By the time you read this message fond memories of the fabulously successful Quad Chapter Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, are no doubt fading away. But, wait just a minute. Let us revisit two highlights. So many chapter members went above, and well beyond, the call of duty to contribute towards the success of the meeting. They embraced the meeting’s theme of “Connections” and made strong connections across the chapters to contribute to such an engaging and relevant meeting. All of the meeting’s speakers challenged us to go back to our institutions and make meaningful and lasting connections outside our library. Have you started that process? Who are you now connecting with outside your library and who was not even on your horizon a few months or years ago? How are you connecting with library users in new and different ways? We are a creative group, and the keynote speakers reminded us that our profession needs to continue, or begin, thinking of ways to collaborate with other professional groups to enhance our effectiveness, relevance, and continued success.

I would say one of the hallmarks of our profession is our penchant for magnanimity. This was demonstrated during the Quad Chapter Meeting as many members took advantage of an opportunity to reach out and connect with young readers in Baltimore City. Many books were donated to a local Head Start agency. Most of the donated books included your notes to a young reader.

As we think about and mourn over the recent events in Connecticut, perhaps we, as a chapter, could reach out to the young readers at Sandy Hook Elementary School by sending them an armload of books with hopeful inscriptions. Our small efforts might help them as they recover from this tragedy. I believe a book always makes it better. If you agree and want to participate, send me an e-mail at bfgreen@uthsc.edu.

Brenda Green
SC/MLA Chair (2012-2013)
Florida Librarians Take the Lead in “New Academic Health Science Libraries”

Florida medical librarians are among the leaders in promoting and assisting in the development of new academic medical libraries in the U.S. Barbara Shearer (Florida State University), Nadine Dexter (University of Central Florida), and David Boilard (Florida International University) were key organizers with Jacque Doyle (University of Arizona) and Debra Rand (Hofstra University) in developing the first national “Symposium on New Academic Health Sciences Libraries” that was held in Orlando in June, 2012. The Symposium was sponsored by the Association of Academic Health Science Libraries (AAHSL).

They co-presented a national poster, “Libraries for new medical schools: The creation of a network for identifying and supporting the needs of the 21st century medical schools” at the 2012 Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Shearer, Dexter, and Boilard were appointed to AAHSL’s recently created New Academic Health Science Libraries Committee.

Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine Library, Florida International University

Portrait of Founding Deans unveiled
A portrait of the founding deans of the FIU Herbert Wertheim College of medicine was unveiled in the Medical Library on September 28th, 2012. Painted by renowned artist David Y. Chang, Professor at FIU, the work emulates the 1905 portrait of the famous four surgeons that hangs at Johns Hopkins University, with subtle variations that refer to FIU and the 21st century.

Staff News
The Medical Library’s very first staff member, Jose Garcia, has departed after three-and-a-half years of dedicated work. Jose began as a student employee whose first job was to de-duplicate nearly 5,000 biomedical journal records in the statewide library system and organize them into a functional list. Subsequently, he was promoted to Library Technical Assistant. In fall 2012, he entered graduate school and reluctantly resigned to concentrate on law studies.

Good luck, Jose!

Bohyun Kim, Digital Access Librarian, presented “Geek out: Adding coding skills to your professional repertoire” at the 32nd Charleston Conference in November 2012 with Kathryn Harnish from OCLC. Kim also served as an invited panelist for the program “Social media, ROI and cookie day” at the same conference.
The Louis Calder Memorial Library, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL

Librarians at Community Health Fairs
Calder Librarians have been participating in the medical student-organized Department of Community Service (DOCS) Health Fairs, in local communities to provide health screenings and education to the uninsured population of South Florida. Reference librarians, Carmen Bou-Crick and Jenny Garcia-Barcena, participated in the Hialeah Health Fair, held on October 6, 2012 at the West Hialeah Baptist Church. Both librarians are bilingual and demonstrated Medline-Plus in Spanish to around 300 patients. The population served by this health fair is Hispanic, and includes recent immigrants from diverse parts of Central America, South America, and Cuba. Patients at the Hialeah Health Fair were screened by UMMSM physicians and medical students for common medical conditions affecting Hispanics and other communities as well: hypertension, diabetes, high cholesterol, osteoporosis, obesity, vision loss, breast cancer, skin cancer, and other skin affections. Upon request, both librarians, using an iPad, instructed patients how to find information on some of these health conditions in Medline Plus. Calder librarians are scheduled to attend future health fairs to be held in the next several months.

New Class at Calder Library: PubMed en Español
Carmen Bou-Crick and Jenny Garcia-Barcena recently developed a “PubMed en Español” class offered at the Calder Library. This class is intended for Spanish-speakers who wish to hear a detailed explanation of PubMed in their native language. The class provides an in-depth review of Medical Subject Headings (MeSH), using filters/limits to streamline the search, using PubMed’s Clinical Queries to quickly find evidence-based answers to clinical questions, using Single Citation Matcher, and developing Advanced Search strategies. During the class, participants learn how to set up and configure a personal “MyNCBI” account and learn how to use it to save search strategies, set up alerts of new publications in topics of interest, and save collections of references for future use.

Disaster Training
Dr. Mary Moore and Kimberly Loper recently conducted two training sessions on “Becoming a disaster health information power user!”

Disaster training sessions

Participants included emergency preparedness administrators, hospital operations administrators, and first responders to emergencies (e.g., physicians, nurses, EMTs, and Medical Reserve Corp volunteers). The goals and objectives of the sessions were for participants to be able to (1) locate disaster health information, (2) use disaster health databases, tools, and websites, (3) compare and contrast tools, and (4) discuss initiatives and technologies for accessing disaster health information. Sessions were presented on October 24th, 2012 at the Calder Library and on November 28th, 2012, at the Miami-Dade County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Miami-Dade County Fire Rescue Headquarters in Doral, FL. This training was funded by the NN/LM and the SE/A NNLM (HHS-N-2011-00004-C), the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, and took place with the assistance of the Florida Department of Health and the Miami-Dade County Health Department. Dr. Moore is Chair, Department of Health Informatics and Executive Director, Medical Libraries and Biomedical and Scholarly Communications, and Kim Loper is Research Librarian at Louis Calder Memorial Library.

Staff News
Carmen Bou-Crick, M.S.L.S., Librarian Assistant Professor, Department of Health Informatics, has joined the Calder Library as Interim Head, Reference, Education and Outreach Services.

Carmen comes from the Pomerance Library and Resource Center, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, where she was head of the psychiatry library for many years.
Barbara Wood, M.L.I.S., Librarian Assistant Professor, Department of Health Informatics, has joined the Calder Library as Reference and Education Librarian.

Barbara comes from the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL, where she was a public services librarian for the past seven years. Barbara recently completed the “Train the Trainers” Program at the National Library of Medicine (NLM) in Bethesda; she also took the “Teaching with Technology” course offered online by NLM. She will be involved in the Health Informatics and Information Management Curriculum of the Doctoring Course for the first and second year medical students. This course aims to provide competencies related to the effective use of information and information technology in the students’ future roles as clinicians, educators/communicators, researchers, managers, and life-long learners.

JoAnn Van Schaik represented Calder Library at the NN/LM SE/A Resource Library Directors’ meeting, the CONBLS Annual Business Meeting, and the MLA Quad Chapter meeting in Baltimore, MD in October 2012. JoAnn is Vice-Chair, Department of Health Informatics and Director of Library Operations at Calder Library.

**Nemours Children’s Hospital, Orlando, Florida**

Olivia DiLeonardo, MLS, has joined the staff of Nemours Children’s Hospital as Medical Librarian/CME Coordinator.

Olivia has over 15 years of experience with libraries and non-profits and comes to Nemours from the Florida Hospital Medical Library. Located in the Medical City complex in Orlando, Nemours Children’s Hospital opened on October 22, 2012.

**Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library, College of Medicine, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL**

Library Wins “Excellence” Award
The library was honored with the first “Excellence in M.D. Student Support” award from the University of Central Florida College of Medicine during the M.D. Program Awards Ceremony on October 25, 2012. The award recognized the “person or team known to achieve the highest standards in support of students throughout the four years of the M.D. program.” The library team was delighted to be recognized for its hard work in providing excellent service to our medical students. Our beautiful plaque is proudly displayed in the library’s Information Commons.

Another Busy Fall Conference Season
The librarians at the Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library had yet another busy conference season. Nadine Dexter, Deedra Walton, Michael Garner, and Shalu Gillum all attended the MLA Quad Chapter meeting held in Baltimore, MD in October 2012. Natasha Fortune, Sr. Library Technical Assistant, a library science...
graduate student and a first-time conference attendee, joined the library team. The librarians presented a poster titled, “Making the connection between tablet technology and accessing library e-Resources.”

Pamela Herring, Electronic Resources Librarian, attended her first Charleston Conference in Charleston, SC in November 2012. Pamela especially enjoyed the conference’s “Lively Lunches,” including “What’s the Value of the e-Resources Librarian,” and “Point of Care Tools and Libraries.”

Nadine Dexter attended the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) annual conference in San Francisco, CA in November 2012. Nadine represented the library poster titled, “Interactive textbooks: Millenial medical students’ learning preferences.” Ms. Dexter also presented another poster titled “Libraries for new medical schools: The creation of a network for identifying and supporting the needs of 21st century medical schools,” along with David Boilard (FIU), Jacqueline Doyle (University of Arizona), Debra Rand (Hofstra North Shore-LIJ), and Barbara Shearer (FSU).

Our Newest Member of the Academy

Congratulations to our Public Services Librarian, Shalu Gillum, for being accepted as a Provisional member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP)! Nadine Dexter, Director of the Health Sciences Library, has been assigned as Shalu’s mentor. Provisional membership in AHIP is good for one year. Shalu must renew her membership annually until she reaches the five-year post master’s degree mark, which will occur in 2014. She must also earn 8 points of MLA-sponsored instruction each year in order to renew.

Getting Involved with SC/MLA

We are proud to announce that two of our librarians have been appointed to SC/MLA committees: Deedra J. Walton, Electronic Resources Librarian, has been appointed to the SC/MLA Communications Committee. Deedra’s term runs 2012-2014. Shalu Gillum, Public Services Librarian, has been appointed to the Membership Committee. Her term runs 2012-2015.

Introducing Our New Team Members

The Health Sciences Library welcomed two new team members this fall. Denise Pamela Herring was hired as Electronic Resources Librarian. Denise Suits and Kerry McKee joined the library’s nights and weekends staff. We are excited to have them all on our team!

Pamela received her Master’s degree in Library and Information Sciences in 2005 from the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL. She also holds a Bachelor’s degree in literature from the University of Central Florida. Before joining the Health Sciences Library Pamela worked as Librarian I and II in the Osceola Library System in Kissimmee, FL. She brings her 6 years of public library experience working with e-resources acquisitions to our team, and now works closely with Deedra Walton, Electronic Resources Librarian.

Denise Suits joined the library in July, having retired after 30 years at Lockheed Martin. While working there for a number of years in Human Resources, she earned her Bachelor’s degree in Information Technology from Barry University. She spent her last 8 years there as an instructional designer, developing online courses for internal employee use.
Denise now mans the library’s front desk two evenings a week and on Sundays working on various projects, and enjoys being of assistance to our students, faculty, and guests.

Kerry McKee received her Master’s degree in Library and Information Sciences in 2011 from San Jose State University, and also holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL. Prior to joining the Health Sciences Library, Kerry worked at Walt Disney Imagineering’s Information Resources Center as a librarian intern.

Kerry has been working with the Electronic Resources department to catalog the Health Sciences Library’s e-resources and to provide reference assistance, as well. She is skilled at graphic design and is helping the library with its branding and marketing.

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

The last two events tied to the Harry Potter exhibit, screening of parts 1 and 2 of “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallow” occurred on October 26 and 30. The first film was introduced by Dr. Steven Noll from the University of Florida’s Department of History. Dr. Noll discussed the depiction of racism in the Harry Potter novels. The second film was introduced by Dr. Konstantinos Kapparis a UF Associate Professor of Classics. Dr. Kapparis discussed Harry Potter as the classic hero.

On October 11th and 12th, the HSCL hosted for UF researchers a broadcast of the National Center for Biotechnology Information’s “Discovery Workshops”, aired from the University of Michigan’s Taubman Library. Thirty-three researchers and grad students attended.

Beth Auten, Hannah Norton, Jennifer Lyon, Linda Butson, and Michele Tennant attended the Quad Chapter Meeting in Baltimore October 13-16. This team had a number of presentations and posters at the meeting.

The paper “Use of instructional design theory and an individualized hybrid strategy for assessment in library-based instruction”, was published in the Journal of the Medical Library Association (JMLA 2012 Oct;31(4):319-22). Authors included Michele Tennant, Mary Edwards, and Michael Miyamoto (Department of Biology).

Nancy Schaefer attended the American Public Health Association Annual meeting in San Francisco October 28-31.

Michele Tennant attended the annual conferences of the American Association of Medical Colleges and the Association of Academic Health Sciences Library November 2-7. Participation in these conferences was Michele’s first activity in her yearlong NLM/AAHSL Leadership Fellowship.

On November 14, Michele Tennant, Hannah Norton, Jennifer Lyon, and Rolando Garcia-Milian presented their invited webinar - “Developing an infrastructure for information support for clinical and translational researchers”. This webinar was hosted by the South East Atlantic Regional Medical Library (NNLM/SEA), and 42 librarians from the southeast Atlantic region participated. The webinar covered the work completed and results of the NNLM/SEA grant awarded to the HSCL team in the fall of 2011.

On November 28-29, as co-chair of the organizing committee for Florida Genetics 2012, Michele Tennant attended the annual conference of the UF Genetics Institute. The conference featured keynote speaker and Nobel Laureate David Baltimore; scientific presentations by 12 UF and external researchers; 130 poster presentations; a speakers’ reception at the President’s House; and a juried art show. Over 360 formally registered participants attended. On November 29, Hannah Norton and Rolando presented the poster “Bioinformatics, data management, and general information needs of clinical and translational science researchers” at the conference. Co-authors included Jennifer Lyon, Cecilia Botero, and Michele Tennant.

Rolando Garcia-Milian was appointed to the Special Library Associations’ Biomedical and Life Sciences Division’s Contributed Papers Committee.
The first floor of the Health Science Center Library in Gainesville is in the second phase of a three-phase renovation project, which is expected to be completed by April 1, 2013. This is the first major renovation of the library since it was built over 40 years ago. During the first phase of renovation the whole first floor was closed. During phases 2 and 3 half of the first floor will be closed off while the other half will be available for study. When the first half of the floor reopened students were waiting for the library staff to replace the furniture. Included in the renovation are additional electrical sources for computers, laptops, and mobile devices along with new furniture conducive to collaborative study.

GEORGIA

Robert B. Greenblatt MD Library, Georgia Health Sciences University, Augusta, GA

University Consolidation and Name Change
Georgia Health Sciences University and Augusta State University (ASU), both located in Augusta, will consolidate in January 2013. The new university will be named Georgia Regents University Augusta. Both the Robert B. Greenblatt MD Library and the Reese Library at ASU will continue to operate in their individual locations, with some services being combined or relocated. For information about the consolidation, visit the consolidation web site.

King honored by Medical Library Association
Professor David N. King, MS, PhD, has received a unique recognition by the Medical Library Association (MLA).

In celebration of 100 years of publication, a special centennial issue of the Journal of the Medical Library Association (JMLA) has reprinted 10 of the most important articles of its history, one from each decade. Dr. King’s article reporting research on the contribution of libraries to clinical decision making was selected as one of the 10 for the special issue. The article is one of the most heavily cited in the history of the journal and remains a landmark in evidence-based practice for the profession.

GHSU/UGA Partnership Campus Librarian in the spotlight
Julie K. Gaines, Head, GHSU/UGA Medical Partnership Campus Library, was highlighted in the MLA News September 2012 “member spotlight.” Julie and the partnership faculty and staff have also recently survived the move onto the new UGA Health Sciences campus in Athens.

Staff News
Kim Mears has been appointed as the new Nursing Information Specialist beginning November 2012 following three years as a Medical Library Associate at the Greenblatt Library. Kim Mears has been appointed as the new Nursing Information Specialist beginning November 2012 following three years as a Medical Library Associate at the Greenblatt Library. Kim graduated in May 2012 from Valdosta State University with a Master of Library and Information Science and was awarded the George Gaumond Award for overall excellence in academics, professional service, and scholarship. Her main liaison duties will be with the College of Nursing and she will have embedded office hours in the Health Sciences building.

Sandra Bandy was promoted to Chair of Content Management.
Lisa Workman was promoted to Manager of Access Services and Interlibrary Loan.

Lindsay Blake moved from her position as Information Services Librarian to the Clinical Information Librarian position.

Gail Calvert Anderson, AMLS, AHIP and Margaret Truitt retired from Georgia Health Sciences University in November 2012. Gail and Margaret both began working in the Greenblatt Library in 1978. In their 34 years of service they witnessed many changes, such as the discontinued use of the analog card catalog and Index Medicus to the implementation of the online catalog and MEDLINE. Gail first served as a reference librarian and in the days of pre-Google, taught the library patrons how to conduct their own searches using Boolean operators. She eventually moved from reference services to the world of electronic resources and ended her career at Greenblatt as the serials librarian. Margaret worked in many areas of the library through the years. As the supervisor of the Library Information Center, she was easily the most recognized member of the Library staff. While the Greenblatt will miss their valued expertise and knowledge, we wish Gail and Margaret happy retirements.

Grant Awards
Peter Shipman, Dentistry and Allied Health Librarian, received a $2,500 National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) express grant to promote awareness of National Library of Medicine (NLM) products to HIV/AIDS and homeless populations through direct or train-the-trainer sessions. These NLM products - MedlinePlus, AIDSInfo, PubMed, and Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce - will be promoted to local and underserved populations that may not physically visit a medical library for this information. Computer hardware will be provided at two sites to facilitate this outreach. Besides making HIV/AIDS information available, it is hoped this project will lead other community outreach projects. The library staff will receive current information about HIV/AIDS from the Ryan White training staff at GHSU.

Greenblatt Library Receives NLM Disaster Health Information Outreach Award
Greenblatt Library has been awarded funding for a disaster health information outreach project to provide training and resources for health professionals and disaster management personnel. This award will strengthen the existing relationship between Georgia Health Sciences University (GHSU) and the Georgia East Central Health District (ECHD), and facilitate a partnership to respond to disaster-related emergencies. Health science librarians will lead the effort to provide information to public health partners in the 13 county ECHD in Georgia, through needs assessment, training and the creation of disaster information section on the existing Greenblatt Library website. Public health partners, including hospitals, community health centers, emergency management, social service and volunteer organizations such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army, will receive hands-on training to improve access to current disaster-related health information from the National Library of Medicine and local sources. Training will focus on key resources as determined by the needs assessment and emphasize the use of mobile information tools for use in the field. Librarians will also coordinate efforts with volunteer community public information liaisons, identified in the 13 counties, to assist with dissemination of information during disasters/emergencies.

Faculty Publications

Lindsay Blake & Darra Balance (2013): Teaching Evidence-Based Practice in the Hospital and Library: Two Different Groups, One Course. Medical Reference Services Quarterly. (In press)

MISSISSIPPI

Rowland Medical Library, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS

Susan B. Clark, Director of Rowland Medical Library, and Connie Machado, Associate Director, attended the Quad Meeting in Baltimore in October. They did a presentation on the 2013 Southern Chapter meeting, which will be held in Jackson, MS.

Melissa Wright, reference librarian, attended the Systematic Review Workshop: The Nuts and bolts for librarians in Pittsburgh, PA, in November 2012. The two-and-a-half day session was conducted by the health sciences librarians at the University of Pittsburgh.

Elizabeth Hinton joined the faculty at Rowland Medical Library in December 2012 as a reference librarian. She received her Master of Science in Information Science from the University of Tennessee in 2011 and did a postgraduate internship at Preston Medical Library at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville, TN.

SOUTH CAROLINA

School of Medicine Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

A traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine (NLM) called “Life and limb: The toll of the American Civil War” was on display in the School of Medicine Library from October 10th through December 1st. The exhibit is comprised of six panels discussing the experiences of wounded soldiers during that time. The website which tells about the exhibit and also has a fun bit of multimedia supplements to it.
Around the South

Laura Kane, Assistant Director for Information Services, was recognized at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association (SC/MLA) in Baltimore on October 16, 2012 for her excellent service as Chair of the Chapter during 2011-12.

Karen McMullen, Head of Access Services, Roz McConnaughy, Assistant Director for Education and Outreach, and Victor Jenkinson, Systems Librarian, delivered equipment and conducted MedlinePlus training on December 7, 2012 for four staff members at the Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County in Darlington, SC and its satellite location in Hartsville, SC as part of the Outreach Project “Linking South Carolina free clinics to quality health information: Phase three”. The Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County received a laptop, a projector, and a folding projection screen. The satellite location in Hartsville received a laptop, projector and a 40” LCD monitor with wall mount. The equipment will enhance patient education efforts and increase awareness and use of MedlinePlus at these clinics. This Outreach Project is funded by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Southeastern/Atlantic Region.

Library, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Department of Library Science & Informatics welcomes two new faculty. Emily Brennan, MLIS, joined the library late summer as the Informationist/Research Librarian. Elizabeth Crabtree, MPH, is MUSC’s first Director of Evidence-Based Practice, a new position jointly shared by the hospital and the library.

Emily comes to us from the Norris Medical Library at the University of Southern California, where she worked in the Educational & Research Services Division from 2009 until September 2012. At Norris, Emily served as the Interim Associate Director of that division, coordinating and assessing the division’s educational, reference, and outreach activities. She has a wealth of experience in evidence-based medicine and is an excellent teacher and presenter on this topic. Prior to her work at USC, Emily was on the staff of UCLA’s Louise M. Darling Biomedical Library.

Emily is an active leader in the profession. You might have met her or heard her present at MLA. Until she moved to Charleston, she served as President of the Medical Library Group of Southern California & Arizona (MLGSCA) of the Medical Library Association as well as chair of MLGSCA’s Continuing Education Committee.

Emily’s new position will focus on providing research and knowledge management services to clinical and research faculty and health professions students. She will be responsible for providing research expertise, integrating information resources into the electronic health record, and educating students and clinicians about evidence-based medicine (EBM) and the use of mobile devices in healthcare.

As MUSC’s first Director of Evidence-Based Practice, Elizabeth Crabtree will strengthen and grow this important area of clinical care. Elizabeth earned her MPH from Emory and is completing her PhD dissertation at the University of Texas School of Public Health.

For the past three years, Elizabeth has been a research specialist in the Evidence-Based Outcomes Center at Texas Children’s Hospital (TCH) in Houston, one of the nation’s premier children’s hospitals. At TCH, she worked on developing and implementing evidence-based clinical guidelines. This involved overseeing literature searches, analyzing and synthesizing research articles, and presenting evidence back to a multi-disciplinary team of clinicians in order to aid them in crafting practice recommendations, and building consensus. Elizabeth then worked with these teams of content experts to translate the guideline into order sets that were built into Epic, TCH’s electronic medical record system.

Elizabeth’s research experience also includes work at the Baylor College of Medicine, the CDC, Emory University, and Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

We are excited about the talents these bright young women bring to MUSC and hope you will each have an opportunity to meet them as they get acquainted with new colleagues in the Southeast and the Southern Chapter.
Technical Assistance Workshop
The Medical University of South Carolina’s Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO) Program conducted a Technical Assistance Workshop (TAW) in the University of the Virgin Islands’ Small Business Development Center in St. Thomas, USVI on October 11, 2012. Various community leaders attended this event. Sponsors for this event included the Medical University of South Carolina, the Caribbean Exploratory National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center and the University of the Virgin Islands. Presenters for this event included Ms. Deborah N. Blacknall and Ms. Gwendolyn F. Mitchell Ulmer from South Carolina State University. This TAW emphasized the “how-to” skills needed for preparing and managing a “good” grant application.

Sixth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities in Little Rock, Arkansas
In addition, PICO partnered with the William J. Clinton Foundation, Morehouse School of Medicine, City of Little Rock, Arkansas Minority Health Commission, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc., University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, the Little Rock Convention and Visitors Bureau, in conjunction with The Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust, and TriCaucus Health Task Force Chairs to conduct the Sixth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities in the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock, AR, November 28 – December 1, 2012. Former President William Jefferson Clinton invited the conference to Little Rock, AR. This conference focused on policies and programs to reduce health disparities. Presenters emphasized the role of social determinants, personal responsibility, and prevention in initiatives that reduce disparities. A host of other organizations served as co-sponsors to bring this effort to fruition. The conference was a major success and had 325 attendees who consisted of health care professionals, political leaders, policy makers, lay community leaders, university faculty/staff, and students. The mission of the conference was to focus on policies and programs that address prevention, social determinants and personal responsibility to reduce health disparities. This conference addressed the question: How do we augment our nation’s current “sick-care” medical models with a comprehensive “well-care” approach that sustains and strengthens communities by fostering genuine progress in reducing health disparities? In addition to expert panelists and exhibitors, this conference included a Student Forum, where students from the nation as well as the UK featured their posters depicting their research studies. Fifty exhibitors informed conference attendees about the services they offer. Also, Facebook and Twitter comments were posted on the screen for attendees to view feedback about the conference.

The conference commenced with the Student Forum. Attendees were welcomed by Little Rock, AR, Mayor Mark Stodola, a presentation from Former President William J. Clinton (42nd President of the United States), and keynote addresses from Dr. John Ruffin, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities’ Director; Dr. Reed Tuckson, United-Health Group’s Vice President/Chief of Medical Affairs; Dr. Nadine Gracia, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Acting Deputy Asst. Secretary for Minority Health; Dr. Joycelyn Elders, Former U.S. Surgeon General; and The Honorable James E. Clyburn, U. S. Congress’ Assistant Democratic Leader (Sixth District, SC). Panel topics included social determinants in reducing health disparities, translational research, public health, prevention and personal responsibility, successful community-based programs, the private sector and state/local/Congressional leaders. The conference culminated with receptions held at the Arkansas Governor’s Mansion and the William J. Clinton Presidential Center.

From 2007 through 2011, national conferences in Charleston, SC; St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands; Atlanta,
GA; and Philadelphia, PA, brought together diverse partners, presenters and attendees to share their knowledge of health disparities. These programs uncovered a larger story: social determinants, such as poverty, low education levels, public safety, environmental quality and inadequate housing are major contributing factors to health disparities. So, too, is personal responsibility – each person’s willingness and ability to make informed decisions about lifestyle choices to reduce the likelihood of disease development. Findings suggest the potential benefits of dedicating more of our nation’s health care resources to programs that emphasize education, prevention and personal responsibility.

Under Dr. David Rivers’ leadership, Dr. Glenn Fleming, Mr. Richard Jablonski and Dr. 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 the quality of healthcare and life.

TENNESSEE

Meharry Medical College Library, Nashville, TN

On November 9th, a few of the Meharry Medical College Library staff members: Vanessa Smith, Amelia Whitehead and Judy Johnson, partnered with the Greater Christ Temple Church to demonstrate reliable consumer health information websites at a health fair in South Nashville. There were more than 300 people in attendance and many Meharrians were there to lend a hand sharing their expertise and performing health screenings. These screenings included blood pressure tests, diabetes screening, and body mass index measurements. Faculty and students devoted their time sharing knowledge about various research projects and their findings, opportunities for community members to be a part of research projects and distributing educational literature. Some of the projects were The Meharry Childhood Obesity Prevention Project, and the Meharry Prostate Cancer Project and Project SAVED!

Tennessee Health Sciences Library Association (THeSLA)

The Fall 2012 THeSLA meeting was held Friday, November 9th at Saint Thomas Hospital in Nashville. “Come Play With Us! Toys in our Sandbox...Informatics and Mobile Technologies” was this meeting’s theme. “Exposing an Electronic Health Record (EHR-S)” instructed by PJ Grier, Outreach and Access Coordinator, NN/LM, Southeastern/Atlantic Region offered three hours MLA CEU credits. Jenifer Grady, TENN-SHARE Executive Director, was the lunchtime speaker. Afternoon keynote speaker was Alisha Miles, Manager of Library Services, Columbus Regional Healthcare System with her presentation, “Mobile Assimilation in Clinical Education”. Following Ms. Miles was a moderated panel, “Mobile Technologies”, of Tennessee Health Sciences Librarians including J. Michael Lindsay, Rick Wallace, and Lisa Travis.

New officers for 2013-14 are President, Jan Haley; Vice-President/Program Chair, Lisa Travis, Secretary, Jenny Rushing; Treasurer, Sharon Brown, and Membership Chair, Cynthia Vaughn. If you are interested in joining THeSLA please contact Cynthia Vaughn at cvaughn@utmck.edu.
Research Corner

Research Papers and Posters from the Baltimore Quad Meeting 2012

The SC/MLA Research Committee is proud to report (with great enthusiasm!) that the Southern Chapter was well represented at the Annual Quad Meeting in Baltimore. Of the four chapters participating in paper/poster presentations, Southern Chapter took home first place in both research papers and research posters. Southern Chapter members also tied for second and placed for third in the research paper presentations. Congratulations SC/MLA, you rock!

Posters
1st place - A bibliometric analysis comparing international collaboration rates over 2 decades: 1991-2010. Lead author Dennis Fell, a member of the Southern Chapter from the University of South Alabama.

2nd place - Student preference and satisfaction with online library instruction: a 5 year study. Lead author Lara Handler, a member of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

3rd place - Creating connections with scientists utilizing semantic MEDLINE. Lead author Susan Roy, a member of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter from the National Library of Medicine.

Papers
1st place - Twitter, scholarly communication and evidence-based health information access: how major medical journals have been using social media for information dissemination. Lead author Feili Tu-Keefner, a member of Southern Chapter from the University of South Carolina.

2nd place (Tie) - Connecting with health science students and faculty to facilitate the design of a mobile library website. Lead author Adelia Grabowsky, a member of Southern Chapter from Auburn University.

and
Making connections through outreach: lessons learned and future directions. Lead author Prudence Dalrymple a member of the Philadelphia Regional Chapter from Drexel University.

3rd place - Supporting evidence-based culture for public health: commitment to stronger, transparent science. Lead author Karen Dahlen, a member of Southern Chapter from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

Research Funding Opportunity

The Research Committee is now accepting letters of intent for the SC/MLA Research Project Grant. The purpose of this grant is 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 $1,000. To be eligible for the award you must be a current member of SC/MLA. Preference is given to applicants who are practicing health sciences librarians with at least two years of professional experience.

Letters of intent must be submitted before submitting the full application for a research grant. Applicants must submit a letter of by May 15th, 2013. If the letter of intent is accepted, applicants will be assigned a volunteer research mentor before June 15, 2013 and invited to submit a full proposal. The full proposal is due by August 1, 2013 and the Research Project Grants award recipients will be announced at the 2013 SC/MLA Annual Meeting. The grant application detailed information can be found on the SC/MLA web site.

Feel free and contact Carolann Curry, 2012-2013 SC/MLA Research Committee Chair, should you have any questions.
Chapter Council Presents Sharing Roundtables

Please plan on attending the Chapter Council Presents Sharing Roundtables at MLA ’13 in Boston, MA on Sunday, May 19, from 12:00 PM -1:30 PM for lunch and informal discussions.

Attendees must register for a topic as part of their MLA ’13 registrations; No onsite registration is available. Tickets are $42 and include a plated lunch with a salad, entrée, and dessert (indicate dietary restrictions on your registration form).

MLA offers one free lunch ticket per topic to new members (MLA member for five years or less) who register for the meeting via the online registration system. Tickets are paid through Chapter donations and MLA and are available on a first come first served basis. To select a free ticket, when register for the meeting, choose Chapter Council Presents Sharing Roundtable “free lunch” in the optional ticket section of the online registration form. Select your desired topic from the dropdown box. If your topic is grayed out, this topic has already been taken; however, tickets are still available for purchase.

Facilitators and recorders will be at each table to initiate discussion and to document the discussion for posting on the Chapter Council Web site. Facilitators and recorders earn one point toward membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals for completing these activities. If you would like to share your skills and expertise as a facilitator or a recorder for a particular, please e-mail Becky McKay: rlmckay@library.tamu.edu.

Based on a survey of members as well as comments from previous roundtable attendees, the following discussion topics were chosen for MLA ’13. Topic descriptions are available online. ** refers to new topics for 2013.

1. Budget Cuts Problem Solving**
2. Copyright Issues
3. Ebooks
4. Electronic Medical Records--The Role of the Library
5. Embedded Librarians
6. Health Literacy
7. Instruction Techniques
8. Integrating You or the Library into the Curriculum
9. iPads in the Curriculum, Clinics, and Library**
10. Issues in Hospital Librarianship
11. Liaisons Stepping Out of the Library
12. Library Redesign**
13. Library Support for One Health Initiatives**
14. Literature Searches to Support Systematic Reviews
15. Measuring Success & Influencing Decision Makers
16. Mobile Technologies for Medical Librarians
17. Negotiating with Vendors
18. New & Emerging Roles for Medical Librarians
19. Outreach Services**
20. Scholarly Communication
21. Solo Librarians
22. Supporting Translational Research
23. Teaching Evidence Based Medicine to Students & Faculty
24. Virtual Reference
Honoring Jan LaBeauese

Janice Hawkins LaBeauese was honored at the 2012 Quad Chapter meeting in Baltimore on the occasion of her retirement, after long and exemplary service to the Chapter. She began her library career in 1966, at Campbell Clinic in Memphis, and completed her MLS in 1979. She was Librarian at LeBonheur Children’s Medical Center until 1992, when she went to the University of Tennessee’s medical library. In 1993, she accepted an Associate Director position at Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon, GA, where she was promoted to Director in 2000.

She began her membership in the Southern Chapter in 1978, and her service list is long: Chair, Chair-Elect/Program Chair, Secretary-Treasurer, Meeting Chair, Strategic Planning Chair, Nominating Committee Chair, Program Committee, Nominating Committee, Research Committee, Chapter Council Alternate, Chapter Council Representative, paper and poster presentations, and countless background roles such as meeting facilitator and the like. She was mentor, career counselor, friend, role model, and support person to countless Chapter members. Her energy and humor contributed greatly to the strength and spirit of the Chapter.

Jan’s MLA membership also began in 1978. She has been AHIP (Distinguished member) since 1990. She has contributed to the leadership of MLA by serving on a number of sections, committees and positions.

Early in her career, she started the Association of Memphis Area Health Sciences Libraries, which was extant for over 30 years. She served with distinction in THeSLA (TN) and GHSLA (GA) library associations. She was chosen to give the Miriam Libbey Lecture for the latter in 2003. She was the first non-M.D. to serve as President of the Georgia Rural Health Association, and received that group’s Distinguished Educator/Researcher of the Year in 2007.

She received MLA’s Estelle Brodman Academic Librarian of the Year award in 2007; SC/MLA’s Academic Medical Librarian of the Year in 2006, and our T. Mark Hodges Award for Outstanding Service in 2011. Medical librarians all over the country have enjoyed Jan’s presentation on librarians in the movies, which is as thoroughly researched as it is enjoyable and humorous. Of course, she earned honorary SC/MLA membership in 2012.

Hundreds of Chapter members will continue to thank Jan as we hang her hand-made ornaments on our Christmas trees each year. Those, and her hand-made quilts and quil- lows have been the backbone of our Martha C. Watkins scholarship fund. The Chapter and the profession have been strengthened and enhanced by her work. Our best thoughts and wishes go with her upon her retirement!
Connecting: Reflections from the 2012 Quad Chapter Meeting

Elena Azadbakht, Reference Librarian for Health Sciences at the University of Southern Mississippi, was the recipient of SC/MLA First Time Attendee Scholarship. Read her reflection from the meeting.

“Connections” was the perfect title for this year’s Quad Chapter Meeting in Baltimore. For me, one of the most valuable aspects of the meeting was connecting with other medical librarians from the East Coast and throughout the Southeast. I am the only health sciences librarian at my institution, so I appreciated the opportunity to compare notes with others who serve the same disciplines. I met many wonderful librarians with whom I hope to stay in touch and see again at future conferences.

The MLA Quad Chapter Meeting was also very much about professional growth. On my first day at the conference, I took a CE course taught by Veronica Bielat entitled Instruction by Design: Creating Effective Instruction. Instruction is a significant part of my job, and I’m always eager to learn more about how to become a better teacher. Ms. Bielat’s session was very hands-on, highlighting important theories with group exercises and discussion. As a result, I came away with a lot of specific examples of how I could better meet my students’ needs.

Additionally, I learned about a variety of tools, programs and strategies that I could use in my work from the various paper and poster sessions I attended. I especially enjoyed the presentations that looked a specific technology, such as QR codes or iPads, and how it could best be used in a library context. My library has been considering some of these technologies, and I was able to bring back useful information about them. I also found Jon Orwant’s talk on “big data” both fun and informative, as it highlighted a trendy new area of research to which librarians might contribute.

2012 SC/MLA Scholarship Donors

$1,010 was collected during the year and $1,700 was collected during the Quad Meeting. This brings our total for 2012 to $2,710.00

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We also had 4 Honor-A-Mentor requests. They are:
Carol Burns honored Jan LaBeause
Carla Funk honored Fred Roper
Jennifer Lyon honored Michele Tennant
Brenda Linares gave a donation in memory of her mentor Karin Duran, PhD
Liz Lorbeer honored T. Scott Pluchak and Lynn Fortney

Obituary

R. Thomas Lange, founding director of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library, Columbia, South Carolina, died on November 14, 2012, at the age of 76. Appointed chief medical librarian in 1975, Tom led the School of Medicine Library through its evolution from a temporary space in a shopping center to a building on the main campus to the new library building on the School of Medicine campus.

Tom partnered closely with the architect to design the new library building, which opened in 1983. He served as Chair of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association from 1976-77 and hosted the Southern Chapter annual meeting in Columbia in 1977 and 1992. He retired in 1999. Prior to coming to South Carolina, Tom served as the founding director of the University of South Alabama Biomedical Library. He completed his Masters in Library Science from George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee in 1970.