

Happy holidays, MCMLAers!

Winter seems to have come a little earlier than usual here in Columbia. I hope you are all keeping warm and toasty as the festive season comes upon us.

We've just come off a great Virtual Annual Meeting, and we have a [wrap up](#) in this issue by the meeting co-chairs Rebecca Brown and Gwen Wilson. Thanks to all of you who attended and who sent in pictures of your gatherings!

Our newly minted MCMLA Chair, Heather Brown, has her inaugural [Notes from the Chair](#) column in this issue. She discusses her priorities and goals for the next year, including strategic planning, committee assessment, and community engagement, so check it out.

Jessica Gerber, our archivist, [highlights](#) some of the new items to be added to the MCMLA digital archive. These include archiving documents from the Virtual Meeting, photos, and other items of interest to the Chapter. Go see what's new.

The MCMLA Finance Committee celebrates all of those who contributed to the [endowment](#) this year, and Jackie Hittner, our Treasurer, reminds us that 2019 MCMLA [dues will be collected](#) starting in January. It's the best deal in town, so make sure you put your dues renewal on your calendar.

We celebrate two members of MCMLA this month! We [get to know](#) Alicia Lillich better in our "Getting to Know You" column, and we meet one of our [newest MCMLA members](#), Karen Mier. Make sure you say hi to both of them when you see them, and join me in welcoming Karen to the Chapter.

Also this month are [two opportunities for grant funding](#) for travel and for research. Deadlines are soon so make sure you get your applications in on time! And as usual, we highlight all the good work being done by members of our chapter in our [MCMLA Congratulates](#) Column.

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving and winter holiday season. There are at least 14 different religions celebrating holidays in the next two months, so happy holidays to everyone who celebrates.

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Notes from the Chair

By Heather Brown, MCMLA Chair; edited by Amanda Sprochi

I am very excited to be your Chapter Chair. First, I'd like to thank John Bramble for his leadership this past year and to all of the appointed officials, committee chairs, and committee members. Your work is appreciated and essential to MCMLA.

Speaking of committees, thank you to all who volunteered to join a committee. You will learn so much about the organization and your contribution will help it move forward. There are still two openings on the Membership Committee. If you are interested, [please email me!](#)

I'd also like to celebrate and thank the planning group for the 2018 virtual meeting. They did a great job putting the meeting together. Virtual meetings are quite a feat! Kudos as well to all of the presenters who informed and enriched us.

I'd like to share with everyone my priorities, which were presented at the virtual meeting. I've been told it's ambitious, but I'm confident we'll make significant progress during my time as chair and I will continue to work on these initiatives in my future role as Immediate Past Chair.

Priority 1: Strategic Plan

Tasks:

- Communicate committee strategic goals to the membership
- Communicate progress through the year of goals to the membership
- Establish a strategic plan website which will reflect completed goals

My first priority should not be a surprise. A strategic plan was developed and committee goals were based on the plan this past year. Goals will continue to be developed utilizing the strategic plan as a framework moving forward, and I will assist the committees in their creation. It is my intention to communicate these goals to the membership once they are established in the beginning of the MCMLA year. Updates will be provided during the year as well as at the next annual business meeting in 2019. A website will be created to reflect the goals that have been accomplished, so that the information is easily accessible to committees and the membership at large.



Priority 2: Committee Assessment

Tasks

- Assess roles of committees as they relate to member expectations
- Work with committees to determine any changes to roles
- Work with committees to determine ideal number of members

During the 2014-15 MCMLA year, Jackie Hittner, as chair, assessed committee roles. It is time again to look at these and that will be my second priority.

Our committees need to be a reflection of our membership and their needs. Times do change, even over the course of four years, and since our last assessment we have seen a 9% decrease in overall membership (which includes students and emeritus members), and a 15% decrease in regular membership. Some of that is due to retirements, but this is our biggest drop since the one experienced in 2014.

What does that have to do with committees? Fewer members mean fewer individuals available to serve. Do the required numbers for committee members make sense? Do they need more? Do they need less? What do the committees do? Have membership needs changed? Has the role of the committee changed? We need to reassess our committee structure and make adjustments where necessary. The final question is, do we need all of the committees? Can any be merged? Have any run their course? It will not be an easy assessment and it will take time. I assure you that all of those involved will be very thoughtful throughout the process and the membership will be kept informed.

Notes from the Chair (cont'd)

Priority 3: Assess Engagement

Tasks

- Create Engagement Task Force, charged to
 - Create and disseminate a survey to the membership, and
 - Make recommendations to the Executive Committee

For the third priority, I return to the time I spent talking with committee chairs and potential committee member recruits. I came out of those conversations believing that member engagement needs to be assessed. All organizations go through this and I feel that with decreasing membership, this is critical.

We need to ask: What are we doing right, what are we doing wrong, and what are we not doing? Why do people want to remain with MCMLA? What would they like to see from MCMLA? Why don't they volunteer for committees?

I realize there is a lot of overlap between these priorities and that one influences the other. My intention is to plot a strategy so that these changes are made in the most efficient manner possible.

And then there is that dreaded, scary word: "assessment." You're probably thinking to yourself, that that means a survey! And you would be correct. Your voice is very important to the future of MCMLA, so when you see a survey, please respond. Your opinions matter.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Chapter Chair. I look forward to engaging with you and making this a great year for MCMLA.

—Heather

MCMLA Archives Updates

By Jessica Gerber, Chair, MCMLA Archives Working Group; edited by Katie Dayani

Jessica Gerber has been hard at work adding items from the 2018 Virtual Meeting and the committee certificates to the MCMLA Archives. Here's Jessica's update:

I pulled the information from the virtual meeting website, converted it to PDF, and combined the different webpages into one document. Please check out the [MCMLA](#)

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2018 MCMLA VIRTUAL MEETING: OCTOBER 4-5, 2018!

Registration is now open! Attendees, click on the [Registration link](#) to learn more about the fees, and to sign up for the Virtual Meeting!

Vendors/sponsors, click on the [Vendor Registration link](#) for information on sponsorship levels!



Congratulations to all of the presenters who have been accepted to give paper presentations and lightning talks for the Virtual Meeting! Click the link to see the schedule!

The 2018 MCMLA Virtual Meeting committee is hard at work, planning our next virtual conference! Stay tuned to this page for updates, including, but not limited to:

- [Meeting schedule](#)
- [Keynote speakers: Sally Gore and Dr. Katalin Gothard](#)
- [Paper & lightning talk schedule](#)
- RML Update
- MLA Update
- [Exhibits](#)
- MCMLA Business Meeting

[2018 Virtual Meeting](#) document for the combined files.

I also added the [photo of the Colorado Group](#) from the virtual meeting. Please send any other photos from the meeting you would like to have in the archive to me at Jessica.Gerber@ucdenver.edu.

Along with the virtual meeting materials, I also added the committee certificates. I converted them from Power-Point to PDF, and combined them into one document, [MCMLA Committee Certificates 2018](#). These certificates are an important part of the MCMLA history and wanted to include them in the archive.

As always, please send me anything you might find of interest that you think should be included in the archive. I'm glad I get to work with everyone to preserve the work of the MCMLA organization!

2018 MCMLA Meeting Recap

By Rebecca Brown and Gwen Wilson, Co-Chairs, 2018 Virtual Meeting Planning Committee; edited by Katie Dayani

The 2018 MCMLA virtual meeting - *Partners in Progress – Exploring the Possibilities* - was a huge success! A total of 116 people attended the two-day conference held October 4 -5, 2018.

Meeting highlights include:

- Jessi Van Der Volgen and Molly Knapp from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Training Office co-taught the free continuing education class, “Teaching Topics: Assessment on the Fly.”
- Sally Gore, MS, MSLIS, gave the first keynote presentation, “Picture This: A Visual Story of the Building Partnerships.” Gore is the Manager of Research and Scholarly Communication Services for the Lamar Soutter Library, University of Massachusetts Medical School. She oversees the Library's efforts at collaboration with basic science and clinical researchers on campus - as well as all scholarly communication endeavors, including eScholarship@UMMS (Institutional Repository).
- Dr. Katalin Gothard, a Professor in the departments of Physiology and Neuroscience at the University of Arizona Health Sciences, College of Medicine in Tucson, gave the second keynote speech. Dr. Gothard spoke about how she communicates the importance of animals in research and what’s important for animal researchers to keep in mind as they proactively communicate their work to a variety of audiences.
- Nine 5-minute lightning talks were offered
- Three 20-minute papers presentations were held.
- Vendors included: Ebsco, CyberTools, Matthews, Rittenhouse and Wolters Kluwer.
- The MCR RML gave their annual update.
- Kathi Canese, PubMed Project Manager of the National Library of Medicine, provided an update on PubMed.
- The annual MLA Update was given by Beverly Murphy, President of the Medical Library Association.

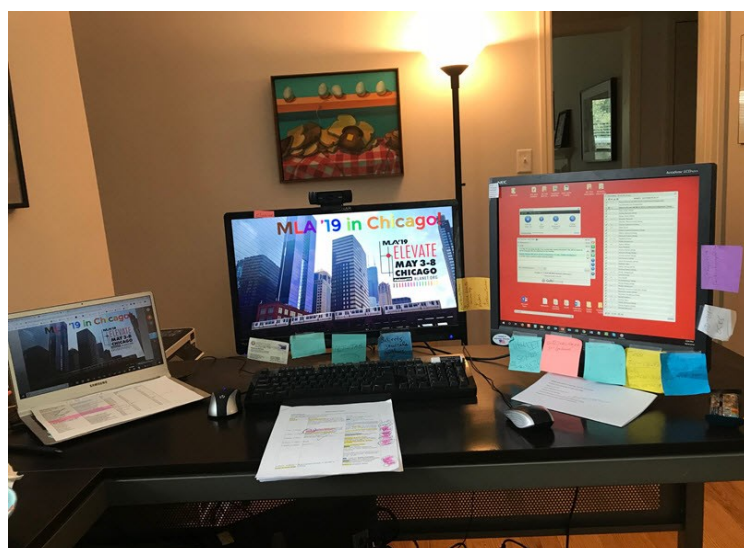
Thank you to all the members of the 2018 Virtual Planning Committee: Tracey Hughes, Christi Piper, Amanda Sprochi, Alicia Lillich, Taira Meadowcroft, Amy Suiter, Brenda Linares, and Tisha Mentnech.



Eccles Health Sciences Library. Photo courtesy of Jessi VanDerVolgen



Health Sciences Library at the University of Missouri. Photo courtesy of Amanda Sprochi



MCMLA2018 Mission Central. Photo courtesy of Rebecca Brown



Health Sciences Library at CU Anschutz. Photo courtesy of Melissa DeSantis.

Thank you for your contribution to the MCMLA Endowment Fund

By the MCMLA Finance Committee; edited by John Jones

The Finance Committee would like to thank the chapter members who contributed to the MCMLA Endowment Fund during the virtual meeting and in October 2018. A total of \$843.00 was collected for the endowment and a member matched that amount and gave an additional \$1,209.00. In November a check for \$2,895.00 was sent to Charles Schwab for the endowment.

Three members who donated to the endowment in October won an Amazon.com gift certificate. The winners were: Assako Holyoke, Yumin Jiang and Shawn Steiding-er.

A big THANK YOU to chapter members who generously gave to the endowment in October 2018:

Anonymous	Erica Lake
Brad Anderson	Brenda Linares
Kate Anderson	Amy Masek
Margaret Bandy	Michelle Nevrkla
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Kristen DeSanto	Laura Simon
Deborah Divas	Shawn Steidinger
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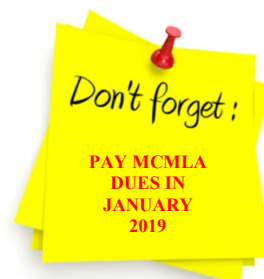


2019 MCMLA Membership Renewal

By Jackie Hittner, MCMLA Treasurer; edited by John Jones

In an effort to have our membership dues collected to coincide with the fiscal year of the Chapter, the following schedule will be used to notify the membership that it is time to pay 2019 dues.

- On January 2, 2019 all current MCMLA members will receive their first notice to pay their 2019 dues.
- Reminder notices will go out January 16 and February 1.
- Members who have not paid their 2019 dues by February 15, 2019 will go into lapsed status and will not be eligible to vote in the 2019 Chapter elections.



Thanks for paying your membership dues promptly after you receive the January 2 notice.

Congratulations, Lori Fitterling, New University Library Director at KCU

By Bonnie Turner, Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, Joplin, MO; edited by Katie Dayani

Lori Fitterling has been selected as the new University Library Director at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences. Lori has served KCU since 2002 as the Medical Librarian and Instructor of Medical Informatics where she has provided access to evidence-based knowledge and resources. Her new responsibilities will include providing leadership for the D'Angelo Library on the Kansas City campus and the Dawson Library on the Joplin campus.

Lori replaces Marilyn DeGeus who recently retired from KCU after 50 years of service. Congrats, Lori!

Congratulations,
Lori Fitterling!

KCU's New University Library Director



Getting to Know You

Alicia Lillich

By Katie Mulik Dayani, MCMLA Publications Committee, and Alicia Lillich; edited by John Jones



Q: How did you get started in libraries?

A: I've always loved answering questions, solving mysteries, making connections, and learning new things – libraries were a natural fit for me.

Q: How are you involved in MCMLA?

A: I've been an MCMLA member for several years now. Last year I served as Recording Secretary and I was also a member of the 2018 Virtual Conference Planning Committee. I'll continue to serve and volunteer as needed.

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

A: Family photos, way too many notepads covered in doodles, and a warm, cozy blanket.

Q: Do you have a professional goal for 2019? What is it?

A: My goal for 2019 is to continue forging new connections in the community and among members in our region.

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

A: Anywhere warm!

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

A: Get active in professional organizations, take every opportunity to learn from others, and don't hesitate to ask for help if you need it. Medical librarians are a welcoming bunch that are always rooting for new #medlibs to succeed!

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

A: I love to attend community events, hunt for bargains at thrift stores, and curl up with a good book.

Q: What book are you currently reading?

A: Michelle Obama's new memoir.

New Member Spotlight

Karen Mier

By Jumin Jiang, MCMLA Membership Committee, and Karen Mier; edited by John Jones

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

Karen : I'm Library Director of Plattsmouth Public Library in Nebraska.

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

Karen : I attended University of Michigan back when there was very little exposure to computers in the workplace.

Jumin : What is your previous work experience?

Karen : I've worked in a public library in Texas, a health science library in Omaha, and now back to public libraries.

Jumin : How do you spend your free time?

Karen : I help care for 12 barn cats (down from our high of 27 before all of them were fixed and some were adopted) in addition to our own cats.

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

Karen : I was a member of MCMLA for many years before rejoining the group this year and have maintained my membership in Nebraska's consortium of healthcare libraries, ICON, for nearly 20 years. I'm the Registration Chair for MCMLA's 2019 conference.

Jumin : Thanks for your responses and welcome back to MCMLA!



Grant Opportunities

The MLA Research, Development, and Demonstration Project Grant

The Medical Library Association (MLA) is now accepting applications for the [MLA Research, Development, and Demonstration Project Grant](#).

The purpose of this grant is to provide support for research, development, or demonstration projects that will help to promote excellence in the field of health sciences librarianship and information sciences. Grants range from \$100 to \$1,000. Grants will not be given to support an activity that is operational in nature or has only local usefulness. More than one award may be granted in a year.

Eligibility

- The applicant must hold a graduate degree in library science.
- The applicant must be a practicing health sciences librarian with at least two years of professional experience.
- The applicant must be a citizen of or have permanent residence status in either the United States or Canada.
- The applicant must be a member of the Medical Library Association (MLA).
- In the case of a research group, at least one person in group must be a MLA member and meet the above criteria.
- Consideration will be given in exceptional cases to an outstanding candidate not meeting the criteria above.

Terms

- The completed application form must be received by **December 1**.
- The applicant must submit the names of two references not related to the applicant/group. The references must be persons who are knowledgeable about the applicant/group's character, education, and abilities.
- The scope and nature of the proposed project should give evidence of an established methodology and a viable research design.
- The application should show how the proposed project would contribute conceptually and practically to the applicant/group's competence and the well being of the library community.
- The proposal should contain title, goals, objectives, methodology, significance, and budget of project; vital and special qualifications of the research;

knowledge of the state of the art and existing published literature on the proposed research topic; and proposed means of disseminating the results.

- The applicant may upload a current photo to member profile for promotional purposes (optional).

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the applications:

Applicant/Group:

- education and training
- experience
- research competence
- adequacy of knowledge of research field
- research potential
- previous productivity

Proposed projects:

- relevancy to the association's purpose
- originality
- importance to the profession
- soundness of experimental design and detail
- feasibility of scope
- Grantees are expected to submit a copy of the final report of their research to MLA with the understanding that MLA has the "first right of review" for publication. If the report is not accepted by MLA and is subsequently published by another publisher, recognition of association support must be given.
- More than one grant may be offered in a year. Grants range from \$100 to \$1,000 and are paid in a single payment.
- The period of disbursement will not exceed one year past the date of the MLA annual meeting.
- Depending on the qualifications of the candidates, the jury may recommend that awards not be presented in a given year.
- MLA will acknowledge applications upon receipt via email.

Additional details are available on the grant page: [MLA Research, Development, and Demonstration Project Grant](#).

To apply, complete the [application form](#) online form and upload all documents no later than December 1, 11:59 p.m. (CT).

Sharon Leslie, Chair; Bette Bissonnette, Jennifer Dinalo, Margaret Henderson, Mary Elizabeth Melvin

MLA Research, Development and Demonstration Project Grant Jury, Medical Library Association.

Apply for the HLS/MLA Professional Development Grant

Applications due December 1, 2018.

Are you new to your career? Had budget cutbacks? Is attendance at MLA never funded by your institution? Are you are looking under rocks for every penny of financial support to advance your professional education? Consider applying for the "Hospital Libraries Section/MLA Professional Development Grant" to support your educational or research activities.

The grant is open to librarians working in a hospital, health system or similar clinical settings. The Grant can be used for professional development through MEDLIB-ED, to help attend the MLA Annual Meeting or CE courses. It may also be used to support reimbursement for expenses incurred in conducting research such as a statistician to help with survey design, analyses etc. Whether you are in the middle of your career or new to it all, or have worked for many years, the HLS/MLA Professional Development Grant is an opportunity for an amazing professional journey into education or research.

See the eligibility criteria and link to [apply online](#) at MLANET. It's fast and easy to apply, do it today!

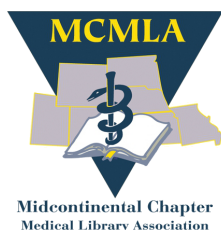
For questions, please contact [Barb Gushrowski](#) or Jury Chair [Michelle Volesko Brewer](#) via email or phone: 646-660-5817, 9-5:30 pm EST. You may also the contact the [committee members](#).

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MCMLA Congratulates

By Amanda Sprochi, MCMLA Editor

Lori Fitterling, appointed the [University Library Director](#) at KCU. Congratulations!

Marilyn DeGeus, on her retirement from KCU after 50 years of service. Thanks Marilyn and we will miss you.

Heather Brown, who was gaveled in as the new MCMLA Chair during the 2018 MCMLA Virtual Meeting. A hearty hale and farewell to our outgoing Chair **John Bramble**, and congratulations on a successful term.

Jean Sidwell, Debra Loguda-Summers, and Susan Swogger, for their poster "3D Printing in Research and Curriculum" presented at the Missouri Library Association's Annual Meeting in Columbia, Missouri.

Debra Loguda-Summers and colleagues for their poster "Innovative Spine and Pelvic Models for the Joint Injection Techniques Training" presented at the 10th Annual Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research Symposium in Kirksville, Missouri. A fine job!

Hannah Craven, Kristina C. Palmer, and Christi Piper for being awarded Best Lightning Talk for "A Bibliographic Analysis of Librarian Assistance on Systematic Reviews" at the 2018 MCMLA Virtual Meeting. Good work!

Dana Abbey for her paper "Information Needs of Community Health Center Staff," which was named Best Paper at MCMLA2018. Congrats!

Brenda Fay, winner of the MCMLA2018 Viewer's Choice Award for her presentation "Graphic Medicine: Comics as Self-Care Tool for Undergraduate Students." Well done!

Gwen Wilson, on her new position as head of the Family & Community Medicine Library at the University of Missouri. Yay Gwen!

Cindy Perkins, on being awarded the MCMLA Barbara McDowell Award for Excellence in Hospital Librarianship at the MCMLA 2018 Virtual Meeting. Great job!

Mary Helms, on being awarded the MCMLA Outstanding Achievement Award at the MCMLA 2018 Virtual Meeting. Well deserved!



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.