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### Message From the Chair

Two items on the news last night: the hoopla about the upcoming Academy Awards, and an interview with the latest winner of Georgia's lottery, reminded me of something I wanted to share with you all. It's a favorite quote from *Gumpisms: The Wit and Wisdom of Forrest Gump*.

"Your chances of winnin' the lottery get a lot better if you buy a ticket." So, while I'm NOT promoting gambling, I AM urging you to buy into the Southern Chapter by supporting it with your energy, ideas, expertise, and involvement. Anyone who doesn't take advantage of the countless opportunities this group has to offer is missing out BIG TIME on a wonderful resource for personal and professional growth and development.

That being said, I'm delighted to report that all committee vacancies have been filled, thanks to the willingness of so many to serve and the recruiting efforts of the committee chairs. Special thanks to Ana Moscoso for helping us match members from her area with the many openings for representatives from Puerto Rico.

If you expressed an interest in committee work on your membership form and were not contacted this time, please accept my heartfelt thanks for volunteering, and please be patient. About a third of the committee members rotate off each year, so come October we will be looking again for new appointees. In the meantime, committee involvement is just one way of participating. In fact, NOT being on a committee means that you have that much more time and incentive to get those creative juices flowing and submit an abstract to present a paper or poster at the meeting in Puerto Rico. (See the enclosed *Call for Papers* from Diane.) For many administrators, *attendance* at a meeting is only justifiable if you are *part* of the meeting. What better way to insure your institution's support than getting your name on the program?

Well, that's the "sermonette" for this issue. Take a chance, participate and stay involved. For as Forest also said, "Always be able to look back and say "At least I didn't lead no humdrum life."

*Jan LaBeauce, Chapter Chair, 1995-1996*
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Board Meets at MLA

Southern Chapter Board members are reminded that a board meeting will be held during the MLA meeting Sunday, May 7th, 4-6:00 PM in the Grant Room. One high-ranking board member wondered whether the room assignment meant that we could apply for one. Or ... if their rooms are named after generals, shouldn't they have given the Southern Chapter the Lee Room? Seriously, that's where the meeting will take place. Please "grant" some thought to it.

sort of submitted by
Jan Hawkins LaBeause

Continuing Education Update

The 1994-95 Professional Development Committee welcomes the following new members: Diane Whited (AL), Frances Lynch (TN), Rose Ann Tucker (MS), Francesca Corrada (PR), Ken Robichaux (Vendor Representative), and Lisa Boyd (NNLM Representative). The committee, chaired by Donna Doelling (FL), is currently engaged in planning and selecting courses to offer at the annual meeting in Puerto Rico that will complement the conference theme, Exploring Our Boundaries.

Dee Boggan (SC) continues as CE Opportunities Coordinator by keeping the members informed of the courses available in each state throughout the year. These course offerings are published in each issue of Southern Expressions. All Southern Chapter members are urged to share their planned continuing education events with Dee or their state Professional Development Committee representative in order to keep everyone aware of relevant current topics in our field.

submitted by Donna Doelling

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TABAMLS Uses a Walker

The Tampa Bay Medical Library Network (TABAMLN) sponsored the course, *Oncology: Concepts and Resources*, on February 24, 1995. Mary Edith Walker, retired director of the library at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, was the instructor. The course was offered at $10.00 to all TABAMLN institutions and $85.00 for other institutions. It was attended by 30 TABAMLN librarians and a librarian from the University of Florida Health Science Center Library. TABAMLN offers one continuing education opportunity for its members each year. Courses are publicized locally both to librarians and interested health sciences professionals. The Tampa Bay Medical Library Network has added four new members in the past year. New members are Carolyn Creeron of West Volusia Hospital in DeLand, Pat Cole of Winter Park Memorial Hospital, Winter Park, Joan Crisp of Leesburg Regional Medical Center in Leesburg and Sue Lavin of the St. Petersburg Junior College Health Education center in Pinellas Park.

submitted by Gwen Walters

AL, Phone Home

Alabama is running out of telephone numbers! That’s why a new area code, 334, has been added for the southern half of the state. From January 15, 1995 to May 13, 1995, either area code 334 or 205 may be used on long distance calls made to the new area. After May 13, only 334 will be used. If you dial 205 by mistake, you will get a recording that asks you to dial the number again using 334. Montgomery, Mobile and Dothan are examples of cities that fall into the new calling zone. The remaining half of Alabama will still use the 205 area code.

submitted by Pat Higginbottom

FHSILA Meeting Highlighted

News They Could Use

The Health Science Center Library of the University of Florida was host of the 1995 meeting of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association in Gainesville, April 5-7, 1995. The theme for this year’s meeting was *News You Can Use: Surviving the Changing Library Environment*. The keynote speaker was Holly Shipp Buchanan, who spoke on *Meeting Information needs of Health Care Administrators*.

submitted by Janet Coggan

Have you expired? First, check your pulse. If you find the heart of a Southern Chapter librarian beating there, next check your mailing label. If it tells you that you are about to expire, use the form on the last page of *Southern Expressions* to renew. We want to keep your membership alive!
Wellness After 50

The University of Florida Health Science Center Library in conjunction with the Alachua County Library District announces the funding of "Wellness After 50," a new grant designed to improve both libraries’ book collections and to promote library awareness among users 50 years of age or older. This group has specific health information needs that will be targeted through publication of booklists, purchase of new library materials, and cooperation with other agencies that work with this population. This grant will permit the public library staff to take advantage of the expertise of the Health Science Center Library’s staff. This attempt to make library users more informed consumers of medical conditions, health care services, and individual personal responsibility is a growing trend in the United States. As the general population ages, their information needs become more medically oriented and this grant was a response to that need. One result will be that both the Alachua County Library District Headquarters Library and the University of Florida Health Science Center Library will have specific titles that are being promoted available to their patrons using their facilities. For additional information, contact Janet Coggan, Health Science Center Library, (904)392-1417.

submitted by Janet Coggan

Dee to Teach USF Library Course

Cheryl Dee, Ph.D., Director of the Watson Clinic library, will teach a course for the University of South Florida School of Library and Information Science. The course, Health Sciences Librarianship, to be taught at the Tampa USF campus, is a general survey of health science librarianship. It introduces library students to the unique environment of the health sciences and is also helpful to librarians working in either an academic library or other libraries which handle health information requests. The course is scheduled for the summer C session on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

submitted by Gwen Walters

GAiN is Electrified with MLA Journal Club

A group of Georgia librarians are excited to be one of the pilot groups exploring an electronic journal club format for MLA. Members of GAiN (Georgia Interactive Network for Medical Information) began discussing six articles on Quality Filtering in December. "Lurking" on the discussion are members of MLA’s Professional Development Committee and the headquarters staff.

submitted by Jan LaBeause

Coming Up:

MLA Annual Meeting, Washington, May 5 - 10
SLA Annual Conference, Montreal, June 10 - 15
ALA Annual Conference, Chicago, June 22 - 29
ACURIL Warms up the Caribbean

The Association of Caribbean University Research Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) will be celebrating its 25th annual conference from June 4-10, 1995, in the Sands Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico. The theme addressed at the conference will be, *Challenges to Information Access in the Caribbean: Visibility, Resources, and Services*. For further information, please contact the conference coordinator:

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The Puerto Rico Librarians' Association will hold its annual meeting during the ACURIL conference in the same hotel.

submitted by Nilca I. Parrilla

TheSLa Springs into Skills

The Tennessee Health Science Library Association (TheSLa) spring meeting is set for April 20-21 at the Holiday Inn Choo-Choo in Chattanooga. Continuing education opportunities include *Presentation Skills for Librarians* and *Research Methods*. The meeting was planned by Belva Jennings, TheSLa vice-president. For further information, contact her at (615)778-7247.

Georgia Health Sciences Library Association 1995 Meeting

The Georgia Health Sciences Library Association held their annual meeting in Macon, GA on March 22-24 during the Cherry Blossom Festival. The city was beautiful with its cherry blossoms, Bradford pears, dogwoods and azaleas. With many participants at the meeting donned in Cherry Blossom pink, the meeting centered on a lively and informative theme of "Information in Bloom".

Jane Lambremont presented the annual Miriam H. Libbey Address. Other program featured speakers included Dr. Carl Joiner on "How to WOW Your Customers" and Dr. Kevin Grigsby on the "Future of Health Care Delivery Through Telemedicine." A "Blooming Technology" panel provided presentations and demonstrations of several new information resources including Readmore UnCover, CDC Wonder/PC, and AT&T RightPages. Two continuing education courses were offered: "Hospital Library Management" taught by Jane Lambremont, and "Evidence-Based Medicine for Librarians" taught by Ann McKibbon and Cindy W. Dilks.

GHSLA'ers also had a chance to visit Macon's historical sights by tour bus, explore the prehistoric Indian Mounds by torchlight, and relax for dinner and bluegrass music at the Whistle Stop Cafe, site of the filming of "Fried Green Tomatoes."

submitted by Jocelyn Rankin
Magnolia has President

Marcia Ann Glisson is the new president of the Mississippi Biomedical Library Consortium (MBLC). She is librarian at Magnolia Regional Health Center (formerly Magnolia Hospital) in Corinth, and recipient of a recent JCAHO visit. The MBLC annual meeting will be held April 28, 1995, at the College of Veterinary Medicine Library at Mississippi State. Contact Marcia Ann at (601)286-6961 for details.

submitted by Marcia Ann Glisson

SOWEGA AHEC Receives Funding

by Tim Lammers

The Southwest Georgia Area Health Education Center (SOWEGA AHEC) centered in Albany, GA, has received additional funding from the National Library of Medicine to extend its prototype for electronic delivery of health information to a wider variety of settings in Southwest Georgia. The project, titled, "Information Delivery through Electronic Access," (IDEA), integrates an information access and delivery component into the nationally recognized Albany model of community based health care planning and delivery.

Initial NLM funding was awarded in 1993 to furnish twelve rural clinical training sites with computer workstations and fax machines to facilitate access to health care information and the GaIN network. The second phase of the project will add eleven new sites, including county health departments and educational settings, to the rural hospitals and clinics covered in the first phase.

The new sites are: Thomas Technical Institute, Thomas County Health Department, Southwestern State Hospital, Thomasville; Lee County High School, Leesburg; Darton College, Albany State College, Southwest Health District Unit 8-2, Albany; Moultrie Area Technical Institute, Moultrie; Worth County Hospital, Sylvester; Early Memorial Health Care Complex, Blakely; and Stewart Webster Rural Health Clinic, Richland.


submitted by Jocelyn Rankin
UT Memphis Multimedia Lab Would Have Impressed Elvis

A new resource for teaching and learning in a way The King never would have envisioned recently opened at the University of Tennessee, Memphis. The new Library Multimedia Laboratory (LML) is now open for students, faculty, and library patrons. The LML is a centralized media resources room which supports the UT Memphis academic mission via computer-based information and instructional resources. Located off the main floor of the library, the lab centralizes most of the library videodiscs, videotapes, computer-based instructional materials, and 3-D anatomical models. The LML, with 13 study carrels and a host of computer resources, allows students to interact with audiovisual and computer materials, either singly or in small groups. Computers are networked to the library file server for easy access to library resources. A wide variety of computer-based software, from anatomy drills to medical case simulations, can be accessed. Some of the software provided by the LML can also be accessed by computer stations in the library’s Electronic Classroom. Resource equipment includes a color printer, digital flatbed scanner, digital 35mm slide scanner, CD-ROM, and a variety of other equipment and educational software.

The lab is also intended as a place for faculty to provide existing instructional mediated materials for students and as a workshop for packaging instructional materials in innovative formats, which students can search and use just like other library information databases. The LML can digitize instructional slides and mount them on the library’s file server so students can view them on computers. The LML developed a new multimedia system called the Library Electronic Media System (LEMS) for distributing text, images, and sound. LEMS includes digitized pictures, lecture notes, and other instructional material which is all stored on a file server and viewed on stations in the library’s Electronic Classroom or LML. Dr. John Silver serves as the coordinator of the Multimedia Lab. He has been working with faculty in developing and obtaining both low- and high-resolution digital images delivered on photo compact discs (CD). At the request of some faculty, John has installed medical computer quizzes on LML computers.

LEMS is intended both for students (for delivery) and faculty (for development). For more information about the LML, contact either John Silver at (901) 448-6817, or Tom Singarella at (901) 448-5694.

*editor’s note: John Silver is married to librarian, Lois Bellamy, of Knowledge Finder ad fame. (see inside back cover, Bulletin of the MLA, January, 1995.)
Exploring Our Boundaries:
Puerto Rico, SC/MLA Next Destination

A friendly "Bienvenidos" from your Puerto Rican colleagues, an exciting meeting program and an imaginative list of things to do and see on the island are the key elements to a fascinating adventure on this charming Caribbean haven. Mark your calendar for the SC/MLA 45th Annual Meeting, November 11-14, 1995, to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, at the Condado Plaza Hotel.

Puerto Rico is rich with culture and local traditions, offering visitors a cosmopolitan atmosphere, including history, art, music, food and festivities with the flavor of local folklore. The island’s 500 years of history, a mixture of Taíno, Spanish, African and American cultures, are evident wherever you go. Spanish architecture and plenty of interesting shops make beautiful Old San Juan a favorite place to visit. A trip across the island will bring you to charming Ponce on the South, a magnificent example of 19th century local architecture.

The island offers many options for sports and sightseeing of natural wonders. How about kayaking in the Condado Lagoon in back of the hotel? Or hiking in a fascinating place such as El Yunque Rainforest, unique in its kind, with its exuberant vegetation and fauna all waiting for you. Miles of world-famous beaches such as Luquillo Beach, one of the most beautiful in the Caribbean, and the Cuevas de Camuy caverns formed by the third largest underground river in the world, are only a few of the many wonders you may explore.

San Juan is a thriving international dining scene. Throughout the metropolitan area and everywhere you go on the island, you will enjoy quality food. Many food chains from the mainland are also available locally.

Our island is so diverse in places to see and things to do, with nice warm weather the whole year, that you will have a truly unique experience. The U.S. dollar is the currency used, and credit cards and travelers’ checks are accepted everywhere.

For those of you who would like to extend your visit, the Condado Plaza Hotel will honor the special rate of $135 for three days prior and three days after the meeting, subject to availability. See you all in November!

submitted by Ana Isabel Moscoso
Personals

Jett McCann and Linda Flavin have moved to Birmingham, where Jett has taken a position with EBSCO Subscription Services. Linda will be enjoying semi-retirement while they get settled into their new home. They were both previously at Medical College of Georgia in Augusta.

Tim Lammers has returned home to the Chicago area, where he will be working with the Midwest RML. He was previously Outreach Librarian for the Southwest Georgia AHEC in Albany.

Mary Fran Protsman, Medical Librarian, U. S. Army Aeromedical Center, Fort Rucker, AL, was recently awarded Senior Member status in the Academy of Health Information Professionals. Ms Protsman was also nominated for "Woman of the Year" at Fort Rucker.
submitted by Pat Higginbottom

Elisa Abella, formerly at The Health Sciences Library at South Miami Hospital, has accepted a position at the Miami-Dade Medical Center Library.
submitted by Gwen Walters

Sally Ream, director of the Miami-Dade Medical Center Library in Miami, has retired.
submitted by Gwen Walters

Yvonne Barkman, the librarian at the George H. Wessel Memorial Library at Hialeah Hospital in Hialeah, FL, has retired.
submitted by Gwen Walters

The James H. Quillen College of Medicine Department of Learning Resources is pleased to announce that Donna Watkins, formerly training/consultation coordinator of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern/Atlantic Region, University of Maryland at Baltimore, is the new Assistant Director of the Medical Library at East Tennessee State University, Johnson City.
submitted by Brenda Counts

Mary Edith Walker, Director of the Biomedical Library at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, has retired effective December 30, 1994. She is pursuing her personal interests as well as providing medical library consultation and teaching MLA courses. She is succeeded at St. Jude by Cindy Suter.

Special thanks to Kay Cunningham of the Leslie M. Stratton Nursing Library, Memphis, for serving as staff cartoonist!
Continuing Education Opportunities Listed by Date
submitted by Dee Boggan, Professional Development Committee Member

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Contact:  1-800-999-8558

Date/Time:  
June 16, 1995  9-4:00  
Course:  LC Subject Headings  
Using and Understanding LCSH  
Sponsor:  SOLINET  
Location:  Tennessee State Library & Archives, Nashville, TN  
Cost:  $145 SOLINET ($135 early reg.) $200 non-members and FEDLINK ($190 early reg.)  
Contact:  1-800-999-8558

Date/Time:  
June 16, 1995  9-4:00  
Course:  ILL: Beyond the Basics  
Sponsor:  SOLINET  
Location:  University of North Carolina at Charlotte, NC  
Cost:  $60 SOLINET ($50 early reg.) $90 non-members and FEDLINK ($80 early reg.)  
Contact:  1-800-999-8558

Date/Time:  
June 16, 1995  9-4:00  
Course:  Net Surfin', Infobahn Cruisin', Web Crawlin': Young Adult Library Services & The Internet  
Sponsor:  SOLINET  
Location:  SOLINET, Atlanta, GA  
Cost:  $145 SOLINET ($135 early reg.) $200 non-members and FEDLINK ($190 early reg.)  
Contact:  1-800-999-8558

Date/Time:  
June 9, 1995  9-4:00  
Course:  Troubleshooting PCs  
Sponsor:  SOLINET  
Location:  Alabama Public Library Service, Montgomery AL  
Cost:  $125/$115 SOLINET, $190/$180 nonmemb  
Contact:  1-800-999-8558
Date/Time:  
June 16, 1995 9:40:00  
Course: Effective Use of Internet Client/Server Softwares  
Sponsor: SOLINET  
Location: SOLINET, Atlanta, GA  
Cost: $140 SOLINET ($130 early reg.)  
$200 non-members & FEDLINK ($190 early reg.)  
Contact: 1-800-999-8558

Date/Time:  
June 19, 1995 9:40:00  
Course: Troubleshooting PC's  
Sponsor: SOLINET  
Location: Huntsville-Madison County Public Library  
Huntsville, AL  
Cost: $125 SOLINET ($115 early reg.)  
$190 non-members & FEDLINK ($180 early reg.)  
This session is cosponsored and partially funded by the Alabama Public Library Service. All Alabama public libraries are eligible to enroll staff members for a special registration fee of only $15  
Contact: 1-800-999-8558

Date/Time:  
August 14-16, 1995 8:30 - 5:00  
Course: Fundamentals of MEDLARS Searching  
Sponsor: Eastern Online Training Center, NN/LM  
Location: Medical University of South Carolina  
Charleston, SC  
Cost: No charge  
Contact: EOTC, 800-338-7657, press 2; Local info, 803-792-2369

Date/Time:  
August 17-18, 1995 8:30 - 5:00  
Course: Toxicology Files  
Sponsor: Eastern Online Training Center, NN/LM  
Location: Medical University of South Carolina  
Charleston, SC  
Cost: $85  
Contact: EOTC, 800-338-7657, press 2; Local info, 803-792-2369

Editor's note: As you probably noticed, (and we hope you did), there was no January 15 issue of Southern Expressions. The person who actually signs the new editor's paycheck was more interested in her implementing a software conversion and participating in an accreditation visit than in her publishing her first issue. We apologize for the inconvenience, and hope that the missed issue did not result in your missing one of these great CE opportunities.

A special thanks to Skip at MUSC in Charleston, who set up his MAC as the editor's own private FTP site expressly so that she could download Dee's CE information via FTP. (I think they would call it "cruising" the Net, since the voyage ended up where it began, with the addition of a few jewels.)
I hope that many of you have already made plans to attend the 95th Annual Meeting of MLA and the 7th International Congress on Medical Librarianship in Washington, D.C. Aren’t we fortunate that we can make one plane ticket do double-duty this year? The joint meetings provide an opportunity that probably won’t come around again in our library careers. Be sure to sign up for one of the Chapter Sharing Roundtables. These roundtables provide the perfect way to swap tips and experiences with other chapter members who are interested in the same topics. It is possible to participate in a table discussion even if you don’t order a lunch, but you MUST indicate your choice of roundtable on the registration form.

At the Southern Chapter meeting last fall, I mentioned that Chapter Council was working on a Chapter of the Year Award. The Board has now approved the criteria developed by the MLA Awards Committee. The first recipient of the award will be announced at the 1996 MLA meeting in Kansas City.

Join in the fun of supporting our chapter’s nominee for MLA Infocrat of the Year. Pat Buchan was nominated, and with a small amount of arm-twisting, has agreed to be the Southern Chapter’s candidate for this honor. This year we will have exciting speeches, banners, and signs in preparation for the election in Kansas City.

As your Chapter Council Alternate Representative, Linda Garr Markwell has extended invitations and has already received acceptances from several special guests for the chapter meeting in San Juan. We are pleased to tell you that current MLA President Fred Roper, Incoming President Jana Bradley, and MLA’s Executive Director Carla Funk will all be there to participate in the first meeting hosted by our Puerto Rican members.

Look in an upcoming issue of the MLA News at the Chapter Council column. Research activities in the Southern Chapter will be highlighted along with a summary of our Journal Usage Study. [Editor’s note: see article on p. 19 of this issue].

Don’t forget that I can quickly post your questions to the chapter council reflector (similar to a listserv) and find out from the Chapter Council Representatives and Alternates what their chapters are doing in certain situations. Recently, I posted a question about other chapters’ listservs and their listowners. I received quick responses which will be useful to our chapter as we investigate setting up our own.

Please let me know if you would like more details on anything I’ve mentioned above. See you in DC (or maybe on the Net)...

submitted by Nancy W. Clemmons
Southern Chapter Representative to MLA Chapter Council
hl10009@uabdpo.dpo.uab.edu
NL M Launches Space Program

SPACELINE is a computerized database that contains references to publications about life sciences research related to space. It is being produced through the cooperative efforts of the Life and Biomedical Sciences and Applications Division of NASA and NLM. SPACELINE will be analogous to MEDLINE.

SCOPE:
* Clinical medical support to humans in space
* Physiology, metabolism and growth and development of cells, organs, and systems of humans, animals, and plants as they are affected by the space environment
* Environment protection and support of humans in space, including life support, toxicology, and radiation
* Psychological, behavioral, and human factors involved in living in the space environment
* Origin, evolution, and distribution of life in the universe
* Application of bioengineering to space life sciences research
* Applications of space life sciences research to the improvement of life on Earth

The database will include references to publications containing results of ground-based and flight research, both domestic and international, from 1961 to the present. Its sources will be a subset of NLM's MEDLARS database plus additional references supplied by NASA, including technical reports, bibliographies, book chapters, meeting reports and abstracts as well as journal articles and monographs. SPACELINE will employ MeSH as the search vocabulary, and terms unique to the space life sciences have already been added. A flight mission field has been created so references to particular flights or groups of flights can be found.

SPACELINE will be accessed either through direct searching or through Grateful Med. In either case, the connection will be via modem or Internet. SPACELINE users will be required to establish a user account and will be billed at the same rates as other MEDLARS database users.

A SPACELINE office has been established on behalf of NASA at the Uniformed Service University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, MD to assist in the creation of this database. As of Spring 1995, a SPACELINE prototype contains approximately 27,000 references extracted from MEDLINE and CATLINE. References to recent (1992-95) NASA publications, primarily those of investigators supported by NASA, are currently being added. A test of the prototype, involving approximately 150 volunteers from across the country, will be conducted in the spring and summer of 1995. It is planned that SPACELINE will be available to the public in late 1995.

For more information, contact:

SPACELINE
Department of Physiology
USUSH
4301 Jones Bridge Road
Bethesda, MD 20814-4799
(Telephone: 301-295-2482)
Wanted: A Few Good Authors

"I have a great idea for a publication." You've said this to yourself (and perhaps others) many times before. You're in luck, because MLA is looking for authors to publish their work through the MLA Books Program. MLA produces a variety of publications on health sciences librarianship and information management. These publications focus on the needs and interests of practitioners and students in library and information science, especially in the life and health sciences. They address the health sciences and include current and historical treatments in librarianship, information management, and literature.

Publications may take the form of books, guides to information resources, or DocKits. Books may vary from a multivolume set, such as Current Practice in Health Sciences Librarianship, to an edited, multi-authored anthology; to a single author's volume on a topic relevant to health sciences literature, information management, or librarianship. Guides to information resources include information guides and annotated bibliographies, which may be organized by format, time period, language, or country of publication. These guides contain practical treatments of timely topics, designed for health sciences or other specialty librarians, information managers, health care professionals, or students in related disciplines. The bibliographies guide the reader to selected topics in the health sciences, including librarianship. DocKits are collections of representative, unedited library documents from a variety of institutions that illustrate the range of approaches to management topics related to health sciences libraries. Compilers add introductory information and briefly analyze the collected documents.

Become a published author. Submit your proposal NOW! Jot down your ideas. Work your way out of writer's block. Add an extra drive to your computer. For guidelines on submitting proposals or publication suggestions, contact Kimberly Pierceall at MLA headquarters, (312)419-9094, fax (312)419-8950, pierceal@mlahq.org Complete proposals should be sent to: Beverly Renford, Chair Books Panel Biomedical Library 0175B University of CA at San Diego 9500 Gillman Drive La Jolla, CA 92093-0175.

submitted by Joan Wright, MLA Communications Dept.
SC/MLA Journal Usage Study:
Phase III

The Phase III Journal Usage Study is in full swing, thanks to a rousing response from many, many Southern Chapter members! The data collection this year will be tedious, but because of the great participation by all of you, the results will be very useful for everyone.

What is the SC/MLA Journal Usage Study? The purpose of the study is to develop benchmarks for a variety of journal collection development issues including journal costs per use. The findings should enable all of us to factor in comparative data when making difficult journal acquisitions decisions. The study will be based on journal usage data that is being collected at a multi-institutional level.

Who is participating in the Study? In December, all Southern Chapter members received an invitation to participate in our chapter-wide study. Journal Usage Study packets, including guidelines for data collection, were distributed to all participants. Despite the short lead time to launch the 1995 Phase III study, the response was wonderful. The breakdown of participants is as follows: Alabama - 5 libraries Florida - 23 libraries Georgia - 14 libraries Louisiana - 1 library Mississippi - 4 libraries Puerto Rico - 2 libraries South Carolina - 5 libraries Tennessee - 12 libraries Virgin Islands - 1 library The Study libraries number 67 in total, including 15 major academic health sciences libraries and 52 hospital libraries.

What is the timeline for Phase III? Data for Phase III will be collected from January, 1995 through December, 1995. Data are to be submitted to the Research Committee at the end of every six months. Data analysis of the first six months’ usage data will begin in the summer. The final study report should be available in the spring of 1996.

The Southern Chapter Journal Usage Study was begun by the Research Committee in 1992 in response to a survey of our Chapter members which indicated that a journal usage study was ranked as a top priority for a chapter-wide research project. There was a strong consensus that analysis of journal use is an essential component of informed, cost-efficient library management. A pilot study (Phase I) in 1992 tested the methodology for data collection. The Phase II study took place in 1993, and included participation by twenty-two SC/MLA libraries: fifteen hospital and seven academic. The results of the Phase II study were presented at the 1994 Southern Chapter meeting poster session in Orlando. A poster session will also be presented at the 1995 MLA meeting in Washington.

Although there were confounding variables affecting the Phase II, (the six months’ limit on the duration of the study, for one), the Phase II Study nonetheless afforded an opportunity to explore a number of issues. The amount of staff time needed to participate in the study, appropriate sampling techniques, and uses for and value of the data when collected were examined. In addition, the Phase II study provided enough data to demonstrate analysis of current journal collections in terms of use, cost, place of publication, indexing, institutional setting and other related characteristics. Among the interesting findings: of the journals in the top 10% of usage, the average cost per use in hospital libraries during Phase II was $1.95, while in academic libraries it was $1.63.

submitted by Jocelyn Rankin
San Juan, Sans You? We Hope Not!

The Southern Chapter annual meeting will be held November 11 - 14, 1995, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The theme, appropriately enough, will be Exploring our Boundaries. If the location sounds exotic, we agree with you. It is! But, it may surprise you to know a few things about this exotic location:

Currency is in U.S. dollars.
Spanish and English are spoken.
US postage stamps are used.
Area code (809) works just like the US.

Our chapter survey tells us that most of our members fly to the Southern Chapter meeting when it is out of state. Flight time from Atlanta is 3 hours and 15 minutes (and, as we all know, flying from the south, even to Heaven, you have to change in Atlanta!) Just for fun, why don’t you call your local travel agent for airfare information to San Juan and a comparison of airfares between home and Orlando; home and Birmingham; and home and Columbia (our last three meeting sites)?

While you’re at it, contact one of these addresses for brochures about Puerto Rico that will make you drool over this destination:

San Juan, Puerto Rico Convention Bureau
1730 M Street N.W.
Suite 908
Washington, DC  20036
(202) 457-9262

San Juan, Puerto Rico Convention Bureau
39 Cristo St.
San Juan, Puerto Rico  00901
(809) 725-2110

And for good measure, take the information found on the yellow flyer enclosed with this mailing and let Diane Ream Rourke know that you’ll be presenting a paper or poster at the annual meeting. We’re looking forward to seeing you there!

From the Editor

When Garrison Keillor did his show in Memphis, he talked about one way that people sometimes express their opinions of things. When asked what they think of something, they reply, "Well, it’s... (long pause)... good." I hope that this issue of Southern Expressions with its different look doesn’t leave you with one of those long pauses.

When I accepted this position, my overriding thought was that I had some big shoes to fill. Bonnie Owen and Linda Flavin did such a great job on this newsletter for four solid years that I’d like to dedicate this issue to them. Thank y’all so much for giving us such a useful, enjoyable publication that helped us professionally and that I really looked forward to getting. I hope that you’ll think that the hands you left it in are... well... good. (And, if I thought I appreciated you before...)

Jane Bridges Mertzluft, Editor

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**Membership Form**

**Name:**

**Position/Title:**

**Library:**

**Institution:**

**Address:**

**City:**  

**State:**  

**Zip Code:**

**Work Telephone:**  

**Fax #:**

**Email:**

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**Indicate:**

- renewal
- new member
- change of address

**Type of Library:**

- academic
- hospital
- public
- other

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Are you interested in serving on a Southern Chapter committee?

- no
- yes

If so, indicate your first (1) and second (2) choices:

- Bylaws
- Communications
- Governmental Relations
- History of the Southern Chapter
- Honors and Awards
- Hospital Libraries
- Membership
- Nominating
- Professional Development
- Program
- Research
- Cunningham Task Force

*Committee descriptions are listed on reverse*

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**Are you a member of MLA?**

- no
- yes, please specify:
  - regular
  - institutional
  - student
  - honorary
  - fellow
  - other

**Are you a member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals?**

- no
- yes
  - Distinguished Member
  - Senior Member
  - Member
  - Associate Member

**Are you currently serving on MLA committees?**

- no
- yes

**Do you want more information about MLA membership?**

- no
- yes

**May the chapter release your name for non-chapter mailing lists?**

- no
- yes

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**Dues Entitle Members to Vote and to Serve on Southern Chapter Committees, a Membership Directory and Newsletter. Southern Expressions, are also sent to members.**

1) **Dues are $10.00 and cover the calendar year, January - December.**
2) **Send to: Kim McInnis, Medical School Library, Mercer University, Macon, GA 31207**
3) **Make checks payable to: Southern Chapter/MLA**
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