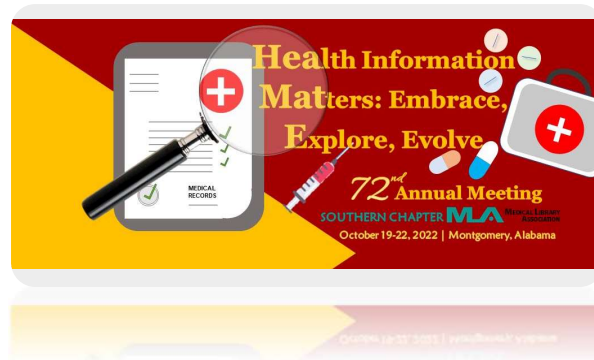


MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION UPDATE 2022/23

PRESENTED BY: MLA PRESIDENT SHANNON JONES, AHIP





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2023 MLA MEMBERSHIP DUES

- Ensuring financial stability
- Increased support for caucus activities without caucus dues
- New services and resources offered
- Increased grant and scholarship opportunities
- 1st increase in 5 years
- See www.mlanet.org/join for individual benefits and dues
- See www.mlanet.org/join2 for institutional benefits dues



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However, staff support for all caucus activities (i.e., elections, Zoom hosting, website and list maintenance/training & updates, community council) has increased under the new community model.

These and other changes advance the profession of medical librarianship, make it more equitable and provide more value to you as a member. We've also introduced many new services and resources to support you and your career journey.

Our awards, grants and scholarships have increased, giving you even more opportunities to distinguish yourself professionally. We have increased the number of education offerings available and have provided affordable options. Just to name a few.

This is the first time in five years membership dues are increasing (the last increase was 2018).


At the new dues rate of \$245, the increase represents a 1.8% increase (on average) for each of the five years.

Per MLA *Bylaws*, once the new 2023 dues rate goes into effect, the dues rate will be “locked in” for the next three years. See the chart [here](#) for how the dues increase impacts the other Individual Membership dues categories.

I hope you will continue to support the work of MLA and our profession as a member- and that you continue to experience the value of membership.

**2023
MEMBERSHIP
DUES -
INDIVIDUAL**

Individual - \$245	Introductory (first year) - \$184 (25% off)	Lower dues (\$50K salary or less) - \$123 (50% off)
Unemployed - \$61 (75% off)	Emeritus - \$98 (60% off)	Student - \$61 (75% off)
International - \$245	Research4Life-eligible Group A or B Country - \$25 (90% off)	Affiliate - \$184 (25% off)



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2023 MEMBERSHIP DUES - INSTITUTIONAL

See www.mlanet.org/page/institutional-membership for institutional benefits and dues

Library/information center
with:

- 1-2 FTE's - \$368
- 3-7 FTE's - \$745
- 8-15 FTE's - \$1,225
- 16+ FTE's - \$1,960

Questions? Please connect
with [Kate Corcoran](mailto:kate.corcoran@mlahq.org) at
kate.corcoran@mlahq.org



Based on number of library/information center FTE's who directly serve medical and health sciences patrons.



Rate excludes student, temporary or grant funded positions



Staff will be contacting institutional members to ensure that you have the correct rate/category



The MLA Institutional dues update includes these features:

- Replacing the previous budget-based categories to align better with modern health sciences libraries (dues categories changed from “number of active journal subscriptions” to “budget range” in 2002 and had not been updated since).
- Adjusting the dues amounts to reflect discounts provided for annual meeting registration and education packages for larger numbers of staff members
- Including Institutional packages that provide for

discounted member rates for all staff members, including MLA nonmembers

- Extending the membership rebate/discount program to more categories of institutional members and including as an add-on (minimum 5 rebates): support your MLA member staff with a \$50 annual rebate on their dues
- Enabling smaller institutions/individuals to continue to join at an institutional rate, with institutional payment

Please [visit MLANET](#) for a full view of institutional dues for 2023 and for a checklist of institutional benefits.

If you have questions ahead of staff contacting you, please connect with [Kate Corcoran](#).



MLA's new SYSTEMATIC REVIEW SERVICES SPECIALIZATION

- SRSS Level I launched May 2022. Level II in 2023.
- All Level I required courses and electives are over 30% off the total cost now through December 31, 2022
- No application fee



Earning the MLA Systematic Review Services Specialization (SRSS) indicates that you have received training in providing systematic review services and serving on systematic review teams and recognition for the accomplishment of acquiring systematic review services skills.

Level I SRSS launched May 2022. Acquiring Level I SRSS skills will enable you to play a central role in systematic review projects as a co-investigator with advanced literature searching skills and knowledge of the systematic review process.

Level II launches in 2023.

The SRSS Pathway: Special Offer for a Limited Time

To make it more affordable to earn your Level I SRSS Certificate, through December 31, 2022, MLA offers the [SRSS Level I Learning Pathway](#): all Level I SRSS required courses and all Level I SRSS MLA on-demand and webinar electives at a discount of over 30% of the total cost of the courses needed to earn the specialization and 50% of the total of all the courses included in the Pathway (and we waive the application fee).

The cost of courses that satisfy the requirements for the SRSS is determined by

course owners. Courses offered by the [Network of the National Library of Medicine](#) are free.

Why Get Your SRSS?

Many of the skills that health sciences librarians have traditionally applied to the scholarly literature are relevant to systematic reviews, such as process management, searching, and information management.



Apply for MLA Grants & Scholarships by November 15

www.mlanet.org/page/grants-scholarships-fellowships



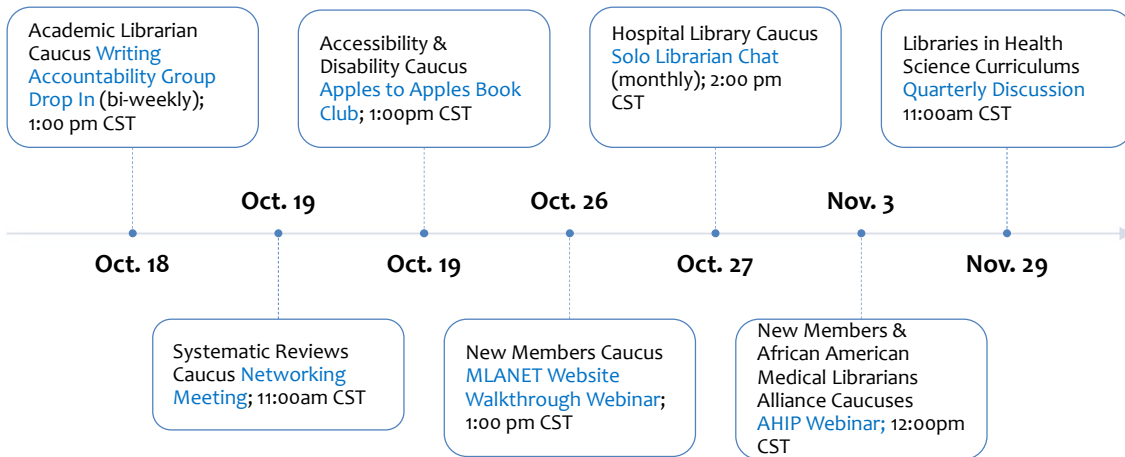
MLA awards over \$45,000 in grants and scholarships each year. Grants are available in the following categories: Advanced Education, International Focus, Professional Development, and Research Related. Additionally, three scholarships are available for students.

Applications for the grants and scholarships opened September 1 and close November 15, 2022.

For a full list of grants and scholarships, see MLA's list of [Grants, Scholarships, and Fellowships on MLANET](#).

Note, membership is required for most grants and the submission deadline is earlier this year than past years, so don't wait to complete your application! We look forward to receiving your application!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING CAUCUS EVENTS



To learn more about MLA caucuses, visit public caucus member pages at www.mlanet.org/page/mla-caucuses
MLA members can join caucuses for free at www.mlanet.org/page/caucus-landing-page



- All MLA members can join as many MLA caucuses at any time for as long as they wish
- Caucus membership is included with MLA membership
- Members should visit caucus member pages to learn more about these events

Be Well Wednesday Sessions

- **I Wet My Plants** - September 14 (recording available)
- **Healthy Eating** - October 12 (recording available)
- **Mindfulness** - November 9
- **Laziness Does Not Exist Book Discussion** - December 14
- **Take Action** - January 11
- **Love Yourself (Self Compassion)** - February 8
- **Radical Empathy Book Discussion** - March 8
- **Wellness at Your Library Panel** - April 12

Join the Be Well **MLA Community on MLANET!**
<https://www.mlanet.org/p/co/ly/gid=1905>




Be Well MLA Planning Team

- Shannon Jones, Medical University of South Carolina
- Amy Blevins, Indiana University School of Medicine
- Kelsa Bartley, University of Miami
- Lorin Jackson, Medical University of South Carolina
- Irene Lubker, Medical University of South Carolina
- Tamara Nelson, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center
- Ariel Pomputius, University of Florida
- Kate Saylor, University of Michigan

The *Be Well MLA* initiative promotes wellness and well-being among members of the Medical Library Association. Every month, MLA members are invited to participate in the Be Well Wednesday wellness series. In these sessions, MLA members and guests will share lessons learned, strategies, and tips on various wellness topics. Series events will run from September 2022 to April 2023, culminating at MLA'23.

- Registration is required
- All sessions are from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. (CST)
- Presentations are 60 minutes long, followed by an optional 30-minute discussion with the presenters and the Be Well MLA team.
- Session recordings will be available and posted on MLANET.

Stay connected to the Be Well MLA initiative by joining the [Be Well MLA Community](#) on MLANET. The Be Well MLA taskforce will share session recordings, reading materials, and other wellness resources. Watch *MLAConnect* for more information and the registration link to the next session:

<p>Participate in Office of Management & Budget (OMB) Initiative to Update MeSH Terminology</p> 	<h2 style="text-align: center;">UPDATING MeSH TERMINOLOGY</h2> <p>Two ways to provide your input:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Email Statistical_Directives@omb.eop.gov and request to join the mailing list to receive notification when the public input solicitation is issued 2. Send a brief email expressing interest in scheduling a listening session to Statistical_Directives@omb.eop.gov
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This past summer the National Library of Medicine (NLM) hosted a [listening session](#) with external communities and users to discuss the role of community input in MeSH development—a controlled and hierarchically organized vocabulary produced by NLM. During this listening session, NLM described actions being taken to ensure that updates to MeSH are consistent with Federal standards while remaining inclusive and respectful.

NLM also shared the need to align MeSH race and ethnicity terminology with the statistical standards the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) set forth. Such alignment is essential for interoperability and sharing across agencies' datasets. The last [OMB update on terminology was in 1997](#).

NLM is reaching out to let us know that [OMB is taking action to update these terms](#).

OMB is offering two ways for the public to share their perspectives and input on OMB's statistical standards for race and ethnicity.

1. Soliciting public input on OMB's recommended proposal for revisions to Directive No. 15 through a Federal Register Notice.
2. [virtual, bi-monthly listening sessions](#) to hear directly from members

of the public.

MLA will submit comments and input. We encourage members of the health sciences library community to share perspectives and input as part of this important work to improve the quality and usefulness of Federal race and ethnicity data. Please contact [Mary Langman](#) with questions.



- Nominee must be an MLA member
- Include reason you are recommending your colleague—or yourself
- Contact Kris Alpi at krisalpi@gmail.com with any questions
- See role descriptions, nomination form and information about the election process on MLANET.
- Make your suggestion by **Monday, October 31; 5:00pm CST**

The 2022/23 Nominating Committee is identifying potential candidates for the 2023 election. If you would like to recommend someone to serve as president or board member, or if you would like to be considered yourself, please complete [this form on MLANET](#) to make a suggestion to the Nominating Committee by **Monday, October 31. Nomination form link:**

<https://www.mlanet.org/p/su/rd/survey=1d69f82f-40c5-11ed-bca2-bc764e103913>

- Candidates must be members of the Medical Library Association.
- Please provide information about why you recommend the person to participate in leading our organization.
- Almost all board meetings are virtual—if you have questions about travel or time commitments, please contact Immediate Past President Kris Alpi (or President Jones) to discuss
- Reviewing the [job description](#) for MLA President and Board of Directors may be helpful.
- We will put forward a slate that will include at least two candidates for president-elect and at least six candidates for the three open MLA Board member positions.
- The committee will consider professional and leadership experience,

involvement in MLA, and representation among the association's geographic regions and diverse communities that comprise our membership.

- You can read more about the process for selecting candidates and electing the MLA president-elect and members of the MLA Board in Article V of the MLA Bylaws, which are accessible from [MLANET](#) (click on About MLA and then Organization from the menu).



www.mlanet.org/page/mla-125-anniversary

Working to further MLA's Building a Better Future strategic goal:

- 125-Year Retrospective Task Force
- Vision 2048 Task Force
- MLA Archives Task Force
- History Committee

Just a small sample of celebratory plans:

- January 18, 2023 Anniversary Update Open Forum
- **Early 2023 Open Forum on Archiving for Chapters and Caucuses**
- MLA 125 website which includes historical information, ways caucuses and chapters can participate, member blogs
- MLA's Most Notables that reflect MLA's diverse and inclusive community of members
- MLA'23 anniversary booth featuring digital and physical artifacts, historical information, photos, and trivia
- Special *JMLA* Commemorative Issue in April 2024

MLA turns 125 on May 2, 2023! Celebrations begin May 2023 and continue through May 2024. Three groups are leading the charge to celebrate MLA's past and plan a better future inclusive of all communities. These groups are collaborating with one another as well as with the MLA History Committee and the 2023 and 2024 National Program Committees. The efforts of all these groups further MLA's Building a Better Future strategic goal.

Events and initiatives planned in support of the 125th year include are listed on the screen.

Planning already underway includes those on screen and • Virtual jeopardy before the Detroit meeting • A photo booth at MLA'23 • Anniversary toast at the opening of the Hall of Exhibits • Birthday cake sweet treat celebration at MLA'23 • MLA'23/MLA 125 tote bags • Historical markers self-guided tour in the Convention Center highlighting significant milestones, people, awards, and events (e.g., qr code that links to information on the anniversary website)

Chapters, remember to submit your histories by the Oct 31 deadline!!



START PLANNING FOR MLA SLA '23!



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Special Libraries Association (SLA) will be collaborating with us on our 2023 conference.

Board wants you to have exciting MLA '23 sessions that not only showcase our health sciences peers, but also help us broaden our knowledge and strengthen our success as librarians.

The collaboration means:

- access to sessions on topics that transcend medical librarianship, like leadership and management.
- the chance to network with colleagues who face similar challenges different settings.
- A conference experience enriched by contributed content from SLA members, additional special content programming that MLA and SLA will jointly develop, and broader community engagement opportunities.

Their participation in our conference is in place of their own annual meeting.

Please join us in welcoming our SLA colleagues and making them feel welcome at MLA '23 in Detroit.



REDEFINING “HYBRID”

- Live in-person and live virtual sessions same week
- Any streamed sessions available to all attendees as recording later: McGovern, Doe, Leiter, NLM
- All Lightning Talks virtual, in live virtual sessions
- Up to 2 virtual immersion sessions--subject to submissions
- Papers in both virtual and in-person sessions

As in '22,

- there will be both virtual and in-person options for both presenters and attendees.
- if you are not able to travel, you can still present or attend a range of programming at MLA '23,

New for the '23 conference is up to 2 virtual immersion sessions, subject to submissions.



Call for Submissions:

Round 1: Papers and Immersion Sessions

- Submissions due **October 31**
- Acceptance notices will be sent **Dec. 6**
- Abstracts that are not accepted in Round 1 can be resubmitted for poster and lightning talks in Round 2

Round 2: Posters and lightning talks

- Submissions open **Dec. 15, 2022 – Jan. 26, 2023**
- Acceptance notices will be sent **Feb. 28, 2023**

Download the Checklist at www.mlanet.org/page/mla23-call-for-submissions to make your abstract shine!

If you're ready to begin submitting your abstract, the submission portal is open now- until October 13.

With the joining of SLA, a [new submission process](#) has been implemented . Abstract submissions for papers and immersion sessions are OPEN now and through October 13, 2022 (for MLA submissions) and until October 31 (for SLA submissions).

Contributed papers are ten- to fifteen-minute presentations that fall into two broad categories:

- **Program description abstracts** describe the creation, improvement, and assessment of products, programs, technologies, administrative practices, or services conducted by librarians and information professionals.
- **Research abstracts** report on designing, conducting, and analyzing a research project.

Immersion sessions are up to 90-minute “deep dives” into a single topic. The format may include interactive panel presentation, role-playing, gamification, discussions, working groups, or other audience engagement activities. Individual members, caucuses, and domain hubs are encouraged to submit.



MLA vConnections

Positive, inclusive changes here to stay!

Year-round, virtual-only events include:

- Annual Business Meeting • Open Forums • Council Meetings • Caucus business meetings • Committee meetings • Virtual Resume Clinic, CV reviews, mock interviews • Experience MLA education & networking caucus sessions

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- As with the MLA '22 conference, MLA | SLA will focus more on reconnecting, networking, engaging, interacting face-to-face.
- Non-meeting specific content will continue to be virtual year-round to be more inclusive and accessible
- Association-wide event links and recordings will be available on the MLA vConnections page

The graphic features a blue vertical rectangle on the left with the text "GET READY FOR EXPERIENCE MLA FEBRUARY 2023!". To the right are three light gray rounded rectangles, each with an icon and text: 1) Two red speech bubbles with the text "Daily engagement: networking events/webinars/games/discussions"; 2) A green calendar icon with the text "February – free membership month"; 3) Three purple human figures with the text "Non-MLA member sign up available in January". The MLA logo is in the bottom right corner.

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The call has gone out for participation in Experience MLA to be held next February. MLA members and non-members, who'll get to test-drive the benefits of MLA membership, will again be able to connect with colleagues during CE opportunities and caucus, hub and committee-produced networking events throughout the month.

2022 stats

- 1,600+ Zoom participants in more than 40 relevant, high-quality events.
- 202 registered guests signed up for Experience MLA trial memberships (141 in 2021)
- 12 new members joined (10 in 2021)



JMLA CO-EDITORS IN CHIEF APPOINTED!



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Liaison Librarian, Schulich
Library of Physical
Sciences, Life Sciences, and
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University, Montreal, QC



MICHELLE KRAFT, AHIP, FMLA

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The *JMLA* Editor-in-Chief Search Committee and MLA Board of Directors are pleased to announce the appointment of Jill T. Boruff, AHIP, Liaison Librarian, Schulich Library of Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, and Engineering, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada and Michelle Kraft, AHIP, FMLA, Medical Library Director, Cleveland Clinic Foundation Library, Cleveland, OH, as Co-Editors-in-Chief for the *Journal of the Medical Library Association (JMLA)*.

Recognizing the growth in responsibilities of the editor-in-chief role over the last half decade, the *JMLA* Co-Editors-in-Chief will share leadership, with one role focusing on journal operations such as handling manuscripts, supervising junior editors, collaborating with the production editor, and the other role focusing on strategic initiatives such as leading the editorial board, managing journal work groups, and setting strategic goals for the journal.

Jill T. Boruff is *JMLA*'s Journal Operations Editor. In addition to her experience as an author of multiple *JMLA* articles, Jill has been a long-serving peer reviewer for *JMLA* and has previously served as a member of its Editorial Board as an Assistant Editor for *JMLA*. Through this role, Jill brings experience handling manuscripts, working with authors and reviewers, as well as using the OJS publishing platform.

Michelle Kraft is JMLA's Strategic Initiative Editor. Michelle brings the experience of having served on the *JMLA* Editorial Board and as the JMLA Virtual Projects Section Editor during Katherine Akers' and Alexander Carroll's tenures. Michelle also brings a track record of leadership within MLA, having previously served as MLA President in 2016 and as a member of MLA's Board of Directors 2012-2017.

The MLA Board is grateful to Alexander J. Carroll, AHIP, Sarah Shannon Stevenson Science & Engineering Library, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, who effectively served as Interim *JMLA* Editor-in-Chief from September 2021 until August 2022. Alex worked with Jill and Michelle during the transition this summer and will continue to serve on the *JMLA* Editorial Board as Associate Editor.



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www.mlanet.org/page/national-medical-librarians-month

**PROMOTE YOUR SKILLS DURING NATIONAL MEDICAL
LIBRARIANS MONTH (NMLM) IN OCTOBER AND
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!**

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Kick off National MLM using this year's theme: Make Better Decisions Faster: Consult Your Health Information Professional. The work of medical librarians should be recognized throughout the year, but October is our official month of observance and celebration. Whether it's displaying this year's poster, or one from a previous year, retweeting an NMLM infographic highlighting our value or using one of the NMLM email signatures on MLANET, please be sure to take some time, especially in October, to illustrate to those in your institution your value and the positive impact of having a health sciences information professional on staff. [/www.mlanet.org/page/national-medical-librarians-month](http://www.mlanet.org/page/national-medical-librarians-month)

The image shows a screenshot of a social media interface. At the top, there are two tabs: 'All Groups' with a count of 2 and 'My Groups' with a count of 3. Below the tabs, there are two group cards. The first card is for 'Collection Development', which is a 'Public / Caucus' group with 4 members. It features a profile picture of a vase with orange flowers and a background image of a modern building at night. A green badge says 'You're a Member'. The second card is for 'Education Steering Committee', which is a 'Private / Committee' group with 1 member. It features a profile picture of three people and a background image of a modern building during the day. To the right of the group cards, the text 'MLA TECHNOLOGY' is displayed in a large, bold, blue font. Below it, the text 'WATCH MLACONNECT FOR UPDATES AND INFORMATION!' is displayed in a smaller, bold, blue font. A small orange circle is located at the bottom right of the text.

MLA Technology Update

On track for 1st Quarter 2023 implementation phase so that members can get used to the new system in a way that is logical. We will be reaching out to members to do some testing. Watch MLAConnect for further updates.

REMINDERS:

- October 31 (5:00pm CST):** Chapter nominations due
- October 31 (11:59pm CST):** 2023 conference contributed paper and immersion session submissions due
- November 9:** *Mindfulness Be Well* MLA Session
- November 15:** Grants and scholarships applications due
- Dec. 15 - Jan. 22, 2023:** 2023 conference poster and lightning talk submissions open
- December 31:** Systematic Review Design Specialization course discounts end
- January 1, 2023:** MLA membership fees due. Grace period ends February 28
- January 18:** MLA 125th anniversary open forum





