Happy Winter, MCMLAers!

Although it certainly hasn’t felt winter-like here. Great for the suntan, not so great for the environment. We’re a little late here at the Express but I consider it a victory that we got out our issue in February, even if it is the last day!

But don’t let the under-the-wire issue deter you. We have great stuff as usual in this express, starting with a column by our Chair, Gwen Wilson, who encourages everyone to get out of their rut and push their boundaries. She has some suggestions for how to do just that, and reports on some of the doings of the Executive Committee.

We are thrilled (for her) and sad (for us) to report the retirement of the irreplaceable Jean Shipman from the Eccles Health Sciences Library in August 2017. Her retirement job will be with Elsevier. We’ve reprinted with permission the announcement that Dr. Vivian S. Lee, Vice-President of Health Sciences, sent out to the faculty and staff of the University of Utah. We will miss Jean and her innovative ideas greatly, but hope to see her around in her second career.

A.T. Still has come up with an exciting way to both publicize and get their community thinking about 3-D printing by sponsoring a contest. Check out how they are doing it in this issue.

Our own Express editor Katie Dayani was recently honored with the award for the HSLNKC “Outstanding One-Person Health Science Library” of 2016. Way to go, Katie!

In other news, Nancy Woelfl keeps us updated on the MCMLA Endowment Fund (please do contribute if you can!) and MLA Chapter Council reminds us to sign up for the Roundtable Luncheons at MLA in Seattle. Shawn Steidinger, MCMLA Credentialing Liaison, tells us what AHIP membership can do for us, and the Membership Committee has three profiles on new MCMLA librarians. I hope you’ll welcome them all when you meet them. We’ve also got a ton of congrats for our members this quarter who have been publishing and researching up a storm.

Remember MCMLA 2017 in beautiful Columbia, Missouri is coming soon! Registration will open early summer. Hold the date!

Have a great early spring, folks, and see you in CoMo!
Notes from the Chair

By Gwen Wilson, MCMLA Chair; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Greetings!

Ever do something on the spur of the moment? Personally, I like to plan things out well in advance, however, this last week I decided, at the last moment, to go to Kansas City, MO with a friend after work. We went to the Music Hall in Downtown KC to see *The Phantom of the Opera* and it was wonderful! Though I did not get to bed until midnight and needed to be at work first thing the next day, the spontaneity was very rewarding.

I share this story to encourage everyone to push your comfort zones. If you never thought of helping with an annual meeting or serving on a committee, give it a try. Who knows, your spontaneity might lead to a life changing experience.

Congratulations to all the MCMLA authors, new positions, and “retirements.” For details be sure to check out the MCMLA Congratulates.

Brief update on MCMLA Executive Committee activities:

- The Strategic Plan Task Force continues to work on drafting the MCMLA Strategic Plan based on the feedback from membership at the 2016 Joint Meeting.
- The MCMLA 2017 budget has been approved.
- A Strategic Budget Task Force has been created. The objective of the task force is to research reasons why the chapter budget has annually been in the red and to recommend suggestions to the Executive Committee for a yearly budget that will break even.
- MCMLA approved $20,000, from the chapter account, to start the MCMLA Endowment Fund. This will be in addition to the $3,155.41 in endowment fund donations. Which makes the beginning balance of the MCMLA Endowment Fund starting at $23,155.41.

Voting opens on February 15, be sure to cast your ballot. In addition to selecting the next Chair-Elect and Recording Secretary, this year we are also voting for the next Chapter Council Representative and Alternate Chapter Council Representative. The Nominating Committee has completed the difficult task of filling in the ballot with talented and eager volunteers, now it is your turn to make your voice heard. The election announcement has gone out – please vote!!

Interested in assisting with the planning of the MCMLA 2018 Virtual Meeting or becoming the next Annual Meeting Advisor? Please contact Rebecca Graves, [gravesr@health.missouri.edu]

Abigail Biddinger said, “You can devise all the plans in the world, but if you don’t welcome spontaneity; you will just disappoint yourself.” Think about putting yourself out there for MCMLA. Remember, dedicated volunteers make a successful organization.

SAVE THE DATE!
Registration for MCMLA 2017, “Show Me One Health,” at the historic Tiger Hotel in downtown Columbia, Missouri, will open early summer, 2017. Come show us!
A.T. Still Memorial Library hosts 3D Printing Contest

By Jean Sidwell, Director, A.T. Still Memorial Library, Kirksville, Mo.; edited by Amanda Sprochi

The A.T. Still Memorial Library is holding a 3D printer contest, with cash prizes, for those on its campus who are fascinated by the 3D printer and who have a great idea for a 3D model. Participants are challenged to create a model and come up with a way it could be used in healthcare education. The models will be judged on innovation, creativity or originality, impact on learning, and ability to meet their learning objectives. The contest is open to all ATSU faculty, staff, and students on the Missouri and Arizona campuses.

Prizes will be awarded on both campuses on May 2, 2017.

Prizes:
1st Place $250
2nd Place $150
3rd Place $100

The A.T. Still Memorial Library's Missouri campus library has printed over one hundred-fifty 3D models for educational purposes and the ATSU Library is hoping to promote 3D printing on the Arizona campus on a larger scale. Both campuses are sponsoring the contest to spark new and continued interest in 3D printing in the curriculum.

3D MoJo printers were purchased for both campus libraries by ATSU President Craig Phelps, to promote innovation in the curriculum on both campuses.

Good luck to all the A.T. Still entrants!

American Academy of Family Physicians Library wins HSLNK C Award

By Keri Swaggert, HSLNK C Professional Activities Co-Chair; edited by Amanda Sprochi

AAFP Library at the American Academy of Family Physicians was named the “Outstanding One-Person Health Science Library” of 2016 from the Health Sciences Library Network of Kansas City (HSLNK C), for providing valuable information services and resources to its institution.

The award was presented to Katie Mulik Dayani, MLS, AHIP – Library & Taxonomy Manager at the thirteenth annual HSLNK C Awards and Recognition Ceremony held Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at the Diastole Scholars’ Center in Kansas City, MO.

HSLNK C awards are given once a year to libraries providing outstanding service to their institutions. Service Certificates recognizing HSLNK C members working to help the organization fulfill its mission through leadership and committee or activity participation were also awarded. The award and certificates were presented at a ceremony and reception preceding the network’s annual business meeting.

Katie Dayani was cited for attention to patrons, the introduction of an electronic catalog, and expansion of services to include welcome emails to new AAFP employees, training sessions, and Community Library for leisure reading. Congratulations Katie on doing such an outstanding job for your patrons!

The MCMLA Advocacy Committee needs your help!

The MCMLA advocacy committee would like your input. Help us help you by filling out this quick, 6-question survey.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9KB2CSR

Contact Angela Spencer, MCMLA Advocacy Committee Chair, with questions. Thanks!
Jean Shipman Retires, Begins New Position at Elsevier

By Vivian S. Lee, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences, University of Utah Health Sciences, Salt Lake City Utah. Reprinted with permission.

[Editor’s note: Jean Shipman announced her retirement and new position with Elsevier as Vice President of Global Library Relations in early February. Dr. Lee kindly allowed the Express to reprint her announcement of Jean’s job transition in this month’s issue. Jean, we will all miss you and know you will be successful in your future endeavors.]

Dear Colleagues,

Over the past nine years, Jean Shipman, executive director of Knowledge Management and Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, has been a formidable force behind the collaborations driving Health Sciences excellence and has become an internationally renowned expert on reinventing the modern health library. The library’s mission to "inform, connect and, innovate" has truly flourished under Jean's leadership, and our peers are emulating her efforts to create new roles for health sciences librarians who now help shape knowledge as it is created.

While it has been a distinct privilege to call Jean a colleague over my last five years, I have the bittersweet duty to report that Jean will be retiring from the University in August of this year. Those of you who are familiar with Jean know how dedicated she is to contributing to the world around her, and this principle will remain true into her "retirement" as she begins a new adventure as vice president of global library relations at Elsevier.

Under Jean's leadership, the library was transformed into an ecosystem of innovation and interprofessional collaboration. Today, it's an almost exclusively digital hub of knowledge thanks to Jean and her team. Jean's contributions to innovation and research and defining the role of librarians within these missions are equally notable.

Collaborating with the Center for Clinical and Translational Science and the Department of Biomedical Informatics, she created the My Research Assistant (MyRA) portal and a dedicated concierge position to enhance translational research. In 2014, Jean created the innovation librarian position to partner with students, faculty, and staff working on medical gaming, innovation, and medical entrepreneurship. A similar position now exists at the J. Willard Marriott Library and at other institutions. Librarians are engaging in efforts ranging from teaching virtual reality for therapeutic games and apps to documenting the intellectual output of innovators via e-channel.

Jean's dedication to health information literacy led to the creation of the Hope Fox Eccles Health Library, a significant effort to ensure that all of our patients, their families, and those in our community can access the information they need in order to make informed choices about their care. Jean most recently played a key role in the creation of U-Bar, an interdisciplinary effort to educate our patients on the use of helpful new health apps.

I'm pleased to report the library continues to enjoy a firm regional and national footing as Jean has ensured its continued role as a regional medical library and training office of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. These designations come via two federal cooperative agreements totaling $8.4 million over a five-year period.

Jean is a notable former president of the Medical Library Association (MLA) and past member of the Board of Directors for the Society for Scholarly Publishing. We can look forward to two forthcoming books co-edited by Jean: Information and Innovation: A Natural Combination for Health Sciences Libraries, to be published by the MLA, and Strategic Collaborations in Health Sciences Libraries, to be published by Elsevier.

An invaluable connector of people and ideas at the University, we will miss Jean's fearless support of innovation, her can-do attitude, and her keen insight. Please join me in thanking Jean for her years of remarkable service.

Sincerely,

Vivian S. Lee, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A.
Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
The Endowment Fund Task Force thanks chapter members who have contributed to the MCMLA Endowment Fund since the last issue of the MCMLA Express. As of February 8, 2017, donations have been made by:

Karen Dahlen  
Kay Cimpl Wagner

Including the donations from Karen and Kay, chapter members have contributed $3,155.41 to the Endowment Fund since October 22, 2016. We are excited these gifts will be deposited into the Chapter’s Charles Schwab investment account by the end of February.

During the MCMCLA Executive Committee meeting on February 9, our elected officers transferred $20,000 of discretionary funds into the Schwab account. Although transfers to the endowment fund are considered long-term investments, rest assured they are not irrevocable and can be retrieved if MCMLA needs them. Stay tuned for news of future transactions in the MCMLA Express and remember, you can donate to the endowment fund at any time.

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

MCMLA  
PO Box 221465  
St. Louis, MO  63122

Specify MCMLA Endowment Fund on the check memo line.

Reminder to register for MLA 2017 Chapter Council Sharing Roundtables!

By Dina McKelvy, MLA Chapter Council Secretary; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Time to register for the Chapter Council Sharing Roundtables at MLA 2017 Seattle!

There are so many great topics to choose from!

- Makerspaces
- Hospital Libraries
- Library Redesign
- Diversity & Inclusion in Libraries...

AND MANY MORE! Find details here on the Chapter Council Sharing Roundtables page. [http://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=999]

Want to be a Facilitator and earn AHIP points? Visit the forms here to learn more and contact Mina Davenport FMI or to sign up! mdavenport@mail.cho.org (Deadline for facilitator sign up is May 1. First to contact gets dibs on the topic of her/his choice)

All this, and lunch with your colleagues too! A plated lunch is offered - Smoked Washington Chicken entrée with sides and dessert. Leave it to Seattle folks to smoke a chicken! Options available for dietary restrictions.

Price: $40

Sign up here [http://www.mlanet.org/page/mla-17-how-to-register] when you register for the conference!

Winners of the MCMLA Chapter Council Sharing Roundtable Award will be announced March 18.
Greetings,

I would like to introduce myself as your Chapter Credentialing Liaison for the next three years. My name is Shawn Steidinger, and I am a librarian at Primary Children’s Hospital in Salt Lake City, UT, as well as a member at the Provisional level in the Academy of Health Information Professionals. Many of you may be wondering just what the Credentialing Liaison does, so let me list a few of my responsibilities:

The Chapter Credentialing Liaison will:

- Contact new chapter members to discuss the academy
- Assist members to locate forms and instructions for applying to academy
- Encourage chapter members to pursue academy membership at all levels
- Answer questions about the academy
- Forward issues raised by chapter members to Credentialing Committee

If you are wondering how AHIP membership can be beneficial to you and your institution, here’s a great article written by David Midyette, which appeared in the MLA website’s Full Speed Ahead blog last year [reprinted with permission]:

Earlier this year, the Credentialing Committee surveyed Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) members to learn how they perceive the value of membership in AHIP, MLA’s certification program for health information professionals. The results of the survey are compelling evidence that AHIP provides value in professional advancement, stature and credibility, career planning and development, mentoring, and parity with other professional groups that have credentials.

Over 50% of the 1,000+ Academy members responded to our survey—a gratifying response rate!

AHIP and Career Benefits

- More than 75% said their employer is aware of AHIP, and 52% said that AHIP was required or recommended for a position they’ve held or applied for or a raise they sought or attained.

There’s no doubt that AHIP membership can provide a boost to one’s career as a health information professional!

AHIP and Other Benefits

- 75% of respondents agreed that AHIP membership helped them plan their careers.
- 95% agreed that their membership showed their commitment to the profession and their professional accomplishments and skills to peers and others.
- 70% of respondents who rated the value of an AHIP mentor agreed that a relationship with an Academy mentor is benefiting or has benefited them professionally.

Many respondents provided specific examples of how AHIP has benefited them. 30% of the examples had to do with AHIP membership being a sign of stature and credibility in the profession, providing parity with other professional groups that have credentials.

“Many of my colleagues have formal credentials that show their professional standing. My membership in the Academy is proof that I have earned a prestigious credential.”

“I looked like a librarian bad-ass when my VP announced my acceptance in an all-staff meeting.”

25% mentioned career benefits, such as raises, promotions, and increased professional opportunities. 18% mentioned the benefit of motivation and guidance for professional development.

“Striving to be an academy member motivated me to not only complete continuing education courses . . . but to participate in association activities that made me step out of my comfort zone.”

“The preparation required to attain and continue as an AHIP member has provided me with a road map to help plan out my career to this point. I can't imagine how much more difficult it would have been to have been promoted without it.”

If you are an AHIP member, much of this may not be news to you. If you are not an AHIP member, I invite you to visit MLANET and learn more about AHIP, MLA’s accomplishment-based certification and career development program for health information professionals.
Jennifer Lyon, Children’s Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri

By Alissa Fial, MCMLA Membership Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi

What do you like most about your position so far?
I love having this opportunity to work in a highly-respected, non-profit hospital where patient care is the fundamental center of everything. Rounding with the clinical teams and being able to directly connect the information I provide them with children they treat is extremely satisfying. That connection holds through everything I do, whether I’m supporting clinical research, GME, healthcare practice, safety & quality efforts, or pediatric genomics research. At CMH, it’s all about the kids.

What is your educational background and what schools did you attend?
I hold a BA in biology and anthropology from Amherst College, a Master of Science in Molecular Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a MLIS from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

What is your previous work experience?
Librarianship is a second career for me. I worked in the biotechnology industry for a few years before returning to school to earn my MLIS. Since becoming a librarian, I’ve worked in three major academic medical center libraries: Vanderbilt University Medical Center, the University of Florida-Gainesville, and SUNY-Stony Brook.

What’s a unique tidbit for your fellow MCMLA’ers to know about you?
Mostly as a Halloween party-trick, but also just for fun with friends, I read the Tarot. I collect Tarot card decks for the beautiful artwork as well.

How do you spend your free time?
I read voraciously, mostly science fiction, fantasy and mystery. I occasionally binge-watch TV, usually same genres, since I often don’t have time during the regular week. I enjoy going out to festivals, fairs, flea markets, museums and looking around on the weekends, especially if the weather is nice. Antique and thrift stores are fun to explore. I also enjoy international dining, especially Indian and Asian foods. Additionally, I like to volunteer as an adult literacy tutor to help adults learn to read. I’m very passionate about literacy, basic reading/writing as well as health.

I wish I could travel more overseas. Earlier in my career, I considered looking for a job in another country, but it didn’t work out. But I’d still like to visit so many places around the world. London is my favorite city in the world and I hope to visit there again soon, but I also want to explore more of the British Isles and Europe. Australia & New Zealand are a dream destination. Someday!

What do you hope to gain from being a member of MCMLA?
Sharing knowledge and expertise with colleagues, making friends, finding collaboration partners, staying on top of the state of the art in our field.

Welcome, Alissa!

Megan Richardson, Albany County Public Library, Laramie, Wyoming

By Jim Honour, MCMLA Membership Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi

What is your interest in libraries?
My interest in libraries is constantly growing and changing, but my passion is to help people discover just the information they’re looking for at a level they’re able to digest and comprehend.

What do you like most about your position so far?
I love the diversity of public libraries. Being able to help people from all walks of life and education levels is wonderful!

What is your educational background?
My bachelor’s degree is in English and Classics from the University of North Dakota. I attended library school as a distance student through Clarion University of Pennsylvania and graduated with my Masters in 2015.
What is your previous work experience?
I’ve worked in libraries for a while now starting at the Moorhead branch of Lake Agassiz Regional Library in Minnesota. While I was in grad school I worked at the North Dakota State University Libraries as a manager in the circulation department handling reserves and working the occasional reference shift. I did an internship in the Health Sciences Library at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences and absolutely I loved it, but ended up finding my home in public libraries.

How do you spend your free time?
My favorite activity is sitting in the middle of a busy café, drinking coffee and getting immersed in a good thriller. Living now in a slightly warmer climate, I’ve tried (somewhat unsuccessfully) to spend more time outdoors in the winter cross country skiing, snowshoeing, etc.

What do you hope to gain from being a member of MCMLA?
I hope to meet colleagues willing to share their knowledge and experiences with health literacy for the general public.

Welcome Megan!

Cory Mihalik, Van K. Smith Community Health Library, Springfield, Missouri

By Holly Henderson, MCMLA Membership Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi

What do you like most about your position so far?
The most enjoyable part of my position is providing one-on-one reference assistance with our patients and community members. The work is always interesting, and I appreciate the empowerment and hope that the health information provides to individuals and their families who may be coping with medical issues.
MCMLA Congratulates

By Amanda Sprochi, MCMLA Editor

Jean Shipman, Director of the Eccles Health Sciences Library at the University of Utah, on her retirement and new position at Elsevier. We will miss you, Jean!

Keri Swaggart and her Cochrane group, for the publication of their systematic review “Psychological interventions for enhancing adherence to disease-modifying therapies (DMTs) in multiple sclerosis.” Great job, team!

Jerry Carlson, for his article in the Journal of Hospital Librarianship “Virtualizing a solo library.” Way to go, Jerry!

Angela Spencer, for her article in Journal of Hospital Librarianship “Job sharing: a primer.” Excellent work, Angela!

Jennifer A. Lyon and her co-author Clara Y. Tran for their article in College & Research Libraries, “Faculty use of author identifiers and researcher networking tools.” Jennifer is now working at Children’s Mercy in Kansas City. Welcome Jennifer!

Lisa Traditi, who was recently appointed Deputy Director at the Health Sciences Library, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. In her new role, Lisa will be responsible for the day to day oversight of the Health Sciences Library. Good luck, Lisa!

Susan Sanders, who retired from the University of Missouri Kansas City Health Sciences Library. Have a great time in your retirement, Susan!


Jennifer Lyon, Megan Richardson, and Cory Mihalik, our newest MCMLA members! Check out their profiles in our New Member Spotlight. Welcome!

And last but certainly not least, Katie Dayani, librarian and Express editor extraordinaire, for receiving the HSLNKC “Outstanding One-Person Health Science Library” of 2016 award. Check her out!

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

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

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/ for more information