

Librarians Bridge the Gap: MCMLA 2005

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The 2005 MCMLA Annual Meeting will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, September 17th-20th. The meeting location will be historic Fort Douglas, located adjacent to the Health Sciences Center at the University of Utah. Notable gathering places include the University Guest House, the Officers Club, Commanders House and the Ft. Douglas Chapel. Classes will be held at the new Health Sciences Education Building and the Eccles Library. Each location is within easy walking distance.

By now you know all of this...**but did you know??**

- You will receive a nifty “sit-upon” instead of yet another canvas meeting bag.
- You will have an opportunity to learn to use a GPS tracking device and find hidden prizes.
- You can get expert help tracking your ancestors at the Family History Library, founded in 1894 and the world’s largest facility of its kind. See the list of CE courses.
- “Dine-Arounds” will include a Salt Lake City haunted places tour – includes eating in a café in an old railroad depot that has documented hauntings.
- Red Butte Garden will have a “Living Bronze” exhibit, with over 20 botanically inspired sculptures created by Robert Wick on display. The garden is within walking distance of the conference hotel.
- Oktoberfest will be held Saturday and Sunday afternoons at the Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort. The mountains will be beautiful in September.

- There is a Farmer’s Market held downtown on Saturday morning.
- The Utah Museum of Natural History on campus will have an exhibit called “The Dark Zone and Caves”, including the Smithsonian’s traveling exhibition, “Caves: a Fragile Wilderness.”
- The Mormon Tabernacle Choir will be giving a live performance Sunday morning on Temple Square.

So get ready for MCMLA 2005

- Plan to write a paper or prepare a poster. The deadline is June 16th. See the website for details.
- Check the list of 12 CE opportunities.
- Plan to dress casually. Bring walking shoes and an umbrella, just in case.
- Plan to have fun and learn lots!
- Book your flight and make your reservations.
- Bookmark and explore the website:
<http://medstat.med.utah.edu/mcmla/2005/>

See you in September! 📖

Research, Report, and Reap Rewards!

Research

Evaluate one of your library’s programs, projects, or resources, or collect data on a library-related research issue.

Report

Analyze your data, and report your results in a poster or presentation at MCMLA's 2005 meeting in Salt Lake City.

Reap Rewards

Gain valuable input from your colleagues, help your colleagues with similar projects/problems, and compete for the NN/LM-sponsored, \$100, Best Research Poster Award and/or the \$100, Best Research Presentation Award.

Criteria for both the Best Research Poster Award and the Best Research Presentation Award are posted at: <http://www.unmc.edu/library/mcmla/awards.htm>. A link to this web page is posted on the "Research" page of the MCMLA web site. The deadline for submitting your poster and presentation proposals is June 16, 2005. You can view the "Call for Papers & Posters" at <http://medstat.med.utah.edu/mcmla/2005/MCMLA2005Flyer3.doc> 📖

DCT in the Health Sciences 2004

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History

Since the debut of the “Brandon List” in July 1965, medical libraries have depended on the Brandon/Hill Selected Lists for collection development decisions. The Brandon/Hill lists were a labor of love of two librarians on the staff of the Levy Library at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York City, the late Al Brandon and Dorothy Hill.



The Brandon/Hill lists ultimately grew to be two separate lists, a medical list and a list covering allied health and nursing specialties. Each list was updated every two years.

While Brandon and Hill had help and support from publishers, medical book wholesalers, and some of their colleagues at Mt. Sinai and other institutions, they essentially reviewed available books and made the selections themselves.

Up until recently, the new list was published every year in the Journal of the Medical Library Association. The Medical Library Association (MLA) sold reprints of the lists to the medical book wholesalers, who, in turn, distributed the lists for free throughout the medical library community. In 2001, the Brandon/Hill Selected Lists became available on the Internet (<http://www.mssm.edu/library/brandon-hill>).

For 40 years, medical libraries of all sizes and persuasions relied on the judgment of Brandon and Hill to help guide their collection development decisions. Following Al Brandon’s death several years ago, Dorothy Hill continued to lead the effort, with help from colleagues, to update each list every other year. Following the update of the nursing and allied health list in January 2004, Dorothy Hill decided that the 2004 update would be the last one she would work on. In April of 2004, the staff of the library at Mt. Sinai announced in the wake of Hill’s retirement

that Mt. Sinai would not be updating the Brandon/Hill Selected Lists in medicine, nursing and allied health.

Libraries, publishers and medical book wholesalers reacted uniformly with concern, wondering how a core list could be developed in the wake of the discontinuation of the Brandon/Hill lists.

Doody Enterprises as a Solution

Because of Doody’s reputation for providing objective, timely, authoritative reviews of newly published books since 1993, librarians, publishers and medical book wholesalers began contacting Doody Enterprises after the announcement in April 2004 of the discontinuation of the Brandon/Hill lists.

In producing Doody Core Titles in the Health Sciences 2004 (DCT), Doody Enterprises, Inc., hopes to fill a void created by the discontinuation of the Brandon/Hill Selected Lists for the small medical library, in nursing and in allied health. The list is intended to serve as an aid to collection development librarians responsible for collecting titles in clinical medicine, basic science, nursing, allied health, and other associated health-related disciplines. The 2004 edition of DCT features 1,912 titles in 119 different specialties.

Core Title Selection Process

In order to accomplish the Core Title Selection Process, more than 170 professionals participated in the three-step process in the selection of the titles appearing on the 2004 edition of Doody’s Core Titles in the Health Sciences. Among them were 92 Content Specialists and 82 collection development medical librarians, who voluntarily served as Library Selectors.

The first step consisted of a Content Specialist in each of the 119 specialties making the initial selection of core titles for that specialty. Then a panel of up to three Library Selectors in each specialty reviewed the selections made by the Content Specialists and had the opportunity to add titles to the list. Finally, Library Selectors scored

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each title on the final list, rating each core title on a scale of 0 – 3 on five different key collection development criteria, including authoritativeness of author and publisher; scope and coverage of the subject matter; quality of content (including timeliness); usefulness and purpose; and value for money.

Access to the Doody Core Title List

You can purchase DCT directly from Doody Enterprises, Inc. Also, several of the major medical book wholesalers are currently collaborating with Doody Enterprises to allow access for paid licensees to Doody's Core Titles through their own online databases and purchasing systems. A new edition of DCT will be published every year, representing a fresh selection and scoring process, while incorporating upgrades and enhancements to the service. In between editions, the list will be updated on a weekly basis with new pricing information and with information about new editions of titles on the list.

As a participant in the Core Title Selection process as a Content Specialist, I gained valuable insight into the dedication and time commitment of the previous librarians and staff of the Levy Library at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York City, who created the Brandon/Hill lists. I felt very honored to be part of this experienced and well respected group of Content Specialists and Collection Development Librarians from across the United States who participated in this arduous and important task. Doody Enterprises, Inc. has credited the selectors for their work in the Core Title List.

Be a Doody Content Specialist/Library Selector

Take some time to go to the Doody Enterprises Web Site and explore the information about the Doody Core Titles in the Health Sciences 2004 at <http://www.doody.com/dct/>. If you are interested in getting more information about how you can serve as a Library Selector on upcoming editions of DCT, please send an e-mail directly to dcteditor@doody.com. 


McGoogan Library of Medicine Hosts 36 Graduate Library Students

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On a beautiful spring Friday night in March, 36 students taking a Special Libraries class, made their way to the University of Nebraska Medical Center McGoogan Library of Medicine. The class, taught by Dr. R.J. Pasco, is offered jointly by the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the University of Missouri and provides exposure to a number of different libraries throughout the semester long class. This session included presentations from five different medical librarians who gave their perspective on medical librarianship, their jobs, and their personal paths to their current positions.

- **Marie Reidelbach** - McGoogan Library of Medicine - Medical Library Association and the MidContinental Medical Library Association
- **Marty Magee** - National Network of the Libraries of Medicine
- **Sue Raymond** - Center for Biopreparedness Education - A Virtual Library
- **Roxanne Cox** - McGoogan Library of Medicine - Consumer Health Information Resource Service
- **Nancy Woelfl** - McGoogan Library of Medicine - Library Administration of an Academic/Medical Library

A free two-year membership to MCMLA was offered to the students, with the hope of recruiting some new people into the profession. Both presenters and students seemed to enjoy the variety of presentations, and the introduction to a field and resources they may not have previously considered. 



Health Literacy Awareness

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Health Literacy is defined as "the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions." This ability includes everything from understanding prescription dosages, medical forms, and the need for medical procedures. It is estimated nearly HALF of the people in the United States have low literacy, thus health literacy issues. The consequences are enormous for the individual and for our nation.

Are we making a difference?

The article I wrote in the February issue of the MCMLA Express requested that MCMLA members share ideas, projects and resources on this important topic. Unfortunately, not one response was received!

Several months ago, when I started writing about health literacy, I asked if this important issue is addressed in the curriculum at our College. I heard one response from a faculty member who had been to a recent conference on the topic. That was the only response to the question. How can we make a difference and change the outcome for our society?

As discussion points and items of interest become available, they will be shared through the MCMLA Express. This issue's column is devoted to literacy issues with the new food pyramid. The web sites are recommended from the Midcontinental Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

Comment on the New Food Pyramid

Andy Carvin is Program Director of the Education Development Center for Media & Community in Newton, Massachusetts. Andy serves as coordinator of the Digital Divide Network <http://www.digitaldivide.net/>, an online

community of nearly 7,000 activists, policymakers, business leaders and researchers in more than 115 countries working to find solutions to the digital divide. Read his entire post on the new Food Pyramid at <http://tinyurl.com/dtw8e>. An excerpt follows:

"I truly, truly hope the USDA does more than just this website to educate the public, though. As I've written before in my work on e-government for all, it's poor policymaking to assume that all constituents will have equal access to the Internet or the skills to use it. Therefore, you need to make sure you use alternative offline channels -- TV, radio, print, in-person meetings, etc -- to make government services and information available to the people who need it.

Unfortunately, when you look at various demographic groups, there's a higher likelihood of lower-income, less-educated people to eat a poor diet. Just the audience you'd want to reach in a public health campaign, right? Paradoxically, they're also the ones least likely to have Internet access or Internet skills. This makes it even more important to invest in large-scale offline campaigns to get health-related information directly into their hands."

Are you aware of easy-to-ready resources? If so, e-mail me so they can be included in the next "Health Literacy Awareness" column. 📖

Software for Tutorial Creation

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A sense of independence has swept the general population of library users because the Internet is so easy to use. With the advent of the Internet and proxy servers, library users are generally not in the library while using library resources. Anecdotally, many of library professionals have observed that library users are not searching

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databases effectively and many do not seek our assistance. Combining this factor with increases in distance education offerings in higher education, many libraries are now trying to assist these users by creating self-help tutorials. Without having to call or come by the library, library users can simply click a link and watch as a librarian navigates and instructs the use of a particular resource.

There are several types of self-help guides and tutorials, which range from guides which can be printed out, html tutorials with and without interactivity, and the more dynamic full motion “video” tutorials. This last incarnation is sweeping the library world as we speak. The most popular output file is fast becoming Flash. Macromedia, the creators of Flash, report that 97% of Internet accessing computers already have a Flash player installed. The accessibility of Flash is favorable in that other Internet based tutorials often required Real Media, Media Player, or QuickTime software, which many computers do not have preinstalled.

Macromedia Flash has a large learning curve, but busy library professionals do not have to master it in order to produce Flash based tutorials. Software which outputs to Flash is available and the learning curve is relatively small.

The three most talked about software packages in library circles are Techsmith’s Camtasia Studio, Qarbon’s ViewletBuilder and ViewletCam, and Macromedia’s Captivate (formerly RoboDemo). Camtasia tutorials can also be output to various file types such as Real Media, Media Player, and QuickTime. Competition between these companies has lowered the prices and educational discounts make them even more affordable.

Camtasia and ViewletCam are similar products in that the screen is recorded much like a video camera. During recording time, every movement or lack of movement is recorded. Audio narration can be recorded along with the screen capture,

recorded after, or inserted. Files can be edited and linked to other files, but interactivity is limited to hotlinks. Both programs can also convert PowerPoint presentations into the respective software’s file types.

ViewletBuilder and Captivate create full motion “video” like Camtasia and ViewletCam, but they are built in an entirely different way. Individual screen shots are taken, each a capture of a single action. Once editing is complete, the screen shots are sewn together to form a full motion “video.” Some features are similar to Camtasia and ViewletCam, such as audio recording and the ability to insert text and graphics. Beyond these static features, Flash allows for increased interactivity and the options available in ViewletBuilder and Captivate can fully exploit this. In addition to inserting hotlinks, elements can be built into a tutorial which forces the user to interact by clicking boxes, filling in a blank, or striking a key on their keyboard. From these options, a static tutorial becomes more dynamic. The tutorials are now simulations or canned searches that give the user hands on experience in a controlled environment.

When deciding which software to purchase, one must study the features offered against what the objective of the tutorials will be. All of these software packages offer free trials. 📖

Software

Camtasia Studio

<http://www.techsmith.com/products/studio/>

Example: <http://healthlinks.washington.edu/howto/pubmed/>

ViewletBuilder <http://www.qarbon.com/presentation-software/viewletbuilder/>

Example: <http://www.unmc.edu/library/guides/#databases>

ViewletCam

<http://www.qarbon.com/presentation-software/vc/>

Macromedia Captivate

<http://www.macromedia.com/software/captivate/>

Example:

<http://library.millersville.edu/tutorials/titleauthor.htm>

Libraries Celebrate Medical Information Day and National Library Week

McGoogan Library of Medicine

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McGoogan Library of Medicine, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, celebrated National Library Week 2005 with events for staff and customers alike. The week was a success, but would not have been without the generous support of the Library Director, Nancy Woelfl, Ph.D., and by staff members that stepped up and served willingly when asked.

The National Library Week committee members designated Monday, April 11 as Staff Appreciation Day. Thank you cards designed by Tom Gensichen, Head of Systems, were distributed to library staff. To further lighten the mood, staff members could participate in a word search contest created by Marty Magee, Education Liaison for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

Customers were not left out of the week's festivities. Professionals and students affiliated with UNMC campus were informed about the week's events and significance through posters designed by Stuart Dayton, Head of the Learning Resources Center, which were displayed throughout campus, and through announcements in the UNMC official daily news. John Schleicher, Head of Archives, coordinated the traditional Student Cookie Break on April 12, and reported that no cookies went uneaten.

A new location for the McGoogan Library information booth on April 13 proved popular with the audience in one of The Nebraska Medical Center's cafeterias, and Susie Tyrrell, Library Assistant, and Teresa Hartman, Head of Education, did a great job promoting the Library's services to the lunch crowd of professionals, students, and health consumers.

A staff appreciation event took place at lunchtime on April 14, mixing the good smell of pizza and breadsticks with the happy sounds of 4 staff members winning prizes for their word search quizzes.

April 15 found staff members too busy to even think about it being Tax Filing Day, when 24



John Schleicher, Head of Special Collections, shows a rare book to the Fontenelle students.

Fontenelle Elementary School students and their adult leaders toured the library with Mary Helms, Associate Director of Library Resources & Technology and Heather Brown, Distance Education

& Outreach Librarian. The Fontenelle students also received the gift of new school library books, purchased with funds raised throughout the year by McGoogan Library staff.

The National Library Week planning committee didn't rest as the week's events came to an end. They continued their evaluations and planning, looking ahead to another successful week of events for National Library Week 2006. 📖

Providence Medical Center

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The Providence Medical Center/Saint John Hospital Medical Library had a special Library Open House on Monday, April 11, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This Library Open House celebrated "Medical Information Day" designated by the Medical Library Association (MLA) in recognition of the invaluable information and vast

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range of services medical librarians provide for medical staff, other healthcare professionals, staff, and local communities.

The medical, dental, and nursing staff as well as employees and volunteers were invited to stop by and learn more about what the library has to offer, including consumer health brochures, consumer web sites (cancer ones and general) as well as information on the electronic library databases such as Ovid and MDConsult. Also, attendees had the opportunity to view a beautiful quilt, "THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD: The Wizard of Oz Quilt", made by Hortense Beck (my mother), a master quilter of original quilts and replicas of Baltimore album quilts. Delicious chocolate and caramel candies were available to eat as well as door prizes.

The library open house was very successful and heightened the awareness of the medical and nursing staff and employees of the medical/consumer library. 📖

Creighton Health Sciences Library

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To commemorate Medical Information Day and NLW, Creighton University Medical Center's Health Sciences Library/Learning Resources Center did a number of various activities. One activity consisted of a display we put up entitled "Are You Searching or Just Searching?". This bulletin board display highlighted both background and searching information on a couple of our most useful electronic databases. Since we still support the use of paper resources, the library also had another table display of books and journal articles focusing on medical ethics and cultural issues related to death and dying.

For NLW the Library posted two special banners. One of the banners that we put up was purchased

from ALA and the other was created by the Library especially for NLW. The theme of our 2005 banner was "The Library Is a Place to" and contained candid shots of students and faculty



Research the "big questions"
Shane Ness

using the Library with captions that finished the banner's phrase. (Even the most harried student, faculty, and staff pause to "check-out" the banner.)

NLW was also a week filled with special lunch time programs. The first one was on a talk on "Vitamins, Herbs, and Nutritional Supplements in the News" by William Hamilton from our School of Pharmacy & Health Professionals. The presentation was recorded as a streaming video by the Library staff with the equipment and assistance of Sharon Dennis and Thomas Gibbs of the National Network of Libraries MidContinental Region. Anyone interested in seeing the video can go to

<http://medlib.med.utah.edu/ram/rml/creighton411.ram> to view it. The next event was on Tuesday with a guest speaker from our local University Extension Office talking about "Spring Planting". On Wednesday, one of our Reference Librarians, Judi Bergjord, taught a session on "Finding Reliable Health & Wellness Information on the Web". Thursday's program focused on "Using Google Scholar & Other Search Engines" by the Library's PC & Network Support Person, Shawn Ammon. Friday, we wound up NLW with representatives from the Omaha Anti-Defamation League, who led a discussion on improving cultural sensitivity and awareness.

Now that NLW is over, we can start working on National Medical Librarians Month! 📖

MCMLA Member's Corner: Profiles of New MCMLA Members

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Welcome to Amy Blevins, one of our first library student members who has opted for the free two-year membership being offered from MCMLA to students from accredited library schools!

Amy is originally from Dittmer, Missouri, and graduated from St. Louis University in May 2004 with a Bachelor's of Arts in Biology. She is currently in her second semester, working toward her M.A. in Library Science at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Her goal is to graduate in May 2006 with not only her degree, but some good experience under her belt. She's well on her way, having worked at the library Reference Desk at St. Louis University throughout her undergraduate years. Mentoring by two of her co-workers helped direct her to library graduate studies at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

To add to her practical experience, Amy is working at the Stephens College Library as well as the University of Missouri – Columbia, Health Sciences Library. As a graduate library assistant, she maintains statistics on SDI searches, assists with e-mail reference questions and uses chat reference as part of her work on the Reference Desk.

Adding to her professional development, Amy is scheduled to attend the ALA conference in Chicago this year, and planning to attend the MLA conference next year.

In her "spare time", Amy likes guided cave tours, camping, float trips and hiking on circular trails (to lessen the chance of getting lost.)

It seems there is little likelihood that Amy will get

lost in her career goals – having directed energy at her education, professional organizations and her library work experience.

Welcome, Amy!

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Michelle Diaz has a BA in Spanish with a minor in General Business. She currently is a graduate student of the School of Library and Information Management (SLIM) at Emporia State University with plans to complete her MLS in August, 2005.

Michelle has six years of public library experience in reference, circulation, and collection maintenance. Working in public libraries has given her the opportunity to utilize her Spanish skills helping Spanish-speaking library patrons. Currently, she works at a state college in Interlibrary Loan assisting with the MOBIUS book requests, OCLC requests, and checking incomplete journal article citations. Helping to fulfill people's information needs is what Michelle finds most satisfying about being a librarian. She believes librarians perform and provide wonderful services for diverse patron groups and have rewarding careers. Through her free MCMLA membership she looks forward to learning about the various kinds of medical libraries and the services they offer.

Michelle enjoys spending time with her 4 year old daughter and especially going to the park. Planning special excursions to the Kansas City area has been great fun for both of them. Like most librarians she enjoys reading when she gets the chance.

Welcome Michelle to MCMLA.

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Wendy Duplechain graduated magna cum laude from the University of Southern California with a Bachelors of Music in music performance. She continued her education at Rice University receiving a

Masters of Music in music performance. She plays both flute and piccolo and enjoys occasionally subbing with the Omaha Symphony Orchestra. In 1998-1999 she played with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra before returning to Houston, Texas. Currently, she is pursuing her Masters in Library Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia Distance Education program.

Wendy received her introduction to library work while attending school at Rice University, where she shelved and repaired books. After graduating, she and her husband moved to Omaha so he could pursue his law degree from the Creighton Law School. Since then she has worked at the Creighton University Reinert Alumni Memorial Library and the Baird Holm Law Firm Law Library. Currently, she is a full-time litigation paralegal for the firm (a step up from library assistant, but a step away from the library environment), works part-time at the Gap retail

In 1995, Nicole Koborg received her Bachelor's degree from UNO in Elementary Education with a K-12 endorsement in educational media. She returned to school to pursue a MLS in January 2001 when the University of Missouri-Columbia brought their program to Nebraska with a little help from UNO.

store, and still manages to take four library science courses a semester. She is a wife and the mother of a 4-year-old daughter, Ming. When asked what she does in her free time her response was no surprise. "I do NOT have any free time."

Wendy states, "the best part about being a librarian is that there is always room for growth. Librarians constantly evolve with their information agencies, just like Ranganathan said, 'library is a growing organism,' and 'mistakes' can always be used as opportunities for improvement. Growing up playing music has taught me the importance of being flexible and quick to adapt to changes."

What does she hope to gain by joining MCMLA? "I want to get to know more about medical librarianship. I hope to get opportunities to network with other members of MCMLA. I greatly appreciate being able to join the organization for free. I believe this would be one good way for me to find out whether medical librarianship is right for me."

Welcome Wendy as one of our new student members.

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She worked as an Administrative Clerk in the City Prosecutor's Office at the Douglas County Courthouse before getting back into libraries by obtaining a position at LaVista Public Library where she was a cataloger and conducted a toddler storytime. She has been in her present position as Library Resources Technician at Clarkson College for five years this summer.

Since Nicole currently works in a very small academic library, she wears many hats during the day. Her primary duties consist of reference work, cataloging, ordering books & supplies, supervising four student assistants, and teaching library skills to incoming freshmen.

In her free time she shared, "As I'm sure all librarians must say, I love to read. I also enjoy listening to music and spending time with my two elderly Shepherd mixes, Miranda and Greta. School has really made me appreciate my free time even more. There's so much to do in Omaha, I honestly can't say that I ever get bored."

Nicole and her husband will be celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary later this month. Being from Omaha she is fortunate to live near her immediate family, though her mom's family resides in France. Her younger sister will be graduating from the nursing program at UNMC in December on the same date she graduates from graduate school.

When asked what she likes most about being a librarian she said, "I like being aware of and privy to all our great resources and sharing them with others. Librarianship is all about connecting people with the information whether it is through technical services, reference or administration. I love that moment when you can almost see the light bulb appear over someone's head as they've discovered that material they really want or need."

She looks forward to becoming active in professional associations. She sees her membership in MCMLA as a great way to keep current in the field and network with other health science librarians.

Welcome Nicole to MCMLA!

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Joan Konecky received her B.S. degree in Biological Sciences from Nebraska Wesleyan University which proved to be an excellent building block for her library career. While going to school she worked in the University Library to test her desire to pursue science or medical



librarianship as a career. She received a great deal of support and encouragement from her grandfather, a great lover of libraries and former Chair of the Anatomy

Department at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Joan then went to the graduate program at the University of Denver where she had the opportunity to complete an internship at the Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Library (with Ruth Gilbert) and to meet many of the specialized medical librarians in the area.

Offered an interview and then a job shortly before graduation, Joan served as a Reference and Computer Search librarian at Creighton University for two years.

From Creighton, she joined the Reference department at the McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center, where she was granted tenure and remained for seven years. Marriage and a family moved Joan to Lincoln, Nebraska where she currently works as the Electronic Reference Services Librarian at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Among her other responsibilities she serves as the liaison librarian to the UNMC College of Nursing-Lincoln (UNL campus), UNMC College of Dentistry (UNL campus), and the UNL School of Natural Resources. Service-minded as most librarians, Joan has served on many diverse campus faculty committees, including Academic Senate, Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, Parking Advisory committee, Faculty Grievance Hearing Board, and is a long-time member of the Student Judicial Hearings Board.

Free time is at a premium for Joan with three girls at home. Katie is fifteen, Kelsey is eleven, and Krysta is seven years old. Her husband is an electrical contractor who owns his own business, "Electrical Solutions", which Joan proudly named and designed the logo for. Having a strong computer background, Joan maintains the computers for home and the business.

When asked what she likes about librarianship she quickly responded – "It's fun!" She especially likes the challenge of the ever changing technology and "wow"ing the library users with all the new electronic resources available today.

Joan is looking forward to renewing connections with Medical Librarians in the MCMLA chapter. As a former member she remembers fondly the professionalism and camaraderie of the chapter members. She is planning on attending the Utah meeting and getting involved in the organization.

Welcome back Joan!

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Janice graduated from the University of Missouri in Kansas City with an MA in history and completed her MLS at the University of Missouri, Columbia.

Previous to her current position she was employed in public libraries in reference and in special collections. Her prior employment, since the 1980s, was as an archivist. At Graceland she is part of a two-person library staff working mainly with nursing students and faculty who are part of both traditional and distance learning programs. Graceland also offers a degree in education with most of those students enrolled in evening classes and the library also

provides services to those students.

Janice and her husband, Richard Crabb, a firefighter, live with their four cats in a 1906 house, they are in the process of restoring. She also enjoys folk dancing, needlework and hiking.

One of the most enjoyable parts of her job is fulfilling the needs of students and faculty. She states that joining MCMLA is an opportunity to learn more about the field of medical librarianship and especially to network with other librarians who work with nursing students.

Welcome to MCMLA, Janice, and we hope to see you in Salt Lake City in September.

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Ana has been at the Evans Army Community Hospital since November of 2004. She came from an Army hospital in California where she was a Library Technician operating solo while finishing her masters degree. All that training will be put to the test as she is already presenting her case for an extra FTE! The hospital has 680 employees and she's hoping that she'll be able to increase her library staff to 3 including her, to better serve her users.

She truly enjoys Colorado, both personally and professionally. She admits to learning so much and likely nearly every minute of it! She doesn't miss ANYTHING about California, including their weather. She loves the outdoors, running and the CLEAN AIR!

Ana still does have some contact with California though, as she's a part-time soldier and spends 1 weekend/month in California where she's in charge of a company. And if all that didn't keep

her busy enough, she & her husband are raising three wonderful children, all daughters! Their oldest is in her 3rd year of college, considering perhaps the field of medicine. The middle child is a freshman and aspires to nursing. Their 7-year old has some time to make up her mind and, apparently, a few good role models!

Ana is planning on attending MLA in San Antonio – so watch for her there and welcome her! Ana’s accepted a three year term to serve as a member of the editorial board for JMLA and is also working on getting her AHIP – so not much resting going on! She hopes to attend MCMLA this fall and get to know some of the wonderful folks in our chapter.

Welcome Ana!

Laura Southcombe
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Laura Southcombe is a new student member of MCMLA. She earned her BS in Education from Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, IL. Currently she is working toward her MLS through the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Laura has not worked in a library, but is looking forward to the experience. She has worked in elementary schools as an instructional aid, taught preschool, worked as an archaeologist’s assistant, and is currently a part-time loader for the United Parcel Service (UPS). She is anticipating a promotion in the near future to part-time supervisor. In her free time, she likes to cook, read, and spend time with her family, friends, and pets. She keeps fit attending yoga classes weekly, and is the treasurer for a women’s group at church. Theatre is one of her loves, but unfortunately finds little time to go very often. She lives outside of St. Louis in Brighton, Illinois with her parents and sister.

Laura hopes to gain knowledge and experience as well as learn more about the library field through

her membership with MCMLA. She has not decided on what specific field of librarianship she wants to pursue, but wishes to explore many options before making a final decision.

Welcome Laura to MCMLA. We will do our best to share the field of health sciences librarianship and the wonderful opportunities it can present.

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In 2004, Douglas M. Stehle joined Denison Memorial Library as Head of Access Services. This position manages Interlibrary Loan, Circulation and PASCAL (Denison’s off-site storage facility).

Douglas came to Denison by way of Southwest Missouri State where he was Head of Reference. Douglas has also worked at Western State University in Gunnison, Colorado and at Pittsburg State University in Kansas. He has a BA in religion and philosophy from the University of Iowa. He also obtained his MLIS from the University of Iowa.

Librarianship is attractive to Douglas because it offers eclectic activities. One can wear a lot of different hats during the day, working on everything from management to customer service to tackling information technology issues. Douglas has been in academic librarianship his entire career and is excited to join MCMLA to learn more about medical librarianship. He is looking forward to collegial networking opportunities.

Douglas has been married to his wife Lisa for 13 years and they have three daughters; Lindsey 10, Emma 7 and Megan who is 10 months. They enjoy going on family hikes and picnics. Douglas also enjoys biking, household projects and gardening.

Welcome to Douglas!

Anna Tatro
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Anna will receive a Masters of Library Science from SLIM May 2005. She received her Bachelors of Arts in Mass Communication from University of Tulsa. Before obtaining her current position as Librarian at Newman Division of Nursing Library, Emporia State University she worked as a Library Technical Assistant at the Kansas City Public Library. She has also worked as a substitute teacher and in video production.

Anna's current work includes supervising all aspects of her library's operation including supervising student workers, providing reference and research services, collection development, and bibliographic instruction. The things she likes most about being a librarian are multi-tasking, being introduced to new topics all the time, and most of all helping people.

During her free time; Anna likes to read, listen to music, cook, travel, and spend quality time with her new husband and their cat Beatrice. Anna likes cats and hopes to acquire a couple more once they are settled.

As a member of MCMLA, Anna hopes to network with other members and gain professional contacts.



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Laura Windsor is the new Kansas Liaison for the MidContinental Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Her goal is to promote the National Library of Medicine's products and services, collaborate with state and community health organizations, train and teach,

and assist anyone else who is concerned about obtaining good quality health information. She will also have responsibilities to the University of Kansas Medical Center as a biomedical librarian serving students, faculty and clinicians and as a liaison to the Departments of Preventive Medicine and Public Health.

Laura spent seven years at the Ohio University's College of Osteopathic Medicine as a health sciences librarian working with students, faculty, researchers, clinicians, and consumers. In addition, was the liaison to the department of Biological Sciences, Physical Therapy, and Hearing and Speech. She served on the IRB (Institutional Review Board) to research protocols involving human subjects and also the Institute for Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). Prior to her previous position she worked as a general reference librarian at Ohio University and has worked at academic and special libraries for many years.

Laura has an AMLS from the University of Michigan and a BA from Texas Christian University. She is a member of MLA and serves as the allied representative to the American

Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

In her free time she enjoys camping, riding horses, and rafting. She also collects stamps and coins. She comes from a large family, having seven brothers and sisters and more nieces and nephews than she can count!

She enjoys helping people find information they need which is what she likes most about being a librarian. As a MCMLA member she hopes to gain insight, information, wisdom, and tips for a successful medical librarianship career.

Welcome Laura to MCMLA and Kansas!

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