



# NCNMLG Newsletter



## A message from the President Farewell message...

"It's your last chance.... Do you want to write your farewell President's message for the newsletter?"

When asked this question in a recent email, I flagged the message to let the back of my mind work on a reply. I'm just as prone as anyone to writer's block, but the feeling that surfaced in my mind was appreciation for everyone's hard work and friendship these past two years as I juggled the duties of Program Chair, President, And Joint Meeting Chair. NCNMLG and I would never have accomplished what we did without the willing and gracious support of so many people!

As your president-elect, Doug Varner, and I prepare for the upcoming Transition Meeting in June, I'm reminded again and again of how much I have received from volunteering in NCNMLG. Most of my professional growth and ability to do my work has come about through what I have learned from our colleagues and from CE's, as well as on the job. If you are thinking about volunteering for NCNMLG, do it!

Would you like to:

- ? Work on a committee?
- ? Work on the chapter web site?
- ? Maintain the listserv addresses?
- ? Write up CE's and conferences you attend for the newsletter?
- ? Host a telephone board meeting?
- ? Represent medical librarianship at high school career days or at SJSLSIS?
- ? Explore and research the idea of vendor support for chapter activities?

If so, please contact Doug at 415-932-3240 or varnerd@sutterhealth.org, or me at 650-494-3269 or mbt@netmagic.net, or the committee chair listed in your new directory. If you're not sure if it's right for you, call anyway just to explore the idea. You will find a great group!

So, farewell as your 2000-2001 President only, with many, many thanks to this year's Board and to the 2001 Joint Meeting Planning Committee and volunteers, and with many, many good wishes to Doug and the incoming 2001-2002 Board!

Mary Beth Train

## ELECTION RESULTS

**The results are in! The NCNMLG elected officers for 2001-2002 are:**

**Sara Pimental**, Vice President/President-Elect

**Vickie Sanders**, Secretary

**Annette Osenga**, Treasurer

**Nancy Mangum**, NCNMLG Nominating/Election Committee Chair

**Rikke Greenwald**, NCNMLG Nominating/Election Committee Member

**Janice Perlman-Stites**, MLA Nominating Committee Candidate

Congratulations to the winners. The real winners are the members of NCNMLG who will benefit from these fine leaders. Thanks to all the candidates for volunteering to run. You are a credit to our organization and an example for the membership.

My personal thanks to Ron Schultz and Tilly Roche, the members of the Nominating/Election Committee. Their dedication, hard work, organizational skills and good humor made this whole process the successful endeavor that it was.

Dorrie Slutsker

Chair, Nominating/Election Committee

## MAY CE CLASS - SUMMARY

Twenty-two people attended the chapter's spring CE course *XML for Librarians*. The all day course was held at Stanford University Medical Center on May 10, 2001.

Course instructors, all from Lane Medical Library, were Dick Miller (Head of Technical Services), Mary Buttner (Digital Materials Manager), Rebecca Wesley (Digital Materials Librarian), and Kevin Clarke (Digital Information Systems Programmer). Each instructor was very knowledgeable about XML and each brought his or her own expertise to the course.

XML (eXtensible Markup Language) is used to markup documents that contain structured information – separating content from presentation. It provides greater power and flexibility than HTML since it accommodates user-defined tags. Disciplines, like library science, can define their own tags.

The course covered:

- basic XML markup skills
- XML vs. HTML, XHTML, and SGML
- stylesheets for XML presentation
- sophisticated linking and pointing capabilities of XML which allow more than single forward links (e.g., bi-directional links, links to multiple documents, links to specific sections of documents you don't own)
- Document Type Definitions and XML schemas which layout the rules/tags being used for a specific document
- software and web sites for trying out XML
- software for checking the quality of XML coding
- good web sites and books for XML information

- possible library applications - EDI (electronic data interchange), interfacing databases to the web, conversion of MARC to XML or replacement of MARC by XML, integrating data from multiple systems, and outputting data in a wide range of formats.

Though the topic and terminology were somewhat complex, the instructors did a great job of making the opportunities and challenges of XML use understandable. Thanks Dick, Mary, Rebecca, and Kevin!

--Candace Walker, NCNMLG CE Chair

## LIBRARY TOUR



### ***SLA Sierra Nevada Chapter Invites you to join us for a tour of the Sutter Resource Library***

***Date: Tuesday, May 22***

***Time: 6 to 7pm***

***Place: Sutter Resource Library, 2800 L Street – 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento***

*Located within the Sutter Cancer Center in downtown Sacramento, the Sutter Resource Library is a treasure chest of easy to access information on the diagnosis and treatment of complex diseases and an extensive collection of health education materials in print and on-line. The collection includes Internet access, 3000 medical and consumer health texts, 220 journals, and 1000 audio and video tapes.*

*Housed within the Sutter Resource Library, the Evening Star Library provides a unique collection of books and videos dealing with death and dying, grieving, bereavement, recovery, spirituality, and the pragmatic aspects of leaving life. For additional information and to RSVP, please contact Judith Welsh at [jawelsh@ucdavis.edu](mailto:jawelsh@ucdavis.edu) or call (530) 752-6204.*

*Refreshments will be served!*

## MLA

### MLA Benchmarking Initiative – Progress to Date

The MLA Benchmarking Taskforce has worked hard to develop a benchmarking tool to enable hospital librarians to compare and contrast their important data with other hospitals with similar characteristics. The vision was to create a benchmarking tool which: Provides useful data that hospital librarians can use in negotiating with administrators and that will allow librarians to compare their most important operations to that of other libraries.

Here is the progress to date:

- The Beta test was completed with 84 participants and 77 completed data records.

- The data from the Beta test is currently being reviewed and analyzed by the Content Team to see what changes are needed (if any) to facilitate the receipt of "clean" data.
- MLA staff are developing a sample statistical aggregate report for evaluation in Orlando

If there are libraries who would like to input data, it is still possible to do so via MLANet.

In late April, a brief survey was sent out to the NCNMLG list serve, requesting data regarding beta test participation or non-participation. Thank you to those who responded. As NCNMLG Benchmarking Educator, I will be attending meetings in Orlando of the Benchmarking Taskforce. If you have any comments or suggestions for the Taskforce please let me know.

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## CONSUMER HEALTH LIBRARIES

Are you feeling bummed because you can't attend MLA in Orlando? Are you interested in information on managing an existing consumer health library? If your answer to these two questions is "yes," keep reading!

I've received a PSRML Professional Development Award to attend the CE course "Continued Success for Consumer Health Libraries" at MLA. My general goals for attending this course are to meet with and learn from others running consumer libraries that have successfully been in operation for several years and learn more about strategies for ongoing success. My more specific goals are to come back with strategies for better managing my volunteer program, seeking funding, and evaluation.

I know I wouldn't have been able to afford to attend this event without this grant. Thus I would like to share what I learn with folks who aren't able to attend, and to share ideas that will help us all do our jobs better. To this end, I have organized an informal meeting for 1:00 - 3:00 on Thursday, June 21, at the UCSF Comprehensive Cancer Center (1600 Divisadero between Sutter and Post Street). (Thanks to Keren Stronach for hosting!) Some of us may gather before hand for lunch. If you are interested in attending, contact me:

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## MLA: SISTER LIBRARY PROJECT

### **Report on the Sister Library Initiative International Cooperation Section of MLA**

The International Cooperation Section of the Medical Library Association has established a Sister Library Initiative with two libraries: The Medical Research Library of Latvia, in Riga, Latvia; and the Medical Library of Holberton Hospital in Saint John's, Antigua. The initiative is currently running a 14-month pilot project, scheduled to end in April 2002. In the past, individual members of the ICS have maintained sister library relationships, sending books and journals to our overseas colleagues, occasionally exchanging staff, and providing expert consultation. The Sister Library Initiative is designed to provide the two sister libraries mentioned above with collection support and state-of-the-art electronic information resources. To oversee the sister library projects, the ICS has set up two committees, one for each of the libraries in Latvia and Antigua.

In the first few months of this initiative there has been a generous outpouring of assistance from medical librarians and libraries in the United States and Canada. Within the Northern California and Nevada Medical Libraries Group, the Lane Medical Library of Stanford University is helping to provide interlibrary loans to the sister library in Latvia. A group of Nordic librarians and libraries, which have in the past worked closely with libraries in the Baltic countries of the former Soviet Union, are also involved in the Latvian project.

The major accomplishments of the project to date include the following:

#### Latvia

- A member of the Latvian committee for this project traveled to the Medical Research Library of Latvia in August 2000, to review the library's current collection, facilities and electronic capabilities, assess the library's needs, provide training to Latvian librarians, and meet with Latvian government officials regarding this initiative.
- 23 libraries have donated the equivalent of 32 large boxes of books and journals to the Medical Research Library of Latvia. The Cleveland Branch of the American Latvian Society provided funds to ship the materials, which are due to arrive in Latvia in early May.
- The Latvian Physicians and Dentists group is in the process of raising additional funds for a series of shipments of books and journals to Latvia.
- The profile of the Medical Research Library of Latvia has been raised through communications regarding this initiative, with the Latvian President, the Latvian Ambassador in the US, and the American Ambassador in Latvia.
- The national Library of Medicine has arranged for the Medical Research Library of Latvia to have access to DOCLINE. NLM staff and a member of the ICS Latvian committee were involved in teaching the Latvian librarians to use the DOCLINE service.
- The Research Libraries Group graciously donated the Ariel software to the Medical Research Library of Latvia, which has greatly facilitated quick transmission of needed documents. Since March, 37 Ariel interlibrary loans have been received in Latvia.
- STAT!Ref donated products containing 32 medical textbooks to the library in Latvia. Between March 7 and April 20, 118 health professionals in Latvia used STAT!Ref to view 13,516 documents.
- The Latvian subcommittee has worked closely with the American Latvian Association, who have published two detailed stories about the sister library initiative in its newspapers: Laiks (published in Latvian), and Latvian Dimensions (published in English). As a result, several Latvians living in the US have contacted the Latvian committee of the ICS to enthusiastically applaud the project and offer additional help.

#### Antigua

- Numerous libraries in the United States have donated medical books, journals, interlibrary loans, and library supplies to the library in Holberton Hospital in Antigua.
- A.B. Short of Medshare International has agreed to help ship library resources to Antigua when they send materials to this region of the world.
- The Permanent Mission of Antigua/Barbuda to the United Nations has also provided shipping assistance for library materials to Antigua.

It is hoped that the continuing success of this pilot project will enable the International Cooperation Section and the Medical Library Association to extend the initiative and develop additional sister library relationships with medical libraries in other parts of the world. If you would like to be involved in this exciting project, or offer donations, please contact one of the following committee members.

Sister Library Initiative Committee:

Chair: Vicki Croft ([croft@wsu.edu](mailto:croft@wsu.edu))

Latvian Committee:

Chair: Donna Flake ([donna.flake@coastalahec.org](mailto:donna.flake@coastalahec.org))

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Antigua Committee:

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## JOBS

### HEAD, PUBLIC HEALTH LIBRARY

Associate/Full Librarian

\$59,832-76,476 per annum, based upon qualifications

The Library of the University of California at Berkeley is seeking an energetic and creative individual to head its Public Health Library, a subject specialty library that supports the teaching, learning, and research activities of the University's faculty, students, staff, and the broader community of health professionals and the public. In addition to serving these constituencies, this library also provides special information services for California public health agencies, such as the California Department of Health Services (DHS) through contractual arrangements.

The Public Health Library is one of eight Science libraries on the Berkeley campus. Its collection numbers 95,000 volumes and 1,450 current serial titles. The Public Health Library (including a satellite library – the Occupational and Environmental Health Library approximately six miles away in Oakland) has a total staff of 5.65 FTE professionals and 5.5 FTE para-professionals and 4 FTE student library employees. The Library is a member of the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) and the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), and is an active participant in the California Digital Library. The Library has a budget of \$50 million, and employs over 440 full-time staff, and more than 600 part-time students.

### SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

Reporting to the Associate University Librarian, Director of Public Services, the Head of the Public Health Library manages the Public Health Library staff and provides overall direction for library programs and services, and acts as the primary liaison to faculty in the School of Public Health and the researchers at the California Department of Health Services. The incumbent is responsible for the departmental library budget as well as regularly negotiating and renewing the contracts with California state agencies. The Head oversees the provision of all contract services, including document delivery, computer literature searching, and current awareness services. The Head coordinates collections and services provided by the Public Health Library, including reference, instruction, circulation, collection development, outreach, and Internet based services. The Head will have responsibility for coordinating the planning and design

of a new Public Health Library facility, in close collaboration with the School of Public Health. The Public Health Library will remain in its current location in Warren Hall until such time as the library moves into surge space, scheduled for 2004, and then into new quarters after the construction of the new School of Public Health building.

UCB librarians are expected to participate in librarywide planning and governance, to be able to work comfortably in a shared decision-making environment, and to be active professionally. Professional contributions beyond the primary responsibilities, e.g. active participation in university and professional settings, publications or other research and creative activity, are required for advancement in the Librarian series. Candidates must show evidence of such contributions at the Librarian level, or their promise for a Librarian appointed at the Associate Librarian level.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

Required: An MLIS from an ALA accredited institution, or equivalent degree, and relevant professional experience. Five years progressively responsible experience in a research library. Supervisory experience. Experience in science librarianship with demonstrated ability to evaluate and use appropriate technology to improve staff efficiency and enhance library services. Excellent oral and written communication skills. Preferred: Experience in collection development and contract management; experience with facilities planning. Experience in health or life sciences librarianship and knowledge of appropriate information resources. Demonstrated ability to work in a team-oriented work environment; excellent interpersonal skills with ability to lead and collaborate; planning and project management experience; budget management; ability to meet deadlines and to work productively within an environment of rapid development and change; commitment to personal and staff professional development. The Library at UC Berkeley is committed to the support and encouragement of a multicultural environment and seeks candidates who can make positive contributions in a context of ethnic and cultural diversity.

Deadline: Consideration will be given to applications received by July 30, 2001.

APPLICANTS SHOULD APPLY IN WRITING, INCLUDING WITH THEIR LETTER A COMPLETE STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS, A FULL RESUME OF THEIR EDUCATION AND RELEVANT EXPERIENCE, AND THE NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND PHONE NUMBERS OF THREE REFERENCES WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THEIR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS POSITION.

You may mail your application package to:

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447 The Library  
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Or EMAIL: [librec@library.berkeley.edu](mailto:librec@library.berkeley.edu)

TREASURER'S REPORT

**General Treasury (excluding coupon monies)**

Total Treasury	\$21,913.31
Checking Account Balance	\$11,224.59
Money Market Account Balance	\$10,688.72

**Income/Expenses Excluding Joint Meeting**

	Actual YTD	Budgeted
Income	\$6,169.56	\$6,264.00
Expenses	\$7,386.70	\$14,511.15

**Joint Meeting Revenue/Expenses to 4/18/2001**

*Figures adjusted for registration refunds. Expenses figure is the working figure provided by Lisa Jerant until the final report has been reconciled.*

	Actual YTD	Budgeted
Income	\$56,818.50	\$53,510.00
Expenses	\$45,411.38	\$44,341.48
Profit	\$11,407.12	

**Recent Chapter Expenses**

*Treasurer*

Chapter Mailbox Rental for one year \$200.00  
Illinois State Annual Report fee \$8.00

*President*

Mary Beth Train – phone expenses \$89.95  
UC Regents – teleconference charges for Board meeting calls \$108.00

*Awards Committee*

Nancy Mangum – award plaque \$33.26

*Nominating Committee*

Dorrie Slutsker – expenses for 2001 election \$109.15

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This report reflects the state of the Chapter's general treasury – the funds used to operate the Chapter. Financial information for the coupon account are not included in this report. Contact the coupon manager for details.

As always, anyone interested in viewing the Chapter's financial ledgers should contact me at 408-257-4524 or [leah.mark@worldnet.att.net](mailto:leah.mark@worldnet.att.net) <<mailto:leah.mark@worldnet.att.net>>

## CALENDAR

### May 21- June 29, 2001

The Department of Library and Information Studies at the University at Buffalo will offer two graduate courses over the Internet for Summer 2001.

\*\* Marketing of Information Services

[http://www.sils.buffalo.edu/faculty/ellison/Syllabi/531/531\\_home.html](http://www.sils.buffalo.edu/faculty/ellison/Syllabi/531/531_home.html)

\*\* Management of Libraries and Information Agencies

[http://www.sils.buffalo.edu/faculty/ellison/Syllabi/581/581\\_home.html](http://www.sils.buffalo.edu/faculty/ellison/Syllabi/581/581_home.html)

For more detailed information regarding these courses, off-campus completion of the MLS, or the DLIS Distance Learning program, see "Distance Learning": <http://www.sils.buffalo.edu/faculty/ellison/distance.html>

### MAY 25-30, 2001

**MLA 2001: An Information Odyssey, Orlando FL** [www.mlanet.org/am/index.html](http://www.mlanet.org/am/index.html)

### AUGUST 5 - 11, 2001

**Second Annual Stanford-California State Library Institute on 21st Century Librarianship.** This event will be an intense, week-long program on the future of libraries, the impact of digital technologies on libraries, and the innovative ways successfully to lead libraries into the future. For details on the Institute and application information, please go to the website: <http://institute21.stanford.edu> Enrollment is via a competitive application process, with applications due by March 30, 2001.

## DIRECTIONS FOR JOINING THE NCNMLG LISTSERVS

General Listserv: [ncnmlg@lanelib.stanford.edu](mailto:ncnmlg@lanelib.stanford.edu)

Board Listserv: [ncnmlgbd@lanelib.stanford.edu](mailto:ncnmlgbd@lanelib.stanford.edu)

Everyone is encouraged to subscribe to the general listserv and board members should subscribe to the board 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!

### TO SUBSCRIBE:

Send a message to: [majordomo@lanelib.stanford.edu](mailto:majordomo@lanelib.stanford.edu)

Leave the subject line blank

Type in body of the message: **subscribe ncnmlg** OR **subscribe ncnmlgbd**

### TO UNSUBSCRIBE

Send a message to: [majordomo@lanelib.stanford.edu](mailto:majordomo@lanelib.stanford.edu)

Leave the subject line blank

Type in body of the message: **unsubscribe ncnmlg** OR **unsubscribe ncnmlgbd**

### TO SEND A MESSAGE:

Send a general e-mail: [ncnmlg@lanelib.stanford.edu](mailto:ncnmlg@lanelib.stanford.edu)

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