

Hello MCMLA'ers!

Welcome to spring? I don't know about you but I need to plant my peas and there's still snow on the ground. I hope you are all staying warm and cozy. Pull up a chair and have a hot beverage while you peruse this quarter's Express!

So, so many [new members](#) to read about in this issue! We have several students, so make sure to make them feel welcome when you see them. And we have a new member from Las Vegas, Nevada, as well. We so appreciate all of you. I'm hoping you will all try to come to our next annual meeting.

Speaking of which, Save the Date! The next [MCMLA annual meeting](#) will be held in beautiful Omaha, Nebraska. Why do I know it's beautiful? Because if the hotel is that nice I can't believe the rest of the city isn't! Make sure you clear your calendar for October 13-15, 2019 and look for updates on the [MCMLA annual meeting website](#). You can go there now and take a look at the gorgeous Magnolia Hotel where we will be congregating. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there in the fall.

In other news, the Health Sciences Library Network of Kansas City presented their [annual awards](#) this January. Our very own Marilyn DeGeus was awarded HSLNKC Emeritus Membership. There was also sad news, as we send out our deepest condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of [Michelle Lahey](#), who died in February from complications of ALS. She will be greatly missed by all of us.

We get a great profile in this issue of John Jones in our ongoing "[Getting to Know You](#)" column. John is one of our editors for the Express and I learned things about him I never knew! Read about a super guy and one of our most active chapter members.

Elsewhere in the Express, our stalwart Treasurer Jackie Hittner begins a [series of columns](#) on chapter finances. And, as always, read about the successes of our membership in the [MCMLA Congratulates](#) column. This issue we have to celebrate (excessively!) the election of our own Lisa Traditi to the position of MLA Chair-Elect. We are so very grateful for all the work you have put into both MCMLA and MLA during your career. Best of luck as you do us proud!

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Notes from the Chair

By Heather Brown, MCMLA Chair; edited by John Jones.

2019 started off with a bang as most of you in the region experienced the polar vortex. While there was a bitter chill in the air, the MCMLA executive team and committees continue to grow ideas. In these first few months of the year, we are working on finalizing committee goals and getting new projects off the ground.

Last year's investigation regarding publishing proceedings of the MCMLA annual meetings is taking shape. Processes are being created to bring abstracts and posters together to form a lasting record of the incredible work being accomplished in our chapter.

Another exciting opportunity for members is a new research grant. Administered by the Research Committee, this grant aims to promote and stimulate excellence in the field of health science librarianship and the information sciences. Grants may be used to support all or part of the costs of a study, up to a maximum of \$1000. MCMLA may award more than one grant in a year for a maximum of \$1000 in any one year. More information about the application requirements will be coming in the next several months, so stay tuned!

With the success of our second virtual annual meeting, we are also learning a lot about planning such events. From the recommendation of the 2018 virtual meeting



planning committee, a special taskforce has been formed which will choose a new meeting platform for the chapter. Currently, MCMLA business is conducted on Join.Me and

virtual meetings have been seeking out special online platforms for the one-time event. To streamline our use of online platforms and remove the time spent by planning committees in finding a platform, one platform is being sought to meet all our online meeting needs. We will have a new platform in place at the end of the year, the time of our Join.Me renewal.

More updates on committee and executive accomplishments are to come to help warm you up as we look forward to Spring!

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HSLNKC presents Awards for 2018 Outstanding Service

By Dawn McInnis, Clendening History of Medicine Library, University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS; edited by Katie Dayani

The Health Sciences Library Network of Kansas City presented awards to Kansas City area libraries/librarians for providing outstanding service to their institutions in 2018, at the fourteenth annual HSLNKC Awards and Recognition Ceremony. The ceremony was held Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at the Stowers Institute for Medical Research.

Cindi Kerns, Medical Librarian, Mosaic Life Care Library Services, received the award for Excellence in Leadership for providing valuable contributions through leadership, knowledge management, and information retrieval.

Marilyn DeGeus, M.A., M.L.S., newly retired from the Kansas City University of Medicine & Biosciences, was awarded HSLNKC Emeritus Membership for her years of service and contributions.

Along with the awards, HSLNKC presented Service Certificates to members who worked to help the organization fulfill its mission.

HSLNKC Celebrates Michelle Lahey, MLS

In addition to the awards listed above, a special award, an HSLNKC Festschrift, was presented to Michelle Lahey, MLS. A diagnosis of ALS led to her retirement from the Linda Hall Library of Science and Technology last year. HSLNKC wanted to recognize and honor Michelle for her lifetime service to libraries and library organizations.

Sadly, Michelle [lost her fight against ALS](#) on February 13, 2019. For more than 15 years, Michelle was a member of the Linda Hall Library's public services staff, retiring in July 2018 as Head of Public Services. She was well-known and loved in the close-knit Kansas City library community. MCMLA sends our condolences to her colleagues, friends, and family.



MCMLA Chapter Finances Part 1: Let's Start at the Very Beginning

By Jackie Hittner, Chapter Treasurer; edited by John Jones

One of the goals of the MCMLA Finance Committee is to educate membership regarding chapter finances. Over the next several Express issues, I will explain the many aspects of the chapter finances in quick to read (aka – short) articles. As Maria states in the Sound of Music, “Let’s start at the very beginning”.

The chapter budget runs on a calendar year. Every November, the treasurer distributes to elected/appointed positions and chapter chairs the current year to date expenses of the chapter. The elected/appointed positions and chapter chairs use the data to determine their proposed budget for the following year. Proposed budgets are due to the treasurer by mid-December. At the January executive committee meeting the budget for the year is approved.



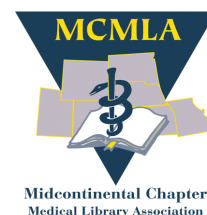
In January 2019, the 2019 chapter budget was approved. As the chapter has done for the past several years, the executive committee approved a deficit budget meaning the approved budget expenses (\$9,737.00) are greater than the expected revenues the chapter will receive this year (\$3,870). The chapter can approve a deficit budget due to the funds in the chapter's money market account (Spoiler Alert - more about the money market account in a future article).

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New Member Spotlight

Gabrielle Bourne

By Debra Loguda-Summers. MCMLA Membership Committee ; edited by John Jones

Gabrielle is a student chapter member completing her master's degree at Emporia State University. She currently lives in Golden, CO.

Q: How did you get started in libraries?

A: I started out as a page, and found I loved working in a library and decided to pursue an MLS.

Q: How are you involved with MCMLA?

A: I have just recently applied to be a potential candidate for a nominating committee.

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

A: England, Hungary, or Japan.

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

A: Definitely try to get a position working in a library or volunteering at one.

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

A: Read and play guitar.

Q: What book(s) are you currently reading?

A: A biography on Freddie Mercury.



Shaun Bouley

By Debra Loguda-Summers. MCMLA Membership Committee ; edited by Katie Dayani

Shaun is a secondary school teacher and a student in the School of Library Information Management at Emporia State University.

Q. How did you get started in libraries?

A. I'm a recent college graduate (class of 2018) in English secondary education. I've always enjoyed the library, so I thought I'd go ahead and pursue school Li-

brary Media licensure while I teach.

Q. How are you involved with MCMLA?

A. I'm not involved heavily in MCMLA yet, but when I return from Army Basic training/officer training in July, I plan to become more active in the chapter.

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

A. A laptop computer, a bag of Cheetos, and an empty coffee cup.

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

A. Finish Army training, complete my second semester of Library school at Emporia State University, and secure a teaching position in Kansas (post-training).

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

A. Hmmm... Japan, Europe, Australia, the beach... it's hard to pick just one place.

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

A. Network with people, engage in professional development, join an organization, and learn about your community.

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

A. Read, workout, play games, watch television, spend time with family, eat out and try new foods, shop, run, and relax.

Q. What book(s) are you currently reading?

A. Recently Read:

Hooked: How to Build Habit Forming-Products by Nir Eyal

The Invisible Influence: The Hidden Forces that Shape Behavior by Jonah Berger

Currently Reading:

All You Can Pay: How Companies Use Our Data to Empty Our Wallets by Anna Bernasek and DT Mongan



Spotlight (cont'd)

Xan Goodman

By Debra Loguda-Summers. MCMLA Membership Committee ; edited by Katie Dayani

Xan Goodman is the Nursing, Allied Health & Public Health Librarian at Lied Library at the University of Nevada Las Vegas.



Q. How did you get started in libraries?

A. I began working in libraries as a work-study student in undergrad.

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

A. My cell phone, a frog tchotchke, and a few pieces of nope! sticky pad notes.

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

A. I have several writing projects that are in the works and I'd like to finish them up!

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

A. Ghana

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

A. Talk to other librarians to get a better understanding of the vast variety of career paths one can take in librarianship.

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

A. I enjoy arts and crafts, taking walks in the lovely parks in my town, and attending cultural arts events.

Q. What book(s) are you currently reading?

A. I have so many books on my bedside table, but these are two that I'm actively reading:

The Desegregation of Public Libraries in the Jim Crow South: Civil Rights and Local Activism by Shirley A. Wiegand and Wayne A. Wiegand.

Why Religion? A Personal Story by Elaine Pagels .

Breanna Cox

By Debra Loguda-Summers. MCMLA Membership Committee ; edited by Katie Dayani

Breanna is an MLS Student in the LIS Program at the University of Denver.

Q. How did you get started in libraries?

A. I learned about library science in a career development class my senior year of college when I was working on applications to Sociology graduate programs. I immediately knew this was a perfect fit since I wanted to do something more interdisciplinary with research.

Q. How are you involved with MCMLA?

A. I'm a current LIS student and would like to learn more about how I can get involved with MCMLA.

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

A. A polaroid of my family, an amethyst stone and a mug

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

A. My goals are to graduate from my LIS program and find a job in a research institute or academic library in a reference position.



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

A. Prague

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

A. It's a job of passion, so make sure you love it!

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

A. I take adult hip hop classes and go for long walks in my city park.

Q. What book(s) are you currently reading?

A. *The Mind-Gut Connection: How the Hidden Conversation Within our Bodies Impacts Our Mood, Our Choices, and Our Overall Health* by Emeran Mayer, and *Enchantments: A Modern Witch's Guide to Self-Possession* by Mya Spalter

Spotlight (cont'd)

Kristina Palmer

By Debra Loguda-Summers. MCMLA Membership ; edited by John Jones

Kristina is a student chapter member completing her master's education. She opted for a 3 year timeline but is graduating with dual master degrees. She is currently interning at the Strauss Health Sciences Library, in Aurora, CO.



Q: How did you get started in libraries?

A: My high school had a volunteer requirement and I filled it by volunteering on the Teen Advisory Board of my local public library. Because I had previously volunteered at a library my work study placement during undergrad was in the college library. I wasn't planning on being a librarian but really enjoyed my time working in the college library and after graduation I decided to pursue a career in libraries.

Q: How are you involved with MCMLA?

A: Right now I'm just a member, although I'm hoping to get more involved soon. I did a lightning talk presentation at the 2018 virtual Meeting.

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

A: Cookies, tea cup, and a pressed metal bird decoration.

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

A: My big goal in 2019 is to find a full time professional level job after I graduate with my MLS in May.

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

A: New Zealand has been at the top of my list of places to visit for a bit now.

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

A: Work or volunteer in a library before starting the masters and if at all possible continue working while going to school.

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

A: I enjoy baking, and reading.

Q: What book(s) are you currently reading?

A: Just finished Radium Girls by Kate Moore, and The Library at Mount Char by Scott Hawkins.

Getting to Know You

John Jones

By Katie Dayani, MCMLA Publications Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi

John D. Jones, Jr. is the Instruction & Curriculum Librarian in the Education & Reference department at the Strauss Health Sciences Library. He recently celebrated his 10th year in Colorado. From Virginia, John worked professionally in Richmond at Virginia Commonwealth University's Tompkins-McCaw Library and later at the Calder Library at the University of Miami in Miami, FL.

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

A: I'm the Instruction & Curriculum Librarian. I primarily oversee the training/teaching offered by the library – the classes we offer in-house to our faculty, staff, and students. I schedule. I teach. I work to train our student interns to teach these sessions. I put forward ideas for new classes. Because of my title, I also chair our internal library Teaching Team. When I'm not involved with things like that, I'm doing research/database consultations and covering our Ask Us service as needed. I am a resource for my colleagues when they are asked by teaching faculty to do curriculum instruction, and I also work primarily within the School of Medicine to offer sessions as part of the curriculum.

Q: How did you get started in libraries?

A: My mom was a classified federal employee who ran a small military training library. Even though she did not have an MLS, she did all the work that a librarian had to do. I know it's cliché but I do like reading and books. I also worked for B.Dalton Bookseller for 6 years before going to Chapel Hill to get my MSIS. My undergrad is psychology – so libraries seemed almost a natural fit for me.

Q. How are you involved in MCMLA?

A. I currently edit items for the Express and I'm the outgoing Annual Meeting Advisor. If anyone is interested in taking over this role, let me know!

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

Getting to Know You (cont'd)

A. I am a clutter magnet. I have the stuffed tiger from the 2017 Columbia MCMLA meeting, a 3-d printed miniature of the Neuschwanstein Castle and a framed cross stitch which reads, “Pop, Six, Squish, Uh Uh, Cicero, Lipschitz” – a quote from the musical, *Chicago*.

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

A. Several but here are two: As Teaching Team chair, I’m helping guide our whole team to create a new asynchronous “Library 101 Tutorial” to help new students and employees get started on the right track. We’ve done some innovation around our classes as far as organization, registration and improving attendance, so now we’re ready to begin to look closer at evaluating our services. When we’ve closed this loop, we’ll be ready to have a more continuous improvement process.

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

A. I’m really interested in some of the European river cruises. I’ve heard there’s one near Christmas time that visits the German & Austrian Christmas markets.

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

A: I don’t have any standard advice that I whip out. There can be so many reasons people are interested. I’m much more likely to launch into a basic reference interview so I can share the pros & cons based on the person’s interests and what may help them to decide (or explore what they don’t know so they can decide.)



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

A: I like crafting. I enjoy books and television. But my husband would tell you I like sword and sorcery role-playing games – primarily Xbox but I’ve played D&D in the past as well.

Q: What book are you currently reading?

A: I like science-fiction & fantasy. I’m currently reading *Recluse Tales* by L.E. Modesitt, Jr. I follow and read Jonathan Maberry, Patricia Briggs, Mercedes Lackey, James Corey – just to name a few.

MCMLA Congratulates

By Amanda Sprochi, MCMLA Editor

Nena Schvaneveldt and colleagues, for their article “A scoping review exploring the opioid prescribing practices of US dental professionals” published in the *Journal of the American Dental Association*. Fine work!

Jean Sidwell, on her [retirement](#) from the A.T. Still Memorial Library after 32 years of service. Please join us in wishing Jean a happy retirement. We’ll miss you!

Gwen Wilson, who began her new position at the University of Missouri as a medical librarian in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at University Hospital in Columbia, Missouri. Her new email address is wilsongs@health.missouri.edu. We are so happy to have her here! Congrats, Gwen!

Angela Spencer, who is now full-time at the C. Alan McAfee Medical Library at St. Luke’s Hospital in Chesterfield, Missouri. Way to go, Angela!

Dana Abbey, co-author on the article “Organizational Health Literacy: Quality Improvement Measures with Expert Consensus” in *Health Literacy Research and Practice*. Well done!

Marilyn DeGeus, for being [awarded](#) HSLNKC Emeritus Membership for her years of service and contributions. Enjoy your retirement, Marilyn!

Ben Harnke, Kristen DeSanto, Christi Piper, Nina McHale and colleagues for their article “Developing a Database for Literature Search Service at an Academic Health Sciences Library,” in [Doody’s Core Titles](#). Great work!

Tallie Casucci and Donna Baluchi for their article “A health sciences library promotes wellness with free yoga” in [JMLA](#). Terrific idea!

Emily Glenn, who was elected to the MLA Nominating Committee. Good job!

And last but not least, major props to **Lisa Traditi**, chair-elect of the Medical Library Association. We are so proud of you!



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?