Hello, MCMLAers!

Hope the end of Winter blues aren’t getting you down. We have some great stuff to keep you occupied while we wait for Spring to come in like a lion. First up, Darrel Willoughby gives us an update on the many things happening in our chapter, including the election of new officers for the Chapter and for our MLA Chapter Council representative. If you have not already, please vote! [http://www.mcmla.org/2014election]

This year at MLA annual, Chapters are being given the opportunity to display a poster to highlight their activities and make a case for membership. Jeanne Burke, MCMLA Membership Committee Chair, is asking for ideas. She also reminds the membership to renew and update their membership in our chapter. It’s a bargain! Also to keep in mind is the reminder that the call for papers and posters for the quint MCMLA2014 annual meeting will be going out soon. Time to dust off those innovative ideas and begin planning for your presentation!

Jim Bothmer and his colleagues from Creighton University write on the Alegent Creighton Health merger and what it means for the libraries. The Health Sciences Library Network of Kansas City sent in a nice write-up of their award winners for providing outstanding service, and we welcome new MCMLA member Amy Six-Means.

Are you frustrated with paywalls? Lynne Fox shows us a great browser application that can help you register your frustration. And our MCMLA Congratulates column highlights as always the great work being done by our members.

Darell’s Doozies is taking the semester off, but we expect him back next issue. Until then, stay warm!

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Notes from the President

By Darrel Willoughby, President, MCMLA; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Lately a lot is going on in our Chapter!

Our members in St. Louis have committed themselves as a group to inventory and update our Chapter archives. The archives have been under the watchful eye of MCMLA member Sue Fleming for over a decade in Wichita. Now, the many boxes of print material are headed to St. Louis where Chair Elect Jackie Hittner, Betsy Mueth, Jennifer Plaat and others will go through everything in detail, providing our Chapter with a lasting legacy.

The MCMLA 2015 Virtual Meeting Planning Committee, headed up by Tom Gensichen and Heather Brown, will need the many talented members of the Chapter to step forward and work hard to make this first virtual conference a great success. The Executive Committee will be considering a web meeting account for the Chapter soon.

Our members in Colorado are really beginning to ramp up their work for the 2014 Quintessential Annual Meeting in Denver. There is a new web site which will be coming alive with news about the meeting as things develop. Please heed their call for your participation in the meeting preparation!

The Executive Committee has been busy. The Executive Committee approved suggested increases in the travel allotments for officers required to attend annual meetings and the amounts for the Bernice Hetzner, Barbara McDowell and MCMLA Outstanding Achievement awards. Brenda Pfannenstiel, Immediate Past Chapter Chair, and Nancy Woelfl, Chapter Parliamentarian, worked hard on updating the Chapter Policy and Procedure Manual.

This year we will elect a new Chapter Council Representative and an alternate Chapter Council Representative as well as a new Chair Elect--the Nominating Committee has completed the difficult but rewarding job of filling the election slate with talented and eager volunteers. The election announcement has gone out--please vote!

Tracey Hughes has been doing a great job in answering the Chapter’s call to add new features to our web site. Tracey has been working closely with the Executive Committee to keep access to our listserv stable in the present climate. The Chapter will be expected to shoulder some of the minimal costs of using the host servers.

Dedicated and talented volunteers are the lifeblood of this Chapter, so please, consider what you can contribute!

You Can Help MCMLA Membership Grow!

Jeanne M. Burke, MCMLA Membership Chair; edited by Darell Schmick

Do you have a good reason or argument for someone joining MCMLA you would like to share? The MCMLA Board is planning to have a "poster" at the upcoming MLA Annual Meeting. This poster will be used to recruit new members and maybe even rekindle the love of lapsed members. The Board would like to get comments from our current members to help inspire individuals from just thinking about joining to actually signing up. Think about what might move a student, librarian, or administrator to join and pass that information along to us. The stronger our membership base the more we can accomplish and build for the future. Who knows? Your words may help possibly recruit a future MCMLA leader, so put on your thinking cap and send me your ideas.

On a related note, please be sure to renew and update your MCMLA Member information as soon as possible. Elections, scholarships, professional and leadership opportunities may be lost by waiting until you register for the MCMLA Meeting in the Fall. MCMLA is truly one of the best professional bargains out there. Come and join us - renew today!
In 2012 Creighton University Medical Center Hospital was acquired by Alegent Health to form a new academic health system called Alegent Creighton Health (ACH). The ACH comprises 11 hospitals in Nebraska and western Iowa as well as numerous clinics.

At the time of the merger the two Alegent librarians (Ken Oyer from Bergan and Joy Winkler from Immanuel) met with Jim Bothmer, Director of the Creighton University Health Sciences Library to discuss cooperative ways of extending library services to all of the ACH network member hospitals and clinics. Ken Oyer has since retired and Cynthia Perkins was hired to fill that vacancy.

Numerous drafts of agreements were drawn up and revised, and many meetings with upper level ACH administrators took place. Finally, after a 15 month period of discussion and negotiation a “Library Services Agreement” was signed in October 2013 to be effective November 1, 2013. The provisions of that agreement are outlined below.

The legal language calls for Creighton University to provide library services to Alegent Creighton Health as set forth in the appendices. The term is for one year with automatic renewal unless there is cause to terminate. Essentially, the existing budgets for Bergan and Immanuel libraries would be transferred to Creighton University to be managed and coordinated by the two librarians at ACH and the CU Health Sciences Library. The most important provision is that the two ACH librarians become employees of Creighton University Health Sciences Library. They stay in place at their respective libraries.

The agreement outlines the following provisions:

- A common website for ACH [http://hslguides.creighton.edu/Alegent] which will include online information request forms, access points to electronic resources and easy communication channels for the ACH health care team. (Supervision and management of the librarians at Bergan and Immanuel.

- A unified name for library services.
- Centralized licensing services for the licensing and acquisition of information resources. ACH will separately fund certain licensed resources that are not currently budgeted through the Alegent libraries.

- Additional hours of library access for ACH through HSL.

- Greater outreach to the Alegent Creighton Clinics (ACC) through social media and site visits by HSL staff.

- Information classes (online and face to face) offered to all ACH hospital and clinical staff.

- A library advisory committee consisting of library staff and ACH health care professionals.

- Access to additional e-journals through document delivery during the first year of this agreement; thereafter availability may be through licensing for heavily used resources.

This will be a work in progress. The goal for Year 1 is to market the need for access to knowledge and information resources for all of ACH and ACC. Future plans call for discussion with CHI Nebraska, which consists of five hospitals in the south and central part of Nebraska, about the provision of library services.
HSLNKC Awards Five Kansas City Libraries for Outstanding Service

By Dawn McInnis, Clendening History of Medicine Library, University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS; edited by Darell Schmick

The Health Sciences Library Network of Kansas City presented five awards to Kansas City area libraries for providing outstanding service to their institutions in 2013, at the tenth annual HSLNKC Awards and Recognition Ceremony held Wednesday, January 22, 2014, at Stowers Institute.

The award recipients were as follows:

- **Outstanding One-Person Health Science Library**: MRIGlobal - C.J. Patterson Library; Kimberly A. Carter, MLS, Senior Librarian
- **Outstanding Health Science Library**: Heartland Regional Medical Center, Library Services; Cindi A. Kerns, BA, Librarian
- **Excellent Return on Investment**: Stowers Institute Library; Sherry Lockwood and Rose Owens, Science Library Specialists
- **Outstanding Academic Health Science Library**: Kansas City University of Medicine & Biosciences, D’Angelo Library; Marilyn J. De Geus, MA, MLS, Library Director
- **Outstanding Outreach Efforts**: Library Services at Children’s Mercy Hospitals & Clinics; Brenda Pfannenstiel, MALs, MA, AHIP, Manager of Library Services

Along with the five awards, HSLNKC presented Service Certificates to members who worked to help the organization fulfill its mission, and presented certificates to member libraries qualifying for Certification. This year three emeritus awards were presented to retired librarians who had been members of HSLNKC for at least 10 years, Dick Kammer, MA, MLS, 19 years; Jan Foster, MLS, 37 years; and Marcia Thomas, BA, MLS, 38 years. Our new emeritus members averaged 31 years of membership in our 38 year old institution.

The awards and certificates were presented at the ceremony preceding the network’s annual business meeting, hosted by Sherry Lockwood, Science Library Specialist at Stowers Institute.
Record your frustration with journal paywalls

By Lynne Fox, AHIP, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, CO; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Here at the Anschutz Medical Campus we have access to lots of lovely full text journal content, managed by the even lovelier librarians of our Health Sciences Library Collection Management team! But there are limits to our resources so our patrons sometimes find we don’t subscribe to the journal that they need.

In that case, our Interlibrary Loan service is always an option. But before having your patrons skip over to the Library’s website to put in a request, wouldn’t it be great if you could publicly register your frustration [http://www.openaccessbutton.org/] over the lack of easy, inexpensive access to the full text you need?

Now a group of students has come up with a simple way to “put denied access to research on the map”. Simply fill in a short form and add a link to your browser’s bookmarks bar. Then when you or your patrons look for a journal the library doesn’t subscribe to and isn’t free online, just click the button. A short form pops up in your browser, you fill it in and click submit.

Did lack of access “slow innovation, kill curiosity and harm patients”? Or cause other harm to your patrons, their projects, or the community they serve? Leave a short narrative to allow the Open Access Button to track your frustration.

The Open Access Button adds your info (you can provide as much or as little as you like) to a map. As other researchers in your area add to the map, you will see an aggregate number of the comments available.

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Committee Call for MCMLA2015

By Heather Brown, AHIP, Co-Chair, Virtual Meeting 2015 Planning Committee; edited by Kristen De-

The MCMLA 2015 Virtual Meeting planning committee is seeking volunteers from the MCMLA membership to serve on two committees for the meeting. Being a virtual meeting, committee tasks will be altered and some committees that existed for the face-to-face meetings will not be necessary.

The two committees that seek members are Registration/Website and Technology. The Registration/Website committee will be responsible for coordinating online registrations, which includes the registration process, handling of fees, and communication of meeting codes and URLs. Additionally, this committee will coordinate with the other committees for content to be included on the website.

The Technology committee will be in charge of selecting an online platform for the meeting, running tests, coordinating troubleshooting, and facilitating the meeting in the online environment from a technological standpoint.

Please consider volunteering for one of these two committees and be a part of the next era of annual meetings! Email your interest or questions to Heather Brown
University of Kansas Medical Center

Position Open

Edited by Amanda Sprochi

Position Summary:
The Library and Archives Assistant will process collections using standard library and archive accessioning techniques; provide services to researchers; catalog and process books; inventory archival collections, identify materials needing repair and conservation; ensure use of proper preservation techniques; shelve materials; help prepare information and collections for web-based use; and perform any other function necessary to the operation of a medical center archives and rare book and special collections library. There is a potential for development of a faculty appointment with this position.

Responsibilities:
Process backlogged and incoming materials by accessioning them into the main collection. Processing includes organizing archival and manuscript materials, including audio-visual records, and conducting necessary conservation practices; cataloguing books and performing assigned library functions; re-housing documents in acid-free folders and containers; creating inventories; and preparing collection guides.

Assist on-site researchers by explaining library and archive policy, conducting reference interviews, identifying and retrieving research materials, photocopying and/or scanning documents, and monitoring researchers. Handle daily library and archive duties including answering visitor's reference questions and ordering archival supplies. Maintaining the library's website and updating the Digital Clendening.

Answer telephone, online and e-mail requests by searching for the materials, producing required reproductions, corresponding with researchers, and mailing materials. Collaborate with the Rare Book Librarian and Archives Director in setting policy determining preservation practices, reproduction and usage fees, research use of the collections, and copyright issues involved in digitization.

Process gift books by identifying those relevant to the collection and cataloging them. Also catalog books purchased by the library. Supervise student interns, part-time employees, and volunteers in various library and archival tasks. Provide occasional collaborative support to the Museum Director in exhibit and design research and preparation. Work with the Rare Book Librarian in developing exhibits and events that highlight the Library collections and enhance and supplement the archive and museum exhibits.

Required Qualifications:
The candidate should have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree or a combination of education and relevant experience supporting library and archives operations, including collection preservation, online migration, and maintenance and digitization of collections.

The ideal candidate must have a proven track record of coordinating and completing projects with defined resources and working in a collaborative culture.

Excellent writing and communication skills, and experience in research support is important.

Preferred Qualifications:
An MLS degree with a component in Archival Studies is preferred.
An MA in History, History of Medicine, Science and Technology Studies or a related field will be considered.

Application Instructions:
Please apply online at https://pa124.peopleadmin.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=183613
EO/AA Employer

MCMLA Election Opens: Vote!

By Merinda McLure, AHIP, MCMLA Nominating Committee; edited by Katie Dayani

The MCMLA election runs February 14-28, 2014. MCMLA members will be able to vote online at the MCMLA Website http://www.mcmla.org/.

The MCMLA Nominating Committee extends our sincere thanks to this year’s candidates for their willingness to stand and serve:

Vice Chair
Tom Gensichen
Lisa Traditi

Recording Secretary
Jenny Garcia
Darell Schmick

Representative to MLA Nominating Committee
John Bramble
Barbara Jones

Representative to MLA Chapter Council
Heather Brown
Rebecca Graves

Alternate to MLA Chapter Council
Kate Anderson
Claire Hamasu
Topeka VA library position open

Edited by Amanda Sprochi

https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/361073700

AGENCY CONTACT INFO:
VHA Nationwide DEU
Phone: (501)918-3300
Email: CAVHS.DEU@VA.GOV

Job Title: Librarian (Medical Services)
Department: Department Of Veterans Affairs
Agency: Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration
Job Announcement Number: VX-14-MZA-1038330

SALARY RANGE: $57,408.00 to $74,628.00 / Per Year

OPEN PERIOD: Monday, February 10, 2014 to Friday, February 14, 2014

SERIES & GRADE: GS-1410-11

POSITION INFORMATION: Full Time - Permanent

DUTY LOCATIONS: 1 vacancy in the following location:
Topeka, KS View Map

WHO MAY APPLY: United States Citizens

SECURITY CLEARANCE: Public Trust - Background Investigation

SUPERVISORY STATUS: No

JOB SUMMARY:
Vacancy ID: 1038330

DUTY LOCATION MAY BE LOCATED AT:
TOPEKA, KS OR LEAVENWORTH, KS (Some travel to the other campus will be required)

OUR MISSION: To fulfill President Lincoln’s promise – “To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan” – by serving and honoring the men and women who are America’s Veterans. How would you like to become a part of a team providing compassionate care to Veterans?

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) needs employees who possess the energy, compassion, and commitment to serve those who served our Country. Whatever the job title, every position in VA will give you a chance to make a meaningful and personal contribution to the lives of truly special and deserving people - our Veterans. VA professionals feel good about their careers and their ability to balance work and home life. VA offers generous paid time off and a variety of predictable and flexible scheduling opportunities. Working for VA is one of the most emotionally satisfying and professionally rewarding ways to dedicate the best within you to your Country's service. If you are transitioning from the military or a Veteran already, we invite you to explore the benefits of continuing your career at the VA. The VA is committed to hiring Veterans.

The VA is much more than just another employer. It is an honorable, open and welcoming community of those who care. Gratitude is our motivation and service is our mission.

The VA has adopted Core Values and Characteristics that apply universally across the Department. The five Core Values define “who we are,” our culture, and how we care for Veterans, their families and other beneficiaries. The Values are Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect and Excellence (“I CARE”).
VA open position (cont’d)

America's Veterans need you! To find out more, go to http://www.va.gov/jobs/.

TRAVEL REQUIRED
- Occasional Travel
Travel between campus Topeka & Leavenworth

RELOCATION AUTHORIZED
No

KEY REQUIREMENTS
- You must be a U.S. citizen to apply for this job.
- You may be required to serve a probationary period
- Background investigation may be required.

DUTIES:

The Librarian (Medical Sciences) will be working at the VA Eastern Kansas Healthcare System, Topeka, KS. This position is located in the Education Service Line.

Major duties and responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- Prepare reports including statistical summaries; usage reviews inventories, current listing, and other reports as required.
- Develop and carry out plans to promote information resources and knowledge services to diverse populations.
- Maintain professional affiliations in order to keep abreast of library developments and trends, of developments advancements in the technical and medical audiovisual field, and of publishers, book dealers, and audiovisual procedures.
- Locate sources of supply and full bibliographic information (e.g. author, title publisher, edition, series, and date) and costs.

WORK SCHEDULE: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

New Member Spotlight

Amy Six-Means

By Melissa De Santis, AHIP, MCMLA Membership Committee; edited by Darell Schmick

Originally from Maryland, Amy most recently is from North Carolina. Her previous position was in Winston-Salem, North Carolina working as a consumer health librarian at Forsyth Medical Center for five years. At FMC, Amy’s library was located in a more visible part of the hospital so the library had fairly steady traffic. She helped both family members and patients get health information, and also actively worked with the patient navigators.

This previous work experience makes her well prepared for her position as the Consumer Health Librarian at Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital in Denver, Colorado. Exempla Saint Joseph’s is currently being remodeled and a more centrally located Consumer Health Library is part of that renovation. Amy primarily helps patients and their family and friends with their information needs, but also assists the clinicians and staff when needed. She is also getting ready for the move to the new library location. Part of this relocation includes work on a large weeding project. Amy says she is enjoying her new position and Denver. One of the main reasons she enjoys her current position was being able to work with fellow MCMLA members Margaret Bandy and Karen Wells.

Amy’s undergraduate degree is in Elementary Education from Eastern University in Pennsylvania and her MLS is from University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In her free time, Amy enjoys playing video games on her Xbox, gardening and quilting. MCMLA members will be interested to know that Amy is an avid gamer who is thoroughly enjoying playing a pirate in her newest game - Assassin’s Creed IV.

As a new member of MCMLA, Amy is looking forward to interacting with librarians from all types of libraries. In the short time that she has been in the region she has found the librarians to be very supportive and collaborative. Welcome Amy!
MCMLA Congratulates

By Amanda Sprochi, MCMLA Express Editor

Marilyn J. De Geus, Library Director, D’Angelo Library, Kansas City University of Medicine & Biosciences, for having her library designated as the Outstanding Academic Health Science Library at the tenth annual HSLNKC Awards and Recognition Ceremony;

Brenda Pfannenstiel, Manager of Library Services at Children’s Mercy Hospitals & Clinics, for being recognized for her Outstanding Outreach Efforts at the tenth annual HSLNKC Awards and Recognition Ceremony;

Sara Katsh, who announced her impending retirement from AORN in March after 41.5 [!] years. Congratulations, Sara, you deserve a break!

Darell Schmick, who has been appointed the newsletter editor of the Consumer and Patient Health Information Section of the Medical Library Association.

Congratulations!

Georgia Regents University Research Study

The librarians of the Robert B. Greenblatt MD Library invite you to participate in a research study: Measuring the Value of Embedded Librarian Service Models. The purpose of the study is to collect information to help create an evaluation instrument for embedded librarian models. If you agree to be part of the research study, you will be asked to complete the following survey asking about your status as an embedded librarian, the user groups you partner with, what projects you work on, and how you evaluate your program. The survey should take 5-10 minutes to complete.

Participating in this survey is completely voluntary. Even if you decide to participate now, you may change your mind and stop at any time. Because all questions are voluntary, you can skip any question you do not wish to answer. There are no risks associated with this study. The data collection is anonymous and the topic is not of a sensitive nature. Data will be stored online for the duration of the research period and will be accessed by the investigators listed below.

If you have any questions or concerns about the “rights of research subjects”, you may contact the Office of Human Research Protection at (706) 721-1483.

You can choose to leave your name and contact information at the end of the survey to receive survey results or you can email one of the investigators listed below.

Please Access the survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JMDXCNQ

If you have questions about this research, you may contact the study Principal Investigator or any of the Sub-investigators below: The deadline for survey response is Friday, February 21, 2014.
Joining the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) has never been easier. A new system has been launched allowing you to download fill-in AHIP forms, upload or email the completed portfolio, and pay online.

For an introduction to how the online forms work click on [http://www.mlanet.org/academy/whatsnew-online-submissions.html](http://www.mlanet.org/academy/whatsnew-online-submissions.html)

Other changes have also been approved.

**New Job Requirements:** Because of the economic recession, some medical librarians are no longer full-time medical librarians, have left the field, or have become a different type of librarian. MLA realizes there are librarians who want to move into, remain in, and come back to the health sciences librarian field and want AHIP membership. To help members succeed with AHIP, the MLA Board of Directors has approved changes to the job requirements for AHIP starting May 1, 2012. To read about these changes click on [http://www.mlanet.org/academy/whatsnew-job-requirements.html](http://www.mlanet.org/academy/whatsnew-job-requirements.html)

**Provisional Membership:** Starting January 1, 2014, all provisional membership applications (both new and renewing) will be required to include 5 points of professional individual accomplishments per year. This new requirement will allow members the opportunity to become more involved with MLA; MLA Sections, SIGs, and Chapters; and local medical library groups. Professional individual accomplishments then can be used towards the application for membership when the provisional member moves on to the member or senior level of AHIP.

Currently there are roughly 1100 AHIP members who participate in the academy at 5 levels of membership. Why don’t you join us?

Visit [http://www.mlanet.org/academy/](http://www.mlanet.org/academy/) for more information