

Hello MCMLA'ers!

We have a packed double issue for you this time, with lots of happenings, two conferences to talk about, and a host of new MCMLA members to meet.

First thing, the [MCMLA2018 Virtual Conference](#) is happening soon! Online registration is open now for the two day conference. As with our last virtual conference, a group rate is available if you and your colleagues plan on attending at the same institution, a great deal! So make sure you register and mark you calendars!

This May, MCMLA had its usual outstanding showing of members presenting at the MLA Annual Conference in Atlanta. A roundup of the conference and of the papers, posters, awards, and other activities of our members begins on [page six](#). Congratulations to everyone, you make our chapter look great!

We have a bunch of [new MCMLA members](#) to meet in this issue—six in total! And Tisha Mentnech and Brenda Linares have already volunteered to serve in chapter committees. Tisha will be our new web editor and discussion list guru, and Brenda is stepping in as the chair of the Education Committee. It is so terrific to see our new members stepping up to help.

This ties in with the priorities set by John Bramble, our chapter chair. In [his column](#) this month he talks about networking for MCMLA, in terms of signing up for our virtual conference, engaging with MCMLA and your fellow members, and promoting MCMLA to your colleagues. We all know what a great organization we have, so let everyone else know too!

We also report on other activities involving our members. Kate Anderson is profiled in this month's [Getting to Know You](#) column. Get to know Kate, she's super cool. Nancy Woelf reports on a [proposal going to MLA](#) about membership requirements for MCMLA committee chairs. Please read it as a vote will need to be taken at the annual business meeting. The folks at A.T. Still continue their [series on 3D printing](#) at their library, and as usual the [MCMLA Congratulates](#) column highlights our members' achievements.

Hope the new semester is treating you all well!

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Notes from the Chair

By John Bramble, MCMLA Chair; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Dear MCMLA Members,

As we settle into the Summer months, I thought this would be a good time to send out a few pleas for your help.

The first plea - we need all MCMLA members to help **spread the word** of the [2018 MCMLA Virtual Meeting](#) being held October 4 and 5. The theme is "Partners in Progress, Exploring the Possibilities". A lot of work has and will continue to go into making your experience at the conference program memorable and well worth your time. Many thanks goes out to the planning committee and all those who will be contributing to the conference program. Because the conference is online, that means where you attend and with whom is limitless (as long as you have a computer, power and internet). No matter if you are looking for a solitary experience, say attending from your favorite park bench or hosting a conference party with your state or local consortia group, a virtual conference can accommodate. So, whether you like to fly solo or like to learn in groups, MCMLA still needs your help in reaching out to non-MCMLA members or members who are inactive and encourage them to attend. This way they can learn what an amazing group of people make MCMLA possible.

The next plea is to **engage with MCMLA**. The Advocacy Committee has been sending occasional emails encourag-

ing you to share strategies on effective librarianship. Word on the street is they are not at all being overwhelmed with the number of responses. Please! Engage! Help this committee out so they can help you! Who know, you might even win a cool prize for your efforts.

Promote promote promote! This last plea is to ask you to please connect with the folks in your networks and ask them if they are MCMLA members. If they aren't, ask them to come check us out. Maybe invite them to join you at your favorite park bench or your party to attend the virtual conference. If they are members, ask them which committee they are on or would like to be. Make sure they are invited to the conference and to bring a side dish to share.

While you are working on the above, please have a safe summer, wear lots of sunscreen, and keep your eyes on the lookout for mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus. If you are like me and are outside in 102 degree weather weeding the garden, you will be thinking of the cooler months ahead and looking forward to seeing your friends and colleagues at the MCMLA Conference.



Thank you for contributing to the MCMLA Endowment Fund

The Finance Committee thanks the following chapter member who contributed to the MCMLA Endowment Fund since the last issue of *The Express*:

- Nancy Woelfl

Interested in donating? Donations for the MCMLA Endowment Fund can be sent to:

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Our Endowment piggy bank slathered SPF 50 sunblock on her and is catching rays poolside. She doesn't want to become crispy bacon this summer!



Children's Mercy Library Services Health Literacy Workshop

By Brenda Pfannenstiel, AHIP, and Jennifer Lyon, Children's Mercy Hospitals & Clinics, Kansas City, MO; edited by Katie Dayani

Jennifer Lyon, AHIP, collaborated with members of Children's Mercy Health Literacy Committee to obtain a National Network of Libraries of Medicine / MidContinental Region (NNLM/MCR) grant to offer an immersive two-day Health Literacy Workshop.

Day One was held at the Kansas City Public Library (KCPL) and was open to people throughout the community; the 70 attendees included representatives from Literacy KC, the KCPL, Jewish Vocational Services and other community organizations. We were delighted to host Dr. Ruth Parker of Emory University as our keynote speaker.

Day Two, which was designated for Children's Mercy employees, included 63 participants who engaged in practice sessions and brainstorming exercises to develop their own health literacy projects within the hospital. They showed a high degree of interest and enthusiasm, not just in expanding health literacy efforts, but also in forming new collaborations across hospital units and specialties—we had to shoo them out the door! This workshop was also an opportunity to put the first conference event in our brand new institutional repository, where we hope to post subsequent reports about projects resulting from this workshop.

Keep an eye on [SHARE@Children's Mercy](https://scholarlyexchange.childrensmc.org/healthliteracy/workshop/) [https://scholarlyexchange.childrensmc.org/healthliteracy/workshop/] for workshop content and future developments!

Seeking MCMLA 2018 Awards Nominations

By Judith Bergjord, Chair, MCMLA Honors and Awards Committee; edited by Katie Dayani

The Honors and Awards Committee identifies and recognizes members of the Chapter who have made significant contributions to the organization and the profession by conferring these awards:

[Bernice M. Hetzner Award for Excellence in Academic Health Science Librarianship](#)

This award recognizes an academic health sciences librarian who has achieved a high level of professional accomplishment. The individual must be a member of MCMLA and work in an academic health sciences library.

[Barbara McDowell Award for Excellence in Hospital Librarianship](#)

This award honors a chapter member who has made an outstanding contribution to hospital librarianship. To be eligible, an individual must be a member of MCMLA and work in a hospital library.

[MCMLA Outstanding Achievement Award](#)

This award honors a member for contributions to health sciences/hospital libraries, to the profession, goals, and objectives of the chapter.

[MCMLA STARS Program](#)

This recognition program allows members to share what they've done throughout the year to go above and beyond their regular duties

The deadline for nomination is September 1st. Please honor a colleague by nominating her or him for one of these awards.

Advocacy Needs You!

By Kim Harp, MCMLA Advocacy Committee; edited by Katie Dayani

What do you think of when you hear the word "advocacy"? Do you immediately think of stumping on Capitol Hill and meeting with local government officials? "Advocacy" is much more than politics. Every day, librarians and staff find themselves in situations where they must advocate for resources, money, and services for their libraries, in addition to advocating for themselves and their career as professionals.

The MCMLA advocacy committee would like to know your ideas regarding:

- ✦ Creating the right message about your library
- ✦ Identifying and crafting your communication strategy
- ✦ Building public awareness
- ✦ Responding to a budget crisis
- ✦ Self-advocacy-asking for and seeking what you need
- ✦ Developing relationships with your administrators and leadership
- ✦ Building your network of supporters and advocates in the community
- ✦ Dealing effectively with the media
- ✦ Working in collaboration with other organizations or departments

Lightbulbs, ponderings, whiz-bangers, mild curiosities, or seat-of-the-pants ideas... we want 'em all! If you can speak to one of these topics, or have ideas on how the advocacy committee can help you promote your library, please let us know! Email the MCMLA list with your idea and you could win a \$25 Amazon Gift card for your input!

Standing Committee Proposal for Chapter Consideration

By Nancy Woelfl, MCMLA Parliamentarian; edited by Amanda Sprochi

One of the most important responsibilities of MCMLA's Vice Chair-Elect is to identify and appoint chapter committee chairpersons and their committee members. These appointments become effective at the close of the annual business meeting and are concurrent with the incoming Chair's one-year term of office. Along with appointed officers such as the Treasurer, Archivist, and Parliamentarian, standing committee chairs become ex officio members of the MCMLA Executive Committee and have an important role helping the Chair carry out the MCMLA strategic plan and priorities.

MLA Bylaws (January 1, 2017) Article XI, Section 5, require the elected officers of each chapter to be active (paid) members of MLA. The MLA membership requirement also applies to the chairs of chapter standing committees. MCMLA is aware of this long-standing requirement and has done its best to comply. However, as chapter membership has fallen, meeting the MLA requirement has become increasingly difficult. As you will see from the (attached or linked) position paper, MCMLA membership has decreased from 246 in 1989 to 120 as of July 30, 2018. Only 51 current chapter members also belong to MLA, decreasing the pool of officer and committee chair candidates even further.

During 2018, the Executive Committee has devoted considerable discussion to this problem. A working group consisting of Jeanne Burke, Jackie Hittner, Euem Osmera, and Nancy Woelfl [prepared a position paper](#) for the Executive Committee asking MLA to reconsider and eventually waive the MLA membership requirement for standing committee chairs.

Given the importance of the issue, the Executive Committee believes a recommendation to MLA should represent the consensus of chapter members. This issue will be on the MCMLA 2018 business meeting agenda and will require a vote.

Next steps: If chapter members agree the MLA requirement for chapter standing committee chairs should be waived, next steps include soliciting letters of support from other chapters, submitting the evidence to the MLA Chapter Council, and having Chapter Council bring the issue to the MLA Board of Directors in 2019.

Registration for MCMLA2018 is Now Open!

By Gwen Wilson, MCMLA2018 Meeting Co-Chair;
edited by Amanda Sprochi

Has your workload grown? Do you find it hard to get away from the office? Has your professional development budget been cut? Well we have the answer for you. Attend the 2018 MCMLA Virtual Conference on October 4 and 5, 2018 and participate in professional development from anywhere at a cost that will not dig too deep into your budget. So stay at your desk; or in your PJs if you prefer, because a great conference is coming to you soon.



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3 (ALL TIMES ARE CENTRAL): CE COURSE

THURSDAY OCTOBER 4 (ALL TIMES ARE CENTRAL)

1 pm -1:15 pm	Opening Remarks
1:15pm -2:00pm	Lightning Talks (5 talks @ 9 mins. each)
2:00pm -2:30pm	MLA Update
2:30pm -2:45pm	Break
2:45pm -2:55pm	Vendors
2:55pm -3:45pm	NLM PubMed Update: A change is coming
3:45pm -4:00pm	Break
4:00pm -5:00pm	Keynote - Sally Gore

FRIDAY OCTOBER 5 (ALL TIMES ARE CENTRAL)

12:00pm -1:30pm	MCMLA Business Meeting
1:30pm -1:40pm	Break
1:40pm -2:25pm	Keynote: Dr. Katalin Gothard
2:25pm -2:35pm	Vendors
2:35pm -2:50pm	Break
2:50pm -3:50pm	Papers (3 @ 20 mins. Each)
3:50pm -4:00pm	BREAK
4:00pm -4:30pm	RML Update (John Bramble)
4:30pm -4:45pm	Drawings
4:45pm -5:00pm	Closing Remarks/2019 meeting invitation

Early Registration runs through **September 8, 2018, 11:59 pm Central Time**. Registration closes **September 30, 2018, 11:59 pm Central Time**.

For more information regarding the Virtual Meeting, visit the website: <http://mcmla.org/2018virtualmeeting>



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MCMLA Shines at MLA'18

By Amanda Sprochi, Express Editor

MCMLA had the usual outstanding participation by its members at the 2018 Medical Library Association Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Here's a roundup of the activities of our members.

Continuing Education:

Gwen Wilson and Kristen DeSanto: [Building Partnerships with Faculty, Clinicians, and Other Stakeholders](#)

Program sessions:

Michelle Brewer, Jean Shipman: [Leading Easy Access to Content: RA21 Pilots Transform Researcher Productivity and Privacy](#)

Brandon Patterson, Nena Schvaneveldt, Anne R. Diekema, Betsy S. Hopkins: [Adapting to the Real World: Transforming Nursing Information Literacy Education in Four Intermountain West Universities](#)

Brenda Linares, Special Content Session co-presenter: [From Abstract to Tangible: Shifting Health Sciences Instructional Mindsets using the ACRL Framework](#), and [Transforming Libraries through Diversity and Inclusion: Leading the Way](#)

Jill Barr-Walker, Michelle Bass, Debra Werner, Liz Kellermeyer: [Measuring Imposter Phenomenon among Health Sciences Librarians](#)

Lightning talks:

Tallie Casucci, Brandon Patterson, Nancy Lombardo, Erin Wimmer, Bryan Hull: [Transforming Health Sciences Education with Virtual Reality](#)

Liz Kellermeyer: [Transforming the G-Index: From Confusion to Clarity](#)

Tisha Mentnech, Melissa L. Rethlefsen, Mellanye Lackey: [Hailing Your Champions: Interdisciplinary Reproducibility in Action](#)

Emily Glenn, Emily McElroy, and Alison Bobal: [Participatory Leadership in Library Strategic Planning](#)

Poster sessions:

Karen Gutzman, Diana Almader-Douglas, Brenda Linares, Annabelle Nunez, Bredny Rodriguez: [The Transforming Landscape of Cultural Diversity in the Biomedical Literature](#)

Liz Kellermeyer, Shandra Knight, Ben Harnke: [Covidence vs. Rayyan: A Comparison of Systematic Review Tools](#)

Lori Fitterling, Bonnie Turner: [Engaging Students during Grand Rounds through Live Chat](#)

John Bramble, Claire Hamasu, Shawn Steidinger: [Clinical Medical Librarian Licensure: Pros and Cons](#)

Angela Spencer, Elizabeth Mamo, Brook Billman: [Hospital Library Benchmarking Study](#)

Donna Baluchi, Tallie Casucci, Brandon Patterson, Erin Wimmer: [Adapting a Game for Teaching Research Methods](#)

Tallie Casucci, Amy Locke: [Leading the Way to Transform Burnout among Health Sciences Librarians](#)

Lilian Hoffecker, Ben Harnke, Kristen DeSanto: [Building and Maintaining a Literature Search Service](#)

MLA'18 (cont'd)

Poster sessions (cont'd):

Wladimir Labeikovsky: [Using Data Interviews to Inform Improvements in Research Data Management Infrastructure and Services](#)

Christian Minter, Roxanne Cox, Rebecca Jackson, Benjamin Simon, Mary Winter: A Pilot Partnership to Provide Health Information to Cancer Patients and Families

Lori Fitterling, Robyn Oro: [Postcards from the Archives: A Glimpse of Osteopathic History](#)

Emily Glenn, Christian Minter: [Developing Library user Personas for Strategic Planning and Advocacy](#)

Other Activities:

Erica Lake represented CAPHIS as part of the team hosting the [Public Library Symposium](#)

Gwen Wilson, immediate past chair, hosted the first MCMLA Meet & Greet at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Kennesaw, and Jeanne Burke and Nena Schvaneveldt co-hosted the second at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Greenbrier.

Awards & Honors:

Liz Kellermeyer is an MLA Rising Star and a Research Institute Fellow

Erica Lake received the Consumer Health Librarian of the Year Award and the David A. Kronick Traveling Fellowship

Emily Glenn was a coauthor on a paper that received the Hospital Libraries Section of the Medical Library Association HLS Professional Recognition Award for Publication. Hamasu, Claire, Catherine M. Burroughs, Emily Glenn & Andrea L. Ball (2017) Mining Data in Electronic Health Record Systems: Opportunities for Librarians, *Journal of Hospital Librarianship*, 17:4, 282-291.

Emily Glenn was also one of four recipients of the 2018 MLA Librarians without Borders® / Elsevier Foundation/ Research4Life Grants.

Congratulations to all our members who presented or were honored. You do MCMLA proud!

MCMLA Archives Update

By Jessica Gerber, MCMLA Archivist; edited by Katie Dayani

This Month in MCMLA History:

[MCMLA Express](#) Vol. 4, No. 2 May 1982 [<https://dspace.library.colostate.edu/handle/10968/1272>]

The May 1982 issue of *The Express* has some great articles! “Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?” talks about meeting the Express deadline [ed. note: Plus ça change...], and “Survival” discusses surviving winter in order to be included on the membership list. Anyone else feel the same? The old logo with the cowboy is always fun, too.



Items recently added to the MCMLA Digital Repository:

[Kerry Skidmore 1948-2017 Obituary](#) [<https://dspace.library.colostate.edu/handle/10968/2453>]

[MCMLA Express Vol. 39, Issue 1](#) [<https://dspace.library.colostate.edu/handle/10968/2454>]



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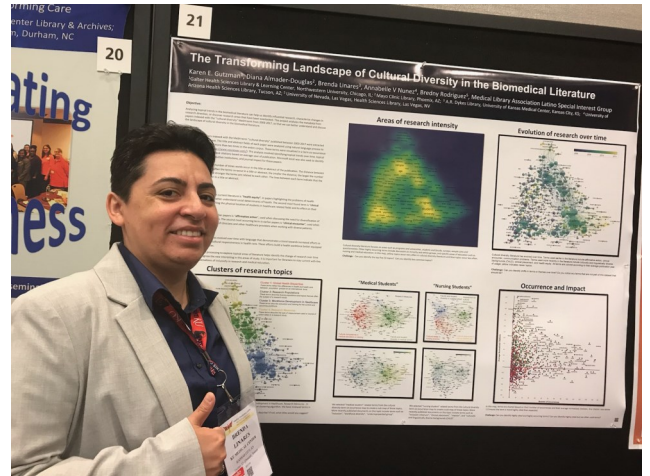
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New Member Spotlight

Tisha Mentnech

By Yumin Jiang, MCMLA Membership Committee, and Tisha Mentnech; edited by John Jones

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

I am the new Research Librarian at the Spencer S. Eccles Health Science Library at the University of Utah as of 1 November 2017.

What do you like most about it so far?

I really love the collaborations. There are so many fascinating projects and research going on that I'm grateful to be a part of and witness.

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

I have a Bachelor of Science in History and a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Western Carolina University and I received my MSLIS from Simmons College.

What is your previous work experience?

My previous library experience includes: Hunter Library at Western Carolina University as a Student Assistant, an Archival intern at the New Bedford Whaling Museum Library, a Senior Circulation Assistant at the Newton Free Library, a Research Data Management Intern with Harvard Medical School's Research IT Solutions, and more recently a Reference Assistant and Circulation Manager at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University.

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

I'm a speed reader! I can read roughly 100 pages in an hour.

How do you spend your free time?.

With being new to Utah I try to spend most of my time exploring the state. When I'm not doing that I'm probably crafting

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

I hope to gain new connections, ideas, and knowledge from everyone in MCMLA that I can!



Brenda Linares

By Yumin Jiang, MCMLA Membership Committee, and Brenda Linares; edited by Katie Dayani

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

I am the Librarian Liaison to the School of Nursing, University of Kansas Medical Center. My interests include outreach, consumer health, instruction, health literacy, and research collaboration with faculty and students. I am also interested in diversity and recruitment into our profession.

What do you like most about it so far?

I enjoy working with the nursing faculty and nursing students. I like the fact that each day of work is different. One day I will be teaching; one day I am collaborating with the faculty on a research project or have a consultation with a nursing student.

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

I have an undergraduate degree in Finance from California State University, Northridge (CSUN). My Masters in Library Science is from University of California Los Angeles (UCLA). This past December 2018, I also finished my Masters in Business from North Carolina State University (NCU).



What is your previous work experience?

Before moving to Kansas, I was an outreach librarian and Coordinator of Research Assistants at the Health Sciences Library at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Before that I was the Head of Outreach at the Calder Memorial Library at the University of Miami in Florida. I was fortunate to start my health sciences librarian career as a National Library of Medicine Fellow in Bethesda, Maryland.

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

Since I grew up in Los Angeles, a fun story to share is that when I was in high school I had the opportunity to volunteer during the Oscars and was able to be on the red carpet and see Celine Dion sing "My Heart Will Go On" during the show. That night that song won the Oscar for best song.

New Member Spotlight (cont'd)

Linares (cont'd)

How do you spend your free time?

I love dancing, travelling, and trying new things. I go to the movies a lot. I have MoviePass, so we go almost twice a week. I am a big Star Wars and Disney fan!

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

I have been part of Southern Chapter and Mid-Atlantic Chapter. I am looking forward to meeting the members of MCMLA and networking. I also just became the Chair of the Education Committee. I am looking forward to working with the committee members and provide exciting continuing education classes and/or professional development activities at the chapter's annual meeting.

Jacob White

By Yumin Jiang, MCMLA Membership Committee, and Jacob White; edited by John Jones

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

I am now a Content and Access Specialist at A.R. Dykes Library at KU Medical Center.

What do you like most about it so far?

I like helping students through the information search process. I enjoy helping them find the material they need to learn and succeed.

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

I attended Grinnell College in Iowa and I am almost done with my MLS from Emporia State in Kansas.

What is your previous work experience?

I have also worked in the youth services department of a public library. Outside of the library, I was a health and nutrition VISTA volunteer, during which time I coordinated a food pantry.

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

I am very good at coming up with good recipes for the food processor. During the summer I drink at least one smoothie a day, and I also make dips and soups very well.

How do you spend your free time?

During the summer, I ride my bike to my garden. If I am not watching telenovelas to improve my Spanish, I am working on my bicycle or my garden, or reading.

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

I hope to mostly observe professionals in the field I aspire to, and to learn more about the type of work I want to do when I graduate in December.

Carly McCracken

By Yumin Jiang, MCMLA Membership Committee, and Carly McCracken; edited by Katie Dayani



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

Currently, I am a young adult librarian assistant in Hays, KS. One day I hope to become a medical librarian at a research hospital.

What do you like most about it so far?

I enjoy the high energy my job requires and interacting with the public.

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

I earned a degree in conservation biology from Fort Hays State University, and I am currently working on my MLS at Emporia State University.

What is your previous work experience?

My only library work experience has been in a public library, and I have been working there for three years.

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

I am a big traveler. I have been to Costa Rica, Peru, Germany, The Netherlands, China, and recently Serbia.

How do you spend your free time?

I watch a lot of movies, and I love to read. I have really been into graphic novels lately, but I can read just about anything.

New Member Spotlight (cont'd)

McCracken (cont'd)

Is there any additional information you would like to share about yourself?

I first learned about medical libraries this past spring, and I have been enamored with the idea ever since. I may not have a lot of experience, but I am willing to learn.

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

I hope to learn more about medical and health librarian positions and to network with professionals.

Brandon Patterson

By Yumin Jiang, MCMLA Membership Committee, and Brandon Patterson; edited by John Jones

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

I'm a technology engagement librarian at the Eccles Health Sciences Library at the University of Utah.

What do you like most about it so far?

I've enjoyed the collaborative nature of being a librarian. I've written a book chapter on virtual reality with other librarians. That experience has taught me about collaborative writing, information sharing, and time management. I've also enjoyed having the opportunity to work with undergraduates in a first-year course I'm co-teaching and providing needed health information for community members through a project we've proposed with the city public library.



I love engaging with others on projects and find it adds so much to have multiple minds working to create something together.

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

My undergraduate degrees were at the University of Utah in International Studies and Communication, with a minor in Leadership Studies. I completed two masters programs at the University of Michigan in Information Science and Higher Education, with a graduate certificate in World Performance.

What is your previous work experience?

Before coming back to Utah, I was a program assistant for the University of Michigan's Shapiro Undergraduate Library, where I assisted engagement opportunities in an ever-evolving experimental space called the Design Lab. I helped mentor learning communities including six creative residents, who used library tools, services, and applications on focused peer-to-peer learning projects. I also assisted with online learning modules teaching practical learning analytics, daily behaviors to mitigate climate change, working collaboratively with community partnerships, and setting up an e-portfolio.

I have also worked in international education. At the University of Michigan, I was a graduate assistant for the Office of Global Activities at the School of Social Work. I advised students who were interested in independent studies abroad and led the creation of tools and resources for students. I also served as an international student advisor at the University of Utah and taught English in central Taiwan.

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

I'm interested in makerspaces, hacklabs, and other collective spaces for learning - especially in a global sense. I was able to go to India, Brazil, and Uruguay in 2015 and 2016 to visit some of these spaces and uncover a bit about their impact on the community at large. I wrote about it on Medium.

How do you spend your free time?

I competed in my first iron man-length triathlon two years ago and have continued to bike, run and swim whenever possible. I'm also a big fan of gardening and cooking, accompanied by some good tunes from a local community radio station.

Is there any additional information you would like to share about yourself?

Myself along with tech-focused folks in the library have built technology hubs. These serve as spaces for students or faculty to explore adding a multi-media creation or component to a project. We've been testing use of the spaces using a variety of evaluation methods. I'm always interested in hearing about the changing use of library space and ways we're evaluating the effectiveness of these spaces.

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

I hope to find opportunities to collaborate with MCMLAers and share ideas!

New Member Spotlight (cont'd)

Brenda Fay

By Yumin Jiang, MCMLA Membership Committee, and Brenda Fay; edited by John Jones

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

Brenda Fay, Librarian Specialist, at Aurora Health Care Libraries in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

What do you like most about it so far?

I like the variety of working in a health care environment. Already today I put up a blog post for my state HSL association, did two literature searches, confirmed a keynote for a 2019 conference, and helped a nurse at the printer. Lots of variety!

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

I have a B.A. in Conservation Biology from University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. I also received my MLIS from UW-Milwaukee. I've lived near and in Milwaukee my whole life. It's one of my favorite places!

What is your previous work experience?

My first professional job was as a children's librarian. I really loved it, but wanted to do something more research oriented. From there I taught part-time at Bryant and Stratton College while moving into hospital libraries full-time. I worked at an academic library supporting nursing and PA students, but found that I missed the clinical research, so I'm back in a health care library environment.

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

I played fiddle and accordion in an Irish band for a few years.

How do you spend your free time?

Spending time with my family, traveling, and reading are some of my favorite things to do. We just visited the Quad Cities and are looking forward to exploring Michigan's western beaches this summer.

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

I wanted to join MCMLA to take advantage of the virtual conferences that are being held every 2 years. It's challenging to travel to a conference, so I'm very appreciative that an MLA chapter is holding virtual conferences. Thanks MCMLA!

MCMLA Members Attend MLA Research Training Institute

By Alicia Lillich, NNLM Kansas Outreach and Technology Coordinator, University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Alicia Lillich, University of Kansas Medical Center, Liz Kellermeyer, Jewish National Health, and Mellanye Lackey, University of Utah all attended the 2018 MLA Research Training Institute for Health Sciences Librarians, held July 9-13 at the Library of Health Sciences-Chicago, University of Illinois-Chicago.



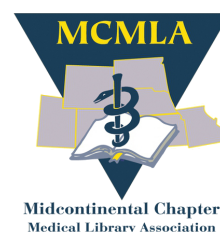
They were chosen as Research Training Fellows during a competitive application process. During the RTI, nationally recognized faculty led the fellows through intensive research training and education. In addition, Emily Vardell of Emporia State served as a faculty member. Congratulations on your selection!

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Getting to Know You

Kate Anderson

By Katie Mulik Dayani, MCMLA Publications Committee, and Kate Anderson; edited by John Jones

In this issue we get to know Kate Anderson, Head of the Zalk Veterinary Medical Library at the University of Missouri.

Q: What's your job and how do you describe your role?

A: As the Head of the Zalk Veterinary Medical Library at the University of Missouri, my mission is to advance human and animal health. At Zalk Library, we help prepare future veterinarians by providing needed information resources and by providing a welcoming space. I teach in the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) curriculum, do a lot of literature searches for our faculty, and attend rounds and journal clubs with our clinicians. I also advise residents, graduate students, and faculty on where to publish and how to assess their scholarly impact. Because Mizzou is one of the few universities in the country with colleges of veterinary medicine, medicine, agricultural, nursing, and engineering all on the same campus, I get to do all of this with eye toward One Health and translational medicine.



Q: How did you get started in libraries?

A: I was part way through a PhD program in English at the University of Wisconsin (UW) when I realized that just wasn't for me. However, I did work in the Writer Center at UW and loved it. I started thinking about who else works with people one-on-one to refine thinking and solve problems – librarians! I'd never worked in a library until I was actually in library school. Good thing it worked out!

Q: How are you involved in MCMLA?

A. There are lots of great ways to be involved in our chapter! I currently serve on the Finance Committee. In the past, I've been the Recording Secretary, the Chapter

Council Alternate, and the Chair of the Research Committee. I was also on the planning committee for MCMLA 2017 held right here in beautiful Columbia, Missouri.

Q. What are three personal items currently on your desk?

A. A coffee mug that I use for pens and pencils commemorating the 1989 victory of University of Colorado Boulder over the University of Nebraska (it reads—somewhat hyperbolically—“Orange Bowl bound: Buffs beat Nebraska in Game of the Century”). A picture of my husband, Chris, on our wedding day in 1998 (egad, 20 years?!? That was fast). A picture of my dog, Trixie, wearing solar eclipse glasses from last summer. Columbia had over two full minutes of totality – it was phenomenal.

Q. Do you have a professional goal for 2018? What is it?

A. One of the areas of emphasis for the College of Veterinary Medicine is student wellness. I'd like to pull together more resources in support of that effort.

Q. If you could hop on a plane right now, where would you go?

A: The Maldives...or the Seychelles...or Fiji. Any of those would be fine, really.

Q: What is your advice to people who want to get into medical librarianship?

A: Two pieces of somewhat conflicting advice: “Chance favors the prepared mind” (a very loose translation of Louis Pasteur) and “Don't prepare. Just show up” (Patricia Ryan Madson)

Q: What do you do for fun outside of work?

A: Travel. Garden (well, it's more weeding than gardening). Take walks with Chris and Trixie.

Q: What book are you currently reading?

A: I'm nearly through *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Next up: *The Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi.

3D Printing: Expanding Our Services

By Debra Loguda-Summers, Public Services and 3D Print Shop Manager, A.T. Still Memorial Library, Kirksville, MO; edited by John Jones

At the end of November 2017, with funds from the President's office and Library endowment, the A.T. Still Memorial Library purchased a new F170 Stratasys 3D Printer and SCA 1200HT universal cleaning apparatus. Since the purchase of this additional printer, the library has more than doubled the amount of 3D models printed for students and faculty.

One of the special projects we are working on is creating alternative cervical, lumbar, and sacrum models for students to learn how to perform various medical procedures at a greatly reduced cost. The current models used by students can cost up to \$6,000 dollars or more and replaced



Cervical facet joint injection with ultrasound. Photo by Kelly Rogers, ATSU

parts can cost up to \$2,000. The models we have produced were 100% 3D printed in-house and encased in a ballistics gel medium to mimic human tissue. All of the alternative models cost around \$400-\$500 dollars to produce and the maintenance is negligible. When the material starts to wear, you simply remove the damaged ballistic gel and remelt it to be poured over the 3D model again. This system allows students who do not have access to huge funds to provide models with accurate anatomy, realistic feel when performing procedures, and have the added bonus of being transparent. This allows the students visual feedback as well as mechanical feedback while they learn. The models that we created can be used to learn how to give cervical facet joint injections, sacro-Iliac joint injections, sacral hiatal injections, spinal taps, and lumbar epidurals. Currently, the models are used in multiple research projects here at the University. The goal of these projects is

to assess the effectiveness of the models in medical education and resident training and to compare our models to commercially available ones. If the data indicates the models are effective, our hope is that the models can be integrated into various departments on campus for the



Marcus Matson, OMSII and Zach Headman, OMSII with the 3D models. Photo by Kelly Rogers, ATSU.

benefit and learning of the A. T. Still University student body.

Cost for special projects like those mentioned are covered by the departments or grants and does not come out of the Libraries 3D budget.

The Express is looking for an editor!

The MCMLA Express has an opening for a copy editor for the newsletter. In addition to the glory, you can have something great to add to your CV, help out your Chapter, and earn AHIP points! As an editor you will also be a member of the MCMLA publications committee.

Time commitment is only a few hours every quarter when the Express is published, and a few hours during the annual MCMLA meeting.

If you are interested, please send a writing sample (it doesn't have to be published) and an email expressing interest to the Express Editor, [Amanda Sprochi](#).

MCMLA Congratulates

By Amanda Sprochi, MCMLA Editor

John Bramble, who was named the Associate Director of the MidContinental Region, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, at the University of Utah. Congrats to our fearless leader!

Jennifer Lyon, and the Children's Mercy Health Literacy Committee, on their NNLM/MCR grant and successful immersive [two-day Health Literacy Workshop](#). Good job all.

Emily Glenn, for coauthoring a paper that was awarded the Hospital Libraries Section of the Medical Library Association HLS Professional Recognition Award for Publication, and also for receiving one of the 2018 [MLA Librarians without Borders® / Elsevier Foundation/ Research4Life Grants](#). Excellent work.

Erica Lake, who received the [Consumer Health Librarian of the Year Award](#) at MLA this year and the [David A. Kronick Traveling Fellowship](#) for studying health information management. Way to go, Erica!

Liz Kellermeyer, who is both an [MLA Rising Star](#) and a [Research Institute Fellow](#). We are so proud of you.

Tisha Mentnech, MCMLA's new Web Overlord. She's also a brand spanking new member, so check her out on our new member profile and be sure to say hi and welcome her.

Holly Henderson, who volunteered to be MCMLA's new listserv guru. Thanks Holly for your cat herding capabilities!

Tracey Hughes, our own Dreadlocked N. Loaded, who is leaving us due to a position reclassification. She has been our website guru and listserv wrangler for a long time, and we will miss her mad skills and wonderful person. Good luck Tracey on your new journey.

Great job everyone!

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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?

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