Wading against the current in the stream of consciousness…

This column started out as an update on the current concerns among our library associations about preparing librarians for leadership roles in our constantly changing world and the importance of nurturing and mentoring these librarians or informationists of the future, with the title, Leadership & Mentoring. Along the way, I found I was boring myself—surely you, the reader, would have the same reaction, so I took a break and walked down the hall to talk to a neighbor. “I saw you on TV last night”, said she, “and I think the library’s consumer health information service is great, but I wonder why nurses are usually the experts who are asked to teach health issues”. She continued, “I’m a health educator and I’m trained to teach about health subjects.” I had to admit that I had hired a nurse educator and was guilty of rarely thinking of health educators at all. We moved on to alternative medicine topics, local individuals who are experts in that area, where she could find the literature of alternative medicine, and then to my need to complete a column that wasn’t going very well. She said, “Why don’t you write about leadership and stress? You look pretty stressed. Better yet, why don’t you write about leadership and laughter? That’s a stress buster!”

So here I am embarking on a story about a mentor for hundreds of local people. Aunt Donna Netherland lives in a small town a few miles away and celebrated her 97th birthday in January. She taught the first grade at West Side Elementary School in Elizabethton for 40 years. She isn’t a blood relative. I, among many, have adopted her as my Aunt Donna. Aunt Donna has a story for every occasion and is usually the center of attention wherever she goes. She can charm anyone and get the best place or product available in restaurants, hotels, stores, theaters, and even get her way with traffic cops, university
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Judy Burnham, Senior Librarian at the University of South Alabama Biomedical Library in Mobile, has been awarded the Academic Librarian of the Year honor by the Southern Chapter. This award honors a professional librarian at mid-career who has distinguished accomplishments and shows promise for ongoing contributions to the profession. The Southern Chapter nominates this award for MLA’s Estelle Broadman Award.

A Distinguished member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals, Judy has served in several offices of the MLA Nursing and Allied Health Resource Section, including chair, as well as a number of Southern Chapter Committees. She has published and presented numerous research studies, many dealing with her primary research population, physical therapists. She was also instrumental in bringing about the publication of a collective work of Alabama information professionals, Access to Medical Informatics for Continuing Medical Education (Alliance for Continuing Medical Education, 2000), which she also edited. Judy was also recently awarded the MLA Ida and George Eliot Prize for a published work.

Submitted by Kay Hogan Smith

Thank You!

What an honor it was to receive the Academic Medical Librarian of the Year Award from the SC/MLA! To be recognized by your peers is very humbling especially when your peers are the caliber of librarians found in the SC/MLA. I am very thankful that the Lord has blessed me with many mentors, both professionally and personally that have helped me in my life. I would like to give a special thanks to Jie Li and Tom Williams for their confidence in making the nomination.

Judy Burnham
professors, judges and doctors.

Aunt Donna was one of the early students at East Tennessee Normal School. She still attends classes at East Tennessee State University. She especially enjoys the Institute for Continued Learning, a six-week series of lectures on an array of topics, earning the honor of being ETSU’s Adult Learner of the Year in 1999. Still driving a white Chevrolet to campus at about the age of 93, Aunt Donna arrived one stormy, snowy morning to find the campus empty, classes having been canceled. The President of the university was so charmed by this tale of Aunt Donna’s determination, among many other tales, that he persuaded her to be the convocation speaker for the Class of ’99. There she stood in her cap and gown behind the lectern and before a couple of thousand people relating what campus life was like in the 1920’s.

On a cool day in May 2000, Aunt Donna fell onto the hard tile of her bathroom floor and suffered a broken hip. She remained there for five days before being rescued. Her extended family gathered around her hospital bed, for she surely could not survive this last trauma. These days, she drives a three-wheel walker purchased by her Sunday School class, complete with a basket for her purse, and a horn. She attends church every Sunday and still attends every Institute class. Name a topic; she has an opinion.

No matter what our library specialty, people always expect librarians to be avid readers of the latest and best literature. “Have you read…? Will you give a book review on …? Aunt Donna is one of the best read friends I have. She does give book reviews. I leave her home with bags of books to read knowing that I will be quizzed on the contents when I return them.

Aunt Donna exemplifies leadership qualities; she is still a mentor at 97. Being a leader or a mentor just comes naturally to some people. To others it comes from a love and compassion for people. For some it is just part of the job, or the right thing to do. Maybe someone just happened to be watching when you said something quotable or performed a task worthy of being copied. Leadership can be learned. As our information world changes so rapidly that we barely can begin to imagine the future, our association leaders in MLA, AAHSL and SLA are on the right path in planning and preparing the way for recruitment and training of strong leaders who will chart the future of information and knowledge management. It is a gift that one generation gives to another.

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Florida News

Elaine Bay was welcomed as the new Information Services Librarian at Borland Health Sciences Library on the Jacksonville campus of the University of Florida’s Health Science Center. Ms. Bay received her MLIS from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and comes to us from the Jacksonville Public Library.

Nancy Schaefer and Linda Butson will be teaching Public Health workers in the Big Bend AHEC how to access health information on the Web on February 7th and 8th. These education courses have been approved for CE/CME credits for health professionals.

Dr. Michele Tennant, the HSC Libraries BioInformatics Librarian, attended the SLA Midwinter Conference in Chicago from January 24th – January 25th.

Congratulations to Peggy Hsu, whose book review was published in JMLA:


Danny O’Neal received his Academy of Health Information Professionals credential as a senior member, March 7, 2002. Congratulations!

News from Puerto Rico

Professor Victoria Delgado Aponte has recently been appointed director of the Conrado F. Asenjo Library. Previously, she had been working in the Reference Department since 1995. At that time she was also the Librarian in the Project Woman & Health. Congratulations!

Carmen Bou Rivera, M.S.L.S., Head, University of Miami Pomerance Library and co-convener of the MLA Mental Health Special Interest Group informs us that the group is co-sponsoring four programs during the MLA annual meeting in Dallas, Texas. (1) On Sunday, May 19, 2002, 4:00-5:30 P.M. during the program titled “Diversity, Demographics, and Disparities in Accessing and Delivering Health Information and Health Care: Part I,” there will be several contributed papers and one invited speaker, Mr. Frank Sandoval, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Santa Fe, NM, who will talk about “Mental Health Parity and Disparities among Diverse Populations.” (2) On Sunday, May 19, 2002, 4:00-5:30 P.M., during the program titled “Dealing with At-Risk Employees,” invited speaker Rita Handrich, Ph.D., President, RHandrichConsulting, Austin, TX, will address how to identify personnel with problems and how to assist them. (3) On Monday, May 20, 2002, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM, during the program titled “Diversity, Demographics, and Disparities in Accessing and Delivering Health Information and Health Care: Part II” several contributed/invited papers will be presented. (4) On Wednesday, May 22, 2002, 9:00-10:30 AM, during the program titled “Dealing with Tough Questions,” invited speaker Gail M. Rink, MSW, Hospice of Santa Barbara, will share techniques for dealing with questions on life and death issues, tough medical choices, and grief. All are invited to attend! For additional information, please visit the MH SIG Web site located at http://www.miami.edu/mhsig.

Submitted by Carmen Santos
Honors and Awards

Michael Flannery Awarded Murray Gottlieb Prize

Associate Professor Michael Flannery of the University of Alabama at Birmingham has been awarded the 2001 Murray Gottlieb Prize by the Medical Library Association for his essay, “The Early Botanical Movement as a Reflection of Life, Liberty, and Literacy in Jacksonian America.” The Murray Gottlieb Prize is awarded annually for the best unpublished essay on the history of medicine and allied sciences written by a health sciences librarian. The Gottlieb Prize was established in 1956 by Ralph and Jo Grimes of the Old Hickory Bookshop, Brinklow, MD, in order to recognize and stimulate the health sciences librarians’ interest in the history of medicine. Mike’s essay continues the work he co-authored recently with the late Alex Berman, America’s Botanico-Medical Movements: Vox Populi (2001). That book was among the “outstanding academic titles” selected by Choice magazine for 2001. The prize-winning essay also reflects Mike’s longstanding study of the history of literacy in America, an interest he acquired as a student of library historian Dr. Michael H. Harris at the University of Kentucky’s School of Library and Information Science.

Flannery

Mike has been Associate Director for Historical Collections at the Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences at UAB since 1999. He previously held the position of Library Director at the Lloyd Library & Museum in Cincinnati. Mike is presently working on a history of pharmacy during the Civil War with a Fischelis Grant from the American Institute of the History of Pharmacy. He says of the Gottlieb Prize, “To receive an award like this from one’s professional colleagues is especially gratifying. I will cherish it as an important milestone in my career.”

Submitted by Kay Hogan Smith

Around the South

Southern Chapter Libraries Participate in National R&D Initiative to Assess Quality

Within the next month, seven Southern Chapter libraries will participate in a service quality assessment pilot of the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL) in collaboration with the Association of Research Libraries (ARL). Specifically, the University of Alabama—Birmingham, Medical College of Georgia, Mercer University School of Medicine, University of Florida, University of Mississippi, University of South Carolina and University of South Alabama will implement a campus wide survey to measure library user perceptions of service quality and identify gaps between desired and minimum expectations of service. The survey will identify service dimensions that are most important to students, faculty and staff and help determine how well the library meets those expectations. As over 170 academic and health sciences libraries are participating in the project called LibQUAL+, the results should provide valuable benchmarking data and outcome measures. The LibQUAL+ project is funded through the U.S. Department of Education (FIPSE), ARL, and the specialized AAHSL pilot is supported by the National Library of Medicine. For more information about the project, see www.libqual.org.

Submitted by Tamera Lee
News From Tennessee

**Meharry Medical College Library**

**Rosalind Lett,** Director of Meharry Medical College Library attended a Toxicology Information Outreach Panel meeting hosted by the University of Puerto Rico in San Juan the 1st week of December. The (TIOP) promotes the use of ToxNet, and other environmental health and occupational health databases to researchers, and clinicians working in historically black colleges and universities (HBCU). Medical Library Directors from Morehouse, Howard, Drew and Library Directors from other HBCU’s also attended the meeting. The inclusion of librarians’ participation in the TIOP efforts is relatively new. New initiatives by NLM, however, will present many opportunities for librarians to promote the use of NLM products and provide needed health information to communities served by HBCUs.

**Quillen College of Medicine Library**

**Mary Ward,** RN, MN with specialty in Community Health Nursing, has been appointed at the Quillen College of Medicine Library, Johnson City, TN, to serve as Health Information Educator for an “Access to Electronic Health Information for the Public” contract with the Southeast/Atlantic Regional Medical Library.

**Suresh Ponnappa,** Director, James H. Quillen College of Medicine Library, East Tennessee State University, has been elected Vice-President/President-Elect of the Tennessee Library Association. His term as President will begin in July 2002.

**Good News at Eskind**

The Exhibition Program at the National Library of Medicine at the National Institutes of Health is currently developing a new exhibition that celebrates the contributions women doctors have made in medicine and public health since 1850. The show will open at the Library in April 2003. They are also developing plans to tour the exhibition, launch an online version of the project, and produce various public programs. **Dr. Nunzia Giuse,** the director of Eskind Biomedical Library, has been nominated as one of the women physicians to be included in this prestigious exhibit. All of us at Eskind are very proud that the important work Nunzia is doing to make a difference in the medical profession is being recognized and celebrated.

Additionally, we would like to congratulate **Annette Williams** who has recently been promoted to a newly created position here at Eskind: Assistant Director, Library Knowledge Management.

**Submitted by Martha F. Earl**

**University of Tennessee Health Science Center Library**

**Brenda F. Green** and **Susan Selig,** University of Tennessee Health Science Center Library received a Training Award from the National Network Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern Atlantic Region. The award was used to provide PubMed MEDLINE training for minority members of the Bluff City Medical Society and a select group of physicians who received training at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

**Submitted by Brenda Green**

**Tennessee Library Associations to Meet**

The Tennessee Health Science Library Assoc (THeSLA) is meeting in March 2002 in conjunction with Tennessee Library Assoc (TLA) in Nashville. Members were offered the opportunity to receive MLA credit by registering for the CE course “Consumer Health Information on the Internet” taught by Jana Allcock, NNLM Region II. Jana Allcock will also attend our business meeting and give us an update on NLM.

In Oct, THeSLA will be meeting in conjunction with SC/MLA in Nashville.

**Submitted by Jan Orick**
News from Mississippi

The Fall Meeting of the Mississippi Biomedical Library Association was held in Raymond, Mississippi on September 21, 2001. A regular business meeting was held in the morning. After lunch, members attended the CE course “Super Searcher Class” taught by Brian Vogh of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM), Southeastern/Atlantic Region. A workshop is being planned for the spring.

Clara Joorfetz is the new health science librarian at Baptist Health Systems Health Sciences Library in Jackson.

News from Rowland Medical Library

Rowland Medical Library at the University of Mississippi Medical Center will celebrate National Library Week, April 15 – 19, 2002. The ninth Dean Billy S. Guyton Lecture on the History of Medicine, sponsored by the Friends of Rowland Medical Library, will be held Friday, April 19. Dr. Marilyn Moffat, professor at New York University and a recognized leader in the United States and internationally, will present this year’s lecture, “Physical Therapy through the Ages.” Volunteers from the Friends of the Library will be promoting their fund-raising activities each day in the foyer outside the library, recruiting new members and selling popcorn, used books, T-shirts and totes March 16 –19. The annual silent auction continues to grow with items generously donated by various bookstores and individuals. There will be daily drawings for door prizes and raffle tickets as well. Friends anticipate that this year’s National Library Week celebration will generate their best ever fund-raising efforts. The NLW theme for 2002 is “Celebrate @ Your Library, Connect @ Your Library.” The theme focuses on the contributions of libraries and librarians and promotes use and support. A display will highlight some of the library’s Web offerings and quality sites for patrons.

Sarah Adcock, Rama Vishwanatham and Gongchao Yang attended a workshop on “The Accidental Manager: for New & Aspiring Managers” sponsored by SOLINET on February 21, 2002 at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.


Ada Seltzer participated in the Board of Directors’ Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries annual planning meeting, January 9-12, in Washington, DC.

Submitted by Sarah Adcock
Report from Chapter Council

We hope that you all had a nice, relaxing holiday and returned to work ready to deal with the constantly changing world of medical librarianship. In February we had an opportunity to get a jump on the next big technology issue in health care, the use of personal digital assistants (also referred to as handhelds, pdas, etc.) MLA presented an excellent teleconference, “Sync or Swim” that was broadcast February 6, 2002. Knowledgeable panelists and statements from physicians concerning their use of PDA’s helped delineate how these devices will impact the work of the medical librarian. A total of 276 sites (121 regular sites and 155 VA Hospital Library sites) downlinked the teleconference and there were more than 3,000 participants. If you were not able to view the broadcast you can still obtain a videotape copy at:

http://www.mlanet.org/pdf/tapes_ad.pdf

As reported earlier on SOCHAP-L, the revised benchmarking site went live on December 13, 2001. When it closed on March 4, 2002, a total of 385 hospital and specialty medical libraries had entered their statistical data in the members-only area on MLANET. With Linda Garr cheering them on many Southern Chapter hospital librarians were able to submit data and be a part of this important undertaking. Some preliminary data will be made available at the Dallas meeting.

December 14, 2001 was the deadline to submit information for the Hay/MLA Compensation and Employment Survey. The data will be analyzed by the Hay group and summary results will be available early in 2002. A comprehensive report will be available for purchase.

Kudos to everyone who will receive recognition in Dallas. We are especially proud of the following members of Southern Chapter:

Judy Burnham named the Estelle Brodman Academic Medical Librarian of the Year.
Michael A. Flannery winner of the Murray Gottlieb Prize.
Jocelyn Rankin who will become an MLA Fellow.
Marilyn Teolis who will receive an MIS/MLA Career Development Grant.

A complete list of winners is available at:

MLA has several online surveys on the web page. The first is to determine which alternative methods of providing MLA meeting program content would be preferable to members. The second is to assess the current roles of health sciences librarians in expert searching in their institutions. The Task Force to Promote the Importance of Expert Searching will use this information to draft expert searching guidelines for the profession. Your input is vital for the success of both these endeavors. Just a few minutes of your time are required.

For those participating in career fairs or otherwise involved in promoting the profession, MLA now provides several tools that you will find beneficial. The first is the brochure “Medical Librarianship: Career Beyond the Cutting Edge”. This will be on the web site in both English and Spanish. Recently an excellent PowerPoint presentation was made available at:

http://www.mlanet.org/education/careers.html

MLA’s joint publishing arrangement with Neal-Schuman continues to be productive. You can find pricing information and view the table of contents of “The Medical Library Association

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Annual Meetings

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The 2002 SC/MLA Annual Meeting Local Arrangements and Program Committees are very happy to unveil the conference’s logo. The attached black and white logo will be used for stationary and other black and white publications; in addition, there is a colorful logo to be used in our web site, banners, etc.

The 2002 conference promises to be a memorable one. Here are some of the highlights that the Local Arrangements Committee is ready to share:

- It will be held from October 17 to October 21, 2002 in the centrally located Sheraton Nashville Downtown.
- Continuing Education will be held on the first day of the Conference (Thursday). The Continuing Education Committee identified ten topics for CE classes and we look forward to a large number of participants.
- The Sheraton’s accommodations will be $112 plus tax /double or single occupancy
- Registration fees, which include the welcome reception and banquet, are set at $150 per member and $175 for non-members, with a $50 late registration fee.
- The banquet will be held on Saturday at the First Center for the Visual Arts, the exquisitely renovated old Nashville post office that was converted into a very special art gallery. The Southern Chapter membership will have the run of the house for that evening, including the art exhibits and gift shop. The banquet will be catered by the “classiest” caterer in town and entertainment will be first class with a professional local soul/blues band.
- The Hospitality Committee is compiling a top-of-the-line set of extra-conference evening outings for people to enjoy Nashville and its attractions.
- Poster presentations will be from 9:00 am to 10:00 am. on Saturday. Posters will be up on that day until 5:00 pm for viewing.

Mark your calendars and make sure that you don’t miss the fun together with the very stimulating presentations that the Program Committee is lining up for us. Stay tuned for more news including the unveiling of our web site. [See page 17 for announcement of conference Web site.]

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Georgia News

Robert B. Greenblatt, M.D. Library

Douglas J. Joubert will take up the position of Cataloging and Digital Information Librarian at the Robert B. Greenblatt, M.D. Library on January 15th. Douglas is a recent recipient of a graduate degree in Library & Information Science from Louisiana State University. He comes to his new position from the library of the Louisiana Department of Economic Development. He will be responsible for keeping the Greenblatt Library abreast of established and emerging standards in metadata, cataloging, and advanced web technologies.

Submitted by Marilee Creelan

Mercer University School of Medicine

The Medical Library & Peyton T. Anderson Learning Resources Center are happy to announce the addition of two new Volunteer Faculty members as Clinical Instructors in Medical Library Science: Janet (Jan) L. Hobbs, MLS, Manager of the Health Resource Center Library at the Medical Center of Central Georgia, Macon, GA, and Lisa P. Smith, MLS, Outreach Librarian for the Magno- lla Coastlands AHEC, Statesboro, GA.

Mary V. Fielder, MLS, AHIP, Outreach Librarian for the Three Rivers AHEC, Columbus, GA was the first to receive one of these appointments which she has held since 1999.

In addition, several full-time library faculty members have recently received recognition for accepting added responsibilities and increased leadership roles. Roxanne Nelson, RN, MS, AHIP, formerly Head of Public Services, has been named Assistant Director for Public Services. Anna-Lisa Rosner, MLn, formerly Head of Technical Services has been named Assistant Director for Technical Services. Rita Smith, MLIS, AHIP, formerly Rural Health Information Clearinghouse (RHIC) Librarian, has been named Outreach & Education Coordinator.

Jan LaBeause, MLS, AHIP, Director of the Medical Library & Peyton T. Anderson Learning Resources Center at Mercer University School of Medicine, has been appointed as Georgia’s representative to the National Rural Health Association’s State Association Council.

Submitted by Jan LaBeause

News from Tennessee

Elaine Brekke, formerly Library Director at East Tennessee Children’s Hospital, replaces Shelley Paden as Interlibrary Loan and Serials Librarian at the Preston Medical Library, University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville. Shelley, now in Ohio, is currently working as part of a grant awarded by NLM to the University of Cincinnati to design MedlinePlus pages.

Martha Earl, Reference Coordinator, Preston Medical Library, University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville, won a South Central Chapter/MLA Research Award for her presented paper, “Remote Access to Electronic Resources: Impact on Use of the Physical Library and Barriers to Change.”

Other Tennessee librarians presenting at the TriChapter Meeting of MLA in New Orleans included Deborah Brackstone, Janet Fisher, Rick Wallace, Suresh Ponnappa, Martha Whaley, Sandra Martin, Nunzia Giuse, Deborah Broadwater, Annette Williams, Frances Lynch, Rosalind Lett, Virginia Cairns, and Judith Hodges.

Submitted by Martha Earl
The Executive Board conducted business at two meetings in New Orleans, with additional business conducted via email since that time. Highlights of decisions follow:

Funded the registration fee for two chapter members to attend the Leadership Symposium “Leadership Reconsidered: Developing a Strategic Agenda For Leadership in Health Sciences Librarians” at the MLA conference in Dallas in May 2002. All chapter members were eligible to apply. The recipients were Judy Burnham and Tom Williams, University of South Alabama, Mobile. Due to the short turnaround time required, a drawing was held. The registration fee is $250 per person.

Agreed to participate as a chapter in a pilot Independent Reading Program during 2002 that will enable members to obtain CE credit by reading and summarizing the professional literature. Members who participate in the pilot will receive AHIP CE credit. Additional information will be forthcoming from the MLA Continuing Education Committee.

Supported the MLA Benchmarking Task Force activities by providing up to $400 for registration to attend either the MLA/Dallas conference in May, 2002 or the 2003 conference, or the SC/MLA conference in Nashville in October 2002, or the 2003 conference. Hospital librarians who participated in the Benchmarking project by submitting their data by March 1, were eligible for a drawing that has not yet taken place.

Accepted, with much gratitude and appropriate fanfare, the history of the chapter, authored by T. Mark Hodges. A copy was given to each member of the chapter plus copies for the chapter and MLA archives, and to other MLA members who were mentioned in the book. All NN/LM regional libraries were given a copy for lending within those regions.

Appointed an ad hoc Task Force on Mentoring to be chaired by Dr. Jocelyn Rankin. The mentoring activities within MLA are to be considered as part of the committee’s investigation.

Appointed an ad hoc Task Force on Electronic Archiving of Chapter Records to be chaired by Pat Higginbottom. Other members are Mary Lynch, archivist, and Ed Harris, member at large. All electronic reports are to bear a date stamp, and are to be backed up with CD-ROM and print copies. Photos taken during each chapter meeting will be posted on the web site.

Accepted History Committee chair, Tom Williams’ suggestion that a cookbook project be implemented. Williams will select a committee to develop and manage the project as a potential fund raiser for a chapter cause. Chapter members will be encouraged to participate by submitting recipes, photographs and historical notes to add a historical flavor to the cookbook.

Upcoming chapter meetings:
Accepted the invitation of Henry Lemkau to meet in Miami, FL in 2003.

Appointed Kay Hogan, University of Alabama, Birmingham, as co-editor of Southern Expressions.

Established the chapter web site as the source of record for current information such as bylaws, committee manuals, officers, committee membership, etc.

Recognized the following retirees: Carol Burns, Julita Awkard, Barbara Francis, and Barbara Hartman. Recognized awardees Christopher Colthorpe, First Time Attendee Award; Judy Burnham, chapter Academic Librarian of the Year (who also won the MLA Estelle Brodman Academic Librarian of the Year award). No Watkins Scholarship was awarded.

Submitted by Janet Fisher
## Around the South

### News from South Carolina

**Fay Towell Appointed Greenville Hospital System Archivist**

Fay Towell has a new responsibility added to her Library Director duties - she is now the Greenville Hospital System archivist. Last fall she took a graduate level history course at USC titled “Archives Administration and Technology” and is now in the midst of processing the archives records with the assistance of a volunteer who is a retired librarian, Rosa Eisenstadt. The archives room is a 1,000 sq. ft. area renovated for this purpose in a building across town that contains several hospital offices. She has done presentations to the President’s Council and Leadership team and gained some good visibility for the Library.

**Shriners Hospitals for Children Donates Books to Holberton Hospital in St. Johns, Antiqua**

The Medical Library of Shriners Hospitals for Children, Greenville S.C., recently donated needed books to the Medical Library of Holberton Hospital in St. Johns, Antigua in the Caribbean. The U.S. Ambassador to Antigua and Barbuda, Lionel A. Hurst, provided the needed funds for shipping the materials. The Holberton Hospital Medical Library is one of the libraries identified by the Sister Library Initiative of the Medical Library Association as being in need of assistance. The donated books were selected by Holberton Medical Library from a list of textbooks which had recently been replaced with new editions in the Shriners Medical Library collection. Ms. Avril Reid, the Antiguan Coordinator for the Sister Library Initiative acted as a liason between Joyce Edmonds, Medical Librarian at Shriners and Glendine Smith of the Holberton Hospital Medical Library. The Medical Library of Holberton Hospital serves medical and nursing students, doctors, nurses, paramedics affiliated with the hospital, as well as patients and the general public.

Submitted by Joye Edmonds

### News from Tennessee

**Dixie Williamson to Retire**

Dixie Williamson, Director, Julius Jacobs Health Sciences Library, Saint Thomas Hospital, Nashville, will be “retiring” at the end of June after almost 27 years. She plans to spend more time with family, especially her daughter Emily, who is now 10. Dixie, a former SC/MLA President, plans to welcome her Southern Chapter friends to Nashville for this fall’s annual meeting.

**New Director at East Tennessee**

Knoxville librarians welcome Anna McKay, the new Director at East Tennessee Children’s Hospital. Although Anna has a science background, she is new to medical libraries and loving it.

Submitted by Martha Earl

### News from Alabama

**Nancy Clemmons Receives Distinguished Alumni Award**

Nancy Clemmons, Deputy Director of the Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, has received the 2001 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Library School Association of the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alabama. Nancy was honored with this award for her outstanding contributions to the library and information professions.

**Sally Murray to the American University of Paris**

Sarah (Sally) Murray, a long-time staff and faculty member at the University of South Alabama Biomedical Libraries, has announced her resignation. Sally will be assuming her new duties at the library of the American University of Paris. We will miss her but wish her well in her new life in France.

Submitted by Martha Earl
SC Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network

The School of Medicine Library is proud to be playing a key role in the South Carolina Biomedical Infrastructure Network (SC BRIN) initiative. This three-year, $6 million project, funded by the National Center for Research Resources, National Institutes of Health, is part of an NIH program to develop research activity in states that received less than $70 million in NIH grant funds between 1995 and 1999. South Carolina was among 23 states and Puerto Rico eligible for the BRIN program. The goal of the SC BRIN is to increase the NIH research capacity of the state through programmatic expansion and networking of research activities of faculty and students at academic institutions in the state.

These goals will be achieved through faculty expansion at the three research universities in South Carolina: Clemson University, the University of South Carolina, and the Medical University of South Carolina. These Mentor Institutions will work closely with the three 4-year institutions in South Carolina that are at an earlier stage, but at the frontline in developing their research activities: The College of Charleston, Furman University, and South Carolina State University.

The School of Medicine Library is serving as the Bioinformatics Core for the SC BRIN. The function of the Bioinformatics Core is to optimize desktop access to 1) library information resources which are critical to doing biomedical research such as electronic journals and databases, and 2) bioinformatics tools such as DNA and protein sequence databases and sequence analysis tools. The goal is to secure state-wide access to these resources but the initial phase of the project will focus on access for researchers at the six mentor and mentored institutions. The SOM Library is also maintaining the SC BRIN website at http://brin.sc.edu  Library staff actively involved in the SC BRIN at this time are Ruth Riley, Bioinformatics Core Director, Sarah Gable, Bioinformatics Core Outreach Librarian, and Lisa Antley-Hearn, SC BRIN Webmaster. Please consult the SC BRIN website at http://brin.sc.edu for more information.

Preservation Needs Assessment

Recently, Laura Kane, Head of Cataloging & Acquisitions, was awarded a “Preservation Needs Assessment” grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant allowed the Library to bring in Tina Mason, SOLINET Field Services Officer, January 29-30, to conduct a preservation needs assessment of the rare medical book collection. Ms. Mason spent two days evaluating the condition of the collection and helped the Library create a long-range preservation plan.

LibQual+ Project

The Library is participating in the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries’ LibQual+ project, which involves the evaluation of LibQual+ as an effective measurement tool for academic health sciences libraries. The goals of the LibQual+ project, conducted by ARL, are to establish a library service quality assessment program in order to develop web-based tools for assessing library service quality, to develop mechanisms and protocols for evaluating libraries, and to identify best practices in providing library services. This project represents a major move toward outcome-based assessment in libraries. Additional information is available at http://www.libqual.org
Southern Chapter Research Committee
Annual Research Grant

The SC/MLA Research Committee is offering $1000 to support one or more members’ research projects. Application forms are available at http://www.uab.edu/lister/scmla/ or from the Research Committee’s Chair. The deadline for applications is October 1st, 2002.

For questions or to submit completed application, please contact:

Helvi McCall, Chair, SC/MLA Research Committee
Rowland Medical Library
University of Mississippi Medical Center
2500 North State Street
Jackson, MS 39216
E-mail: hmccall@rowland.umsmed.edu
Telephone: 601-984-1238

Winners will be announced at the annual SC/MLA meeting in Nashville, TN, October, 2002

Mentors/Research Support

If you have a research project or proposal and require some financial assistance, you may qualify for the Research Grant. Not sure if your project qualifies as “research”? There are some helpful resources on the SC/MLA page at http://www.uab.edu/lister/scmla/ . Select Research. Consult the list of mentors if you wish to talk over your project with an experienced researcher. The section on Formats for Structured Abstracts lists the major components of most research projects. Try to describe your research project using this structured approach. Select Current Research Presented at SC/MLA Annual Meetings for examples of current research projects within SC.

The Research Committee would like to hear from you about your research learning needs or about special research projects that we should feature in this column.

Submitted by Helvi McCall, Chair Reserch Committee
Eldred v. Ashcroft: copyright extension challenge

On February 19, 2002, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear the case challenging the Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act of 1998. This extension added 20 years to individual copyright, giving authors protection for 70 years after death. Corporate copyright holders (such as Disney) previously had 75 years of protection, but the extension adds 20, giving 95 years of protection.

Many groups have supported the extension, while others are seriously opposed to the law. Eldred v. Ashcroft, No. 01-618 was filed by Eric Eldred who publishes an online archive of classic literature. Believing that older materials should flow into the public domain, he feels Congress is preventing these works from ever becoming freely available. Mr. Eldred’s attorney, Lawrence Lessig, interprets the U.S. Constitution as providing limited protection, not lifetime. He feels we will become a pay-per-view society if copyright continues to be extended.

Arguments are to be held in the fall. Stay tuned to ALA Washington Office news releases. There are numerous sites and articles on this topic:

Openlaw provides history and opposing arguments, as well as other related articles
http://eon.law.harvard.edu/openlaw/eldredvashcroft/

Association of Research Libraries information on Copyright Extension:
http://www.arl.org/info/frn/copy/extension.html

American Library Association Washington office site:
http://www.ala.org/washoff/courts.html

This decision not only argues the copyright law, but also the constitutional law and the intent of our forefathers in granting initial copyright protection. It is another milestone representing the impact of the Internet and accessibility to information for our time and our future.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie K. Machado, Chair
SC/MLA Governmental Relations Committee
Southern Chapter’s  
2002 Annual Meeting  
Web Site Unveiled

Make your plans now to visit Nashville during October 17-20, 2002 for the 52nd annual meeting of the Southern Chapter! We’re proud to unveil the web site for the meeting, which is packed with preliminary information about the exciting program and the many attractions of Nashville. You can visit it directly at http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/SCMLA2002/index.html or take the link from the Southern Chapter web (http://www.uab.edu/lister/scmla/annmeet.htm).

The web site would not have been possible without the efforts of everyone from the Program and Local Arrangement Committees who contributed content and made suggestions for improvement. Thanks also go to Frances Lynch who coordinated the efforts of the Eskind Library’s web/graphic team (John Clark, Vickie Bady, and Kim Day-Camp).

Nunzia Bettinsoli Giuse, M.D., M.L.S., A.H.I.P.  
Director, Eskind Biomedical Library

Congratulations!

Judy Burnham  
Tom Williams

Judy Burnham and Tom Williams, University of South Alabama, Mobile, are the winners of the registrations to attend the MLA Leadership Symposium in Dallas.

Joye Edwards Wins Benchmarking Promotion Prize

Joye P. Edwards at Shriners Hospital for Children Medical Library is the winner of the Southern Chapter Benchmarking Promotion Prize - up to $400 to be used toward meeting registration for MLA 2002 or Southern Chapter 2002 or 2003 meeting registration/expenses.
**Florida News**

*Sue Felber,* medical library coordinator for H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, has received distinguished level membership at AHIP. As you recall, Sue was also given Southern Chapter’s Librarian of the Year award a few months ago.

**TABAMLN CORNER:**
The Tampa Bay Medical Library Network (TABAMLN, in short) has been a very busy chapter. In December 2001, new officers were elected. They are:

- **Richard Mercer**, President, from Orlando Regional Healthcare, Orlando,
- **Douglas Waltonbaugh**, Treasurer, from Bay Pines VA, St. Petersburg, and
- **Susan Sabbia**, Secretary, from Manatee Memorial Hospital, Bradenton.

Congratulations to all of you!

On January 25, 2002, TABAMLN sponsored the MLA CE Course, “Issues in Full-Text Electronic Information Delivery” at All Children’s Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida. More than 30 medical librarians from around Florida attended the full-day course taught by Ellen Nagle, Director of the Biomedical Library of the University of Minnesota.

On March 15, 2002, TABAMLN will host a mini-vendor fair at Bayfront Medical Center in St. Petersburg. Vendors representing publishers, online database distributors, e-books, and actual books will demonstrate their latest products and information to the group. For information about attending, please contact Richard Mercer, President of TABAMLN at 407-841-5111 ext. 4878 or rmercer@orhs.org.

**SEND**
(SouthEastern Network on Docline)
SEND is a Docline-based, reciprocal borrowing network with over 80 participating libraries in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee and the Virgin Islands. Libraries are grouped in Docline cells according to the number of current subscriptions. The four categories by journal subscription are:

- <100= CAT 1
- 101-200= CAT 2A and 2B
- 201-300= CAT 3
- 300+= CAT 4

We have openings in categories 2-4.

Participating libraries must agree to provide interlibrary loans free to all members. Statistics for all SEND activity must be sent to the state coordinator annually upon request and each library must submit modification of their DOCLINE routing table to the Regional Office within the suggested time frame to maintain reciprocity levels.

For more information please contact **Bettye Stilley** (bwstilley@sar.med.navy.mil) or **Deborah Lawless** (dlawl001@stvincentshealth.com).

*FHSLA Holds Annual Meeting*

The Florida Health Sciences Library Association (FHSLA) is proud to hold its annual meeting in St. Augustine, Florida, April 11-13, 2002. The theme for this year is “Putting the Pieces Together.” The annual meeting will host 5 1/2 day CE classes including classes on PDAs and marketing the library
To render an informative history of the Tampa Bay Medical Library Network (abbreviated TABAMLN and lovingly pronounced “Ta-bam-lin”), one must first place the organization within the umbrella history of the National Library of Medicine.

In 1818, the first inklings of a national library of medicine began as a few books in the office of Joseph Lovell, who was the United States Army’s Surgeon General. In 1836, John Shaw Billings became the director of the Surgeon General’s office. Billings was also a consultant to the Census Bureau and a friend to Herman Hollerith, director of the Census Bureau. Billings suggested to Hollerith that a machine should be devised that could perform the tabulation of the census data. From this idea, Hollerith invented his first Tabulating Machine. (Hollerith formed the Computing-Tabulating Recording Company in 1911 which was later purchased by Thomas Watson who transformed it into IBM.)

The relatively small beginnings of a national medical library continued after the Civil War. In 1879, Billings began publishing Index Medicus. Index Medicus was originally a monthly classified subject guide to the medical books and journal articles available in Billings’ library. An offshoot of the Index Medicus was the Index-Catalogue of the Library of the Surgeon General’s Office, United States Army, first published in 1889. Under a succession of directors of the United States Army’s Surgeon General’s office, the library grew at a slow pace.

In 1956, the United States Congress passed the National Library of Medicine Act, which was sponsored by Senators Lister Hill and John F. Kennedy. This act moved the books and journals, which had become the nucleus of a national library, from the U.S. Army to the jurisdiction of the Public Health Department. It also designated a permanent building site for the new National Library of Medicine. Dr. Frank B. Rodgers, a medical doctor, was sent to library school. In 1958 he became the first director of the National Library of Medicine.

During the 1960’s, the National Library of Medicine hired the General Electric Company to develop a computerized system to enhance the availability of the Index Medicus. MEDLARS, the Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System, became operational in 1964. ELHILL, a system to allow librarians at NLM to retrieve electronically the medical literature on demand, became available in 1968. Medline, MEDLARS Online, was developed in 1971.

In 1965, the Medical Library Assistance Act was passed. This act helped push forward the development of Medline as well as the Regional Medical Library (RML) Network. One of the goals of the RML network was to improve the delivery of information to health professionals. As such, the Regional Medical Libraries supported (and still support) the development of library consortia.

In 1975, the war in Viet Nam ended with the fall of Saigon. Mitchell, Haldeman and Ehrlichman were sentenced for the Watergate break-in. In this tense atmosphere, TABAMLN was formed. Twelve librarians plus the director of the University of South Florida Medical School Library met and formed the
first medical library consortia in the Tampa Bay area. The geographical area consisted primarily of the cities of St. Petersburg and Tampa as well as the surrounding bedroom communities on the central west coast of Florida. The founding libraries of TABAMLN were: Tampa General Hospital, All Children’s Hospital in St. Petersburg, Bayfront Medical Center in St. Petersburg, the Florida Mental Health Institute in Tampa, Tampa Veterans Administration Hospital, University Community Hospital in Tampa, Mease Hospital and Clinic in Dunedin, St. Petersburg Junior College, Hillsborough Community College, Morton F. Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Bay Pines Veterans Hospital in St. Petersburg, and South Florida Baptist Hospital in Plant City.

In late 1976, TABAMLN applied to the National Library of Medicine for a three year grant to fund itself as an interlibrary loan consortium with a network coordinator based out of the University of South Florida in Tampa. At this point, TABAMLN had 14 member libraries including 2 community colleges and the University of South Florida. Agreements were established to create a union list of serials and interlibrary loan journal articles and audiovisual aids.

In 1978, the National Library of Medicine awarded TABAMLN a grant of $118,394 for a three year period. A medical library coordinator’s office was established at the University of South Florida Medical Library. The services offered, besides interlibrary loan coordination, included reference, vacation coverage, continuing education, a newsletter, and photocopies of requested information.

The NLM grant was renewed in 1982 for one additional year. In 1983, no further funding was available from the National Library of Medicine. TABAMLN reorganized with ten participating libraries. Each of these libraries contributed $4,000 annually for two years to fund the consortium. The coordinator’s position was subsidized by TABAMLN and maintained within the Medical School Library at the University of South Florida. Interlibrary loan agreements continued between the TABAMLN members. Continuing education was a priority.

In 1985, the National Library of Medicine introduced Docline. Docline is a computerized system for routing interlibrary loans to libraries using a predetermined table paradigm. Reciprocal borrowing agreements are honored with specific placement within a prescribed routing order. Consortia such as TABAMLN route interlibrary loan requests to each other as first choices within the table. Quicker receipt of interlibrary loans is the goal of the system.

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In 1986, TABAMLN reorganized itself. The network coordinator’s office at the University of South Florida Medical Center Library was eliminated. TABAMLN members assumed permanent responsibility for interlibrary loans, the union list of serials, educational programs, networking, and the recruitment of new members. Dues were reduced to $50 per year. Membership categories were established, including hospital libraries, academic libraries, and special libraries.

Many changes have occurred in medical librarianship since TABAMLN began in 1975: the advent of Docline; Grateful Med as a form of outreach to the medical profession; the Internet and the World Wide Web; PubMed’s availability to the general public and electronic journal access, to mention just a few. TABAMLN has grown and changed as well. It is no longer exclusively a “Tampa Bay” organization. We now have 30+ member libraries across most of central Florida from the Gulf Coast to the Atlantic Ocean and as far south as the Everglades. We still maintain our focus: to provide interlibrary loans, continuing education, and networking opportunities to our membership.

TABAMLN members know that they can depend on each other whether for needed items, back-up coverage, or just moral support.

*Submitted by Karen Roth*

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**Nominate SC/MLA Academic Librarian of the Year**

The SC/MLA Academic Librarian of the Year Award was established in 1998, and the first award was presented in 1999.

Criteria: To be eligible, the candidate must have worked in an academic health library setting for five years and be a member of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association. The successful applicant will have demonstrated excellence in research, instruction, and or service in health librarianship. Other criteria should mirror those for MLA’s Estelle Brodman Award for the Academic Medical Librarian of the Year.

Nominations should be sent by letter or email to the Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee and must contain the following elements:
- Precise description of the nominee’s achievements
- A current resume or curriculum vitae
- Any additional information which may assist the committee in evaluation of the nomination and selection of the recipient (i.e. AHIP membership, etc.).

**Deadline:** September 1 of each year, with nominations accepted from January 1. The winner of the award will be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Chapter/MLA, and presented with a plaque and a check for $250.
The VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System library went virtual on December 17th which meant going from a total paper collection to a computer-based environment providing resources to an almost completely computer illiterate clinical staff. I have been offering computer basics and database classes for individuals and small groups, but I needed a way to reach a bigger audience. To provide a wider base of instruction, I invited database representatives to come on-site for one day of intensive training to the end users. Out of nine companies that I do business with, only three sent representatives: EBSCO, StatREF!, and OVID. Some of the others didn’t have the budget or staff available and sent materials instead: MicroMedex; eFacts, and MD Consult. There were also others that I have not had an opportunity to purchase due to financial restraints that offered materials and free trials: UpToDate, NetLibrary, eMedicine, and ProQuest.

The computer lab is set-up in three rows, so I assigned each company a row of computers to offer hands-on demonstrations and instructions to the clinical staff attending. Although attendance was not what I had hoped for, the ones that did come were very impressed and excited about the new resources and went back to their services enthusiastic enough to send others to attend.

This also gave me a chance to meet with the representatives to discuss database developments, share experiences and problems, and learn of new features and future projects. Overall I felt the program was a success and fun for everyone including the vendor representatives.

Jan Burns, MLS
Supervisory Librarian
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P.S. Even though I relocated with the VA system to Reno, NV, I renewed my membership to both Southern Chapter and ALHeLA because both organizations have had such an impact on my professional development and I still try to participate as much as I can from 2000 miles away.
Job Announcements

Emory University
Health Sciences Center Library
Cataloging Librarian

General Position Description:
The Health Sciences Center Library of Emory University is seeking an experienced professional to catalog materials in a variety of formats. This individual must have experience cataloging and assisting in developing policies and procedures for the bibliographic management and physical processing of library materials in various formats, including electronic and other non-print resources. The candidate should have a thorough knowledge of national cataloging standards, subject headings, classification systems, MARC formats and OCLC. This position reports to the Head of the Cataloging and Collection Management Department.

Qualifications, required: Master’s degree from an ALA accredited library or information science school, minimum 4-5 years of experience in original and copy cataloging of monographs, serials, electronic resources and audio-visual materials; experience and expertise with principles and practices of bibliographic control in an integrated, automated university wide library system; experience with exporting bibliographic records from OCLC to a local library system; demonstrated aptitude for computing technology; excellent oral and written communication skills.

Salary minimum: $36,000; benefits package includes health and dental insurance, 24 days vacation, TIAA/CREF, and courtesy scholarship.

To apply: submit a resume and a letter detailing your qualifications and experience. Provide the names of 3-4 references, including their addresses (postal and e-mail) and phone numbers (voice and fax) to:

Sandra Franklin, Acting Director
Health Sciences Center Library
Emory University
1462 Clifton Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30322

Meharry Medical College Library
Associate Director

General Position Description:
Reports to the Library Director.
Assists the director in the overall planning and management of library operations, departments and programs. Oversees and supports activities of all library departments.

Qualifications:
Required:
Master’s degree from an ALA-accredited library school.
Minimum of three years professional experience in a health sciences library.
Minimum two years of supervisory experience.

Salary: Commensurate with experience. Qualified candidates should send a resume, and cover letter via email or U.S. Mail, to Attn: Rosalind Lett, rlett@mmc.edu. If you have questions feel free to call 615-327-6728.

Obituaries

Eleanor Steinke, former director of the medical school library at Vanderbilt University, died at a nursing home in Nashville on February 17th 2002; she was 87. Eleanor succeeded the late Eileen Cunningham as director in 1956 and served until her retirement thirteen years later.

Submitted by T. Mark Hodges

Marjorie Caldwell, former Librarian, Lakeshore Mental Health Institute, Knoxville, passed away in January 2002. Her friends in the Knoxville Area Health Sciences Libraries Consortium will remember her commitment to nature and her unique sense of humor.

Submitted by Martha Earl
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