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All We Need Is A “Few Good Members”

Hello to everyone and “Happy Summer”! I hope you are all having a wonderful summer, though in the South that pretty much means heat, humidity and, depending on where you live, the various forces of nature. I won't mention them for fear of invoking their presence. I'll just wish that we all stay safe from any adverse weather phenomena.

For all of you who were not able to attend MLA 2010, I do want to say that it was an exceptional meeting. Whenever I attend a conference I always return to work pumped up and full of new ideas to try on patrons and colleagues. This year was no different but as I attended many sessions, speakers, CE's, and other events my experience was tempered by comparing the scope and quality of MLA against our upcoming chapter meeting in November. There is nothing like participating in a process to fully appreciate the creativity, logistics, time, and energy required to put it together and make it work. When you take into account that it is all done by volunteers it becomes a truly amazing accomplishment.

In anticipation of this year's 60th annual meeting, November 12-16, you should have already submitted your paper or poster presentation and packed your sunglasses and flip flops. Get ready to “Reflect, Renew, and Recharge” as you relax, recuperate, and reinvigorate in St. Petersburg. Pat Clark, conference chair, and Ruth Riley, program chair, have developed an excellent slate of CE's, speakers, and events. The hotel is beautiful, the weather will be spectacular, and you will want to spend extra days to see and do all of the sights. See the link on the chapter [home page](#).

This issue's Message from the Chair was originally going to be called, “See page 2”, referring to the list of this year's Chapter committee chairs found on page 2. It's an interesting perspective, serving as Chair, in that for the 10 years that I have been a part of the board I didn't have the level of direct involvement and the opportunity to observe everything that is going on, as I do now. It's an incredible amount of work that is undertaken all year long by a small group of your colleagues. Ideas are discussed, goals are set, and though not everything is accomplished as quickly as planned, the work gets done, the goals of the Chapter and MLA are met and often exceeded, and it is all done by volunteers.

After reading the April, 2010, mid-year committee reports I was impressed by how much activity is undertaken by so many newly elected or appointed committee members. Other than Chapter Council, all of the officers were new, 11 of the 12 standing committee chairs were new, and though only 4 of 11 appointed positions were new, those 4 are the Co-editors of Southern Expressions and Co-Administrators for the Chapter Web Site. The annual meeting and the time to form new committees is not far away. Contact one of the committee chairs to get involved and volunteer.

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Distribution of Memphis Meeting Surplus Funds

The distribution of the surplus funds from the Memphis 2009 annual meeting was discussed by the SC/MLA Executive Board. A major goal of the Chapter conference and program committees is to minimize the cost for the members to attend while controlling the Chapter's expenses to host the event, and to break even, financially. Membership dues cover only 62% of the Chapter's expenses, so even slight profits help us to balance our budget each year.

Some Chapter meetings lose money, some make a profit. More often than not the meetings generate small positive revenue, but the Memphis 2009 meeting was an extraordinary circumstance. It was by far the largest single meeting surplus the Chapter has ever realized. A motion was made and a vote taken. The result was the Board voted unanimously to distribute the \$30,509.00 among three separate accounts.

The largest portion, \$20,000.00 will go into the scholarship fund to move it closer to becoming endowed. It takes \$4,250.00 per year to cover Chapter's 5 scholarships, the research awards for posters and papers, and the research project grant. Not all awards and scholarships are given each year, but it happens often enough. Historically, the scholarship funding has come from donations and fund-raisers. When the Chapter first considered endowing the fund, the general thought was that it would take \$100,000.00. The economics of that figure have changed in the recent years so it is uncertain what the magic number is, but the \$20k will be a giant step toward that goal.

The second portion of the distribution, \$5,000.00, will go to subsidizing this year's conference in St. Petersburg. This will be a great help to the conference committee.

The remaining balance, \$5,509.00, will go into the Chapter general fund. This is considered as our 'rainy day' fund to cover unexpected expenses.

All funds are currently in interest bearing CD's and watched carefully by our bookkeeper, Pam Neumann, to maximize the potential rate of return.

Around the South: News from Our Regional Libraries

ALABAMA



Biomedical Library, University of South Alabama, AL

First Community Day Event with the Mobile Public Library

In an effort to ensure that librarians, families and even pets are prepared for and can recover from emergencies along the hurricane-prone Gulf Coast, the University of South Alabama Biomedical Library applied for and was awarded one of the five Express Community Day Awards funded through the [NN/LM SE/A](#). Justin Robertson, associate librarian at the Biomedical Library, is administering the award and has scheduled two disaster preparedness events at Mobile and Baldwin County library facilities.

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The first Community Day Event was held at the West Regional Branch of the Mobile Public Library on June 5, 2010. The event featured lectures, demonstrations, and exhibits by community first-responders and by librarians from the University of South Alabama Biomedical Library.



Judy Burnham, Biomedical Library Director, explains the benefits of an electronic health record to an interested Gulf Coast resident



Robert Britton, Biomedical Librarian, demonstrates a "72-hour" kit during the Community Day Event at the Mobile Public Library.

Over 1400 people from the Mobile community visited the event during the day. Weather personalities from local TV stations participated in the event and delivered an informative lecture of "How Many Hurricanes?" Faculty from the USA Coastal Research Center gave an informational talk, and Clista Clanton, Education Coordinator at the Biomedical Library, gave a presentation on preparing pets for hurricanes.

Packets with emergency preparedness information, including a family emergency plan, evacuation maps, and safe pet evacuation were distributed during the event. A second Community Day Event is planned for the Fairhope Public Library in Baldwin County on June 26, 2010. Hurricane season begins June 1 and ends November 30. This year's season is further complicated by the BP Oil spill in the Gulf.

FLORIDA



Health Sciences Library, College of Medicine at the University of Central Florida, FL

We are On the Move!

The College of Medicine at the University of Central Florida recently completed its inaugural year and moved into its new Medical Education Building on the Health Sciences Campus at Lake Nona.

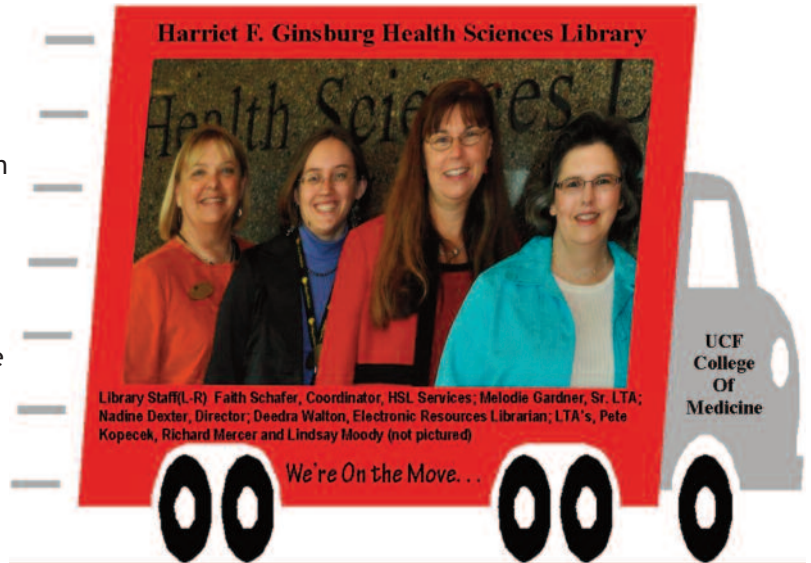
The Health Sciences Library staff has been busy creating an electronic collection of resources that will support UCF COM programs.

The library is officially open for business on June 21, 2010. In July, the library will be hosting its first traveling exhibit. "Harry Potter's World: Renaissance, Science, Magic and Medicine", an exhibition created by the National

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Library of Medicine (NLM), highlights collections of the History of Medicine Division of the NLM. The exhibit will be on display as it welcomes back its inaugural class of 41 students along with its second class of 60 medical students. We thank Cynthia Kahn for her efforts in securing the exhibit from ALA.



In Memoriam Cynthia Kahn 1970-2010



It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that we inform friends and colleagues of the sudden and unexpected death of Cynthia Kahn, Head of Public Services at the Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library. Cynthia passed away June 6, 2010. Her untimely passing will be felt for years to come as she was an expert speaker and researcher in the history of medicine and public health communities. She will be missed.

Medical Library of Florida International University, FL

Medical Library Springs into Health!

The inaugural class of Florida International University's College of Medicine hosted their first annual *Spring into Health Fair* on Saturday, April 10th at Florida International University's Modesto Maidique Campus. This fair was a daylong event that featured various activities, presentations, and informational booths focusing on community health and wellness in the Greater Miami area. Elementary school children, parents, and University faculty, staff, and students attended the event.

Three members of the Medical Library team worked together to generate a poster and display highlighting a wealth of consumer and patient resources in English and Spanish. In addition to providing a variety of pamphlets and bookmarks featuring information on many consumer health resources, the library made a laptop available for live searching demonstrations. Two members of the library staff were available to answer any questions for Spanish-speaking patrons, if needed.

Members of the team gathered information on consumer health web resources produced by national, state, and local organizations for the poster. The poster listed each resource along with information on the source's content, features, and URL for reference. In addition, the display featured images showcasing each resource's homepage. The Medical Library will be participating in this event again next year and looking forward to meeting the information needs of Miami's diverse community.



Photo taken by Jesus E. Medina, MPH, MPAC, PhDc.

In the photo (left to right), Francisco Fajardo, Library Access Services Supervisor; Maria Melssen, Head of Learning and Information Services; and Grisel Dominguez, Library Technical Assistant. Mrs. Melssen earned her MLIS from Kent State University in 2005. Mr. Fajardo and Ms. Dominguez are currently enrolled in Florida State University and University of South Florida's MLIS programs, respectively.

Bohyun Kim, Digital Services Librarian at the Medical Library, Florida International University, has been awarded a \$4,832 Express Library Digitization grant. The award is from the Southeastern/Atlantic Region, NN/LM. The awarded money will be used to digitize archival materials related to the founding of the FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. The digitized materials will be deposited in FIU's Digital Commons repository where it will be available for public access. The project will be completed by April 2011.

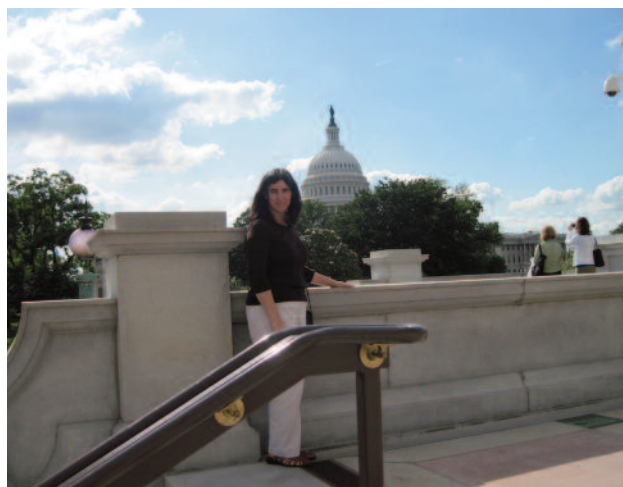
The Shimberg Health Sciences Library, University of South Florida, FL

Library staff news

Representing the Shimberg Health Sciences Library, Danny O'Neal and Rose Bland, attended the Medical Library Association (MLA) annual meeting held in Washington, D.C., May 21-26, 2010. Danny is currently President of the Southern Chapter of the MLA that was awarded the *Majors/MLA Chapter Project of the Year Award* for their Oral History Project. Rose participated in MLA's Capitol Hill Day, where members visited with congressional representatives to inform them of the importance of National Medical Library programs and urge them to continue to support NLM funding.



Rose Bland and Danny O'Neal



Rose Bland



Jeffrey D. Honker

On April 20th Shimberg Health Sciences Library welcomed Jeffrey D. Honker to its staff as Library Operations Supervisor. Jeff will primarily be troubleshooting patron problems with remote access to electronic resources, and supervising circulation desk. Currently Jeff is focused on a complete update of all circulation procedures and policies. Jeff comes to us from the USF Tampa Library where he served 8-1/2 years as a supervisor in Media Resources and Access Services. Jeff received his B.A. from the University of Virginia.

Duane Reigel, much loved and respected Shimberg HSL Archivist retired in December 2009 after serving the library in a variety of capacities since 1989.

Duane began her career as a Library Technician working in a variety of capacities including serials, cataloging, and the circulation desk. Duane curated numerous history of medicine displays over the years, and was instrumental in creating the USF College of Medicine archives.

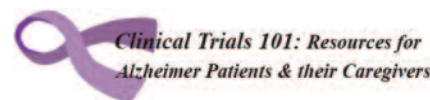


Duane loved libraries, books, art, and history and she will be greatly missed by her colleagues at Shimberg.



Clinical Trials 101: Resources for Alzheimer's Patients and Their Caregivers

The Shimberg Health Sciences Library was awarded an American Library Association Carnegie-Whitney Grant to publish a pathfinder entitled *Clinical Trials 101: Resources for Alzheimer's Patients and Their Caregivers*. This annotated consumer-oriented pathfinder features reliable resources specifically for Alzheimer patients and caregivers.



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The pathfinder is a multi-sectional [website](#) that explores the nature of clinical trials, questions to ask before participating in clinical trials, and sources for finding Alzheimer and related-dementia clinical trials. The resources include organizational websites, books, DVDs, and newsletters. Spanish language resources are also available. The project team includes Rose Bland, Allison Howard, John Orriola, John Scott, Barbara Wood, David Morgan, and Andre Holmes.

Changing the Face of Medicine Exhibition

The Shimberg Health Sciences Library was honored to host “[Changing the Face of Medicine](#).” This travelling



Frances Davis, Circulation, visiting “Changing the Face of Medicine” exhibition



Courtesy Case Western University

exhibition, created by the National Library of Medicine, honors the lives and achievements of women in medicine.

The exhibition was at the Library from May 10 to June 20, 2010. Next stop for this travelling exhibition will be the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Library.

The Shimberg Health Sciences Library: Then and Now

Submitted by Shirley Outen



When I came to work at the U.S.F. College of Medicine Library in November 1979, the library had only been in existence for a few years. The library was already considered one of the most respected depositories of medical information in the U.S.

However, looking back, it seems that in the 30 short years we have moved from the Stone Age into the age of mind-boggling electronic technology delivered at the speed of light. MEDLINE searches were done manually in those days, and the library owned a single rudimentary computer. A good portion of library space on the 1st floor was occupied by a wooden card catalog, filled with manually typed catalog cards or printed through the use of a desk top mini-graph machine; a small off-set duplicator for which catalog card stencils were hand typed by the technical services staff.

On days when we ran the machine we had to either change into old clothing or wear smocks because invariably no one came away without being splashed with oily ink. The old gave way to the new, and the card catalog has been replaced by a highly sophisticated electronic system.

I am honored to have been a part of the “retro-conversion” when records were transferred from typed cards to the first computerized electronic system, NOTIS. When the library started publishing its very own informational newsletter, “The Clue” I created and drew the hapless cartoon character, “LUIS” who often found himself in many various and sundry situations.



The U.S.F. College of Medicine Library has become the “Shimberg Health Sciences Library.” I often thought that I would end my days slumped over my computer keyboard with a smile on my lips, but as with all things in life, change is inevitable. Although I am now officially retired, I count my days at the College of Medicine Library among the happiest of my life. Only my best wishes go out to the library and its staff as the journey into the future of libraries continues at breathtaking speed.

Baptist Health South Florida, Miami, FL

Diane Rourke, MLS, AHIP, Director, Library Services, was a speaker at the OVID Wolters Kluwer’s MLA Sunrise Seminar, Innovative Ways Medical Librarians can Support Nurses. Her presentation was titled “Supporting today’s nurses on their magnet journey,” with an emphasis on the modifications in the Magnet model. Diane completes her final year as liaison to the ANCC Magnet program and will be attending their annual meeting in Phoenix, AZ in October. She attended the HLS Business meeting to thank the section for supporting her “journeys” to the Magnet conference these last four years.

Devica Samsundar, MLIS, AHIP, Manager, Electronic Library Services, has been appointed to the MLA Professional Recruitment and Retention Committee.

University of Florida Health Science Center Libraries, Gainesville and Jacksonville, FL

April 2010

Linda Butson was named Consumer Health and Community Outreach Librarian in April. Prior to this appointment, she served as Assistant Director for Access Services and Outreach. Linda also serves as liaison librarian to the College of Medicine’s Department of Radiology and the Department of Radiation Oncology.

Rae Jesano had an article published titled, “Free Drug Information Sources on the Web: Government Sites,” in the *Journal of Hospital Librarianship*. 2010 April; 10(2): 145-51.

May 2010

From May 3 - 21, the HSC Library was pleased to host an intern, Cathy Lennon, who is a Master of Library & Information Studies student from the University of Alabama.

Kathy Moeller attended the Institute for Health Advancement (IHA) annual conference in Irvine, CA, on May 6 -7. She presented a poster titled, “Jacksonville Health Literacy Outreach Project: Phase I—Assessment and Action Plan.”

The following employees from the Jacksonville and Gainesville libraries attended the MLA annual conference in Washington, D.C. from May 21 - 26: Cecilia Botero, Ellie Bushhousen, Hannah Norton, Kathryn Summey, Linda Butson, ‘Nita Ferree, Rae Jesano and Michele Tennant. Papers and posters presented by HSCL staff at the conference included:

“VIVO: Library-based Support for Research Networking and Discovery,” included authors from several VIVO institutions. The paper included as named authors HSCL employees Michele Tennant, Cecilia Botero, Erin Brooks, Ellie Bushhousen, Mary Edwards, ‘Nita Ferree, Rae Jesano, Hannah Norton, Nancy Schaefer, George Hack, and Sara Kreinest. The paper was presented in the session, “Translational Science: How Libraries Are Working with Their Institutions’ Clinical and Translational Science Awards.”

“VIVO: A Resource for Research Discovery at the Local and National Level.” This poster was co-authored by Michele Tennant and various members of the national VIVO project.

“Reflecting and Connecting through Change and Technology: Undergraduate Genetics at the University of Florida.” Michele Tennant, Michael Miyamoto, and Martine Horrell co-authored the poster.

Kathryn Summey, Marina Salcedo and Ellie Bushhousen co-authored and presented a “Lightning Poster” titled, “[The Smart Phone in Medicine: Creating a Mobile Accessible Website for Clinical Practice.](#)”

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Michele Tennant also had the following paper published in May: "National study of information seeking behavior of academic researchers in the United States," co-authored with Xi Niu, Bradley M. Hemminger, Cory Lown, Stephanie Adams, Cecelia Brown, Allison Level, Merinda McLure, Audrey Powers, Michele R. Tennant, Tara Cataldo, in the *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*. 2010; 61(5):869-890.

'Nita Ferree had an article published entitled, "Patient UK," in the *Journal of Consumer Health on the Internet*. 2010 May;14(2):175-183.

On May 26, 2010, Rae Jesano was appointed Program Chair/Chair Elect for the Pharmacy & Drug Information Section of MLA.

June 2010

Michele Tennant attended the Special Libraries Association's annual conference in New Orleans, LA, from June 13 - 16. She presented the following papers and posters on behalf of the national VIVO team:

SLA's Biomedical and Life Sciences Division's contributed papers: "VIVO: A National Resource Discovery Tool for the Biomedical Community." As part of a national VIVO collaboration, George Hack and Michele Tennant are co-authors from the HSC Library.

SLA's contributed papers: "Letting the Good Times Roll through Alignment: Meeting Institutional Missions and Goals with VIVO, a Web-based Research Discovery Tool." Michele Tennant co-authored on behalf of the HSC Library.

All Sciences Poster Session and Reception: "Meeting Institutional Missions and Goals with VIVO, a Web-based Research Discovery Tool." As part of the national VIVO team, George Hack and Michele Tennant are co-authors from the HSC Library.

Michele Tennant and Cecilia Botero attended the 31st Annual IATUL conference at Purdue, June 20-24. The theme of the conference was, "The Evolving World of e-Science: Impact and Implications for Science and Technology Libraries." As members of the national VIVO collaboration and on behalf of the HSC Library, Michele and Cecilia presented the poster, "VIVO: A Support Tool for E-Science and Translational Research."

On June 25, 2010, Dwight Bennett, the HSC Library Webmaster, retired to "a life of honey-do lists, new paths and consulting." Dwight has been the Webmaster since 2001, and, as such, has worked very hard to put the best face possible on the library through its website and myriad marketing efforts. He will be missed by all!

Effective June 28, 2010, George O. Hack, HSC Library Assistant Director and Department Manager of Information and Educational Systems, resigned to pursue a life-long passion to serve as a Youth Minister. Dr. Hack has been with the library since 2004, and has been an outstanding leader and mentor to his extended library family. We're all so very proud of George and excited about the positive influence he'll undoubtedly have on future generations.

University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Florida

The University of Miami Miller School of Medicine has announced the establishment of a [Department of Health Informatics](#) from what was previously the Department of Medical Library and Biomedical Communications.



Dr. Mary Moore

The change was initiated by medical librarians, approved by the Medical Library Faculty Committee, the Dean of the School of Medicine, the Medical School Faculty Council, and the Faculty Senate. The new name was signed into effect by University President, Dr. Donna Shalala. Medical librarians have already received faculty appointments in the new department, and will be joined by other University of Miami faculty working in informatics shortly.

Dr. Mary Moore, Chair of the Department of Health Informatics, envisions it as an umbrella department, which will bring together those working in health informatics - health care providers, librarians, informaticians and researchers - and provide them with support and opportunities for collaboration and recognition. For more information please contact mmoore@med.miami.edu.

GEORGIA



Robert B. Greenblatt MD Library, Medical College of Georgia, GA

Sandra Bandy, Education Services Librarian, attended the 25th anniversary of the North America Serials Interest Group (NASIG) from June 3-6, 2010 in Palm Springs, CA.

Tom Cutshall, Virtual Services Librarian, attended the Computers in Libraries 2010 Conference April 2010 in Washington, D.C.

Dr. David King, Interim Director of Libraries, and Kathy Davies, Chair, Education and Information Services, attended the MLA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. Darra Ballance, Assistant Director, AHEC Learning Resource Center, also attended MLA Annual Conference to teach a CE course "Evidence-based practice: a seminar in integrating, research, clinical practice and patient preferences."

Mercer Medical Library, Mercer University School of Medicine, GA

Miriam Hudgins, MLn, Archivist for the School of Medicine and Coordinator of Technical Services for the Medical Library and Learning Resources Center, was recently recertified as a member of the Academy of Certified Archivists. Archivists become certified only by meeting educational and experience requirements and passing the archival certification examination offered by the Academy.

Carolann Curry, MLIS, Reference and Document Delivery Librarian, has been approved for membership in the Academy of Health Professionals (AHIP) at the Provisional level. The Academy is the Medical Library Association's peer-reviewed professional development and career recognition program, which recognizes the personal investment of time and effort required for exemplary professional performance and for contributions to the association and to the profession.

The Morehouse School of Medicine Library, GA

The Morehouse School of Medicine Library is welcoming Mrs. Tara Douglas-Williams, MSLS, as Division Head for Information Services.

Mrs. Douglas-Williams comes to the Morehouse School of Medicine from Atlanta Medical Center where she had been the Library Manager since 2002. She also worked at the Robert W. Woodruff Library at Atlanta University Center, Inc. She is a BioMedical Informatics Fellow having gone through the training at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts. She received her MSLS from Clark-Atlanta University and her Bachelor's Degree in Natural Science (Biology) and Environmental Studies from Spelman College.

Among her many professional accomplishments, notably she has served as Chair of the Atlanta Health Sciences Libraries Consortium (AHS LC) in 2005 and as Chair of the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association (GHS LA) in 2007. She is a member of the Medical Library Association (MLA) and the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association (SC/MLA).

Mrs. Douglas-Williams is a conscientious and dedicated Health Sciences Librarian with a wealth of experience. She will oversee the Management of the Division of Information Services that includes Instruction, Reference, Circulation, Document Delivery/Interlibrary Loans, Collections, and Copy Services to support the strategic plans of the institution. We are very pleased that she has chosen to join us here at the Morehouse School of Medicine.

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Rowland Medical Library, University of Mississippi Medical Center, MS



Adelia Grabowsky joined the Rowland Medical Library at the University of Mississippi Medical Center on May 26, 2010. Ms. Grabowsky holds a BS in Mineral Engineering from the University of Alabama and was awarded a Master's degree in Library and Information Studies from the University of Alabama in December 2009. She will be working as an Informational Services Librarian in the Reference Department. Her main responsibilities are in Reference and Informational Services.



In June 2010 Melissa Wright joined the Rowland Medical library as Assistant Professor with Reference and Instructional Services. Melissa holds an MLIS degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, where she has worked as an instructor and graduate assistant since 2005. She is currently completing her Ph.D. in adult education.



Walter Morton, Professor and Head of Cataloging at the Rowland Medical Library will be retiring at the end of June 2010. Walter began his career at the Louisiana State University Medical School in 1974 as a cataloger and then spent more than 20 years at the Rowland Medical library, where he served as Associate Director and Head of Technical Services and Systems for most of his career. He was active professionally with the Technical Services Section of MLA and made consistent and substantial contributions to SC/MLA with the History Committee, the Technical Services Section, and in leadership and management in areas of editing and the web page.

SOUTH CAROLINA



Health Sciences Library, Greenville Hospital System, Greenville, SC

The Health Sciences Library of the Greenville Hospital System has a new intern, Carrie Ann Price. She has a keen interest in medical libraries, evolving from a psychology degree obtained from Clemson University, and a long-held desire to have a role in medicine. Currently, she is a student of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina and expects to finish her studies in December 2010. She is presently rotating through all library services, including the Hospital Archives, and will later be creating an online tutorial as a main project. We are thrilled to have Carrie as a part of our team!

University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library, SC

Community Disaster Response: the Role of Public Libraries

The School of Medicine Library co-sponsored the conference, Community Disaster Response: the Role of Public Libraries, at the Richland County Public Library, in downtown Columbia, on April 27, 2010. The conference was attended by 76 community emergency management staff and public library directors from across the state and served as a community forum where participants learned about best practices in other states and participated in dialogue between library leaders and first responders about the potential role of libraries in disaster response. Speakers included Rebecca

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Hamilton, State Librarian, State Library of Louisiana; Sam Hodge, Emergency Manager, Georgetown County Emergency Management; Dwight McInvaill, Director, Georgetown County Library; and Joe Ryan, Project Manager, Hurricane/Disaster Preparedness and Response by Utilizing Florida's Public Libraries Project. Conference sponsors included the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, South Carolina State Library, Richland County Public Library, and the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library. The conference was funded by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Southeastern/Atlantic Region. The conference [Web site](#) has information about agenda, speaker information, photos, and more.

Be Healthy...Read Healthy

The School of Medicine Library received funds from the South Carolina Legislature for the Be Healthy...Read Healthy project, which aims to increase access to health information for underserved individuals in rural and urban communities throughout South Carolina. As part of this project, the School of Medicine Library selected consumer health and disability information resources, ten books and one DVD, to distribute to each county library system in the state. The Center for Disability Resources Library [blog](#) has fun photos of the project.

Karen McMullen, Head of Access Services, Roz McConnaughey, Assistant Director for Education and Outreach, and Ruth Riley, Director of Library Services, have been awarded a \$24,532 Outreach Project Award from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Southeastern/Atlantic Region for their "Linking SC Free Clinics to Quality Health Information: Phase Two" project. During this project, the library will be partnering with the Good Samaritan Clinic in Chester, Orangeburg-Calhoun Free Medical Clinic in Orangeburg and the Good Neighbor Medical Clinic in Beaufort. The grant will enhance the patient education efforts at three free clinics in South Carolina by purchasing and installing a computer, screen, and projector for two clinics, an information kiosk for the third clinic, and increase awareness and use of MedlinePlus by conducting training sessions at each clinic and linking to MedlinePlus content on patient area of two of the clinic's web sites. The project builds on the work done in the first phase which included clinics in Columbia, Florence, Greenville, and Spartanburg. Additional information is available on the project [Web site](#).

Library staff news

Roz McConnaughey and Ruth Riley attended the Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association in Washington, D.C., May 22-26, 2010, and presented two posters and one contributed paper.

Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

The Library at the Medical University of South Carolina will expand our recently established Digital e@ MUSC Library electronic device checkout service by adding more devices. Funding for this project will come from the recently announced NN/LM SE/A Express Mobile Technology Award. With the addition of more devices we will be able to offer more digital equipment to checkout to students, faculty, and staff from the six health colleges that the library supports. Congratulations to Candace Moorer, M.L.I.S. on the approval of her award application: *Mobile Med: A study on the usage of iPads in a clinical, community and campus setting*.

NN/LM SE/A also announced the Technology/Electronic Health Information Awareness Awards. The award is offered to promote the awareness of and use of information and technology at conferences for health professionals, librarians or health consumers. Congratulations to Mary Mauldin, Ed.D, on the approval of her award application: Technology Fair, Fall 2010.

Partners in History

The College of Nursing (CON) at the Medical University of South Carolina has partnered with MUSC University Archives to preserve and promote the rich history of the College and its graduates. Professional archivists from the MUSC University Archives, with support from the CON Dean's office, have transferred historical materials from the third floor of the CON Building to the University Archives located on the third floor of the MUSC Library. The intent of this transfer was to ensure long-term preservation in a secure environment and to facilitate the use of the collections by researchers. For the last two years archives staff has organized and inventoried more than 45 cubic feet of records documenting the history of the College of Nursing and the women and men who made it.

College of Nursing-1906

The vast majority of the CON historical collection was collected by former Dean Ruth Chamberlin in the late 1960s and

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early 1970s for her book, *The School of Nursing of the Medical College of South Carolina*. Dean Chamberlin gathered together photographs, scrapbooks, correspondence, memorandum, notebooks, ledgers, and other information. In addition to these early records, there are hundreds of files about the administration and evolution of the College of Nursing which detail specific individuals, initiatives, and programs, some of which are long gone.

In addition to preserving CON's history, the University Archives is actively promoting it. One of the most exciting elements of this partnership has been the inclusion of CON historical materials in MUSC's digital archives and institutional repository, [MEDICA](#). Alumnae/i can visit the [Web site](#) to view digital collections from CON including class photos dating back to 1897, the papers of former Roper Hospital Superintendent of Nurses Marguerite Andell, and dissertations written by CON students. The College of Nursing Class Composites, 1897-2002, is one of the most popular collections in the digital library. In a new feature, visitors can leave comments on items in MEDICA, allowing classmates to share stories about their time at MUSC.

The University Archives is actively collecting more materials, which document the evolution of the College of Nursing, and its many programs. Anyone with records from their time with CON are encouraged to contact the University Archives to help complete the documentary record.

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Additionally, CON students and faculty are encouraged to participate in MEDICA by adding articles, posters and dissertations to the collection. Detailed information is available at [MEDICA Participate page](#).

For more information about the College of Nursing Collection or MEDICA, please contact Brooke Fox, MUSC University Archivist at 842-792-6477 or email foxeb@musc.edu.

Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO) Program

The Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO) Program, located at the Medical University of South Carolina's (MUSC) Library, has been busy informing community leaders about the unique relationship between environmental protection, human health, environmental justice, and economic development as the essential parts of community development. This year, PICO has conducted Community Leaders Institutes (CLIs), two-day seminars, and Technical Assistance Workshops (TAWs) nationwide. The CLIs took place in Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ; the North Charleston Coliseum, North Charleston, SC; and at Cario Middle School, Mount Pleasant, SC. An upcoming CLI will take place in Tougaloo College, Tougaloo/Jackson, Mississippi.

The TAWs are one-day seminars that emphasize on how-to skills needed for preparing and managing a "good" grant application. PICO conducted a TAW at South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, SC. Upcoming TAWs will be conducted in Williamsburg Technical College, Hemingway, SC; Paine College, Augusta, GA; and Burke, GA and Phoenix, AZ (location TBA). Some of the sponsors have included: South Carolina State University, the US Department of Energy, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, City of North Charleston, Roper St. Francis Healthcare, East Cooper Medical Center, Wando Community Education, East Cooper Community Outreach, Lewis and Roca, Town of Hemingway, Williamsburg County, US Census 2010, and the Liberty Hill Improvement Council.

This year, PICO also produced a made-for-television dialogue entitled: *Our Health: Overcoming Obesity*. The program consisted of a skilled moderator, expert panelists, and a live studio audience; it was televised on SCETV. This program explored ways to combat obesity. PICO partnered with South Carolina State University to host the Ike Williams Lecture Series on Water. The program was held in Orangeburg, SC, at South Carolina State University, where expert panelists discussed ways to recycle water. Other sponsors of the program included American Rivers, SC Wildlife Federation, Turner Foundation, Audubon SC, The Nature Conservancy, Conservation Voters of South Carolina Education Fund, and the University of the Virgin Islands.

Last but not least, MUSC's PICO along with Morehouse School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, Lincoln University, Drexel University, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc., in conjunction with the Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust and TriCaucus Health Task Force Chairs is sponsoring the Fourth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities entitled: "Reducing Disparities through Strengthening and Sustaining Healthy Communities" in Philadelphia, PA, at the Marriott Hotel on Nov. 10-13, 2010. Nine hundred health professionals, policy makers, community leaders, and students are expected to attend this conference. This national conference will address questions about non-medical determinants of health, including education

levels, health literacy, poverty, public safety, community design, access to care, and environmental quality and justice.

Under Dr. David Rivers' direction, Dr. Glenn Fleming, Mr. Richard Jablonski, and Ms. Latecia Abraham continue to work toward reducing the burden of health disparities. PICO has taken programs to the community and partnered with local community leaders with the intent of improving quality of healthcare and life.

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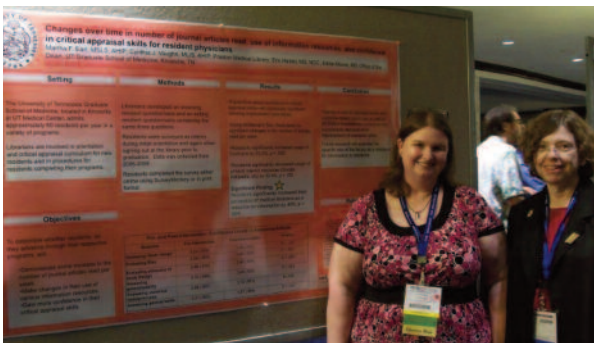
MedlinePlus Go Local Tennessee

In April 2010, the National Library of Medicine (NLM) announced their decision to phase out support for the MedlinePlus Go Local projects, including Tennessee's. The rationale and evaluation of the project were outlined in [NLM Technical Bulletin](#). Eskind Biomedical Library at Vanderbilt University Medical Center fully supports this decision. Use data of GoLocalTN.com and all other projects have confirmed the low use of the system and the high cost of maintenance. The GoLocalTN site will be removed on July 1st.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Eskind Biomedical Library for their assisting in the creation, implementation, publicity and outreach education efforts when the site launched on November 14, 2008.

Please remove any GoLocalTN.com hyperlinks from your Web pages before the expiration date on July 1st.

Preston Medical Library



Martha Earl and Cynthia Vaughn attended MLA in Washington, D.C., presenting the poster "Changes over time in number of journal articles read, use of information resources, and confidence in critical appraisal skills for resident physicians." Martha also served as Chair for the Books Panel meeting and attended the SC/MLA Board meeting as Co-Chair of Professional Development.

Cynthia Vaughn and Martha Earl with their poster at MLA.

Eskind Biomedical Library

Patty Lee, Eskind Biomedical Library Clinical Librarian and a cancer survivor, presented a poster on Vanderbilt's cancer research advocacy program at the 101st Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) in Washington, D.C. in April 2010. The AACR sponsored an application-based scholarship called the *Scientist Survivor Program* (SSP) for cancer survivors involved in advocacy organizations. Lee described her poster as "focused on our Vanderbilt advocate members and various community outreach projects we have undertaken in the last several years." Advocacy by survivors has grown over the last decade because survivors increasingly want a voice in the research process. Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center has built a supportive culture to involve cancer patient survivors at multiple levels. All research advocates at Vanderbilt are volunteers and contribute to projects outside of work hours. "It's amazing what can be done solely during lunch hours," said Lee.

At the initial session of the SSP, advocates were divided into small working groups containing both mentor advocates and scientists. Each working group received a specific assignment to be completed with a report by the end of the An-

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nual Meeting. The advocates represented a diverse range of cultures, and non-profit organizations from around the world. Advocates and mentor scientists ate meals together in a conference room within the Washington, D.C. Convention Center, which proved to be conducive to those informal conversations to foster networking and building relationships. Scientist-mentors presented Special Interest Sessions focused on fundamental topics for a lay audience, including: *Update on the Cancer Genome* by Anna Barker Ph.D.; *What Metastasis Research Really Means for Cancer Patients* by Patricia Steeg Ph.D.; and *Psychosocial Aspects of Survivorship* by Jimmie Holland M.D.

"I thought the science at AACR was world class and directly related to the context of my regular job responsibilities and advocate activities. I got a powerful continuing education curriculum for my job as well as advocate networking opportunities," continued Lee. When Francis Collins, NIH Director, announced testing for an anti-nicotine vaccine Nic-VAX, the large audience exploded with applause. "The public health impact of giving every child an anti-nicotine vaccine to prevent smoking is enormous," said Lee.

In the final session advocates presented working group summary reports. Advocates agreed that tailored personalized therapies based upon specific tumor phenotype for all cancer types offer promising treatment. Advocates have a pivotal role to play in this process to encourage speedy clinical trials, team science and better real-time translational research to improve patient outcomes.

In 2004 the AACR established a separate office of Survivor and Patient Advocacy committed to fostering partnerships between survivor advocates and cancer researchers. AACR, founded in 1907 with a membership of 28,000 was the first cancer research organization to promote the role of cancer survivors by creating a department to expand and strengthen the relationships between translational investigators, clinicians, and other health care professionals involved in cancer care. To help the non-scientist understand the vast universe of cancer research, the AACR creates an extensive array of educational materials including *CR*, a respected publication in many patient education collections within medical and public libraries.

Contact Patty at patty.lee@vanderbilt.edu directly to hear more impressions of her experience with AACR Scientist Survivor. Applications for next year's program will be accepted beginning in October, check out the [AACR web page](#) for the program.



Patty Lee receives the Scientist Survivor Program Certificate from Anna D. Barker, Ph.D. Deputy Director of the National Cancer Institute.

University of Tennessee Health Sciences Library, Memphis, TN

Faculty news

Library faculty Richard Nollan, Brenda Green, Lin Wu, and Deborah Taylor attended the Medical Library Association (MLA) annual meeting in Washington, D.C., May 21-26, 2010. At the conference, Lin Wu, Reference Librarian, and Richard Nollan, Coordinator for Reference and Outreach Services, co-presented a paper, "LISTEN, BOLT, and Connect." Brenda Green, Coordinator for Instructional Services, presented a paper, "Perpetuating the Profession: Outreach to Underrepresented Students." This paper was co-authored with Zachary Fox, Computer Information Specialist. Deborah Taylor, Acquisitions Librarian, presented a poster, "Connecting People and Information: Using Blackboard as a Tool to Track the Licensing Process."



Dr. Stevenson Collection

On April 30th, the Health Sciences Library hosted an opening reception to commemorate the gift given by Dr. Cleo W. Stevenson's family, the Cleo W. Stevenson Collection. Dr. Stevenson graduated from the UTHSC College of Medicine in 1943. He practiced medicine in Memphis and was director of the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing for 40 years.

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In the 1870s during yellow fever epidemics, a lamp - called a fumigator - was used to heat formaldehyde over a flame, a process thought to counteract the miasmatic causes of yellow fever. A fumigator is one of approximately 700 artifacts included in the [Stevenson Collection](#).

The collection was on display at the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing where it was started in the late 1970s in Dr. Stevenson's spare time. As more and more items were added, new display cases were built to house them. Recently, the family elected to transfer the collection as a permanent addition to the Health Sciences Library Historical [Collections](#).



Lincoln Memorial University News

Congratulations to Lisa Travis! She has been designated as a peer reviewer for the journal, Medical Education Online. Visit the journal's website for more information.

Lisa also recently published the following article.

Travis, L. (2010). One of many free survey tools: Google Docs. *Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries*, 7(2), 105-114.

The Annual THeSLA Spring Workshop

The Annual THeSLA Spring Workshop was held April 22-23 at Saint Thomas Hospital in Nashville. Each year this event provides an opportunity for members to be brought up to date on developments affecting their libraries. Sheila Snow-Croft, Outreach Education Coordinator, NNLM/Southeastern Atlantic Region was the instructor for two of the classes, and twenty-two attendees enjoyed a very full program and delicious lunch. Although many attendees were members of THeSLA, six non members also participated.

The NNLM classes held included; "Patient Safety Resource Seminar" and Keeping Up with PubMed. An additional session utilizing the MLA DVD Cut the Cord: Connecting to Our Mobile Users was offered for 3.5 MLA CE Credits.

For more information on THeSLA please visit the [Website](#) and our [Facebook](#) page "THeSLA: Tennessee Health Science Library Association"

SC/MLA

Don't forget to put it in your PDA or mark your calendars for the Hospital Librarians' Symposium

Are you ready to **Reflect, Renew, and Recharge** at the SC/MLA'10 meeting in St. Petersburg, Florida? Janet M Schneider, Chief of Library Service at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa, Florida will be speaking on the topic "Tying Library Services to Patient Care" during the Hospital Librarians' Symposium Sunday, November 14 from 1:00-2:30.

Ms. Schneider has been a strong advocate of patients' right to understandable information and shared-decision making, and has effectively promoted the role of the librarian in patient education and patient-centered care both locally and nationally.

This event is ticketed separately so be sure to add it to your registration so you can participate in this exciting opportunity. The Hospital Library Committee is looking forward to seeing you.

St. Pete Speakers Ready to Help You Reflect, Renew and Recharge!

The Program Committee has been busy lining up great speakers for the meeting in St. Petersburg, Florida, November 12-16!

General Session I - Getting It On the Go: Mobile Access to Information



Megan K. Fox, Director, Knowledge Management and Information Technology, Jobs for the Future, will be talking about the impact of mobile technologies on libraries. This is a hot topic for all of us as we try to provide resources and services for our users with smartphones. Ms. Fox will get us thinking about how to respond to these changes in information seeking, and be leaders in providing access to instant information and services, anytime, anywhere. What's working best for libraries? A mobile web site or an app for the iPhone? How are traditional library vendors adapting to the mobile world? What new information providers are most promising? We will also look at the hottest mobile search applications.

Megan K. Fox is a nationally recognized leader in the application of new and emerging technologies to information management and access. She has worked as a librarian and IT professional in higher education for 15 years and is a frequent speaker on trends in mobile tools and applications for libraries. At Simmons College, she served as associate director for Technology and Special Projects and special projects analyst for the Administration and Planning Department. Ms. Fox also served as adjunct faculty for the Graduate School of Library and Information Science graduate and continuing education programs, specializing in digital information sources and services. Ms. Fox received her B.A. in history and literature from Trinity College, M.A. in literature from Boston College, and M.L.S. from Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

General Session II - Medical School Expansion: Library Challenges and Strategies



Dr. Robert F. Sabalis, LCME Assistant Secretary, Director, LCME Surveys and Team Training and LCME Assistant Secretary, Association of American Medical Colleges will provide us with an overview of the current status of new and expanding medical schools in the United States.

Robert F. Sabalis, Ph.D. is currently Director, Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) Surveys and Team Training, and LCME Assistant Secretary at the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) in Washington, DC. The LCME is the joint accrediting body of the AAMC and the American Medical Association (AMA) for educational programs leading to the M.D. degree in the United States and Canada. From 2000 to 2007, Dr. Sabalis served as Associate Vice President, Student Affairs and Programs, Division of Medical School Affairs, and Executive Secretary for the Group on Student Affairs (GSA), also at the AAMC. The GSA is the professional development group for administrative personnel in admissions, financial aid, minority affairs, student affairs, and student records at AAMC-member medical schools. Prior to 2000, Dr. Sabalis held the administrative position of Associate Dean for Medical Education and Academic Affairs and the faculty position of Professor of Family and Preventive Medicine at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Columbia, SC. At USC, he had administrative responsibility for medical school admissions, curriculum, financial aid, student affairs, and student records, as well as for Master's and doctoral degree programs in the biomedical sciences. A clinical psychologist by training, Dr. Sabalis received his doctoral degree in clinical psychology from Syracuse University and completed an internship in clinical psychology at the University of Oregon Medical School.

Following his presentation, we will have a panel of librarians from our chapter talk about planning and implementing library services to support new and expanding medical schools. Speakers will include

- David Boilard, Director, Medical Library, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Florida International University, Miami, FL
- Nadine Dexter, Director - Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library, Director Medical Informatics, University of Central Florida, College of Medicine, Orlando, FL

- David King, Professor and Interim Director of Libraries, Robert G. Greenblatt Library, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA
- Fay Towell, Director, Health Sciences Library, Greenville Hospital System, Greenville, South Carolina

General Session III - Laugh for the Health of It: The Value of Humor in Healthcare



We have booked [Dr. John Morreall](#), an internationally recognized authority on humor and its benefits. Dr. Morreall will recharge our spirits as we leave the conference to return to our libraries.

Dr. John Morreall is an internationally recognized authority on humor and its benefits. He has been teaching university courses on humor since 1983. His fifty articles and four books include *Humor Works*, published by Human Resource Development Press. An international Humor Congress was held in Amsterdam in 2000 based on this book. Since 1988 Dr. Morreall has been on the editorial board of *Humor: International Journal of Humor Research*. He has also served on the board of the International Journal for Humor and Health. For 2004 and 2005, he was elected President of the International Society for Humor Studies. His work has been featured in the *New York Times* (four times), the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Washington Post*, *The Economist*, *Forbes*, and *Financial Times*. Among John's clients are AT&T, IBM, and the IRS. His hobbies include plumbing and looking for the remote.

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Need a little help? Willing to help a little?

If you're reading this, chances are that you're a practicing librarian with experience to share, or that you're new to the field, with questions to ask. Either way, you may be interested in [MLA's Mentoring program](#), which invites you to sign up either as a mentor or a mentee.

You can mentor another librarian who's a new librarian, a library student, a colleague, a future director, or who wants to apply for AHIP. You can offer to participate in college fairs, to be a speaker, or to offer to have a student shadow you for a day or half day. MLA has published [Mentor Guidelines](#) which are full of good ideas about how to help your mentees. You'll probably find that participating in the program will give you some fresh ideas about what to bring to your own position.

Consider adding yourself to the [Mentor Database](#). You'll be asked to choose up to five special areas from a long list of expertise such as writing skills, technology, association work, education, and more. It's actually a good chance for a quick self assessment. After choosing your areas of expertise or experience, you can choose the type of mentee you're interested in mentoring such as new librarians, students, etc.

To look for a [mentor](#), you'll be asked what you're interested in. Are you new in career needing advice? Are you in school wishing to see what it's like in the trenches? Have you been practicing a while, but given a project in unfamiliar territory? Do you need a little guidance applying for AHIP? You'll be able to check off your interests; MLA will then match you with someone whose expertise matches your need.

More information about mentoring is available at the [MLA Career Development](#) website.

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A Message from the SC/MLA Public Relations Committee

Wonder whether your co-workers and senior leadership notice you? Curious to find out what other librarians thought about that last grant proposal you “nailed”? Well, if you are like the rest of us, you are probably wondering who could toot your horn on your behalf!

How about letting the SC/MLA Public Relations Committee do it for you? In an effort to highlight medical librarianship and SC/MLA, the Public Relations Committee is interested in letting others - who may or may not be SC/MLA members - know about your great work. Accomplishments could include grant proposals, promotions, publications, speaking engagements, honorariums...the list is ENDLESS! We are willing to make ourselves available to help promote YOU and your profession. For example, the Public Relations Committee could write a letter to your institution's CEO letting him or her know that you were invited to present on a topic or teach a CE course in a professional conference. We are open to your ideas, too! If you are interested in this service or have questions, please contact Candace Moorerc at moorerc@musc.edu.

MLA's Capitol Hill Day

Submitted by Rose Bland

During MLA's 2010 Annual Meeting in Washington D.C., MLA members were encouraged to visit their congressional representatives on Capitol Hill. MLA offered an orientation to inform members on how to conduct meetings, what to expect, and provided handouts to distribute to the representatives we met with.

This was my first “official” visit to Capitol Hill and it was very helpful to attend the orientation and meet other members who have participated in the past legislative visits. The experienced members stated that they enjoyed these meetings and the opportunity to inform their representatives of important issues such as supporting NLM funding. One member told me she has met with congressional staff who did not know that hospitals have medical libraries and during that particular meeting they had more questions for her than she did for them.

Since the Capitol Hill visit day was the last day of my trip, and I had a plane to catch, I only had the opportunity to meet with one congressional office. As recommended by MLA I made an appointment to meet with the congressional staffer responsible for health issues for one of our State representatives. As I introduced myself as a member of MLA and worked as a medical librarian at the University of South Florida to which she exclaimed “I'm a USF grad!” and pointed to a shelf of Florida memorabilia that included a USF football helmet.

She was not familiar with the National Library of Medicine, which provided me an opportunity to inform her about NLM, and its services, and programs that support our work. I encouraged her to continue to support NLM funding and we exchanged business cards as I was leaving.

Although many of us might be surprised that a congressional staffer responsible for health issues doesn't know about NLM. This demonstrates the need for us to connect with our representatives and inform them of issues important to our profession. Our representatives are inundated with information competing for their attention so it's critical for us to keep connected with them.

This was a wonderful opportunity to interact with our representatives and I encourage more members to become active and stay informed. Get to know your representatives and the work they do on our behalf.

If you need help getting started check out www.congress.org for information about your representatives. [MLA's tip sheet](#) has some useful information.

Thank you MLA for supporting this opportunity!

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Nominate a Colleague for Hospital Librarian of the Year

Would you like to nominate a well deserving colleague for Hospital Librarian of the Year? The award was established to recognize a hospital librarian who exemplifies excellence, promotes leadership, and pursues continued high levels of achievement in the field of library science. The recipient of the award will be recognized and presented a plaque along with a \$250.00 check at the SC/MLA 2010 annual meeting.

Nomination requirements:

- Nominee must be a member of MLA and SC/MLA
- Nominee must currently be a hospital librarian and must have worked in a hospital library for at least five (5) years immediately preceding the award
- Nominations may be made for contributions to hospital librarianship as demonstrated by excellence and achievement in service, advocacy, leadership, publications, presentations, teaching, research, technology, administration, special projects, or any combination of these areas.

Send one electronic copy (Word documents or pdfs) to the Chair of the Hospital Libraries Committee.

Nominations must be received by July 24, 2010.

Nominations must be in writing and contain precise description of the nominee's achievements according to the established [rating criteria](#).

Please forward email nominations to:

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Medical Librarian Coordinator
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Nashville TN 37236
marilyn.teolis@baptisthospital.com
Phone: (615)284-5373

Southern Chapter Membership Database Manager Report

Submitted by Sandra Bandy

Membership numbers are moving along with a total membership of 309. We still have forty members that haven't renewed for the year. A membership [form](#) is available online.

Please welcome seven new members and two student members who have joined Southern Chapter since May 1st.

Alabama: Erin Thrift

Georgia: Erin James

Florida: Hannah Norton, Roxann Williams, Barbara Wood, Martin Wood, and Vedana Vaidhyanathan

Student Members include David Petersen (FL) and Malia Cargile (GA)

Job Opportunity

Head, Electronic & Collection Services Assistant/Associate Professor

Health Sciences Library and Biocommunications Center
University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Primary Responsibilities: The position is responsible for managing the library's information technology systems and services; collection resources including print and electronic books, journals, and databases; design, development, and evaluation of the library's website; and Media Lab. The head of the unit plans, manages, and supports these efforts and acts as a liaison with vendors, campus information technology services department, and library staff. The head of the unit supervises the work of three librarians/faculty members, as well as staff positions.

This is a 12-month, full-time, nontenure track faculty appointment at the level of Assistant or Associate Professor reporting to the library director.

Qualifications: Master's degree in library or information science from an ALA-accredited library school; two years of experience in supervising the work of library technical services workers; and experience providing electronic library services. Experience with an integrated library system, online public access catalog, managing Windows and Mac workstations, servers, web sites, electronic resources through database and web page maintenance, cataloging (OCLC), proxy server, and Open URL linking.

Annual Salary of \$70,000, commensurate with experience and qualifications. Full benefits package including 24 vacation days; comprehensive health care; retirement plans, including TIAA-CREF; and relocation assistance.

Complete details regarding this position are available at <http://library.uthsc.edu/media/pdf/ecsPositionDescription.pdf>

To apply: Electronic applications are encouraged. Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, and the name, address, and phone number of three professional references to

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Review of applications will begin in July 2010. The position will remain open until filled. Start date is negotiable. UTHSC is an EEO/AA/Title VI/Title IX/Section 504/ADA/ADEA Employer.
June 8, 2010