:30 pm	What's New with the UMLS
04:30 - 05:00 pm	Questions, Evaluation, Certificates

CLASSES

The following National Training Center and Clearinghouse classes are being taught at UCLA in April:

PubMed	April 28, 2003
NLM Gateway & ClinicalTrials.gov (half day)	April 29, 2003
Toxnet	April 30, 2003

To register, go to <http://nml.gov/mar/online/request.html>

MLA Continuing Education credit is awarded for these classes.

CENSUS 2000 – SPACE AVAILABLE!

Infopeople is pleased to announce that there is still space available in this new workshop:

Title: Census 2000 Introduction

Dates and locations:

Monday, April 14, Pleasant Hill, Contra Costa County Library

Monday, May 5, San Francisco Public Library

To register for this workshop: Use the online registration form at <http://www.infopeople.org/WS/workshop/Workshop/130>

Every ten years a wealth of demographic, geographic and just plain useful information is gathered and assembled into the Decennial Census. Savvy library staff recognize that knowing how to find and use Census data can be a tremendous aid to reference, program planning, grant writing and outreach activities. And since the advent of the Internet, this data is now freely available for all.

Would you like to be able to find out:

- How many people lived in San Francisco or Los Angeles in 2000?
- How many nursing homes are in your county?
- Which Census tract you live in?
- The ethnic and racial composition of the neighborhood around your library?
- Patterns of education, language, or family composition in your area?

Would it save you time to know what is and is not covered in Census 2000—is there a question on religion, for example? Or on small business development?

Census 2000 includes a wide range of information for answering these and many more questions. However, using the Census documentation and data sets can be daunting. This course will teach you how to mine Census 2000 data effectively to find, interpret and present the information you and your users need.

Workshop Description: In this all-day hands-on workshop we will work with American FactFinder to access Census data, download Census data, and create thematic maps. We will also explore other resources for Census 2000 including PDF publications, Census briefs and reference sources that explain Census geography, data, and more.

Preliminary Course Outline:

What is and is not in the Decennial Census?

- Questionnaires
- Other requested data sets
- Searching the Census Web site
- Understanding Census Geography
- Census tracts, blocks and more
- Thematic mapping
- Other map sources

Census 2000

- 100% vs. sample data
- Using briefs, reports, and data sets
- How to find ancestry, occupations, languages spoken, and more

American FactFinder

- How to research a community
- Searching in the data sets, adding places and tables
- Displaying and saving Census information

Workshop Instructor: Andrea Severson. Andrea has 16 years experience working in government documents, 12-plus of those at the University of California, Berkeley. She moved to the east coast about two years ago to pursue a personal life and, as an added bonus, found herself working at the Census Bureau (a mecca for docs librarians!) as a contractor. One of her first projects for the Census Bureau was creating a tutorial for the Summary File 1 on DVD, and her first publication (with the Census Bureau) was "Census 2000 Basics."

Who Should Attend: Anyone in a California library who wants to:

- understand Census data and concepts
- use Census data to answer questions
- use Census data to prepare community profiles for grant applications, planning, needs assessment or program development, or
- increase their confidence in their knowledge of this important tool.

Prerequisites: None

Fee: There is a \$75.00 fee for this workshop. Infopeople does not provide parking passes, lunch or refreshments.

Other Logistics:

- On-site check-in is from 8:30-9:00 AM; instruction is from 9:00 AM-4:30 PM.
- Maps, directions, and parking information are available on the Infopeople Web site at <http://infopeople.org/WS/workshop/Directions>
- Infopeople does not provide refreshments or lunch. Since some training locations do not have in-house or convenient food service, Infopeople recommends that participants bring a sack lunch.

To view a complete list of Infopeople workshops and for general information about Infopeople training opportunities, go to the main Infopeople Workshops page at <http://infopeople.org/WS/workshop>

If you have questions about registration or scheduling of workshops, please contact Linda Rodenspiel, the Infopeople Project Assistant, at assist@infopeople.org or by phone at 650-578-9685.

PSRML PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

The following items are now available to PSRML Network members free of charge:

1. Bookmark - MEDLINEplus Spanish
2" x 8" size, Purple.
2. Bookmark - MEDLINEplus and ClinicalTrials.gov (Combined)
2" x 8" size, printed on two sides.
3. Bookmark - PubMed
2" x 8" size, White and Blue.
4. Good Health Information On the World Wide Web Card
11" x 4" size; Descriptions for each web product.
5. MEDLINEplus and MEDLINE Card
11" x 4" size; Overview of MEDLINEplus and MEDLINE.
Available in Spanish.
6. PubMed Card
11" x 4" size; Description of PubMed.
7. The National Network of Libraries of Medicine Card
11" x 4" size; NN/LM mission, the services provided by the Network, and contact info.

Please note that quantities are limited to the current supply on hand. If you would like to place an order, please fill out our order form on-line: http://nmlm.gov/psr/promo_items.html

CONTINUING EDUCATION

A Full House for NCNMLG CE Course on Herbal Medicine and Its Resources!

The NCNMLG continuing education course, Introduction to Herbal Medicine and Its Resources, was a great success. It was held on April 4th at UCSF. 16 people attended and the course was very well received. The course provided an excellent introduction to reliable herbal medicine resources for library patrons, and was suitable for librarians working in the health sciences or for those in public libraries. It covered basic concepts of herbal medicine as practiced in the United States and Europe, including

definitions, actions, and basic information on popular herbs such as St. John's Wort and Echinacea. It included an overview of major print resources, online databases and Internet sites. Participants learned the names and uses of the most popular medicinal herbs; regulatory issues associated with the use of herbs in the U.S.; and ways to identify reliable information sources. The instructor, David Owen, PhD, is author of *The Herbal Internet Companion: Herbs and Herbal Medicine Online* (Haworth Press, 2001).

RESOURCES

World Health Organization:

April 7th is World Health Day.

<http://www.who.int/en>

SARS Information from CDC:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/>

Merriam-Webster's Medical Dictionary on MEDLINEplus:

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/mplusdictionary.html>

JMLA Digital Archives:

<http://65.167.243.5/publications/jmla/index.html>

Mindreader (fun!)

<http://www.cyberglass.biz/FlashEx/mindreader>

MEDICAL INFORMATION DAY

MLA is almost ready to launch 4/11, Medical Information Day, in recognition of the invaluable and vast range of information services medical librarians provide for their institutions and local communities. The event is in response to members' requests to promote medical librarians and libraries during the American Library Association's National Library Week, April 6-12. President Linda A. Watson, AHIP, and Executive Director Carla J. Funk, CAE, request your help in making this event a success.

The following link will take you to Web- and print-ready 4/11 logos designed to help with your marketing efforts < <http://www.mlanet.org/press/411/index.html> >. You will also find a sample news release for distribution in your local community. As the news release suggests, the purpose for celebrating this day is to increase public awareness of your expertise and the services you and your staff provide on a daily basis.

Please note the bold paragraph of the release needs to be completed by a member of your staff. MLA suggests hosting a reception at your library that will introduce people to your services. As you think about the most effective way to distribute or where to post this news, here are a few ideas to celebrate the day:

- Offer a power lunch and ask people to brown bag it over to your medical library for a noon pow-wow on library services. Provide dessert.
- Host a breakfast brainstorm where people can jumpstart their day with a cup of java, a bagel, and a long-overdue introduction to your local medical library.
- Print the 4/11 logo on t-shirts, buttons, hats, key chains, bookmarks, mouse pads, etc.

MLA hopes these suggestions and those on the 4/11 Web page will spark even more ideas for how best to take advantage of 4/11, Medical Information Day, in your area. Tomi Gunn at MLA headquarters will be on hand to answer any questions you may have leading up to the event. Contact her at <mlams@mlahq.org>.

JOBS

Director, Library Services

Reeves Medical Library, at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital, is the largest medical library in the Santa Barbara area and serves both the community and health care professionals across a wide geographic area. Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital is the largest private, nonprofit teaching hospital between Los Angeles and San Francisco. We seek an innovative and experienced librarian with successful leadership skills for the position of director.

Requirements include a master's degree in library or information science from a program accredited by the American Library Association, 3 years of experience in a medical library, and at least 3 years of management experience. Candidates who are members of the Academy of Health Information Professionals and/or have experience with library construction programs are preferred. Duties include managing all library services; supervising a professional staff of 3; working closely with medical, surgical, and nursing education; coordinating online services and instruction; and extending services to 2 smaller hospitals in the Cottage Health System.

Salary: up to \$72,404. We offer excellent benefits. Send resume to P.O. Box 689, Pueblo at Bath Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93102; fax, 805.569.7557; or email, chsjobs@cottagehealthsystem.org. You may also apply online at: <http://www.cottagehealthsystem.org>. EOE (305)

DIRECTIONS FOR JOINING THE NCNMLG LISTSERVS

LISTSERV ADDRESS: ncnmlglist@lists.stanford.edu

Everyone is encouraged to subscribe to the general listserv. These are very low-volume lists designed for communication of important information from NCNMLG to its members. The only time you will need to unsubscribe is when your e-mail address changes. In this case two actions are necessary. You will need to unsubscribe your old e-mail address and then subscribe the new address. This keeps our listserv current!

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Leave the subject line blank

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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: ncnmlglist@lists.stanford.edu

SUBMITTING ITEMS TO THE NEWSLETTER

Please email your submissions to the Newsletter. Items for the NCNMLG Newsletter may be sent in electronic format (text or WORD format preferred) to:

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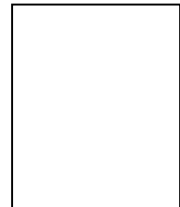
Phone: 415-476-5765

If you have questions about submitting articles or announcements to the Newsletter, please feel free to call and ask questions.

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