Northwest Notes

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Message From the Chair
Patrice O'Donovan

I have just returned from the MLA Annual Meeting in San Antonio. It was a good meeting, with many notable speakers, papers, and posters. Neil Rambo did a great job as Program Chair and many of our members were active presenting papers, serving on committees, attending the variety of offerings, and socializing with colleagues from near and far.

Attending MLA is always refreshing and reassuring. There is no doubt in my mind that Pacific Northwest Chapter members are moving into the future at lightning speed. So many of us are connected to the Internet, are doing research and studies in *cutting edge* areas of interest, and are coping well with the rapid-fire changes in our daily work-lives.

It was good to see a number of PNC members at the meeting. Many of our members, however, were unable to attend and I was reminded of how important our Chapter Annual meeting is to all of us. Since the MLA Annual Meeting is often so far away, the Chapter Annual meeting plays an important role in our professionals lives. It gives us a great opportunity to attend CE courses at a reasonable cost, to hear speakers and presenters of national note, and to get together with our colleagues from around the region. I hope we will have record attendance at our meeting in Coeur d'Alene.

I attended the Chapter sharing roundtable luncheon in San Antonio. The new and current chairs got together with the Chair of the Chapter Council to discuss our various needs and concerns. The Pacific Northwest Chapter does very, very well when compared to other chapters, but I did get a few ideas that may help improve our day-to-day Chapter and Board business.

One thing that all the chapters have agreed to, in principle, is to pursue incorporation through MLA. I mentioned this in the last newsletter and we have continued to study our options. I believe the membership will have an opportunity to vote on incorporation within the next six months.

The Board will be meeting in mid-July. If you have any concerns or ideas that you would like us to discuss, please contact any one of us and we will address it at the Board meeting.

It isn't too early to be making travel plans for Coeur d'Alene. I look forward to seeing you all there.

JCAHO Redux - *from the Editor*

A number of PNC members have expressed interest in an on-going discussion of JCAHO issues. Nationally, many librarians have been sharing their experiences under the new standards on the Internet medical library discussion list, MEDLIB-L. I've given some thought to editing their postings (with permission of course) for inclusion in the newsletter, but I have a much better idea! Those of you with Internet access should experience searching a listserv's archives. You can retrieve everything on a topic, and I don't have to guess at your specific interests.

Searching a List's Archives

Every message posted to MEDLIB-L (or any listserv discussion group) is archived, and you can search and retrieve messages yourself. First, retrieve the instruction file that Charles Bailey created for searching PACS-L. Send a message to:

LISTSERV@UBVM   *(Bitnet) or*
LISTSERV@UBVM.CC.BUFFALO.EDU   *(Internet)*

In the body of the message (don't include a subject line) say simply   **get search doc**

This will return a three-page document that giving explicit instructions, and numerous examples, for searching a list's archives. MEDLIB-L would be substituted for PACS-L in his examples. For the postings on JCAHO a search could look like:

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//
Database Search DD=Rules
//Rules DD   *
Search JCAHO in MEDLIB-L since 1/94
Print all
/*
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It is wise to limit a search by date, and the Bailey document gives many examples. I chose to "print all" but, if your term is not very specific, or you think there is a great deal on a topic, you might substitute "index" for that line. This returns an index of relevant postings from which to choose.

Other terms I've recently searched: Physicians Online, benchmarking, table of contents, output measures.

NOTE: HLIB-NW IS NOT A LISTSERV.
This technique will not work for postings from our Northwest discussion list.

If you have problems or questions, contact your local computer guru or this editor. I will attempt to help! I can also name many others in the region who are becoming quite "command-line literate," including the PNC Automation Committee.

Librarian's Guide to JCAHO Accreditation

This fact sheet answers common questions about the accreditation process as it relates to your library and the 1994 JCAHO standards. It is compiled by the MLA Hospital Libraries Section Standards Committee, and available from MLA. Item #5018-16. Single copy free with SASE ($.29 postage); 25 copies, $5.00 to MLA members.

MLA has a new Product Catalog available containing descriptions of the DocKit series on library management, booklets, promotional materials, serials, and other MLA programs. The catalog is available through headquarters at 312.419.9094 or fax your request to 312.419.8950.

Electronic BLAB

The MLA Collection Development Sections' Biomedical Library Acquisitions Bulletin (BLAB) is a free, more-or-less monthly electronic newsletter that endeavors to cover all matters from the picayune to the grandiose, relating to the selection and acquisition of biomedical library materials. To subscribe, send e-mail to dmorse@hsc.usc.edu
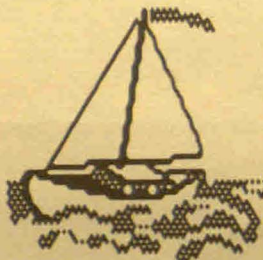
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Solo Tech Services List

The Technical Services Section of the Information Technology Division of the Special Libraries Association sponsors a listserv. SLA-TECH addresses concerns of the small, specialized and often one-person tech services unit - those who not only have to do everything, but have no one to ask for help.

List co-owners Deborah Hatfield (klidsh@ukcc) and Lillian R. Mesner (lmesner@ukcc) say "we are hoping that those of us in larger units or who are more specialized in our functions can act as resources for our solitary colleagues. There are a number of bulletin boards for technical service areas, but most of them tend to be oriented to large academic institutions that do not have non-standard or unusual needs. With this bulletin board, we hope we can help those with specialized needs."

To subscribe, send this message to LISTSERV@UVCC (bitnet) or LISTSERV@UKCC>UKY>EDU (Internet): sub SLA-Tech <your name in upper and lower case>

PNC LENDING LIBRARY

The PNC/MLA Lending Library contains books, software, and A/V material on a variety of library-related subjects. It is available for the use of all library staff members. The loan period is one month. To borrow an item, contact Kathleen McCrory at Children's Hospital, Seattle. Requests can be made by Ontyme, Internet, Docline, FAX, or ALA form. In an rush, phone requests will be accepted.

COMPUTERS:
 How to Use Your IBM PC in 10 Easy Video Lessons
 Learning DOS - older version
 Learning DOS - version 4.0
 DS Tutor (DOS and system tutor)

SOFTWARE PACKAGES:
 Individual Training for Lotus 1-2-3
 Teach Yourself dBase III Plus

ONLINE SEARCHING:
 BRS After Dark CAI Simulation Program
 BRS Colleague: introduction to searching
 Dialog Training Videos: introduction to searching
 Online Searching on Your Computer
 CHEMLEARN
 TOXLEARN

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:
 MLA DocKit #1: Position descriptions in health sciences
  libraries

MLA DocKit #2: Evaluation instruments for health sciences
  libraries
MLA DocKit #3: Collection development policies for health
  sciences libraries
Review of Medical Monograph Cataloging
RX for Success: effective organizational communication
Standards for Canadian Health Care Facility Libraries(1989)
Time Management in the Small Library
Leadership Development Seminar (manual)
On Becoming a Leader, by Warren Bennis
Copyright Balancing Act (Audio tapes and handouts)

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Funding Available for AIDS Outreach

NLM has issued an RFQ (Request for Quotations) to fund AIDS Information Outreach Projects. The primary purpose of these projects is to design local programs for improving information access for patients and the affected community as well as their care givers. Emphasis is on providing information or access to information in a way meaningful to the target community. At least one of the organizations managing the project must be a community-based organization or a public library. This is a tremendous opportunity for health libraries to link with organizations in your area and to provide leadership in training and disseminating much needed information. Projects will run for 18 months and budgets may not exceed $25,000.

Proposals are due **July 1,1994**.

The full RFQ is available from the RML or from Gale Dutcher, Project Officer, NLM, 8600 Rockille Pike, Bethesda MD 20894 (301-496-3147) or Anne White Olson (301-402-1076).

RML staff will be happy to discuss project ideas, review draft proposals, and/or assist in training. Let us know how we can help.

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The NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts: Intent to Modify - *from the NIH Gopher*

The National Institutes of Health intends to modify the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts on 1 August 1994. The format of Request for Applications (RFAs) and Program Announcements (PAs) will not be changed, but increased emphasis on electronic access of those documents will be implemented. The purpose of the changes is to improve the timeliness and accuracy of information dissemination and reduce production costs.

The current subscription list for the printed edition will be terminated. Currently, the printed edition includes notices, PAs, Notices of Availability (NA) of RFAs, and NAs of Requests for Proposals (RFP), and is mailed to approximately 34,000 subscribers. After 1 August, the printed edition will contain notices and brief NA/RFAs and NA/PAs. The NAs will include a brief summary of the purpose of the RFA or PA, the application receipt date, anticipated number of awards and funds available for RFAs, and information about how to obtain a copy of the RFA or PA. An electronic edition will include the contents of the printed edition and the complete text of PAs and RFAs. The NIH will send one copy of the printed edition to each major component of each institution, primarily to the Offices of Sponsored Research or the equivalent, and institutions not on the list of institutional contacts maintained by the NIH may request subscriptions.

To join listserv distribution of the full NIH Guide, send an email message to Q2C@HINCU.bitnet or via the Internet to Q2C@CU.NIH.GOV requesting inclusion on the list.

News From Montana   _Submitted by Kim Granath_

Montana librarians were well represented at the MLA Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Attendees included: Susan Long, Bonnie Chadbourne, Suzy Holt, Leza Hamby, Barbara Crain, and Kim Granath. Suzy Holt gave a wonderful presentation at the Federal Libraries/Hospital Libraries Contributed Papers Session entitled "From Task Force to State Law." It described her involvement with the Montana Biomedical Task Force and formation of the Montana Health Care Authority.

The Montana Library Association Annual Conference was held in Butte, in the snow, April 24-27. The Health Sciences Interest Group ate well at Lydia's, a Butte restaurant known for its carbohydrates. Maryanne Blake and Linda Milgrom presented an internet class on accessing medical resources, Neil Rambo gave a presentation on the Pilot Connections Project followed by comments from Susan Long and Suzy Holt, and Nancy Press taught her disaster planning class. Susan Long chaired the business meeting of the Academic and Special Libraries Division and now passes the duties of running that division to Barry Brown.

Other noteworthy news...Leza Hamby is now a member of the WLN Board of Directors and also has a new part time assistant, Barbara Beardall. Kim Granath is a Senior Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals.

News From Hospitals Around Idaho

Submitted by Nancy Van Dinter, Health Information Consultant, Idaho State Library

Jan Walters at Mercy Medical Center in Nampa has moved the library into temporary quarters while work is completed on a new library facility. She is looking forward to opening the new library in late spring with expanded space and the addition of a consumer collection.

Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene is planning a ground breaking for a new Health Resource Center which is expected to be opened in fall. This center will house a consumer library along with an auditorium equipped for interactive video and satellite, the social services and education departments, an employee daycare, a community sick child care and an adult respite care center. The staff of the professional library has begun providing consumer health information in the interim.

St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise has networked the computers in the library and added an end-user station with Medline on CD-ROM. Judy Balcerzak says they plan to add an additional station in the physician's lounge as soon as they work out any problems. These are the beginning steps to networking the entire hospital and physicians' offices. Judy will take a 5-week leave this summer to attend the MLS program at the University of Arizona.

News From Washington   _Submitted by Ellen Howard_

In March 1994, SERHOLD-participating libraries in Washington were awarded a federal grant of $6,259 in Library Services and Construction Act funds by the Washington State Library Commission. For about a decade, the medical libraries in Washington, working cooperatively through the Washington Medical Librarians Association (WMLA), updated SERHOLD each year through a tape of downloaded serials holdings provided by the Western Library Network (WLN) into whose database all such holdings were entered. With the advent of direct SERHOLD updating in the fall of 1993 and a tape from WLN no longer required, WMLA librarians recognized that the impetus for maintaining current serials holdings in WLN might dissipate. With these grant funds, WLN will develop a computer program and other systems to allow for the electronic conversion and loading of our serials data from SERHOLD-produced tape to WLN. With this technology in place, libraries will have a seamless mechanism by which to keep current their serials holdings in this resource sharing tool so valuable for our region.

For those of you who haven't heard -- the following note was posted to HLIB-NW on 21 April 1994.

From: Kathy Murray
Subject: I'm moving to Denver

... I have accepted ta job at Lutheran Medical Center. This community hospital is in the northwest corner of Denver in a suburb called Wheat Ridge. I'll begin on July 1st. The hospital is just part of their larger health-care organization which includes clinics throughout Denver, a psych hospital, homecare/hospice and either a skilled nursing facility or long-term care facility (I can't remember which!). The hospital is about 350 beds and is not a teaching hospital. Lutheran has just signed a Memorandum of Understanding with two other Denver hospitals (St. Joseph's where Margaret Bandy works, and Rose). They are beginning the process of managed care and by creating this link, hope to better position themselves for the future health care reform issues. Rose has a family practice residency - so I may get to work with them in the future! My plans include attending the Coeur d'Alene meeting - and I'm on the planning committee for the 1995 meeting - so I hope to see all of you then.

On the flip side .... Downsizing hit Virginia Mason Medical Center hard on May 19. They expect 100 layoffs in coming weeks. The librarian position held by Dani Haas was eliminated, effective immediately. Dani will be job hunting and is also available for temporary or fill-in work. Contact Ann Robertson or Linda Milgrom if you need her number. Ann is alone in the library but hopes to advertise a library tech position soon.

Fred Hutchinson has mounted their own gopher. It includes some unique information and is organized differently than many gophers. Library Services (Eve) has been one of two developers so the Library folders are extensive, although under continual construction. The address to gopher to is <gopher.fhcrc.org>.

PLAN AHEAD FOR THE FALL CHAPTER MEETING
October 23-25 Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

PNC Professional Development Fund

The PNC Professional Development Fund is designed to encourage participation in professional programs and courses by our members. The Board recognizes that meetings and courses are often too far away for many members to attend -- those who live in the major metropolitan areas have a distinct advantage. The aim of the fund is to improve access for members, and to equalize opportunities for attendance at programs and courses which improve members' professional development.

All applicants must adhere to the criteria listed below. The applications will be reviewed by the Executive Board, and all applicants will be notified of the Board's decisions. The deadline is at least six weeks before the event and grants will be funded in the order in which they are received. If two or more are being considered and there is not sufficient funding for all, the application with the earliest postmark that meets all the criteria will be funded first. At the Board's discretion, preference may be given to those who have not received a PNC scholarship in the recent past. The number of applications funded will be limited by the amount of funds set aside by the Board at the beginning of each budget year. This year the amount is $500.

NOTE: Funds are reimbursed/disbursed to recipients after attendance at their selected meeting/program/course.

Criterion 1 PNC Membership
   Applicant must be a current member of PNC.

Criterion 2 Number of Grants per Applicant
   Applicants are eligible for a maximum of one grant per year.

Criterion 3 Number of Scholarships per Institution
   No institution may receive more than one scholarship per event per year.

Criterion 4 Dollar Amount
   A maximum of $100.00 will be awarded per applicant. The grant will not exceed the actual expense associated with the meeting/program/course(s) for which the grant is requested.

Criterion 5 Matching Funds
   No matching funds will be required of applicants.

Criterion 6 Subject/Content of Program/Meeting/Course
   Professional Development funds are limited to professional programs, meetings, or continuing education courses sponsored by or co-sponsored by PNC and may not be requested or used for any other purposes.

Please make copies of the PNC Professional Development Fund application on the back side of this page.

The deadline for applications for fall '94 PNC/MLA is September 9, 1994.

Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association

Professional Development Fund Application

Name _____ Job Title _____

Library _____

Organization _____

Street Address _____ PO Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Program/Course/Meeting _____

Location _____

Fee _____ $ Amount Requested _____

What is your library's CE and/or education budget? _____

Are any institutional CE funds available to you? If yes, _____

Please list other professional meetings you regularly attend:

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Please attach a *brief statement* explaining why this course/program/
meeting will be of benefit to you or your organization.

*I have read and agreed to the conditions stipulated by the PNC
Professional Development Fund.*

Signature _____ Date _____

Send completed application and personal statement to:

Vicki Croft, PNC/MLA Treasurer
NW 1840 Hall Dr.
Pullman, WA 99163-3551

Idaho News

Nola Higley at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls is the new President of the Idaho Health Information Association. Her hospital has a new Internet node and is working out the technical problems of providing complete access. The hospital is working on a grant to link all of the Magic Valley hospitals electronically. Peggy Flowers at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston acquired the American Medical Association's Practice Parameters on CD-ROM recently. Staff are able to access this database as well as Medline and CINAHL at the library workstation.

Coleen Winward at the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls reports that her hospital is adding more services, so some of the departments, including the library, are losing space to make room.

To meet new demands for information St. Luke's Regional Medical Center library is developing a collection of patient education materials. The hospital is working on a hospital-wide network which will include physicians' offices and will provide access to the Internet.

Idaho Health Sciences Library at Idaho State University in Pocatello has developed a mission statement and collection development policy. The have begun providing services to the Idaho State Hospital South in Blackfoot and will also offer services to unaffiliated individuals.

Margaret Davis at Bingham Memorial has been offering Medline searching for about a year and is about to begin in-service for the staff on library services and Micromedex.

Membership News

Leza Hamby has developed an attractive new brochure to send to prospective PNC members. Contact her for samples.

New Members

Please welcome the following individuals as new members to PNC/MLA for 1994:

Paul Connor
Pediatric Sciences Library
Valley Children's Hospital
3151 N. Millbrook
Fresno, CA 93703

Johann van Reenen
Life Sciences Libraries, UBC
    Woodward Library
2198 Health Sciences Mall
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3

Laura C. Larsson
Research Librarian
Health Services SC-37
University of Washington
Seattle, WA 98195

Jeanne Wagner
Spokane Medical Library
Wash. State Univ. - Spokane
Cooperative Academic Library
   Services
10 N. Post Ste 210
Spokane, WA 99201-0709

Washington News

UW HSLIC is also creating a gopher. Health Tracks is being developed by the IAIMS program and HSLIC to provide a single access point for a wide array of relevant, high quality information resources in the health sciences. The UW also hosted a visit from a group of Association of Canadian Medical Schools Librarians on April 26.

WSU Pullman has completed construction of the 'new' Holland Library. Moving the collection involved staff from all the libraries in one spirited, well-organized week. Limited renovations are now underway in the 'old' Holland.

The Intercollegiate Center for Nursing Education (ICNE) Yakima program will get a new, expanded facility and its enrollment will double as a result of a $3.5 million capital appropriation passed by the Washington legislature. The new building, including a separate library space, will be located on the Yakima Valley Community College campus. Completion is scheduled for 1996.

PNC Funds at Work

The *Cunningham Memorial International Fellowship* is a four-month fellowship, offered by MLA, for health sciences librarians from countries outside the United States or Canada. It provides for observation and supervised work in one or more medical libraries in the U.S. or Canada and a limited amount of travel. PNC has contributed to this fund for a couple years and the following letter was received from MLA Headquarters after our most recent donation.

March 31, 1994

Vicki F. Croft, Treasurer
Pacific Northwest Chapter of the
Medical Library Association

The Board of Directors joins me in thanking the Pacific Northwest Chapter for its $200.00 contribution to the Cunningham Fellowship Endowment Fund. Our Cunningham Fellows report that the time they spend in U.S. and Canadian libraries is a valuable learning experience. Your contribution will support the continuation of this program for many years to come.

Sincerely,
Carla J. Funk, Executive Director

FLASH! The Regional Medical Library is buying a full set of the MLA Annual Meeting tapes and will loan them to medical library staff around the region. The tapes are expected by mid-June and will be loaned on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact the NNLM by email, snail mail, phone, or fax.

National Network of Libraries of Medicine   800.338.7657
Pacific Northwest Region   206.543.8262
University of Washington, SB-55   fax: 206.543.2469
Seattle, WA 98195   nnlm@u.washington.edu

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Vicki Croft **DUES: $15.00 U.S.**
PNC/MLA Treasurer **$18.00 Canadian**
NW 1840 Hall Dr.
Pullman,WA 99163-3551

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Your Name: _____

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(You may use home **or** work address)

Internet/E-mail: _____

Circle those that apply: **Renewal** **New Member**

Membership type requested: **Individual Institutional**

Are you a member of the Medical Library Association?

Yes No