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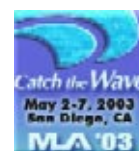
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Many Southern Chapter'ers attended the 2003 annual Medical Library Association meeting in San Diego, exploring Southern California while also "Catching the Wave" and learning new ways to move into future roles and services. San Diego was an excellent meeting and travel destination. A charming resort hotel with flowers everywhere, along with a great shopping mall nearby, served as the venue.



The first plenary session was the McGovern Lecture given by **Lawrence Lessig** who spoke on copyright in the digital age. Lessig, a Stanford law professor, challenged the Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act before the Supreme Court. In his McGovern lecture, he pointed to Walt Disney as well as examples from other cultures to show how certain types of creativity build on works in the public domain. Lessig's plea was for librarians to continue to aggressively advocate for fair use and intellectual rights in the public domain because growing legal constraints are limiting our development as a society.

Frieda Weise, former MLA president, delivered an excellent Janet Doe Lecture. She focused on the value – and fragility – over time of the library as a "place", emphasizing the library's role as an intellectual commons. The third plenary session was the Leiter Lecture by **Dr. Roz Lasker**, who spoke to the need to apply information to improve the public's health. She emphasized the role of information scientists and collaborative relationships in connecting research to the real health questions people are asking. The final session focused on the need in our profession to develop multiple mentoring approaches to foster the career development of MLA's most important resource, the next generation.

As always, Southern Chapter members were active participants in the MLA meeting, presenting more than 30 contributed papers and posters! Also, MLA's leadership continues to be well represented by Southern Chapter members. Incoming Board members **Ros Lett** and **Nancy Clemmons**, both SC/MLA members, join SCMLA'er **Linda Garr Markwell** in speaking "Southern" at MLA Board deliberations.

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Regional Updates

LinkOut Training from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern Atlantic Region

Beginning in July, the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Southeastern Atlantic region will be offering free distance LinkOut training.

LinkOut is a feature of Entrez that is designed to provide users with links from PubMed and other Entrez databases to a wide variety of relevant web-accessible online resources, including full-text publications, biological databases, consumer health information, research tools, and more.

This two-hour MLA-accredited training session will take place 1 hour a day for two days and will consist of a teleconference and a shared PowerPoint presentation. Participants will call in to a toll-free number and will run the PowerPoint presentation on their own computer, so requirements for the class are a computer and a telephone in the same room as the computer.

Classes begin at 2:00 PM Eastern Time and are limited to 10 speaking participants. Others may share participation, but we ask that one person be designated as the speaker and organizer.

Anyone interested in the following dates should contact **Beth Wescott** (bwesc001@umnet.umaryland.edu) for registration:

August 5 & 6
September 9 & 10

Anyone interested in the following dates should contact **Dale Prince** (jprin001@umnet.umaryland.edu) for registration:

July 23 & 24
August 28 & 29
September 29 & 30

(If you inquired about this class in the recent past,

please send an email message again with your choice of dates.)

Submitted by Dale Prince

Professional Development Awards for Primary Access Library Staff

The NN/LM Southeastern/Atlantic Region is pleased to announce the availability of a new professional development award. The award will support Network member library staff in the Region in developing their skills and knowledge in using technology for health information access and delivery, library or personnel management, or other skills that will benefit them in their positions. The Southeastern/Atlantic Regional Library will award up to \$1,000 to individuals in Primary Access Libraries in Region 2. Applications may be made at any time.

Funds may be used for a variety of purposes, including:

- Attending a specific continuing education course, extension course or workshop
- Attending a conference (e.g. The Internet Librarian; Computers in Libraries; AMIA, etc.)
- Visiting other libraries or related institutions

Engaging in the above activities should be linked to a specific goal for the library, for example:

- Developing a Web page for the library
- Setting up an Intranet for the library and its parent institution
- Developing a computer-assisted instructional package or other type of educational package to help end-users gain better access to health information resources
- Developing a consumer-health service in the library
- Learning project management skills
- Selecting, managing and licensing electronic journals

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Southern Expressions Co-Editors Position Announcement

SOUTHERN EXPRESSIONS (newsletter of the Southern Chapter)

POSITIONS OPEN FOR CO-EDITORS

The SC/MLA Executive Board invites applications and nominations for co-editors of Southern Expressions.

The co-editors are responsible for preparing and distributing Southern Expressions within the policies, guidelines, and budget established by the Executive Board, with input from the Communications Committee. The Executive Board appoints the editors for a two-year term, which is renewable. The editors are members of the Executive Board.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Prepare and distribute four (4) issues per Chapter year according to the publication schedule. Notify the state reporters, Communications Committee, Executive Board and committee liaisons and chairs of the publication and deadline schedule, reminding them via the Chapter listserv, and print if necessary, of each upcoming deadline. Work with the chair of the Communications Committee on policies and issues related to the newsletter. Work with the Chapter Membership Database Manager to assure that mailing lists are kept up to date and that envelopes and mailing labels are provided for each mailing. Contract for the services of a local printer offering the best price and quality service.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Candidates with prior editing, writing or editorial experience and with ability to convert the publication to an electronic version will be given preference. Candidates must be current members of the Chapter. Candidates' libraries usually provide some release time, equipment and software for editorial purposes.

Submit a resume, with a cover letter stating your past experience and goals for service as editor of Southern Expressions to:

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DESCRIPTION OF SOUTHERN EXPRESSIONS:

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SC/MLA Annual Meeting 2003

SC/MLA Annual Meeting - Coral Gables, FL, October 9-13, 2003

Come to Coral Gables, the “City Beautiful,” October 9-13, 2003 for the Annual Meeting of our great Chapter. In addition to the truly excellent program and continuing education courses arranged by **Mary Fran Prottzman** and **Jan Orick** respectively (please see page 9 of this issue), the Local Arrangement Committee has been hard at work making sure your time with us will be one of your most memorable and enjoyable experiences. Miami has something for everyone, and we have tried to accommodate as many different tastes as possible - calder.med.miami.edu/SCMLA2003/

The meeting opens with the Early Bird Reception, Thursday evening, October 9th, around the rooftop pool, of the four-star Omni Colonnade Hotel in the heart of Coral Gables. Experience a tropical sunset while overlooking Miami, visiting with friends and colleagues, and leaving your cares behind for a few days.

A Thursday arrival will let you take one or more of the continuing education courses on Friday and/or one of the local tours being arranged for you in the afternoon. You have your choice of:

- Biscayne Boat Tour and Bayside Market Place – enjoy a 90-minute sight seeing cruise along the Bay and Millionaire’s Row, homes of the “rich and famous,” followed by your choice of 150 international shops, restaurants and a market for artisans at Bayside. www.baysidemarketplace.com
- Bloomingdale’s/The Falls – take your Afternoon Tea and spend an afternoon at one Miami’s upscale shopping areas. You will receive a Bloomingdale’s signature black tote and a 15% all-day Savings Certificate compliments of “Bloomies.”
- Fairchild Tropical Gardens – experience the paradise of one of Miami’s oldest, most unique and popular attractions – magnificently landscaped botanical gardens,

exotic plants from around the world, tropical fruits, stately palms, and timeless oaks.
www.fairchildgarden.org

You will be back at the hotel with more than one hour to spare before the Welcome Party/Exhibit Opening Friday evening in the hotel’s magnificent Rotunda, a two-tiered expanse of beautiful marble around an original art deco fountain that dates to the 1920s.

Saturday evening has been purposefully left free for you. Select from any one of hundreds of restaurants, night spots, and shops right in Coral Gables, in nearby Coconut Grove, or on world-famous South Beach. A restaurant guide is being prepared to help you find just the right spot, as well as a tour that will take you to Cafe Tu Tu Tango in Coconut Grove for cocktails and tapas and a stroll through Miami’s “Village”, followed by a short trip to South Beach for live entertainment and dinner, people watching and shopping.

Sunday evening will be the highlight of the meeting, with the Chapter’s return to Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, a palace with acres of formal Italian gardens on Biscayne Bay. Following cocktails and hors d’oeuvres in the gardens, we will dine al fresco and enjoy a three-course served dinner overlooking the Bay. Do not be the one member to miss this evening in our Chapter’s history!

See you in Coral Gables

Henry L. Lemkau, Jr.
Chair, Local Arrangements Committee

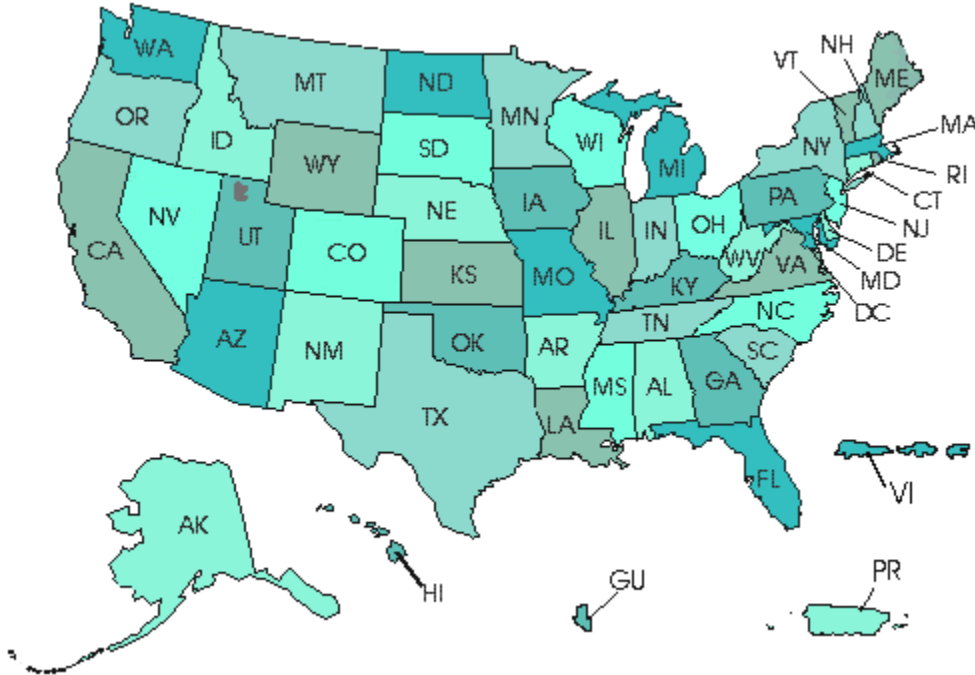


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Southern Chapter Health Literacy Initiatives Linked to AMA Program

Access state and county Health Literacy Program Information by clicking on the state on the map at www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/8031.html (AMA Foundation Health Literacy program page) as reproduced below.



Alabama

Alabama Medical Association Alliance

The Alabama Alliance approached the Alabama Medical Association and is currently working on a joint “President’s Project” addressing Health literacy.

If you would like to add, initiate, or get involved with a Health Literacy Initiative in this state, please go to : <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/9542.html>

Mississippi

Lee County Medical Alliance

Prescription for HeLP (Health Literacy Project)

To educate the public, the Health Literacy information “prescription pads” were distributed to our children’s parents at local elementary schools during the Family Literacy Night. Each pad was stamped with the Alliance’s name and address to obtain further information about the project. The Lee County Medical Alliance also distributed the health literacy kits to the local cancer center, internal medicine group, and pediatric group.

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- Space planning
- Developing user education programs or redesigning library services

Criteria for awards include the following:

- Applicants must be employed at least 50% time in a Network health sciences library
- Applicant must be from a National Network of Libraries of Medicine - Southeastern/Atlantic Region member library
- Applicants must submit a brief proposal explaining how the money will be used. Proposals must describe specifically how the library will benefit from the activity supported by the award

Funding is not available for the following:

- Personal memberships in organizations
- Building library collections
- Attending the Medical Library Association annual meeting or the regional MLA chapter meetings - however, attendance at workshops, institutes, and other special meetings held in conjunction with the MLA or chapter meetings is allowed.

Awardees will be expected to report back to SE/A on how their goals were met. This may be in the form of a written report. The individual is also encouraged to submit an article for SEA Currents that describes the project developed.

Description and application for the award is available at: <http://nnlm.gov/sea/temp/libproa.html>. For more information, contact **Janice Kelly**, Executive Director, NN/LM Southeastern/Atlantic Region, at jkelly@hshsl.umaryland.edu or through the toll-free number at 1-800-338-7657.

Submitted by Mary Fran Prottzman

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Around the South

Alabama News

University of Alabama at Birmingham News

Health InfoNet of Alabama, a cooperative consumer health information service of the UAB Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences and the area public libraries, has been awarded a \$15,000 subcontract from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern/Atlantic Region. The money will be used to fund an outreach project, “Healthy Spirit Jefferson County,” targeting African American males through the cooperation of the Jefferson County Health Department and local churches. Computer equipment will be placed in the selected churches, and a “community health liaison” volunteer from that church will be trained to assist residents in using the equipment to research health questions. Another part of the initiative will focus on setting up community workshops led by local medical experts in diseases of particular concern to African American males, including prostate cancer, diabetes and heart disease. The project is slated to run through March 2004. For more information, contact **Kay Hogan Smith**, Health InfoNet coordinator, at khogan@uab.edu.

Submitted by Kay Hogan Smith

University of South Alabama News

Jie Li, Information Services Librarian at the Medical Center Site of the University of South Alabama Biomedical Library, has been selected to attend the Medical Informatics fellowship program at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, in September. This week long course is designed to familiarize participants with the application of computer technologies and information science in medicine. Through a combination of lectures and hands-on computer exercises, participants will be introduced to the conceptual and technical compo-



Jie Li

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Chapter Council News

News from Chapter Council

It was great to see so many of you in “mostly” sunny Southern California for the 2003 MLA meeting in San Diego. The rainy weather certainly didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of those who attended including all three of your Chapter Council representatives (**Sarah Gable**, Outgoing CC Representative; **Jan LaBeause**, Incoming CC Representative & Outgoing CC Alternate; and **Danny O’Neal**, Incoming CC Alternate), as well as Southern Chapter member **Linda Garr Markwell**, the current Chapter Council Chair. We all attended the day-long meeting of Chapter Council on Saturday, May 3rd. Here are some of the highlights:

- **Linda Watson**, MLA President, felt that completion of MLA Strategic Plan was the biggest accomplishment of the year; President-Elect **Pat Thibodeau** will focus on advocacy and recruitment during the coming year; and President Elect-Elect **Joanne Marshall**, as dean of a library school, will be championing health sciences librarianship education during her presidency.
- MLA Executive Director, **Carla Funk** discussed the recent MLA membership survey and noted that student members and members “under 30” are growing segments. She also reported that chapters are being urged to add a Professional Recruitment Committee to complement the work of their Membership Committees.
- MLANet is being updated with new software to improve searching capabilities and allow members to develop their own MLA toolboxes. Also, MLA is setting up a virtual student chapter and a mentoring database on the Web page.
- The Independent Reading Program for MLA CE credit, beta tested by a number of Southern Chapter members, will be implemented. Credit has also been approved for those facilitating roundtable discussions and moderating panel discussions. AHIP paperwork for members renewing at the same level has been streamlined.
- The Chapter Council Presents Sharing Roundtables continued to be very popular again this year with 399 participants at 59 tables on 30 topics. Jan LaBeause will Chair the Roundtables Committee for 2004, and **Danny O’Neal** will serve on the Majors/MLA Chapter Jury Project.
- And last – but certainly not least – we are proud to announce that **Sarah Gable** was elected as incoming Chapter Council Chair. Congratulations, Sarah!

Since coming back home, we have received a number of announcements from MLA about events and projects of interest to everyone. Here are a few you may want to take advantage of:

- Nominate someone for an Award or apply for a Grant or Scholarship. Nomination deadlines for all awards are November 1 while the application deadlines for grants and scholarships are December 1, unless otherwise noted. More information and applications are available at <http://www.mlanet.org/awards>, or contact **Lisa C. Fried** at MLA: 312-419-9094 ext. 28 or mlapd2@mlahq.org. (*See also p.10 & 12.*)
- Sign up as a mentor or search the database to find one at <http://www.mlanet.org/mentor/>
- Update your MLA online membership record at <http://www.mlanet.org/members/directory/>.
- Register for MLA’s next teleconference “Reading Between the Lines: Focusing on Health Information Literacy” on Wednesday, September 10, 2003, from 1:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M., CT at <http://www.mlanet.org/education/telecon/healthlit/index.html>
- Track your AHIP points on your PDA with a free database developed by MLA member Peggy Baldwin of Portland, Oregon (peggy.baldwin@providence.org or 503-215-6075). You will need HandBase from DDH Software (\$24.95) available in a trial version at <http://www.ddhsoftware.com> or <http://www.palmgear.com>. Baldwin’s database is available at <http://www.ddhsoftware.com/gallery.html>. Enter “MLA” in the keyword search box.

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SC/MLA Annual Meeting 2003

From the Program Chair

Coral Gables is definitely the place to be October 9-13, 2003. While I was not among the fortunate who attended the last meeting hosted by the stellar staff of the University of Miami in 1984, I'm still hearing glowing reports of the good times enjoyed by all, and, from all indications, our '03 meeting will be even better. Apparently, the word has spread, because I have been contacted by a number of MLA members outside our chapter expressing their desire to attend and enjoy along with us. In addition to the gala events planned by Local Arrangements, we are offering an interesting and informative program that will help you build on past experience as you prepare for the future.

Our speakers will inform and entertain. **Henry L. Lemkau, Jr.**, M.L.S., J.D. Professor and Chairman, Department of the Louis Calder Memorial Library, University of Miami School of Medicine will set the theme of "Coming About: Designs for the Future, Reflections from the Past" as he speaks of the *HMS Medical Library: Where We Were, Where We Are, Where We Are Going*. **Robert G. Brooks**, M.D., Associate Dean for Health Affairs, Florida State University College of Medicine and Principal Investigator, Center on Terrorism and Public Health, will share his expertise with *Bioterrorism: No Safe Harbor*.



Robert Brooks

Steven G. Ullmann, Ph.D., Professor, School of Business Administration, Vice-Provost for University Administration and Faculty Affairs, Dean of the Graduate School, and Interim University Librarian, University of Miami, will examine the question "*SOS: Is It Time for the Health Care System to be Thrown Overboard?*" **Raymond Santiago**, Director, Miami-Dade Public Library System and Library Journal's 2003 Librarian of the Year will illuminate the vagaries of navigating the library through political waves.



Barbara Shearer

Barbara Shearer, M.L.S., Director, Medical Library, Florida State University, will moderate an illustrious panel comprised of current and former chapter notables **Julie McGowan**, Associate Dean, Information Resources and Educational Technology, Indiana University School of Medicine, **Jocelyn A. Rankin**, Chief, CDC Information Center, Atlanta, GA, **Ada M. Seltzer**, Director, Rowland Medical Library, University of Mississippi Medical Center, and **Janet Fisher**, Library Director for Development and Outreach, James H. Quillen College of Medicine Library, East Tennessee State University as they recount their experiences in establishing new academic medical libraries. **Lee Huntley**, CEO of Baptist Hospital of Miami, will speak at the Hospital Libraries luncheon, providing insight into the hospital administrator's mindset.

An overwhelming response to our call for presentations enables us to offer 14 posters and 24 papers as we learn from our colleagues.

Papers offered in concurrent sessions:

Heading Windward: New Ways to Deliver Information

Librarians seek many ways to deliver information and this session will cover non-traditional library instruction, PDA resources, bioinformatics skills, knowledge management, clinical librarians and an online history exhibit.

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MLA Update

MLA Awards

You can make a difference! Nominate yourself or an outstanding colleague for one of the MLA Awards mentioned below.

Lois Ann Colaianne Award for Excellence and Achievement in Hospital Librarianship

This award, is given to a member of the association who has made significant contributions to the profession in the area of overall distinction or leadership in hospital library administration or service, production of a definitive publication related to hospital librarianship, teaching, research, advocacy, or the development or application of innovative technology to hospital librarianship. The recipient receives a cash award of \$500 and a certificate.

Estelle Brodman Award for Academic Medical Librarian of the Year

The award recognizes an academic medical librarian, who at mid-career demonstrates significant achievement, the potential for leadership, and continuing excellence. The Award was established in 1986 with a gift from Irwin H. Pizer. The recipient receives a certificate and a cash award of \$500 at the Association's Annual Meeting.

Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year Award

This is a general award for excellence, innovation and contribution to the profession of health sciences librarianship. These attributes must be shown through special projects beyond the normal operational programming of the chapter. The recipient receives a certificate and a cash award of \$500.

Janet Doe Lectureship

The Janet Doe Lecturer is an individual chosen annually by the Medical Library Association for his/her unique perspective on the history or philosophy of medical librarianship. The selected lecture is presented at the Association's Annual Meeting, and is subsequently published in the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association. The Lecturer receives a \$250 honorarium, travel expenses to the site of the Annual Meeting, hotel expenses for 1 night, per diem for 1 day and a certificate.

Ida and George Eliot Prize

The prize is presented annually for a work published in the preceding calendar year, which has been judged most effective in furthering medical librarianship. The award was first presented in 1962. The recipient receives a cash award of \$200 and a certificate.

Rittenhouse Award

The award is presented annually for the best unpublished paper (bibliographical, issue or topic based, or report of research results) or web-based project on medical librarianship or medical informatics written by a student in an ALA-accredited school of library and information studies or a trainee in an internship in health sciences librarianship or medical informatics. The Rittenhouse Medical Bookstore in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania established the award in 1967. The author of the winning essay receives a cash award of \$500 and a certificate.

Thomson ISI/Frank Bradway Rogers Information Advancement Award

The award is presented annually in recognition of outstanding contributions for the application of technology to the delivery of health science information, to the science of information, or to the facilitation of the delivery of health science information. The Award has been sponsored by the Institute for Scientific Information since 1973. The recipient receives a cash award of \$500 and a certificate.

Louise Darling Medal for Distinguished Achievement in Collection Development in the Health Sciences

The medal is presented annually in recognition of distinguished achievement in collection development in the health sciences. Ballen Booksellers International, Inc established the Medal in 1987. Blackwell North North America, Inc currently supports it. The recipient receives an engraved medal, a certificate and a \$1,000 cash award.

Murray Gottlieb Prize

The prize is awarded annually for the best unpublished essay on the history of medicine and

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nents of medical informatics. Elective evening workshops will teach personal computer skills such as creation of World Wide Web interfaces to databases and use of personal productivity tools. The course is taught by a nationally known faculty, and is designed to prepare the student to become actively involved in making informed decisions about computer-based tools in his/her organizational environment, and improve the student's own computer skills. Acceptance is limited to 30 fellows per session and includes medical educators, medical librarians, medical administrators, and physicians.

The University of South Alabama Biomedical Library welcomes **J. Michael Lindsay** as our new Electronic Resources/Collection Development Librarian. He is a recent graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. In addition to collection development, Michael will be in charge of the electronic journals page. Michael will also be liaison with the departments of Endocrinology, Nephrology, Pulmonary Medicine, Rheumatology, Primary Care, and Microbiology in the College of Medicine.



Lindsay

Submitted by Judy Burnham

The annual meeting of the Medical Library Association was held in San Diego, CA, May 2-7, 2003. Several USA library faculty were active participants: **Jie Li** finished a year as Chair of the International Cooperation Section and continues as the MLA News column editor for International News. **Ellen Sayed** is the Sections newsletter editor and serves as the coordinator of our library's relationship with Holberton Hospital Library in Antigua as a Sister Library. **Justin Robertson** is designing a website for the Section and one for our Sister Library. Justin Robertson also served on the Local Arrangements Committee. **Judy Burnham** served on the National Program Committee and her work included the selection and coordination of poster presentations. **Ellen Sayed** and **Tom Williams** presented a poster,



Jie Li & Judy Burnham

Service Beyond our Borders. Another poster, Project Management: Establishing and Implementing an Information Network in Rural South Alabama, was presented by **Jie Li, Judy Burnham, Ellen Sayed, Tom Williams, Fletch Bowing** and **Robbie Runderson**. A paper by **Clista Clanton**, Evidence Based Databases Versus Primary Medical Literature: An Inhouse Investigation On Their Optimal Use, was presented by a co-author.

Submitted by Judy Burnham

Florida News

University of Florida Health Science Center Library News (Fall/Winter)

Personnel:

Cecilia Botero received her credentials as a distinguished member of AHIP(Academy of Health Information Professionals).

Meetings/ Conferences/Travel:

Lenny Rhine spent January 20-24 at the Information Knowledge & Management Directorate of the Medical Research Council of South Africa in Cape Town, South Africa, by invitation. He conducted three workshops there: "Evaluation of Health Sites

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MLA Update

MLA Grants and Scholarships

The Medical Library Association is pleased to sponsor grant and scholarship opportunities to practicing health science librarians and help qualified students study health sciences librarianship in graduate library science programs.

Continuing Education Grants

MLA members may submit applications for these grants of \$100-\$500 to develop their knowledge of the theoretical, administrative, and/or technical aspects of librarianship. More than one CE grant may be offered in a year.

Application Deadline: December 1

Cunningham Memorial International Fellowship

This fellowship is available to health sciences librarians from countries outside the U.S. and Canada. The grant provides up to four months of observation and supervised work in one or more medical libraries in the United States or Canada.

Application Deadline: December 1

EBSCO/MLA Annual Meeting Grants


EBSCO Information Services sponsors four grants of up to \$1000 each to enable medical librarians working in health sciences libraries to attend MLA's annual meeting.

Application Deadline: December 1

Hospital Libraries Section/ MLA Professional Development Grants

This grant, given twice a year, sponsored by the Hospital Libraries Section, provides librarians working in

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New Mentor Database Debuts

MLA announces newly created mentor Web pages that are part of the career section of MLANET.

- Sign up online to serve as a mentor to your peers, as a provisional mentor, or as a mentor to students interested in learning about the profession.
- Search the database to find a mentor.
- Link to mentor tip sheets and guidelines.
- Access Web resources to help you in your mentoring role.

The success of the mentor database depends on the number of members who sign up. Go to www.mlanet.org/mentor/ to explore the possibilities.

Images from San Diego



Judy Burnham, Martha Preddie, Rosalind Lett & Ada Seltzer, President's Reception



Mary Fran Prottzman and Karen Roth at Karen's Poster Presentation



MLA Board members Carol Jenkins, Lynn Fortney & Mark Funk



Diane Rourke & friend, Hospital Libraries Reception



Poolside reception (Fay Towell smiling left)



Carolyn Brown and poster



Hospital Libraries Committee

Hospital Libraries and Digital Scanners

Several discussions on the list these past months have been about how hospital libraries can move to electronic document delivery. One of the easiest ways is to do what we have been fortunate to do. In late 2001, as we transitioned our library services and resources to our new employer, Self Regional Healthcare, we were able to replace the old analog photocopier with a digital multifunction machine. Any of the major manufacturers of photocopiers should be willing to give you specifications and prices for their digital multifunction machines. Send out a request for information either through your agency purchasing department or directly to your regional distributors of photocopiers.

Ask for these capabilities:

1. Laser, plain paper, digital multifunction—copy, fax, print, and scan—networked to your library so you can use the machine as a networked printer.
2. If you have the money, ask for a color laser digital multifunction machine. Both the black and the color machines print faster and cheaper than the stand-alone black or color laser printers.
3. Ask for at least two sizes of paper trays: 8.5x11 and 8.5x14, or larger 11x17 poster size if you can afford it.
4. Extra memory to print duplex and staple when using it as a printer from the network computers. Yes, it generally takes extra memory!
5. You may need extra attachments to duplex, collate, and staple multiple copies.
6. PDF scan software, if possible. It may scan to TIFF, and you can use free MyMorph to change the TIFF to PDF, but it is another step and more time on your part. Scanning to PDF is better, too, because often your patrons will prefer PDF.
7. Adjustable settings in fax, because images and especially color images do not always scan and fax well on “print” settings. This is where a color machine is useful, as many

more of the articles have color images, charts, tables or graphs that do not fax well. Red and shades of red fax as black and shades of black!

8. Compare “first copy” speeds. Most machines will make duplicate copies quickly, but how long after you place the original and hit “Go” before the machine actually makes the first copy? If you have to wait 5 to 10 seconds (yes, we timed machines at that long a wait) for the first copy, you will soon go crazy waiting for the machine to “Go, go, go!!!”. Buyer beware. Time the free demonstration machines the vendor should loan you. If they can not tell you how long it takes for first copy, beware.
9. You probably will have enlargement capabilities on the machine. You should have immediate and memory fax transmission. Immediate is great if you have loose papers to send. Memory fax allows you to scan an article and send it as one document when the busy lines are freed, no having to redial or rescan; digital memory does it for you.

With a digital multifunction machine on your library network, you can send and receive digital quality faxes. You can send and receive TIFF and PDF documents. You can scan from the original and fulfill interlibrary loan and customer requests quickly and easily. The many tasks and expenses of mailing paper copies are eliminated. You will print two-sided documents faster and cheaper than on the other “stand alone” laser printers on your network.

The impact for our library of the digital multifunction machine has been dramatic. We send most of our interlibrary loan items to other libraries electronically, some months running as high as 75%, on average about 60%. Where we used to do paper current awareness for more than 70 patrons, we now send mostly electronic notices, with only about six paper-based patrons. The patron response is sometimes dramatic. One time the assistant had an electronic reply within seconds of sending current awareness information to a patron. We receive about 40% of

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our interlibrary loan requested items electronically, and would like to push that to 50%, at least. We are about to transition LoansomeDoc requests to ask that lending libraries send them electronically to the customer to reduce turnaround time from about a week to about two days.

Thomas W. Hill
Chair, Hospital Libraries Committee



Cheryl Dee, Professional Development Award Winner, Research, San Diego

Jan Orick, Professional Development Award Winner, Leadership, San Diego



MLA Hospital Libraries Section "Scroll of Exemplary Service"

Southern Chapter once again is prominent in representation of national award winners! Most recently a number of Southern Chapter members were honored by the Hospital Libraries Section of MLA in their "Scroll of Exemplary Service" as librarians who had "made a difference to further hospital libraries and health librarianship." The Scroll was unveiled and the honorees named at the MLA annual meeting in San Diego. The Southern Chapter members named were:

- **Jane Bridges**
- **C. J. Bryant**
- **Mary Ann Camp**
- **Nedra J. Cook**

- **Cheryl Dee**
- **Bettye M. Duncan**
- **Fay E. Evatt**
- **Linda G. Farmer**
- **Sue Felber**
- **Mary V. Fielder**
- **Rosalind Lett**
- **Susan Lyon McCullough**
- **Barbara A. Meadows**
- **Pamela Arpen Neumann**
- **Jan T. Orick**
- **Glenda L. Perry**
- **Doris S. Prichard**
- **Mary Fran Prottzman**
- **Karen L. Roth**
- **Bettye W. Stilley**
- **Marilyn Teolis**
- **Addajane L. Wallace**

Congratulations!

Submitted by Mary Fran Prottzman

HLS Professional Development Grant

Apply Now for the HLS/MLA Professional Development Grant - Applications due August 1, 2003

The Hospital Library Section of the Medical Library Association provides a grant to hospital and clinical librarians seeking funding to further professional education, conduct research, or attend a meeting. It is intended to encourage participation in professional programs or to support reimbursement for expenses incurred in conducting scientific research. The grant aids librarians working in hospitals and other clinical care institutions.

The deadline for the next grant award is August 1, 2003. Further information including applications forms and eligibility are available at http://mlanet.org/pdf/grants/hlsapp_2002_1112.pdf. For additional information, please contact **Lisa Fried** at (312) 419-9094, ext. 28 or email mlapd2@mlahq.org. (See also p.12.)

Submitted by Nell Williams

Nominate a hospital librarian as the

Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association

Hospital Librarian of the Year 2003

Hospital Librarian of the Year 2003

Do you know a hospital librarian who is a member of MLA and SC/MLA?

Someone who is currently a hospital librarian and who has worked in a hospital library for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the award year?

Recognize a hospital librarian who has contributed to the profession by demonstrating excellence and achievement in any of the following areas:

- Service
- Advocacy
- Leadership
- Technology
- Publications
- Presentation/Teaching
- Research
- Administration
- Special Projects
- Any combination of listed areas

At the annual SC/MLA meeting, the recipient will receive a plaque and \$250

Please, **forward suggestions before September 1**, via e-mail, mail, or fax to:

Thomas W. Hill
SC/MLA Hospital Libraries Committee Chair
Self Regional Medical Center
1325 Spring Street
Greenwood, SC 29646
thill@selfregional.org
Telephone: 864-227-4851 Fax 864-227-4838

The nomination format is easy and the required contents are listed on the Chapter WebPages:
<http://www.scmla.org>

Sponsored by the SC/MLA Hospital Libraries Committee

Research Spotlight

Research Project Grant Funding Available

Do you have a great idea for a research study but need some support and \$\$\$? Are you a novice researcher who would like to test your research and grant writing skills in a nurturing and supportive environment? Or perhaps you are an experienced researcher looking to fund a pilot project as a prelude to a grant application to a major funding agency? The SC/MLA Research Project Grant can be your answer. This grant provides support for our members' research projects in order to promote and stimulate excellence in the field of health science librarianship and the information sciences. Grants may be used to support all or part of the costs of a study, up to a maximum of \$1000.

Besides the obvious reward of gaining funding for your research project, obtaining funding for your project will boost your professional standing within your own institution, and you will be rewarded with additional AHIP points for your MLA records. Grants and other funded projects listed on your resume will strengthen your efforts toward promotion and tenure and enhance your status as a candidate for your next professional position.

Inspired to get started in research but not sure of a project? Look over the Evidence-Based Librarianship Implementation Committee report, "The Most Relevant and Answerable Research Questions Facing the Practice of Health Sciences Librarianship," Hypothesis 2001 Spring; 16(1):9. The Research Committee's web pages list projects previously funded under this

program, and the Research Spotlight column in the Spring 2003 issue of Southern Expressions listed several current projects within the chapter.

Discuss your idea with your colleagues or one of the Southern Chapter research mentors. Once you have developed your ideas, we encourage you to contact the Research Committee for assistance in refining your topic or in addressing procedural questions. We would like to work with you at this stage to help you develop a strong application. For the purposes of this grant, your project should be original, important to the profession, sound in experimental design and detail, and feasible. The grants will not be given to support an activity that is operational in nature or has only local usefulness. Outline your project. The scope and nature of the proposed project should give evidence of an established methodology and a viable research design. Complete a literature review and develop your time line and budget. Use this outline to complete the Grant Application and submit it to the Research Committee by October 1, 2003.

We'll be looking for your name in the announcement, "The winner of the SC/MLA Research Project Grant for 2003 is" !

Submitted by Addajane Wallace

Research Spotlight

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Research Interests at Southern Chapter's SLIS Programs

Study Will Assess IT Capabilities of Rural Hospitals

Submitted by **Beverly Tranchand**, Sponsored Research Services, Florida State University School of Information Studies

The Florida State University College of Medicine recently received an endowment to establish a center on rural health. A project funded by this endowment will assess the impact of information technology (IT) in rural Florida. **Dr. Nir Menachemi**, the Director of Patient Safety at the College of Medicine, in collaboration with **Dr. Darrell Burke** from the School of Information Studies, Medical Informatics, will study the IT capabilities of rural hospitals in the State of Florida to determine the effectiveness of their systems to deliver quality and patient-centered care to these rural communities. The IT capabilities of non-rural hospitals will serve as a comparison group.

Moreover, the study will assess the medical information retrieval services rural hospitals provide to physicians, nurses and staff for patient care services. Visiting Assistant Professor **Cheryl Dee** from the School of Information Studies at Florida State and Assistant Professor at the University of South Florida will work with Drs. Menachemi and Burke on this aspect of the study.

Research Interests of USM SLIS Faculty Include Telemedicine

Submitted by **M. Jay Norton**, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Director, University of Southern Mississippi School of Library and Information Science

The USM SLIS has recently hired **Dr. Teresa S. Welsh**, who has a specific interest in telemedicine and the information and communication activities involved in it. Other faculty interests are varied, with one faculty member writing a cataloging book. Another faculty member is specifically interested in issues in children's and young adult literature. **Dr.**

Rodriguez-Buckingham is working on an encyclopedia of the history of graphic communication, from stone tablets to digital images. **Dr. M. Jay Norton** has been working on a long-term project examining communication systems and tactic knowledge. SLIS students have been working on a variety of research projects, and in one class they must complete a research paper employing bibliometric methodologies.

Submitted by Rita Smith

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on the Internet.", "Usability Studies – Testing a Website.", and "Website Users' Training /Tutorials". This invitation was a result of his contribution of annotated website links for their AfroAIDSinfo portal (<http://www.afroaidsinfo.org>), which he has been doing since October 2002. From January 25th to February 3rd he trained the staff at the University of Zambia Medical Library in the use of MS Access and Excel in the library environment.

Publications:

Articles:

Kuntz JJ, Tennant MR, Case AC, Meakin FA. Staff-driven strategic planning: learning from the past, embracing the future. J Med Libr Assoc. 2003 Jan;91(1):79-83.

Presentations:

Pamela Sherwill-Navarro, Gloria McWhirter and Myrna Courage. "Diversity in Graduate Nursing Education" at 2002 Multicultural Affairs in Higher Education National conference in San Antonio, TX on October 21, 2002.

Submitted by Rae Jesano

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MLA Update

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New Mentor Database Debuts

Newly created mentor Web pages are part of the career section of MLANET. Sign up online to serve as a mentor to your peers, as a provisional mentor, or as a mentor to students interested in learning about the profession. You can also search the database to find a mentor. Find links to mentor tip sheets and guidelines, and access Web resources to help you in your mentoring role. The success of the mentor database depends on the number of members who sign up. Go to <http://mlanet.org/mentor/> to explore the possibilities. (*Also see ad on p.12.*)

Submitted by Sarah Gable

Online Membership Records Update Request

MLA is seeking updates to membership records in preparation for launching the 2003/04 Online Directory and MLA Leaders Directory supplement to MLA News. These directories are used by MLA headquarters to confirm the spelling of your name, for MLA publications mailings, and by your colleagues to contact you. Name preference (Pat versus Patricia, for example), change of address, email address changes, etc., are all modifications you can make to your record.

Please take a few minutes now to review your record and make any necessary changes at <http://www.mlanet.org/members/directory/>. You will need your MLANET username (your MLA ID#) and your members-only password (this appears on your membership card and consists of three UPPERCASE letters followed by five numbers). Forgot your ID# or password? Contact Membership Services, mlams2@mlahq.org?subject=Need_password.

Submitted by Jan LaBeause

Document Delivery

Document Delivery and the Southern Chapter

Q. How long does it take your library to get an item for a customer?

Q. Do you have time to lookup FreeShare participants for "rush" requests?

Q. Do you have a digital, multifunction copier?

Q. Can you send and receive TIFF, PDF, or "digital gray scale fax" copies?

A recent need to interact with the US Postal Service about a lost piece of mail prompted the Self Regional Healthcare Library to do a quick check of interlibrary loan receipts. May 12 was a busy day, as we requested many articles for customers doing projects and presentations. It gave us a good chance to compare document delivery data.

First we looked at surface mail, that is, items we requested through Docline being received through the US Postal Service. Below is a table for almost three dozen items received in the mail from May 12 to May 20, 2003. We checked the mail delivery on Saturday 17 May to see how many pieces may arrive on a Saturday, when the library is closed. Those pieces

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Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the prospective slate of candidates for our 2003/2004 association year:

For Chair-Elect: Sandra Franklin

For Secretary/Treasurer: Pam Neumann

For Nominee for the MLA Nominating Committee: Linda Garr Markwell

In accordance with our Bylaws, a mail ballot will be prepared and distributed with biographical materials from the candidates at least nine weeks prior to our

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Job Announcements

Mississippi

Librarian, Outreach Services

Instructor librarian to provide reference services in a community based consumer health outreach program. Coordinates the daily operations of a consumer health information center located at the Jackson Medical Mall. Trains and schedules all volunteer staff. Selects materials for purchase and develops the center's collection; assists in staffing the center in absence of staff. Provides monthly services to the consumer health center at the hospital in Lexington. Compiles monthly and annual statistical and progress reports. Assists in grant writing. Serves as the librarian manager for the campus outreach program for advanced high school students to encourage them to consider a profession in the health sciences. Works with the principal grant investigator for the high school outreach program to develop instructional activities in the use of health sciences resources using the campus wide Web-based Blackboard instructional software package. Teaches a summer institute for high school science teachers as well as orientation each fall for selected high school students. This is a non-tenure track 12 month faculty appointment. Salary and rank are commensurate with qualifications. Minimum salary: \$34,000. This position reports to the associate director for public services.

Qualifications: ALA-accredited MLS. Some library

experience preferred. Knowledge of health sciences resources, online searching and web skills, excellent oral and written communications skills, effective instructional techniques, and good interpersonal relations are essential for successful performance in the position. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Send letters of application, names of 3 references, and resume to **Virginia Segrest**, Associate Director for Public Services, Rowland Medical Library, University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 N. State Street, Jackson, MS 39216. EOE M/F/D/V.

Head of Reference and Education Services

Assistant or associate professor librarian to head reference and education services. This position manages the daily reference and instructional programs. Responsible for coordinating all reference activities including reference desk services, training staff, participating in reference collection development, both print and electronic, writing policies and procedures, developing and introducing new services and resources, monitoring staff professional development and acquisition of new skills, participating in long-range planning for public services, marketing reference services to medical center staff, staffing the reference desk, coordinating the planning and implementation of evidence-based instruction for the medical school, and

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Join the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP)

"When interviewing for the plum pharmaceutical position of 1999, being a member of the academy was *the* essential clincher in the interview process."

—Rya Ben-Shir, AHIP manager, Intelligencer
Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America, Inc.
Lincolnshire, IL

Further information about the academy, including an application, can be found at www.mlanet.org/academy/ or by contacting Lisa C. Fried, credentialing, professional recognition, and career coordinator, at 312.419.9094 x28 or mlapd2@mlahq.org.

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normally get “counted” or entered into the interlibrary loan (ILL) “received” process on a Monday.

Table 1. Interlibrary loan requested items received in the USPS mail

Self Regional Healthcare Medical Library

Mail was received in the Medical Library mailbox on Saturday 17 May 2003 for purposes of this quick study. Normal library business days are Monday through Friday. No mail is received on Sundays. 12 and 19 May 2003 are Mondays, 16 May 2003 is a Friday, 17 May 2003 is a Saturday.

Mailed from	Postmarked	USPS Rate	In Library mail	Requested	Days
Charlotte NC	12 May 2003	1 st	14 May 2003	12 May 2003	2
Charlotte NC	13 May	1 st	15 May	12 May	3
(routed through a SC library)					
Charlotte NC	13 May	1 st	15 May	12 May	3
Kansas City MO	13 May	1 st	16 May	12 May	4
Charlotte NC	14 May	1 st	15 May	12 May	3
Charlotte NC	14 May	1 st	15 May	12 May	3
Newark NJ	13 May	1 st	16 May	12 May	4
Charlotte NC	13 May	1 st	14 May	12 May	2
Anderson SC	13 May	1 st	14 May	12 May	2
Charlotte NC	13 May	1 st	14 May	12 May	2
Charleston SC	13 May	1 st	15 May	12 May	3
Billings MT	13 May	1 st	16 May	12 May	4
(routed through a NC library)					
Charlotte NC	13 May	1 st	14 May	12 May	2
Charlotte NC	13 May	1 st	14 May	12 May	2
Charlotte NC	13 May	1 st	14 May	12 May	2
Charlotte NC	13 May	1 st	15 May	12 May	3
(routed through a DC library)					
Spartanburg SC	14 May	1 st	16 May	12 May	4
(routed through a GA library)					

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For more information on any of these or other exciting MLA opportunities, please give us a call!

Jan H. LaBeause, Chapter Council Representative
Danny O'Neal, Chapter Council Alternate



Chapter Cookbook Project

At long last we're ready to go with our cookbook project. This was discussed nearly two years ago and the project was approved by the SC Executive Committee. There have been a few delays but now we're ready to go. We want to get recipes primarily from our SC members, their families and friends. However, we also welcome recipes from others. If you have some amusing story or anecdote about the recipes you submit you'll have an even better chance of having your recipes included in the final product. Something like: "This recipe was literally thrown together by my great aunt Telulah who had very few ingredients to work with while enduring the siege of Vicksburg during the Civil War. It worked so well that it's still a favorite family recipe in our family to this day." Clearly, stories don't need to be quite that dramatic (but if they are, coooooool!).

With or without stories/anecdotes your recipes will be most welcome. Find some of your favorite recipes, including hamhocks, chitlins, possum, casseroles, desserts, preserves and pickles, poultry, beef, lamb and any other kind of meat, vegetable, soul food, etc. Then get the recipe guidelines and template available at <http://southmed.usouthal.edu/library/cookbook/cookbookmain.htm>, and send your recipes to me, **Tom Williams**, at twilliam@bbl.usouthal.edu.

We've begun to receive lots of recipes, but we still need lots more!

Submitted by Tom Williams

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single volume should be maintained as much as possible. Major design changes to the logo and title area should be instituted at a volume change and after consultation with the Communications Committee and the Executive Board. The editors confer with the chair of the Communications Committee on policy issues.

The standard deadline schedule is:

Winter- Submissions: December 15 Mailing: January 15
Spring- Submissions: March 15 Mailing: April 15
Summer- Submissions: June 15 Mailing: July 15
Fall- Submissions: August 15 Mailing: September 15

A digital version of the newsletter is under consideration. The Editors will work with the Communications Committee to discuss and investigate options.

Submitted by Lynette Ralph

Nominating Committee Report *(continued from p.19)*

annual meeting in Miami.

Nominating Committee:

Janet S. Fisher (TN), Chair

Lyn H. Dennison (GA)

Mary Fielder (GA)

Pamela A. Neumann (FL)

Susan A. Selig (TN)

Mary Fran Prottzman (Ex Officio)

Jocelyn A. Rankin, PhD (Ex Officio)

Submitted by Janet Fisher

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University of Florida Health Science Center Library News (Spring/Summer)

Personnel:

Nancy Schaefer received her credentials as a provisional member of AHIP and **Rae Jesano** received hers as a senior member.

Michele Tennant was named as a member of MLA's "Task Force on Information Specialists in Context" which is continuing to develop MLA's Informationist plan.

Nancy Schaefer became the Chairperson of the Client Relations Committee with the Public Health/Health Administration of MLA. This committee is charged with awarding Sewell Foundation stipends to librarians to attend the annual American Public Health Conference.

Pam Neumann has been named Chair of MLA's Fellows and Honorary Members Jury.

Meetings/ Conferences/Travel:

UF HSCL was well represented at MLA in San Diego. **Amy Buhler, Beth Layton, Cecilia Botero, Faith Meakin, Linda Butson, Michele Tennant, Pamela Sherwill-Navarro, Peggy Hsu** and **Rae Jesano**, from the Gainesville campus attended the conference. **Pam Neumann** and **Sandra Canham** from the Borland Library on the Jacksonville campus attended the meeting.

Michele Tennant taught two four hour CE classes, "Molecular Biology and Genetics for Librarians" and "Genomics, Proteomics, and Bioinformatics for Librarians," at MLA. Dr. Tennant also moderated the section session, "Bioinformatics: A New Wave of Research, A New Wave of Service", co-sponsored by the Medical Informatics Section, and the Molecu-

lar Biology and Genomics SIG. **Pam Sherwill-Navarro** moderated the "Lifeguarding 101: Avoiding or Surviving Wipeout in the Waves of Health Sciences Librarianship" session which was co-sponsored by the Nursing and Allied Health Resources, Leadership and Management, and Technical Services Sections and the Mental Health SIG.

Amy Buhler, Beth Layton, Faith Meakin, Nancy Schaefer, Nita Ferree and **Pamela Sherwill-Navarro**, from Gainesville, along with **Adriana Yoshii, Pam Neumann**, and **Sandra Canham** from Borland attended the Florida Health Science Library Association meeting in St. Petersburg Florida, June 4 through June 6.

Michele Tennant also attended SLA.

Posters:

Rae Jesano, Pamela J. Sherwill-Navarro, 'Nita Ferree. Transitions: challenged to change: librarians on the move—from public and hospital to an academic health sciences library . MLA May 5, 2003

Nancy Schaefer, Linda Butson. Developing Internet Savvy Among Florida's Rural County Health Department (<http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/nancy/APHApster.htm>). FHSLA June 6 2003.

Submitted by Rae Jesano

University of South Florida Shimberg Health Sciences Library News

Conferences:

The Shimberg Health Sciences Library was host and co-sponsor of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association (FHSLA) 2003 Annual Meeting at the Tradewinds Island Resorts in St. Pete Beach, FL on June 4-6. The meeting's theme was "Information for the Health of It". Kudos to FHSLA Treasurer

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Collaborating Aboard or Ashore

We collaborate both within and outside of the library and these presentations will address a team approach to reference, having fun at work, patient information delivery, web resources for the geriatrics professional, community partnering, and public health departments.

Dead Reckoning: Assessment and Management of Resources

Librarians look for the best ways to manage and assess our resources and topics will cover peer comparisons, electronic resources, drug information, distant facility resources, selective dissemination of information, and archival management.

Knowing the Ropes: Teaching and Reaching Our Users

Education remains in the forefront of our profession and this session will address librarian/faculty partnerships, ACGME Core Curriculum, EBM for residents, EBM for medical students, consumer health instruction for nursing students, and the effect of a library training module.

Posters:

Use of Blackboard to Enhance Library-based EBM Component of a New Outcomes-based Medical School Curriculum (**Geddy Paulaitis**, University of Miami School of Medicine)

Searching Strategies to Support Animal Methodologies used in Animal Research (**Jenny Garcia**, University of Miami School of Medicine)

Developing an Information Portal for Cardiovascular Resources for Florida's Health Professionals (**Linda C. Butson**, University of Florida; **Sharon Schmidt**, Central Florida AHEC; **Debbie Hawkins**, North Florida AHEC)

Integrating Complementary/Alternative Medicine Using Evidence Based Medicine (**Judy Burnham**, **Clista Clanton**, **Jie Li**, **Justin Robertson**, **Ellen Sayed**, **Thomas Williams**, University of South Alabama, Bio-medical Library)

Citation Analysis of Complementary Alternative Medicine in Physical Therapy (**Judy Burnham**, University of South Alabama Biomedical Library; **Dennis Fell**, University of South Alabama Department of Physical Therapy)

Anchors A-Weigh! Marketing the Library, University-based Weight Management Programs & a Healthier Lifestyle (**Karen Keene**, University of South Florida)

Interlibrary Loan Lending Fill Rate at an Academic Medical Library (**Ellen N. Sayed**, **Geneva Bush Staggs**, University of South Alabama Biomedical Library)

Creating Partnerships between a Special Oncology Library and an Academic Health Sciences Library (**Joan Miller**, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute; **Allison Howard**, University of South Florida)

All Hands on Deck: Collaborating to Provide Chat Reference Services (**Tara T. Cataldo**, **Amy G. Buhler**, **Nita Ferree**, University of Florida Health Science Center Libraries)

Georgia AHEC Librarians Make Waves

Georgia AHEC Librarians Come About in Waves for Consumer Health (**Susan Poorbaugh**, **Lisa Smith**, **Mary Fielder**)

Budgets Overboard! Ballasting the Serials Collection in a Hospital Library (**Jan Haley**, St. Thomas Hospital, Nashville, TN)

Before You Eat That Salad, Think About Where It's Been (**R.L. Wirtz**, Medical College of Georgia)

Multi-state Study of Health Professionals' Use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) (**Cheryl R. Dee**, University of South Florida; **Marilyn Teolis**, Baptist Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee; **Andy Todd**, University of South Florida, **Amy Haugh**, UPMC St. Margaret)

Comparison of Document Delivery Methods Used by Two Hospital Libraries (**Karen L. Roth**, Morton Plant Mease; **Thomas W. Hill**, Self Regional Healthcare)

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Regional Update

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The Alliance is currently working with the Continuing Medical Education (CME) department to prepare a program about Health Literacy. The CME department has also agreed to keep a copy of the Health Literacy Kit to be used as part of its lending library for physician's offices. The goal of our project is to educate as many people as possible about the problem of low health literacy. Approximately 35,000 people read the newspaper article and advertisement.

South Carolina

Spartanburg County Alliance

The Alliance is working with a local hospital to get the health literacy message out. The hospital has agreed to distribute "How to get the most out of your doctor's visit," on all cafeteria trays during Doctor's Day on March 31. The "doctor's visit" note pads are included in the kits sent to Alliance members.

Tennessee

Montgomery County Medical Society Alliance,
Clarksville, TN

The Alliance, in conjunction with the local hospital, held a very well received women's health forum. Physicians presented information regarding the health literacy issue and included a question and answer session following the presentation. The Alliance worked with the local hospital to provide the advertising and recruitment of the speakers.

Health Literacy Grants

In 2003, the AMA Foundation launched its Health Literacy Grants & Awards program to support innovative health literacy programs. Grants are provided to individuals and organizations in the following categories:

- Medical Students
- Residents and Fellows
- Practicing Physicians, Hospital Staff and Medical Societies
- AMA Alliance and Community Organizations

Next deadline for grant applications will be in Summer 2003, exact date to be announced.

Recipients for the first grant-cycle of 2003 will be announced in April. One recipient will also be chosen for the Award For Outstanding Project. To view a PDF file of the grant guidelines, please provide AMA with the information requested at <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/8122.html>.

Submitted by Beth Wescott

Personals

Due to her recent marriage, **Jana Allcock** (National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern/Atlantic Region, Consumer Health Outreach Coordinator), is now **Jana Liebermann**. According to SE/A Currents (May/June 2003), "she had beautiful weather and a lovely ceremony on March 22, 2003." Congratulations Jana!

Submitted by Kay Hogan Smith

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CD recording of all the sessions is available as a free loan from our own NN/LM office at the University of Maryland Health Sciences Library. You can borrow it from **Janice Kelly** at jkelly@hshsl.umaryland.edu. AND, be sure to plan to join your SCMLA colleagues in Miami from October 9-13, 2003 (see <http://calder.med.miami.edu/SCMLA2003>), where you can catch up with cutting edge developments in our profession from both the MLA and SC/MLA fronts.

*Looking forward,
Jocelyn Rankin*

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Check the website for additional details. <http://calder.med.miami.edu/SCMLA2003/>

Poolside chats will provide opportunities for informal discussions of current topics:

Benchmarking/Assessment and a New MLA SIG

Facilitators:

- **Linda Garr Markwell**, Branch Library Services, Emory University Health Sciences Center Library, Atlanta, GA
- **Lyn Dennison**, Robert B. Greenblatt M.D. Library, Medical College of Georgia

Distance Learning/Recruitment

Facilitators:

- **Devica Samsundar** and **Diane Rourke**, Health Sciences Library Baptist Health South Florida, Miami, FL

E-Everything (electronic document delivery/e-journals/e-publishing)

Facilitators:

- **Thomas Hill**, Medical Library, Self Regional Health Care, Greenwood, SC
- **Deborah Lawless**, Doctor's Library, St. Vincent's Medical Center, Jacksonville, FL
- **Patricia Thibodeau**, Medical Center Library, Duke University, Durham, NC

Evidence Based Medicine/Nursing

Facilitators:

- **Tanya Feddern** and **Joaquin (Joe) Arriaga**, Louis Calder Memorial Library, University of Miami School of Medicine, Miami, FL
- **Pamela Sherwill-Navarro**, Health Sciences Library, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Fellowship Opportunities (Woods Hole, Vanderbilt, NLM, etc)

Facilitators:

- **Cheryl Dee**, School of Library and Information Science, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- **Nunzia Giuse** and **Sandra Martin**, Eskin Biomedical Library, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN
- **Pat Higginbottom**, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
- **Janice Kelley**, NN/LM SE/Atlantic Regional Medical Library, Health Sciences Library, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD

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Palm Pilots/PDAs

Facilitator:

- **Marilyn Teolis**, Medical Library, Baptist Hospital, Nashville, TN

Retirement, or What Do I Do Now?

Facilitator:

- **Anne Robichaux**, Mt. Pleasant, SC

With **Jan Orick's** steering, the Professional Development Committee has developed an eclectic selection of courses at affordable prices, ranging from Generation mix in the workplace, provision of health information services in foreign languages, and library services for hospital administrators to EBM, Advanced PDAs, Advanced PubMed, and DOCLINE/EFTS. See http://calder.med.miami.edu/SCMLA2003/continuing_education.html.

Don't let finances prevent you from enjoying these gala events! Both Southern Chapter <http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/biolib/scmla/grants.htm>, MLA <http://www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/index.html>, and the NN/LM Southeastern/Atlantic Region <http://www.nnlm.gov/sea/temp/libproa.html> provide hundreds of dollars in grants and scholarships for annual meeting and continuing education attendance. Most have August 1 deadlines, so get your applications in now!

*Mary Fran Prottzman
Chair, Program Committee*

Will you be presenting a paper or poster at the Southern Chapter meeting in Coral Gables?

Does it report research you have done?

You may leave a little richer than when you came.

A new series of awards will be inaugurated at this year's Southern Chapter meeting in Coral Gables, when cash awards will be offered for the best research papers and the best research poster presentations.

The Research Committee will be coordinating the judging. Criteria will be posted on the Chapter's Web site to help you polish your presentation. The criteria are the same as those used by the MLA Research Committee: study design, validity, reliability, presentation, and implications of the research.

The Executive Board has authorized cash prizes for these awards: Papers: 1st (\$300), 2nd (\$200), and 3rd (\$100); Posters: 1st (\$200), 2nd (\$100), and 3rd (\$50).

If you aren't presenting this year, think about next year. Get started thinking about the research you could do now, and remember the Research Project Grant is available to help you fund that research.

Submitted by Addajane L. Wallace

MLA Teleconference

Health Information Literacy Teleconference

The Medical Library Association (MLA) is sponsoring a satellite teleconference on health information literacy. "Reading Between the Lines: Focusing on Health Information Literacy" will take place on Wednesday, September 10, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. CT.

The goals for this program are to enhance the knowledge of information professionals about the concepts of health information literacy and to highlight opportunities for using these principles in the provision of quality health information.

To register for this program, please see MLANET at <http://www.mlanet.org/education/telecon/healthlit/index.html>.

Submitted by Priscilla Stephenson

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Madisonville KY	13 May	1 st	15 May	13 May	2
Hazard KY	13 May	1 st	15 May	12 May	3
Orlando FL	13 May	Presorted 1 st	16 May	12 May	4
Rock Island IL	13 May	Presorted 1 st	17 May	12 May	5/7
Flint/Grand Blanc MI	13 May	1 st	17 May	13 May	4/6
Fayetteville AR	14 May	1 st	17 May	12 May	5/7
Washington DC	15 May	Presorted 1 st	17 May	12 May	5/7
Washington DC	15 May	Presorted 1 st	20 May	12 May	8
(same library, different request, mailed the same day)					
Fort Wayne IN	15 May	Presorted 1 st	19 May	12 May	7
Hartford CT	15 May	Presorted 1 st	19 May	12 May	7
Missoula MT	15 May	1 st Auto	19 May	13 May	7
Anderson SC	16 May	1 st	20 May	14 May	6
Fort Myers FL	16 May	1 st	19 May	12 May	7
(2 req. rec'd in envelope; routed through a KY library)					7
Pensacola FL	15 May	1 st	19 May	12 May	7
(2 req. rec'd in envelope)					7
Toronto ON	16 May	Airmail 21 May		15 May	6
Charlotte NC	13 May	1 st	16 May	12 May	4
through a CT library)					(routed

Total items received: 35

Total days: 149/157

Average number of days from the date the request was sent out to the date the item was received in the library mail box: 4.25 days (145 days total divided by number received, 34). If a request first went to a library and was rerouted, we indicate that in parentheses. Changing those in the mailbox on Saturday 17 May to Monday 19 May (the next business day), the average days from when the request was sent out to when the item was received by the library staff becomes 4.5 days (153 days/34). While a number of libraries and the postal service delivered in great time, about an equal number of times the services combine to take twice as long. In all, it took about an average work week to receive the 34 items.

Then we looked at items received electronically, either by telefacsimile (fax) or by email (TIFF or PDF). Items received as email can be printed on either a black ink laser networked printer or on a color ink laser networked printer. During the period of the review, no emailed items were received with color images. The fax items are received and printed by a networked digital multifunction machine, printing laser quality, two

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sides per sheet. The quality of faxed images depends in great part on the quality of the sending library's fax scanner. During this review period, several faxed articles received had very poor quality images, that is, hard or impossible to view black and white images. We have no way of knowing if the originals contain color. It is important for libraries to realize black and red shades come across in faxes as shades of black.

27 items were received electronically. Total days required were 33. Average time it took from date the request was sent out to the day it was received in the library was 1.2 days. Four requests were rerouted within the Docline system, taking almost 4 days to complete and raising the average. Five requests were filled the same day, indicated by a zero (0) in the chart. The electronically delivered items were received, on average, three days sooner than those mailed.

Sent from	Format	In Library	Requested	Days
Charleston SC	PDF	20 May2003	19 May 2003	1
Charleston SC	PDF	20 May	19 May	1
Jackson MS	fax	20 May	19 May	1
(NB: this one from MS DOCLINE shows "mailed" by the lender; we received it fax)				
Pensacola FL	fax	16 May	12 May	4
Naperville IL	fax	15 May	12 May	3
Boston MA	PDF	14 May	14 May	0
Downers Grove IL	fax	13 May	12 May	1
London ON Can	TIFF	20 May	19 May	1
Sudbury ON Can	TIFF	20 May	19 May	1
Pensacola FL	fax	16 May	12 May	4
(NB: this one from FL DOCLINE shows "mailed" by the lender; we received it fax)				
Eglin FL	fax	13 May	12 May	1
Philadelphia PA	fax	13 May	12 May	1
Philadelphia PA	fax	13 May	12 May	1
Philadelphia PA	fax	13 May	12 May	1
Philadelphia PA	fax	13 May	13 May	0
Baltimore MD	TIFF	13 May	12 May	1
Baltimore MD	TIFF	13 May	12 May	1
Baltimore MD	TIFF	13 May	12 May	1
Baltimore MD	TIFF	13 May	12 May	1

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Raleigh NC	TIFF	14 May	13 May	1
Clearwater FL	TIFF	15 May	14 May	1
Baltimore MD	TIFF	15 May	15 May	0
Baltimore MD	TIFF	16 May	15 May	1
Jackson MS	fax	20 May	19 May	1
Columbia SC	TIFF	19 May	19 May	0
Knoxville TN	TIFF	19 May	19 May	0
St. Louis MO	PDF	19 May	15 May	4
(routed through a SC library)				
Total items received:				27
Total days:				33

How does this relate to the Southern Division? We included the origination city for these 62 requests to give you an idea of the variety of locations our library uses and to compare your location and your situation with ours. We have almost 200 lending libraries in our Docline routing tables, most of them willing to send items without charge. More than 80 of those libraries are SEND (SouthEast Network using Docline) participants, libraries that created the interlibrary loan network from an initial meeting at the Southern Division conference in Atlanta. The network has worked well, and continues to serve us well for printed documents when expediency is not a factor. Expediency is a more critical factor, however, as customers come to expect fast action and as they have access to full-text articles on the Internet or through our other services and databases.

At the October 2003 Southern Chapter meeting in Coral Gables, there will be several opportunities to talk about document delivery. There will be a SEND meeting on the schedule. There will be a poolside chat for "E everything," where we will talk about the several options we have for electronic document delivery and about the inroads of electronic full-text and opportunities for Southern Chapter members. Vendors are willing to work with the members for consortial purchases of electronic products, for example. But, one of the most exciting events may be EDD as a chapter project.

Electronic document delivery and Southern Chapter. One of the most important leaps we make from this small study is to call for the creation of an electronic document delivery network, modeled if you will after SEND. Whether SEND can and will evolve into E-SEND or an EDD-SEND (plays on the electronic document delivery (EDD) and SEND) or whether we create a new network will come from librarian discussions. Whether we include fax as an acceptable format will come from discussions. How we might get more hospital libraries equipped with the technology for EDD can be in discussion. Whether we set "72-hours in patron hands" as a goal for edd can come from discussion. How we can use Docline and/or QuickDOC to monitor EDD to patrons, rather than to libraries, can be an element of the network discussion. "All ILL requests become "rush" requests?" may be a legitimate question EDD raises.

Look for more discussion of this to follow. Send me email if you have ideas, thill@selfregional.org. Join us in Coral Gables with your ideas, concerns, questions, and support.

*Submitted by Thomas W. Hill
Chair, Hospital Libraries Committee*

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allied sciences written by a health sciences librarian. The 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 science librarian's interest in the history of medicine. The author of the winning essay receives a cash award of \$100 and a certificate.

Lucretia W. McClure Excellence in Education Award

The award honors an outstanding practicing librarian or library educator in the field of health sciences librarianship and informatics who demonstrates skills in one or more of the following areas: teaching, curriculum development, mentoring, research, or leadership in education at local, regional, or national levels. The recipient receives a cash award of \$500 and a framed certificate.

Marcia C. Noyes Award

The Noyes Award is the highest professional distinction of the Medical Library Association. The award was established in 1947 and recognizes a career, which has resulted in lasting, outstanding contributions to medical librarianship. The recipient receives an engraved sterling silver Revere bowl at the Association's Annual Meeting.

Fellows and Honorary Members

Fellowship is conferred on Regular MLA members in recognition of outstanding and sustained contributions to the advancement of the purposes of the association. Fellows receive a certificate at the association's Annual Meeting and lifetime Regular Member benefits at no charge.

Honorary Membership is conferred on individuals, not formally MLA members, who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the purposes of the association. Honorary members receive a certificate at the Association's Annual Meeting and lifetime Regular Member benefits except voting privileges at no charge.

Nomination deadlines for all awards are November 1. More information and applications

*are available at <http://www.mlanet.org/awards>, or contact **Lisa C. Fried**, Professional Development, Medical Library Association, 312-419-9094 ext. 28, mlapd2@mlahq.org.*

Submitted by Linda Garr Markwell

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hospital and similar clinical settings up to \$800 for educational or research activities. Application deadlines are February 1 and August 1.

David A. Kronick Traveling Fellowship

One \$2,000 fellowship covers the expenses involved in traveling to three or more medical libraries in the United States or Canada, for the purpose of studying a specific aspect of health information management. Application Deadline: December 1

Donald A. B. Lindberg Research Fellowship

The Lindberg research fellowship has been established to fund research that links the information services provided by librarians to improved health care. A \$25,000 grant is awarded through a competitive grant process to a qualified health professional, researcher, educator, administrator, or librarian.

Application Deadline: November 15

Medical Informatics Section/MLA Career Development Grant

This grant provides up to two individuals \$1,500 each to support a career development activity that will contribute to advancement in the field of medical informatics.

Application Deadline: December 1

MLA Research, Development, and Demonstration Project Grant

This grant provides support for research, development, or demonstration projects that help promote excellence in the field of health sciences librarianship and information sciences.

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MLA Grants and Scholarships, (cont'd)

Please pass the word on to any students you may have contact with regarding the following opportunities:

MLA Scholarship

A scholarship of up to \$5000 will be granted to a student entering an ALA-accredited library school or with at least one-half of the requirements of the program to finish when the scholarship is granted in February.

Application Deadline: December 1.

MLA Scholarship for Minority Students

A scholarship of up to \$5000 will be granted to a minority student entering an ALA-accredited library school or with at least one-half of the requirements of the library school program to finish when the award is granted in February. African-American, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander or Native American students who wish to study health science librarianship are eligible.

Application Deadline: December 1.

Thomson ISI/MLA Doctoral Fellowship

The Institute for Scientific Information sponsors a fellowship in the amount of \$2000 to foster and encourage superior students who have been admitted to candidacy to conduct doctoral work in an area of medical librarianship or information science. The award supports research or travel applicable to the candidate's study within a twelve-month period. The award may not be used for tuition. The award is granted every other year with the next award scheduled for distribution in 2003.

Application Deadline: December 1.

MLA/NLM Spectrum Scholarship

MLA and the National Library of Medicine (NLM) jointly sponsor a scholarship through the ALA Spectrum initiative program. A \$5000 donation each year supports minority students in their goals to become health sciences information professionals. For more information, contact the ALA Spectrum program at 800-545-2433 x4276 or email the Spectrum Inquiry Line (spectrum@ala.org).

Application Deadline: March 1.

*Application deadlines for all grants and scholarships are December 1, unless otherwise noted. More information and applications are available at www.mlanet.org/awards/grants, or contact **Lisa C. Fried** at MLA Headquarters at mlapd2@mlahq.org.*

Submitted by Linda Garr Markwell

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Allison Howard and CE Coordinator **Danny O'Neal** for all their efforts in making this a successful conference.

Beverly Shattuck, Rose Bland, Judy Johnston, Allison Howard, Danny O'Neal, Ellen Stanley, JoElla Young, John Orriola, Karen Keene, and Lee Ann Howlett attended the meeting. Congratulations to **Ellen Stanley** and SHSL volunteer **Andrew Todd** who were recipients of the 2003 FSHLA Student Scholarship award.

Judy Johnston, John Orriola and **Ellen Stanley** co-authored the poster "Image Evolution: How Web Pages Change".

Publications:

Danny O'Neal co-authored the following article: **Follman, J. & O'Neal, D.** (2003). Critical Thinking. 21st Century Computer Literature Search Databases in Nursing: Caveat Emptor. Inquiry: Critical Thinking Across the Disciplines. 21(3), 27-29.

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Danny O'Neal and **Lee Ann Howlett** co-authored the virtual paper "Core Academic Medical Books: Electronic Indexing is the Difference" to the International Conference on the Future of the Book, From Creator to Consumer in a Digital Age, held in Cairns, Australia, on April 22-24, 2003. A unique feature of the conference is the acceptance of virtual papers. All papers will be published by Common Ground Pty Ltd. in print and virtually on the World Wide Web. The abstract can be viewed at <http://book-conference.com/ProposalSystem/Presentations/P000122>.

Submitted by Karen Keene

Georgia News

Medical College of Georgia Greenblatt Library News

Residents' Competencies Evaluated

Kathy Davies and **Verma Walker** of the Medical College of Georgia, developed an Evidence Based Medicine program for pediatric residents in response to a request from **Dr. Valera Hudson** and **Dr. Leila Stallworth**, pediatric clinical faculty. The instructional program was designed as a joint effort with the pediatric faculty to address the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education resident competencies. The program included pre and post testing of MEDLINE searching and evaluation skills. Several training sessions were scheduled incorporating lecture, demonstration, and group discussions; topics focused on quality searching, selecting relevant articles, analysis of study design and basic interpretation of statistics. Assessment indicates that the residents searching skills did improve upon instruction. This pilot project was presented as a poster entitled "An Objective Evaluation of Residents' Competency in Searching the Medical Literature" at the Association of Pediatric Program Directors Annual Meeting.

Submitted by Kathy Davies

Greenblatt Library Sustains Water Damage

Although the Library at the Medical College of Georgia is scheduled for a new roof this summer, nature ignored that date as it unleashed heavy rains onto the aging structure. We opened the library one Saturday morning in May to discover significant leaking above a number of ranges of bound journals. Several library employees (and even some of their husbands) came in to minimize the damage to the collections. Most of the volumes in danger were quickly moved and wiped down. Others were sent to a damage recovery company in Atlanta and only a few volumes will need to be replaced. The continued abundance of rain has us eyeing the ceiling tiles and keeping plastic sheeting handy until the roof is replaced.

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Submitted by Lyn Dennison

CDC Information Center News

Leslyn McNabb, M.L.S., has accepted an appointment at the CDC Information Center as an Orise fellow. Leslyn is a recent graduate of the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Sciences. She obtained an undergraduate degree in Industrial Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. Leslyn's current responsibilities include providing reference services for the Information Center's branch library in Chamblee, updating the IC's website, and assisting the library's Endeavor transition team.

Submitted by Jocelyn Rankin

Mississippi News

Clara Joorfetz is the new Reference Services Manager at the Mississippi Library Commission in Jackson.

Melanie Lingle is the new Education Librarian Support Coordinator at Baptist Health Systems,

Hudson Health Science Library in Jackson.

Ardis Haaland, head of reference at Rowland Medical Library, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson retired at the end of June after almost 11 years. Previously, she was the medical librarian at Dakota Hospital in Fargo. In retirement, she moved back to North Dakota, her home state.

Rama Vishwanatham, Outreach Librarian, Rowland Medical Library, presented a poster at Medical Library Association Meeting in San Diego entitled "Tool of Choice for a Web-based Online Library Course: Blackboard Software". The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMC) tested and offered two web courses via the Blackboard software in the summer of 2001. The library developed and offered "Information Research Process (IRP)" as one of the two pilot courses delivered via the web. The IRP course evolved and expanded from a standard "Introduction to Library Databases" offered in the previous years to a multi-part course offered over four weeks. Content included information research process, information storage and retrieval, and critical thinking skills in the electronic world. Reading assignments, online tutorials, and exercises to practice search skills were included. Email was used for communication with the teacher and to submit assignments. This poster described the online course, and discussed the course evaluation, and the implications of using an online instruction medium as a library instruction tool.

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine exhibited at the 2nd Annual Minority Health Fair held at the Jackson Medical Mall. **Sarah Adcock** and **Liz Serpa** represented the Rowland Medical Library staffing the exhibit. **Liz Serpa** also demonstrated the services of the Mississippi Health Science Information Network (MisHIN). **Rama Vishwanatham** exhibited for the library's Consumer Health Education Center (CHEC). CHEC and MisHIN are both outreach programs of the Rowland Medical Library. Approximately 400 people attended the health fair. Over 150 people signed up for the drawing to win two consumer health books.

Submitted by Sarah Adcock

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South Carolina News

University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library News

Sarah Gable, Associate Director, was elected Chair, MLA Chapter Council, at the annual meeting of the Medical Library Association in San Diego in May. Congratulations, Sarah!

Roz McConnaughey, Coordinator, Center for Disability Resources Library, has been chosen to receive one of the first AAHSL Leadership Scholarship awards. The Association for Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL) offers the scholarships as part of its Future Leadership Initiative which is designed to identify and support the development of new leaders. Roz will use the scholarship to attend the Association of Research Libraries Office of Leadership and Management Services Library (ARL/OLMS) Leadership for New Managers Program this fall. Congratulations, Roz!

Joanne Gard Marshall, Dean, School of Library and Information Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and MLA President-Elect, and **Lucretia McClure**, Librarian Emerita, Edward G. Miner Library, University of Rochester Medical Center, toured the School of Medicine Library while visiting Columbia for the occasion of the retirement of **Fred Roper**, Dean, School of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia.

Submitted by Ruth Riley

Tennessee News

The position of Library Director at Preston Medical Library and Learning Resource Center at the UT Graduate School of Medicine has been appointed to **Sandy Oelschlegel**, who will begin work on June 16.

Sandy comes to Preston from Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine where she has served as Education Services Librarian since 1996. She received her Masters Degree in Library and Information Sciences at the University of Rhode Island and her Bachelor of Science in Animal Science at University of Massachusetts.



Sandy Oelschlegel

Sandy has been active in several areas of interest at both the school and university library level. These areas include integrating a strong library component into the Problem Based Learning veterinary curriculum, working to establish recommended computer literacy skills list for incoming students, designing and implementing a comprehensive information literacy and technology training program, and providing leadership for the schools participation in the Digital Library project and curricular management system known as the "Health Science Database".

Sandy replaced **Doris Prichard**, who retired in January 2003 after twelve years at Preston. (*See next item.*)

Submitted by Martha Earl

On January 15, **Doris Prichard** retired as Director, Preston Medical Library, University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine. Doris accomplished much in her twelve years at Preston, including major fund raising, planning and moving into a state-of-the-art library facility twice the size of the previous space, and establishing a Consumer and Patient Health Information Service. Doris also provided leadership in the Tennessee Health Sciences Libraries Association, the Knoxville Area Health Sciences Libraries Consortium, East Tennessee Library Association, Tennshare, and SC/MLA.

Submitted by Martha Earl

Job Announcements

Mississippi (*cont'd*)

planning and scheduling all library instruction for the dental, nursing, allied health programs, School of Pharmacy and School of Graduate Studies in the Health Sciences. Supervises 3 full time professional librarians. This is a 12-month tenure track faculty appointment. Salary and rank are commensurate with qualifications. Minimum salary: \$49,000. This position reports to the associate director for public services.

Required: ALA-accredited MLS; minimum of 6 years of progressively responsible professional library experience of which 3 years must be in academic health sciences libraries or public service area, supervisory experience essential; demonstrated knowledge of current technological applications and strong technology skills; recent experience or education in the provision of library instruction/ information literacy or demonstrated teaching skills for adult learners; ability to develop a class presentation and teach effectively in an electronic environment; skills and experience related to Web design; ability to work well in a team environment with students, faculty and staff; excellent written and oral communication and interpersonal skills; capability to see new teaching opportunities and responding with new ideas; ability to meet academic promotion requirements. Membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals is desirable. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. Send letters of application, names of 3 references, and resume to **Virginia Segrest**, Associate Director for Public Services, Rowland Medical Library, University of Mississippi Medical Center, 2500 N. State Street, Jackson, MS 39216. EOE M/F/D/V.

Tennessee

Public Services Librarian, Biomedical Library

The Biomedical Library at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital seeks an independent and creative departmental supervisor to provide leadership in all areas of the library's public services. The Public Services Librarian reports directly to the Library Director. The preferred applicant should be a self-motivated, enthusiastic, and service-oriented librarian who will take a lead role in supervising the library support staff of three and in developing, managing, and promoting the library's collections. This position will provide the successful candidate with an exciting opportunity to work in a

team environment where cooperation, collaboration, professional development and individual initiative are rewarded. The preferred candidate will have reference and teaching experience in a health sciences library and experience in web page development.

Minimum requirements:

Qualifications: M.L.S degree from an ALA-accredited program. Minimum of three (3) years experience, in an academic or preferably in a health sciences library environment is required. At least, two (2) years of direct supervisory experience is also required. Practical experience with electronic information delivery technology, as well as effective computer skills, required. Cataloging experience with LC and Marcive required. Experience must include general reference, searching the online medical databases (PubMed, OVID, Dialog, ISI etc), providing instructional services to users, as well as web development skills. Experience in marketing and promoting library resources and services is desired. Membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals is also desired.

The Biomedical Library at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is known as a "library without walls." We are a recognized leader among hospital libraries for providing innovative services and resources to meet the demanding needs of our staff and researchers. The library has an outstanding basic science collection with over 500 current print journal subscriptions and a 2,500-title book collection. We have access to over 2000 journals and textbooks in electronic format. We invite you to take a closer look at our library by visiting our virtual tour http://www.stjude.org/search/0,2616,582_3161_3630,00.html

Located in Memphis, Tennessee, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is one of the premier centers for research and treatment of catastrophic diseases in children, primarily pediatric cancers. Our mission is to save children's lives by finding the causes of catastrophic illnesses, improving treatment and finding cures for their diseases.

E-mail resumes (including requisition number #01114) to: careers@stjude.org.

To learn more about St. Jude Children's Research Hospital visit: www.stjude.org. St. Jude is an equal opportunity employer.