Happy summer, MCMLA’ers!

Hope you are all rested up for the new semester, and that you got to enjoy the total solar eclipse! Pretty amazing here in Columbia during totality:

There is SO much going on right now that the issue is packed. First of all, if you haven’t, remember to register for MCMLA 2017 in Columbia, Missouri! We have a great program and great CEs. Early Bird and CE registration ends September 1st, so hop to it if you haven’t already signed up. We don’t want to eat all those cupcakes alone.

MCMLA was absolutely everywhere at MLA in Seattle this year, and you guys really showed your stuff. Jean Shipman received the Noyes Award, and the Louise Darling Medal was awarded to Nancy Lombardo. A special President’s Award was presented to Mary Helms and her colleagues on the Bylaws Committee. Christy Jarvis and Melissa L. Rethlefsen won 1st Place for their contributed paper, and Angela Spencer and colleagues won best contributed poster. Rounding out the award winners, Shirley Zhao was awarded a Continuing Education Grant from MLA. There were many posters, presentations, and sessions moderated by our members. Check out the list in this issue. You made us very proud.

In other news, MCMLA has two new members, Danielle Drummond and Wladimir Labeikovsky, featured in this issue’s New Member Spotlight. Make sure to say “hey” when you meet them and welcome them to the chapter. Mellanye Lackey was featured in Jove’s inaugural Spotlight feature and Gwen Wilson, our MCMLA Chair, reports on her visit to Europe and the work librarians are doing there. Both the Research Committee (needs poster and paper judges) and the Membership Committee (needs help with the chapter history project) are looking for assistance, so if you can, help them out!

There’s way too much to sum up here, so check out the issue. Stay cool and see you in Columbia!

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Notes from the Chair

By Gwen Wilson, MCMLA Chair; edited by Amanda Sprochi

It is hard to believe that the summer is almost over.

I do not know about you, but this summer has been a milestone one for me. For the first time, I went to Europe for a little over 6 weeks. During my travels I went to 7 different universities and visited their libraries; three of the libraries I saw were medical. It was enlightening to learn about the role of librarians in different countries (Ireland, Scotland, England, and Austria). Some of my biggest takeaways were that librarians are finding new ways to support their institutions, and that in some places the role of librarians is still relatively traditional whereas in others their role is evolving. The roles of librarians were often different depending on the needs of the organization. This experience has inspired me to keep an open mind about librarianship, particularly regarding the role of medical librarians in their institutions.

Brief update on MCMLA Executive Committee activities:

- Work continues on forming a draft of the MCMLA Strategic Plan.
- Jackie Hittner and Holly Henderson have been working on compiling data for the MCMLA Membership History Project. If you have not, please review the information for accuracy. It can be found on the Membership Committee webpage.

“Never let the fear of striking out get in your way” ~ Babe Ruth

As we say goodbye to summer and get ready for a new year in MCMLA, keep this quote in mind. Hopefully, it will inspire you to try something new!

If you are interested in serving on a MCMLA committee this upcoming year (terms start in October) please let John Bramble or I know.

Gwen
Join us at MCMLA2 017!

By Rebecca Graves, Chair, MCMLA2017 Planning Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Show Me One Health

Join us October 9th - 11th in Columbia, Missouri, for MCMLA 2017!

Connect with colleagues, learn about One Health and eat great food at the 50th Annual MCMLA!

The MCMLA 2017 Annual Meeting will feature talks on the human-animal connection and the link between public health and storytelling. We’ll also hear from our colleagues on their research, have a chance to share at roundtables and, of course, meet with our vendors.

Come early and take a CE on Data Management Services, Troubleshooting E-resources, Intro to Health Sciences Resources, or Uses of Genetic Information.

Not to be missed is the party in the Vault and dining in downtown Columbia.

The Conference will be held October 9th – 11th at the historic Tiger Hotel which is steps away from shops, restaurants and the Mizzou campus. For those who like to hike nature trails, the MKT Nature & Fitness trail is just 6 minute walk from the hotel.

Early bird registration ends September 1st, so act now!

Learn from your Peers: Papers and Posters at Show Me One Health

By Christi Piper, Chair, MCMLA Research Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi

This year at Show Me One Health we have a great mix of research from your peers that addresses the wide variety of roles that health sciences and medical librarians fill. Learn about setting up a site license for EndNote, whether or not all of those emails we send out are effective or not, and what some of the current trends are for tracking research and practicing clinical librarianship. With six paper presentations and eleven posters, you are sure to learn something new and may even find something to implement in your own practice. Posters and papers will be presented on Tuesday, October 10th and you won’t want to miss it!

CE Course Offerings at MCMLA 2017

By the MCMLA Education Committee; edited by Katie Dayani

Attending MCMLA 2017? The Education Committee has a great lineup of CE course offerings that will be held on Monday, October 9. Topics include:

Data and Donuts for Librarians: Launching Data Management Services in Medical Libraries

Dr. Tobin Magle, Data Management Specialist, Colorado State University

Are you interesting in offering data management services at your library but aren’t sure where to start? Then this class is for you!

Teach Your Staff to Troubleshoot E-Resources

Sunshine Carter, Electronic Resources Librarian, and Stacie Traill, Technical Services/Specialized Cataloging Librarian, University of Minnesota Libraries

Through hands-on activities and group discussions, workshop participants will learn several practical approaches to documenting their e-resource access environment, systems, and troubleshooting methods, then create a framework for their own e-resources troubleshooting training.

We’re Way Past Peas: Uses of Genetic Information to Understand Human Health and Guide Health Care Decision Making

Christian Minter, Community Engagement and Health Literacy Librarian, University of Nebraska Medical Center

This workshop will equip librarians to respond to the information needs of clinicians who are incorporating genetic information into their practice, as well as the information needs of consumers who are making sense of genetic information as it relates to their health.

Intro to Health Sciences Resources (Free for library graduate students and new health sciences librarians!)

Annette Parde-Maass, NNLM MCR Education and Outreach Coordinator, Health Information Literacy Coordinator, Creighton University and Barb Jones, Missouri State Coordinator for Library Engagement projects within the
CE (cont’d)

MidContinental Region., University of Missouri.

Learn about free and open resources you and your patrons can use to find health information. Whether you work or aspire to work as a public, academic, hospital, or other health sciences librarian, we’ll share relevant resources with examples on how to implement them in the various settings.

Questions? Contact Ben Harnke for more information.

Check out the annual meeting CE course offerings and register today!

STARS of the Show (Me)

By Jerry Carlson, Chair, MCMLA Honors & Awards Committee; edited by John Jones

Since we Merged and Converged in Des Moines last fall, then went our separate ways, what have you done? Did you:

- Achieve a new AHIP membership or higher status?
- Publish an article or book?
- Receive an award?
- Teach a class?
- Serve on a committee or board?
- Receive a grant?
- Launch an innovation?
- Mentor a colleague?
- Share a poster or presentation?
- Earn a promotion?

If you did, Show Me (actually, show everyone) you’re an MCMLA STAR.

Sometime by Friday, September 7 go to the STARS Program page, read all about the STARS Program, and use the Nomination Form link. Then prepare to shine. STARS will be acknowledged at the MCMLA 2017 meeting!

MCMLA2017 Speakers to Discuss Human Social and Emotional Life

By Amanda Sprochi, MCMLA2017 Committee Member; edited by Katie Dayani

The MCMLA2017 Planning Committee is delighted to announce our two featured speakers for the upcoming Show Me One Health conference in Columbia Missouri.

Dr. Rebecca Johnson, Millsap Professor of Gerontological Nursing and Public Policy at the MU School of Nursing and Professor and Director of the MU Research Center for Human Animal Interaction (ReCHAI), College of Veterinary Medicine, will speak on the evolving science of human-animal interaction (HAI) and its social, physical, and emotional benefits for both people and their companion animals.

Lise Saffran, Director of the Master of Public Health Program, School of Health Professions at the University of Missouri and writer, will discuss emotional life and the place of creative writing in public health.

We are honored to have both these distinguished researchers as our guests for the MCMLA annual meeting. For more information on both these accomplished scholars, visit the MCMLA2017 Featured Speakers’ webpage.

The Research Committee needs your help!

By Christi Piper, Chair, MCMLA Research Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi

The Research Committee is seeking volunteers to help judge the papers and posters at Show Me One Health MCMLA 2017. The Research Committee is responsible for choosing the winners for Best Paper, Best Poster, and the Viewers’ Choice award. All we are asking you to do is come to the annual meeting, visit the posters and/or watch the paper presentations, and fill out a short judging form that will help us decide the winners! If you are interested in helping with judging for the Research Awards contact Christi Piper.
Mary Helms Receives 2017 MLA President’s Award

By Mary Helms, AHIP, McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE; edited by Katie Dayani

Mary Helms, Associate Professor in the Library of Medicine (and MCMLA chapter member since 1981) was one of a group that received the President’s Award at the 2017 Medical Library Association’s annual meeting in May. As members of the Bylaws Committee, this group worked for over a year to revise and update the MLA’s governance documents. Their efforts were rewarded when 97% of the membership voted to approve the recommended changes. The President’s Award is one of the highest honors given by the MLA to its members. Congratulations, Mary!

Help the Membership Committee Update Our Chapter’s History

By Holly Henderson, Chair, Membership Committee; edited by Katie Dayani

The MCMLA Membership Committee has been hard at work on The Membership History Project. Jackie Hittner and Holly Henderson recently compiled the membership data that was available in past print directories. Now they request your help to review the accuracy of the information, specifically for the years before 2010-2011.

Please visit the Membership Committee’s page on the MCMLA website. Click on the link to the Membership History Project 2017. Once logged in, you can submit an online form to update your membership record and make recommended edits to any years that need to be changed.

PubMed Commons Blog Features Local Librarians

By Heather Collins, AHIP, A.R. Dykes Health Sciences Library, KU Medical Center, Kansas City, KS; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Julie Hartwell, formerly of A.R. Dykes Health Sciences Library at the University of Kansas Medical Center and current librarian at Miller Nichols Library at the University of Missouri-Kansas, was recently highlighted in a PubMed Commons blog post which detailed work to pioneer an innovative use of PubMed Commons Journal Clubs as part of undergraduate nursing instruction.

Clinical assistant professor in the School of Nursing Chito Belchez was also interviewed for the post, and described how the new technology and librarian collaboration developed students’ ability to critically review content.
Jean P. Shipman, AHIP, FMLA, Receives the 2017 Marcia C. Noyes Award

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The highest honor that MLA confers is the Marcia C. Noyes Award. Jean P. Shipman, AHIP, FMLA, executive director, Knowledge Management and Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, and director, MidContinental Region and National Library of Medicine National Training Center, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, University of Utah–Salt Lake City, received the 2017 Marcia C. Noyes Award at MLA ’17 in Seattle, Washington.

Shipman launched her professional career in 1980 at the Welch Medical Library, Johns Hopkins University. In 1981, she joined the Maryland Association of Health Sciences Librarians, and since that time, she has been robustly active in service to the health sciences librarianship community of practice.

With a career spanning over thirty-five years, Shipman has proved to be a remarkably effective advocate for the profession, as evinced by the leadership positions she has held on behalf of MLA. She joined MLA in 1984 and began holding leadership positions at the national level in 1992, when she served as chair of the Ida and George Eliot Prize Jury. Since then, she has held at least seven elected or appointed leadership positions, including, but not limited to, 1998–2001 cochair of the 2001 National Program Committee, member of the 1999–2002 Board of Directors and secretary of the Board of Directors from 2000–2002, 2001–2002 chair of the Informationist Conference Task Force, 2006/07 MLA president, 2007/08 chair of the MLA Nominating Committee, and 2011–2014 Journal of the Medical Library Association (JMLA) associate editor, Building Projects. Additionally, Shipman was awarded MLA Fellowship in 2009.

Her passion for the profession is evident in her words and actions. Shipman’s leadership of the National Library of Medicine (NLM)/MLA Health Information Literacy Project has had a positive and enduring impact on patients and health sciences librarians. Many libraries used the tools that the project developed to bring information literacy resources and health literacy concerns to health care professionals, improving patient education activities and interdisciplinary cooperation.

Shipman has devoted her life to innovation in health sciences librarianship, making impactful and durable contributions through service to the profession and through research, scholarship, and applied practice initiatives in the areas of scholarly communications, library space planning, health information literacy, hospital librarianship, mentoring and leadership, and the evolution of new roles for health sciences librarians. Like Marcia C. Noyes, Shipman models the professional and personal characteristics that honor the enduring principles of health sciences librarianship.

DIY Framework-Based Information Literacy Online Tutorial Book Published

By Heather Collins, AHIP, A.R. Dykes Health Sciences Library, KU Medical Center, Kansas City, KS ; edited by Amanda Sprochi

ALA Neal-Schuman recently published a manual for building ACRL-Framework-based online information literacy instruction co-authored by Heather Collins, MLS, AHIP, the Assistant Director of Research and Learning at A.R. Dykes Health Sciences Library, University of Kansas Medical Center, and Kansas State University Librarians Joelle Pitts, Instructional Design Librarian and Associate Professor, and Sara Kearns, PhD, Academic Services Librarian and Associate Professor. Creating and Sharing Online Library Instruction: A How-To-Do-It Manual For Librarians offers step-by-step processes, checklists, guides, forms, and critical questions to consider for developing customizable online learning objects. More about the book and their information literacy consortium, the New Literacies Alliance, is available through the ALA Member News.
Lombardo Wins Darling Medal

By Joan Gregory, Eccles Health Sciences Library, the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

2017 Medical Library Association recognized Nancy Lombardo, MLS, AHIP, from the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, University of Utah with the Louise Darling Medal for Distinguished Achievement for her work on NOVEL and Moran CORE.

This award recognizes distinguished achievement in collection development in the health sciences. Nominees for the Louise Darling Medal are evaluated for accomplishments which have promoted awareness in or have served as educational contributions to collection development in the health sciences. Achievements worthy of consideration for the award may include overall distinction or leadership in collection development, or a specific accomplishment which may include, but not be limited to, a significant publication in the area, the creation or teaching of a course in collection development, the creation of a unique methodology relating to collection assessment or management, or the development of an extraordinary information resource or library collection in any format.

Congratulations Nancy!

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2017 Ida and George Eliot Prize Announcement

By of Rebecca Carlson McCall, Member, 2017 Eliot Prize Jury; edited by Amanda Sprochi

How do medical librarians make a difference? What are the standards for our profession...and where can we do better? Who has shown us the data that will help shape our future?

The Ida and George Eliot Prize is presented annually for a work published in the preceding calendar year that has been judged most effective in furthering medical librarianship. Please consider nominating a publication, to honor high-impact medical librarian scholarship from 2017 that has asked (and answered) worthwhile questions about our profession and the communities we serve.

The deadline for nominations is November 1, 2017.

Submitters are asked to provide a citation and any other pertinent information regarding the availability, content, and impact of the work. A complete description of requirements and an online nomination form can be found on the MLA Awards and Honors webpage.

Below are the last three publications honored by the Eliot Prize. Please take this opportunity to voice your professional values by nominating this year's recipient!


If you have questions, please contact Mary Shultz, Jury Chair.

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Donate to the MCMLA Endowment Fund! Your donations will ensure that MCMLA stays happy and healthy for years to come, just like Piggy here.

Donations for the MCMLA Endowment Fund can be sent to Jackie Hittner, MCMLA Treasurer at:

MCMLA
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Specify MCMLA Endowment Fund on the check memo line.

Here’s Piggy, taking care of MCMLA business!
Librarian Spotlight: Mellanye Lackey

Mellanye Lackey from the University of Utah, discusses her work on reproducibility, the impact of JoVE on research transparency, and redefining what a librarian does. Mellanye Lackey is the Associate Director for Education and Research at the University of Utah’s Eccles Health Sciences Library. She and her colleagues were the subjects of our inaugural Library Spotlight feature and she recently became one of the first recipients of the JoVE Librarian Travel Award.

We caught up with Mellanye to discuss her reproducibility initiatives, hear about her experiences at MLA ‘17, and find out what advice she has for librarians raising reproducibility awareness.

What made you choose to become a librarian?

When I was young I really gravitated to the public library as a place to escape. To me, the library was the biggest treasure chest I had ever found. That was really when I decided to be a librarian. When I was an undergraduate I began learning about Evidence Based Practices and became really passionate about finding a career where I could bring positive change to the world. Becoming a medical librarian was the perfect fit.

Why did you decide to get personally involved in addressing the reproducibility crisis?

Articles on John Ioannidis and Brian Nosek about a lack of reproducible science really opened my eyes to the scale of the crisis. An opportunity to act locally came when my university’s Vice President of Research mentioned research reproducibility to a colleague, who decided to sponsor a conference on the issue. I believe that this issue will only get bigger, so I’d like to do my part to make sure my institution and professional colleagues are aware and can take action.

What role do you see JoVE playing in helping to solve the scientific reproducibility crisis?

If a picture’s worth a thousand words, then a moving picture must be worth so much more. I remember struggling to interpret instructions for conducting experiments in college biology labs. My peer students got different results because we interpreted the instructions differently. JoVE’s approach of recording experiments really works to minimize scientific errors like what I experienced. Making those videos accessible can make great strides to reducing scientific waste and increasing transparency in experimental sciences.

How did you react to winning the JoVE Librarian Travel Award?

I was very excited! Like many medical librarians, I don’t always feel like my friends and family really understand what I do when I’m not behind the collections desk. Having this award to point to was a great way to change their perception a bit.

What were you able to accomplish at MLA’17?

MLA’17 was fantastic! The interactive session we planned really got participants thinking about their own institutions and where they can insert themselves. I’m eager to see the ideas they generate moving forward!

What would you say to other librarians interested in following your lead in raising awareness on research reproducibility?

Jump in! The time is right for all of us in the information world to learn, know and do more about research reproducibility issues.
MCMLA Well-Represented at MLA 2017 in Seattle

By Amanda Sprochi, MCMLA editor; edited by Katie Dayani

MCMLA’ers were well represented at this year’s annual MLA conference in lovely Seattle, Washington. The weather was almost perfect and our MCMLA colleagues shone. Here are their presentations and posters:

**Papers and Presentations:**

Jennifer Lyon et al. “Evaluating the Consistency and Quality of Search Strategies and Methodology in Cochrane Urology Group Systematic Reviews”

Heather Brown, Emily Glenn, Danielle Drummond, Christian Minter, Larissa Krayer, and Alison Bobal. “Establishing a Peer Review Process to Evaluate Research Guides”

Christy Jarvis and Melissa L. Rethlefsen. “Daring to Dive Deep into the Citation Data: Going Head to Head with SciHub”

Mellanye Lackey, Michelle Fiander, Mary McFarland, and Melissa Rethlefsen. “Building Capacity for a Systematic Review Core in an Academic Health Sciences Library”

Alissa Fial, Emily Glenn, and Teresa Hartman. “Dare to Invite Yourself to the Table”

Heather Collins. “Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries Task Force Evaluating Association of American Medical Colleges Core Entrustable Professional Activities”

Rebecca Carlson McCall, “Teaching Together: Combining Diverse Expertise into Collaborative Interdisciplinary Instruction”


Kristen DeSanto, “Rounding with Internal Medicine and Family Medicine”

Kristy Steigerwalt, “History of the CML program”

Claire Hamasu, Kari Jones, John Bramble, and Barb Jones. “Daring to Calculate the Cost Impact of the Librarian”

Erica Lake, Bernadette Kiraly, Rachel Christensen, and Kimiya Nourian. “The Effects of a Telemedicine Health Information Prescription in Uncontrolled Hypertensive Patients in a Family Medicine Ambulatory Clinic”

John D. Jones, Jr. and Emily Petersen. “Improving Library Class Awareness, Registration, and Attendance”

Susan Fowler, Angela Hardi, and Amy Suiter. “Librarians as Systematic Review Coauthors: Correlation with Citation Impact Scores”

Christy Jarvis and Jean Shipman. “E-Channel: Publishing the Work of Dreamers”

**Posters:**

John Bramble, Emily Glenn, Alicia Lillich, Courtney Butler, and Megan Molinaro. “Journal Clubs as a Learning Method to Increase Librarians’ Knowledge of Biomedical Big Data Applications”

Angela Spencer et al. “Solo Librarians: Demographics, Duties, Needs, and Challenges”

Angela Spencer and Jonathan Eldredge. “Roles for Librarians in Systematic Reviews”


Elizabeth Stellrecht, Nena Schvaneveldt et al. “A Comprehensive Summary of Services and Resources Provided by Librarians in Support of Dental Education Programs in the United States and Canada”

Lori Fitterling and Marilyn De Geus. “Making a Case That Physical Library Space Relates Positively to Student Learning”

Lori Fitterling, Diane Garber, and Erin Palazzolo. “MEDLIB Q-Bank Anyone? Creating a Question Bank of Medical Informatics”

Lori Fitterling and Jean Sidwell. “Voices in the Choir: Librarians Helping to Move Osteopathic Research Forward”

Erin Wimmer and Nancy Lombardo. “Dream It, Then Do It in the Media Design and Innovation Lab”
MLA (cont’d)

Erin Wimmer, Kerri Shaffer. “Dare to Make the Dream Come True: Developing a Curriculum Mapping”

Jean Shipman, Nancy Foster, Mellanye Lackey, and Darell Schmick. “Physical Space Utilization in a Health Sciences Library: An Ithaka Case Study”

John Sanchez, Tallie Casucci, Anita Leopardi, and Jean Shipman. “Students Dare to Dream with Health Video Productions”

Karen Wells. “Facilitating an Evidence-Based Nursing Research Fellowship Program”


Continuing Education Course Instruction

Lisa and Frank Traditi. “Creating Influence: How to Get What You Want”

Session Moderators

Angela Spencer. “Clinical Rounding: Tips from the Field”

Jennifer Lyon. “Daring to Work on the Front Lines as a Clinical Librarian”

Nena Schvaneveldt. “Daring to Design: Librarian Roles in Curriculum”

Shawn Steidinger. “Bibliometrics in Action”

Awards

Mary Helms. MLA President’s Award for her work on the Bylaws Committee

Jean Shipman, Marcia C. Noyes Award for her career and outstanding contributions to medical librarianship

Nancy Lombardo, Louise Darling Medal for Distinguished Achievement in collection development in the health sciences

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Shirley Zhao, Continuing Education Grant

Elections:

James Bothmer, nominated to the MLA Nominating Committee

Congratulations to everyone who participated!

Clinical Librarians Impact Patient Care & Education

By Brenda Pfannenstiel, AHIP, Children’s Mercy Kansas City, Kansas City, MO; edited by John Jones.

Those of us who have worked as clinical librarians believe in the value of our unique services; now Keri Swaggart has proof of our impact!

During the 2017 Critical Care Week at Children’s Mercy Kansas City, clinicians in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) nominated outstanding members of the PICU team for recognition. Previously, the librarian would not be considered a candidate for nomination, but Keri has been participating in resident rounds with the PICU team for several years and clinicians recently requested additional services for their expanding teams. Keri has both established her place on the team and proven her value to it. She was recognized for “standing out as unique in a group of extremely bright and talented PICU team members.” One medical provider who nominated her said “I feel she has significantly impacted patient care and augmented resident, fellow, and staff education for our unit. I have relied on her to perform robust literature searches quickly for important patient-specific clinical questions, in preparation for academic and educational presentations, and for ICU specific committees. She is always so kind, helpful, and responsive to our needs. She has truly enhanced our ability to provide up-to-date academic principles to our families, patients, and bedside staff.” The Medical Director wrote: “I want to thank you for bringing all of your talent and dedication to the PICU.”

Congratulations to Keri Swaggart, MLIS, AHIP, Clinical Librarian!
Danielle Drummond

By the MCMLA Membership committee

Edited by Katie Dayani

Danielle Drummond, Education & Research Services Associate, McGooan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center

What is your position title and/or interest in libraries?

My interests fall around Information Literacy, User Services & Technologies. I would like to continue being involved in health sciences or academic libraries.

What do you like most about it so far?

The daily interaction with our patrons and being able to work with a variety of people, technologies, and programs.

What is your educational background and what schools did you attend?

I have my bachelors from the University of Nebraska Omaha in Library Science. I am currently working on my MLIS through the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee School of Information Studies program.

What is your previous work experience?

I previously worked as a library supervisor at my local public library and have been working at McGooan Library since 2014.

What’s a fun/unique/interesting tidbit for your fellow MCMLA’ers to know about you?

I am the only member of my family (including grandparents, aunts/uncles, cousins, etc.) born outside the state of Nebraska.

How do you spend your free time?

I try to get through my ‘To Be Read’ pile of books and tend to take on many DIY projects. If I’m not doing one of those two things, I spend a lot of time with friends and family.

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

Meeting new colleagues, more opportunities for collaboration, and increasing my skills and knowledge in the medical science library field.

Wladimir Labeikovsky

Edited by Katie Dayani

Wladimir Labeikovsky, PhD, Bioinformationist, Health Sciences Library, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

What is your position title and/or interest in libraries?

I’m a bioinformationist at the HSL of UC Anschutz. My responsibilities are to provide informatics support and education to the biomedical researchers on campus, create collaborations among them, and support open science efforts. My early interest in libraries as scholarly and civic institutions has turned into a professional interest now that science libraries are reinventing themselves to be fully research partners and centers for scholarly innovation.

What do you like most about it so far?

Working alongside a group of people with shared interests, values, and goals to further the mission of the library is very gratifying. Getting to infiltrate the diverse research community and interact with it from a different standpoint (as opposed to my previous life in the lab trenches) is also rather fun.

What is your educational background and what schools did you attend?

I’m a research scientist by training. I earned my undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences at Carnegie Mellon before going to graduate school in Biochemistry at Brandeis.

What is your previous work experience?

I did my postdoctoral stint in the Laboratory of Cardiac and Membrane Physiology at The Rockefeller University. After that I spent the last couple of years doing freelance consulting and data curation for small biotech companies and cofounding a Synthetic Biology startup.

What’s a fun/unique/interesting tidbit for your fellow MCMLA’ers to know about you?

I’m very excited about the new season of Twin Peaks.

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

To meet and collaborate with fellow travelers on interesting projects. To learn the ropes of librarianship so I can go from “feral” to proper librarian.
Seattle MLA Chapter Sharing Roundtables

By Mary Helms, AHIP, McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE; edited by John Jones

On May 28, 2017, from noon to 2:00 p.m. in Seattle, WA, I was the facilitator for the Diversity and Inclusion in Libraries topic at the Chapter Sharing Roundtables for the Medical Library Association annual meeting. This was the first time this topic was included for discussion during the roundtables. In the meeting registration materials, Diversity and Inclusion in Libraries was described as a “Discussion regarding diversity and inclusion plans in health sciences libraries, diverse collections, outreach to diverse populations or diversity and inclusion in recruitment into the health sciences librarian field”.

The role of the facilitator is not to “teach”, but to make sure that all the attendees have the opportunity to participate in the discussion. After everyone introduced themselves, I broke the discussion into four parts covering the areas listed in the promotional material for the event:

1) What plans does your library have;
2) Are you adding diverse materials to your collections;
3) Is your library doing any outreach to diverse populations;
4) What is your library doing to recruit a diverse workforce?

The participants shared what was happening in their libraries and on their respective campuses in four areas.

Our discussions covered a wide range of areas of interest:

- Implicit bias training
- Micro-aggression awareness
- The lack of substantial diverse population healthcare materials
- How does an institution (or a person) create an environment that is welcoming to everyone?
- When recruiting new staff - how would you weave diversity and inclusion into the interview questions
- After hiring new staff, what must an organization do to retain new people

As one can imagine, each of the above areas could have been a table topic alone and we barely skimmed the surface of each. I had prepared a resource list of readings and websites of topical materials for the group, which I planned on sharing at the lunch, but decided to email after the meeting so we could continue the discussion and is included below.

Overall this roundtable was a huge inspiration to me. Our group of nine discussed many initiatives at each other’s library, we shared stories of our own experiences, and to me – most importantly – made some new friends.

Diversity and Inclusion in Libraries Web Resources:

- National Diversity in Libraries Conference
- Diversity Plans for Academic Libraries
- Why Diversity Matters: a Roundtable Discussion on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in Librarianship
- Diversity Plans for Academic Libraries: an Example for the University of Montana
- Diversity Programming and Outreach for Academic Libraries
- Ten Things You Should Do to Promote Cultural Competence
- ACRL Diversity Standards: Cultural Competency for Academic Libraries
- ALA Outreach to Underserved Populations
- University of Maryland Collection Development Diversity Statement
- The Quest for Diversity in Library Staffing
- Duke Office for Institutional Equity Diversity Toolkit

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MCMLA Congratulates!

By Amanda Sprochi, MCMLA Editor

Jean P. Shipman, recipient of the Marcia C. Noyes Award, for lifetime achievement and service to the medical library profession. You do us proud, Jean, and we will miss you!

Nancy Lombardo, for receiving the Louise Darling Medal for Distinguished Achievement in Collection Development in the Health Sciences for her work on the MLA Bylaws Committee.

Mary Helms, recipient of the MLA President’s Award for her work on the MLA Bylaws Committee.

Shirley Zhao, for being awarded the Continuing Education Grant from MLA.

Emily Glenn and Christian Minter for their paper “Can We Interview You? Developing Personas for Library Planning” given at the 2017 Nebraska Library Association College and University Section Spring Meeting.

Jean Shipman, for receiving the 2017 Utah Library Association Distinguished Service Award at the Utah Library Association Conference.

Nena Schvaneveldt and Erin Wimmer, recipients of an NAHRS research award for work on their project “Establishing discipline specific information practices of professional nurses to inform information literacy instruction.”

James Bothmer, who was elected to the MLA Nominating Committee in December, 2016.

Heather Collins and Joelle Pitts, for their new book “Creating and Sharing Online Library Instruction: A How-To-Do-It Manual For Librarians.”

Kerry Swaggart, who was nominated for recognition for her work on the PICU team at Children’s Mercy Kansas City.

Christi Piper, on her new position as Reference Librarian at the CU Anschutz Health Sciences Library.

Chirsty Jarvis and Melissa Rethlefsen, for winning first place for their contributed paper “Daring to Dive Deep into the Citation Data: Going Head to Head with SciHub”, and Angela Spencer in colleagues for their first place poster “Solo Librarians: Demographics, Duties, Needs, and Challenges” at MLA 2017.

Also, huge congratulations to everyone who presented, taught, or moderated at MLA 2017!

MCMLA Bylaws Change

By Betsy Mueth, Chair, MCMLA Bylaws Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi

The By-Laws committee received a suggestion to try and align the committee section of the MCMLA by-laws with those of MLA. MLA does not list out all of their standing committees, which makes it easier to add and remove the committees for the organization as needed. It appears that we only really need to list the Nominating and Executive committees. The MCMLA By-Laws Committee has proposed a change, which I have listed below. We will vote on the change at the MCMLA Annual Meeting in October.

The motion from the By-Laws Committee is as follows:

The By-Laws Committee moves that Article IX, Section 3 of the MCMLA By-Laws be amended to read:

“The standing committees include but are not limited to: Nominating and Executive.”

The former wording for this section reads: “The standing committees are Advocacy, Annual Meeting Advisory Council, Bylaws, Education, Honors and Awards, Membership, Nominating, Publications, and Research.”

Please note that all committees and their members are listed both in the Policy and Procedure Manual and on the MCMLA Website, and this will continue. It is the hope that by making this change, it will be easier to add and delete committees as needed without the necessity of a bylaws change each time.

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