Happy almost spring, MCMLA’ers!

Hope you are surviving the cold and the bad weather. This quarter’s Express brings you just what you always wanted—homework! We have several committees and organizations asking for your feedback.

First up, a reminder to vote in the MCMLA elections. You only have a couple of days left, so if you have not done so please visit the election page and vote! If you don’t vote, you can’t complain!

Secondly, the Honors and Awards Committee is looking for applicants for the MLA Chapter Roundtable Lunch Awards. This is a great opportunity to network with other medical librarians on a topic of your choice, and get a free, tasty lunch at MLA as a bonus. The deadline is March 1st so hurry and get in your application if you haven’t done so.

Next, the UIC Library of the Health Sciences is offering their very popular online class, “Evidence-Based Practice.” Participants can earn 21 MLA CE credits. The course fills up fast, I’m told, so register soon.

The Education Committee is also looking for your input through a survey they are conducting on continuing education topics for 2015. It’s only ten questions and they could use your thoughts. And NLM is seeking comments on their plans for formulating a strategic vision for the future of NLM. Please consider responding—this is our chance to shape the future of our flagship library.

Jackie Hittner addresses MCMLA news and her ongoing activities in her quarterly President’s Column. Jackie has been working hard between longing for Spring Training and beating off the weather in Chicago. We also welcome a new member, Liz Kellermeyer, the senior library technician for Library & Knowledge Services at National Jewish Health and MLIS student. If you meet her make sure to say welcome. And as usual we celebrate our members’ achievements with MCMLA Congratulates.

As Jackie points out, pitchers and catchers are reporting for Spring Training, so warmer weather is on the way. We hope.
Greetings from Chicago! I am writing this as my husband attends ALA mid-winter in Chicago. It is also Super Bowl weekend – who plans a conference meeting the same weekend as the Super Bowl? The Sunday of ALA, Chicago is under a blizzard warning – perfect weather to write this article!

I did pay for a pass to walk the exhibitor hall. I went to the MLA booth and picked up my MLA member ribbon and a slinky give away. I saw up close a 3D printer and I talked to an exhibitor who showed me ways to store the museum items I have in my collection. Fifty dollars well spent.

Now on to MCMLA news:

I want to thank some MCMLA members who have said yes to serving in new roles:

Marie Reidelbach was our MLA Chapter Membership Liaison. Marie retired on December 12, 2014. Jeanne Burke was appointed as our new MLA Chapter Membership Liaison. Congratulations to Marie on her retirement and thanks to Jeanne for saying yes to serving the membership as our MLA Chapter Membership Liaison.

Tim Kenny was our chair for the 2016 Joint Meeting with the Midwest Chapter that will be held in Des Moines, IA. Tim has accepted a position with the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth, TX. Melissa De Santis has agreed to be the MCMLA Chair for the Joint 2016 meeting with the Midwest Chapter. Congratulations to Tim on his new position and thanks to Melissa for saying yes to serve as the chair for the 2016 meeting. The Joint 2016 meeting will be held in Des Moines, IA October 21-25, 2016.

Congrats to Lisa Traditi and Melissa Rethlefsen who were elected to serve on the MLA Board of Directors.

A brief update on MCMLA Executive Committee activities:

- We have signed a contract with JoinMe for meetings. The executive committee is using the service for our monthly meeting. All committees have access to JoinMe for committee meetings.

- The MCMLA budget for 2015 was approved.

- Work has been completed regarding Emeritus status on the website membership form. In 2014, MCMLA had 3 emeritus members. In 2015, MCMLA has 8 emeritus members.

- The Chapter Roundtable Free Lunch Award form has been posted on the MCMLA website. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2015.

- A poster about the 2015 MCMLA virtual conference planning was accepted to be presented at MLA2015. John Bramble and Heather Brown will present the poster.

- A review is underway of the travel policy.

- A review of MCMLA committees is underway. Reviews completed: Bylaws, Nominating and Education.

A current roster and all approved executive committee minutes are posted on the MCMLA website.

It is still snowing in Chicago but in 18 days pitchers and catchers report for spring training. Besides baseball being on the radio soon it also means that warmer weather will be coming. Enjoy the last of Winter and the beginning of Spring.
HSLNKC Awards Three Kansas City Libraries for Outstanding Service

By Dawn McInnis, Clendening History of Medicine Library, University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS; edited by Kristen DeSanto.

The Health Sciences Library Network of Kansas City presented three awards to Kansas City area libraries for providing outstanding service to their institutions. The 2014 eleventh annual HSLNKC Awards and Recognition Ceremony was held Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at Stowers Institute.

The award recipients were as follows:

- **Excellent Return on Investment**: Shook, Hardy & Bacon, Drug Medical Library; Joyce Sickel, Medical Library Supervisor
- **Outstanding Academic Health Science Library**: Graceland University, Dr. Charles F. Grabske Sr. Library; Lee Williams, BSE, MA, MLIS, AHIP, Associate Librarian
- **Outstanding Outreach Efforts**: American Academy of Family Physicians, AAFP Library; Katie Dayani, MLS, AHIP, Library & Taxonomy Manager

Along with the three 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 one emeritus award was presented to a retired librarian who had been a member of HSLNKC for at least 10 years. Sarah Kirby retired in 2014 after serving as an active member and in leadership roles for 20 years.

The awards and certificates were presented at a ceremony and reception preceding the network’s annual business meeting. It was hosted by Sherry Lockwood, Science Library Specialist at Stowers Institute.

Express Looking for a Few Good Columnists!

By Amanda Sprochi, Express Editor

What are you passionate about? Consumer health? Medical library research? Clinical librarianship? Share your knowledge with your MCMLA colleagues!

The Express is looking for librarians willing to write on aspects of health sciences librarianship. The time commitment is flexible and you can earn AHIP points for your contributions. The editorial team knows there are people out there doing good work and we would love to feature it in the newsletter.

If you are interested, please contact the Express Editor at sprochia@health.missouri.edu. Spread the wealth!
Reminder to Vote in the MCMLA Elections!

By Marty McGee, Chair, MCMLA Nominating Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi


Current MCMLA members may vote online at the 2015 Election web page [http://mcmla.org/2015election] from 9:30 a.m. Central Time on February 13, 2015 until 5 p.m. Central Time on February 27, 2015.

Voters will need to log on with their email address and password to vote; members who have forgotten their password may reset it on the site and then vote. If you have problems with logging in, please contact Tracey Hughes, web site administrator [hughest@umkc.edu]

Candidate bios are available for viewing on the 2015 Election web page. [http://mcmla.org/2015election]

Vice Chair

Tom Gensichen
Darell Schmick

Recording Secretary

Shandra Protzko
Erin Wimmer

Representative to MLA Nominating Committee (only MLA members vote for this)

Jeanne Burke
Rebecca Graves

The MCMLA Nominating Committee extends our sincere thanks to this year's candidates for their willingness to serve!

Marty Magee - Chair
Claire Hamasu
Darrel Willoughby - Ex-Officio

Apply for the Chapter Council Roundtable Lunch Award

By Rebecca Carlson, MCMLA Honors and Awards Committee; edited by Kristen DeSanto.

Are you planning to attend MLA in Austin, TX in May 2015?

Would you like to attend a roundtable lunch with other MLA members, sharing ideas, networking and gaining new knowledge for free?

Apply for the MCMLA 2015 Chapter Council Roundtable Lunch Award!

The award winner will be able to attend, for free, the Chapter Council Sharing Roundtables Luncheon which is held at the annual MLA meeting. The luncheon is an opportunity to network, share experiences and meet with colleagues at MLA. Topics for this year's Sharing Roundtables are available on the MLA website. [http://chaptercouncil.mlanet.org/home/2015topics]

Are you interested?

Selected applicants must:

1. Be a current member of MCMLA
2. Register for the Chapter Council Sharing Roundtables Luncheon
3. Write a summary of the experience for the MCMLA Express after MLA

Apply now: http://mcmla.org/roundtable_application

The application deadline is March 1, 2015. Two names will be drawn at random and the winners notified by March 13. If you have questions please email Cindy Perkins, Chair of the MCMLA Honors and Awards Committee. [Cynthia.perkins@alegent.org]
Evidence Based Practice: Online Continuing Education Course

By Jo Dorsch, UIC Library of the Health Sciences-Peoria, Peoria, IL; edited by Amanda Sprochi.

The UIC Library of the Health Sciences is pleased to again be offering the Evidence-Based Practice Online course. Apply soon, the course fills up quickly!

OVERVIEW

This asynchronous online course is designed to introduce health and information professionals to the principles of Evidence Based Practice (EBP) including the steps of the EBP process, understanding the literature of evidence, and an overview of epidemiological concepts. Recorded lectures, independent readings, assignments, and threaded discussions provide an opportunity for assimilation, interaction, and exchange of ideas. Formative feedback will be given throughout the course.

It will take approximately 20-30 hours to complete the course. Consider reserving 3 hours of dedicated time per unit for optimum benefit. The course is approved for 21 Medical Library Association (MLA) Continuing Education credits.

INSTRUCTORS

An experienced group of University of Illinois at Chicago instructors from the Library of the Health Sciences, Department of Pediatrics, and Department of Medical Education will lead the course. They are: Sandy DeGroote, MLIS; Jo Dorsch, MALS; Carmen Howard, MLIS; Emily Johnson, MLIS; Jordan Hupert, MD; and Alan Schwartz, PhD. Course instructors will be available by e-mail to answer questions or provide guidance.

REQUIREMENTS

Access to the course is through UIC’s Blackboard system. Once you are registered you will receive a temporary UIC NetID and password for access. If you are in a hospital environment, you should check with your IT department to determine if there are firewalls that would interfere with your ability to access all aspects of the class.

You will also need:

- Internet Access
- Word or Open Office
- Adobe Acrobat Reader
- Windows Media Player or comparable media software

A short tutorial is available for those not familiar with Blackboard.

All readings will be available from the course site. There is no required text, but having one of these texts for reference is recommended:

1. Straus SE, et al. Evidence-Based Medicine: How to Practice and Teach EBM
2. Badenoch D, Heneghan C. Evidence-based Medicine Toolkit

REGISTRATION

Cost is $150.00.

The course runs from March 16th – April 26th, 2015. The course is limited to 25 registrants.

To register:

Visit the course registration site [https://appserv7.admin.uillinois.edu/FormBuilderSurvey/Survey/UIC_LIBRARY/Health_Sciences/Evidence_Based_Practice_Spring_2015/]

You will be asked for information that is required to establish access to the course site.

Payment may be made online or by sending a check for $150.00 made payable to the University of Illinois at Chicago to:

EBP Online – Emama Muhlim
UIC Library of the Health Sciences
MC 763
1750 W. Polk St.
Chicago, Illinois 60612

For additional information, please email lib-pref@uic.edu

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New Member Spotlight: Liz Kellermeyer

By Pat Hamilton, Membership Committee; edited by Kristen DeSanto

What is your position title?

I am the senior library technician for Library & Knowledge Services at National Jewish Health and am finishing up coursework for my MLIS. If everything goes as planned, I will graduate this summer. I’m taking online courses from Clarion University in Pennsylvania.

What is your educational background and previous work experience?

I received my BA in English from the University of Puget Sound in 2001, then started my career path in book publishing in New York. I moved back to Denver and eventually got a job at National Jewish Health as the executive assistant to the Chair of Medicine. After starting work towards my Masters, I was offered my current position in our medical library.

What do you like most about your position so far?

I am really enjoying being in an environment that allows me to interact with a variety of patrons: clinical and basic researchers, medical professionals, staff, and patients. Prompted by my coursework, I have started some investigation into our off-site institutional archives and am hoping to help reintegrate them with our library through a small exhibition space.

What do you hope to gain from being a member of MCMLA?

I am excited to join MCMLA in the hopes of meeting new people and networking with professionals in the field.

How do you spend your free time?

I have two sons, ages 2 and 6, so stay pretty busy with family in my free time. I sneak away to yoga and book club when I can. I love baking and can mix a mean cocktail.

Welcome Liz!

Save the date for the 2016 Joint MCMLA/Midwest Chapter meeting!

By Melissa DeSantis, 2016 MCMLA Meeting Planner; edited by Kristen DeSanto

The 2016 MCMLA meeting will be a joint meeting with the Midwest Chapter of MLA, and will take place in Des Moines, IA on October 21 – 25, 2016. Initial planning has started with members of MCMLA and Midwest.

Some of you might remember that MCMLA had a Joint meeting with the Midwest Chapter in 2007. That meeting took place in Omaha, NE and was very successful!

There is a need for MCMLA members to assist with committees for the 2016 meeting. If you are interested in helping, or if you just want to offer a suggestion, the MCMLA members planning the 2016 meeting are Melissa De Santis (co-chair), Margaret Hoogland, Timmi John- son, Angela Spencer and Jessi Van Der Volgen. Feel free to contact any of them.

Education Committee Seeks Input

By Gwen Wilson, Education Committee Chair; edited by Amanda Sprochi

The MCMLA Education Committee is working on planning continuing education topics for 2015 and we need your help. Please take a few moments to answer this 10 question survey to help us determine time, format, and potential CE topics.

You can access the survey by the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3S62P6C

The survey will be open until March 3rd.

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to respond to this survey.
**MCMLA Congratulates**

*By Amanda Sprochi, Express Editor*

**Darell Schmick**, on his new position as Research Librarian at the University of Utah Eccles Health Sciences Library. [Ed. note: Curses! We’ll miss him mightily here at MU]

**Margaret Hoogland**, for being elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Dental Section of MLA. MCMLA’ers represent!

**Kate Anderson**, for her presentation “Responsible Authorship & Publication Ethics” as a part of the Compliance & Quality Seminar Series at the MU Medical School.

**Katie Dayani**, for accepting the award for the American Academy of Family Physicians Library from the HSLNKC for Outstanding Outreach Efforts.

**Joyce Sickel**, for the Shook, Hardy & Bacon Drug Medical Library’s award for Excellent Return on Investment given by the HSLNKC.

Great job, colleagues!

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**Share Your Thoughts Regarding the Strategic Vision for the NLM**

*By the Coordinators of the NN/LM MidContinental Region*

As Dr. Donald A.B. Lindberg retires as director of the National Library of Medicine (NLM), Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the National Institutes of Health, has convened a "Working Group to Chart the Course for the NIH National Library of Medicine" to articulate a strategic vision for the NLM to ensure that it remains an international leader in biomedical and health information. The group's charge and members are [here](http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02032015_working-group_nlm.htm)

Today, the working group posted a Request for Information (RFI). [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-067.html] We hope you'll consider responding to this RFI. Please share this opportunity with members in your Regions that have benefited from NLM and Network resources that contributed to their research, teaching, education, and outreach efforts.

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