

Season's Greetings, MCMLAers!

Here's hoping you are warm, dry, and happy this holiday season. This issue is the annual MCMLA meeting wrap-up, and we have a lot of good stuff from Omaha. I attended and had a really great time with all my fellow librarians and attendees. The meeting chairs did an outstanding job and I think I can say a fun and educational time was had by all. Plus, the food was awesome. You can catch up on all the happenings [in this issue](#).

Our immediate past Chair, Heather Brown, passed the gavel off in Omaha to our new MCMLA Chair, Shandra Lee Knight, and she [contributes her first column](#) as chair to the Express this issue. She explains how her theme, "Face in the Right Direction and Keep Going," was chosen and the activities this year that she is going to pursue. We wish her all luck for the year ahead.

The MCMLA Advocacy committee kicks off their [new podcast series](#) this month with an interview with the editor-in-chief of the Journal of the Medical Library Association, Dr. Katherine Akers. Make sure to tune in for this and future podcasts.

We are introduced to four new members of MCMLA in our [Spotlight](#) this month. Be sure to introduce yourself and say hi if you see them around! In other news, Brenda Pfannenstiel shares a set of [game cards](#) for a Research Data Management Plan instruction session that we tried out at the annual meeting. It's a fun and informative way to help researchers and students understand the importance of a solid data management plan before you start a project. And the librarians at A.T. Still Memorial Library discuss the recent symposium they hosted back in October on 3D printing the in the medical and dental fields. Check out [their report](#).

As usual, we highlight the great work being done around the region in our [MCMLA Congratulates](#) column. A very special shout out goes to the recipients of two of the Chapter's [highest awards](#): Mary McFarland was awarded the Bernice M. Hetzner Award for Excellence in Academic Health Science Librarianship, and John Bramble was selected as the Outstanding Achievement Award recipient. Great work by librarians who have truly exemplified excellence in the profession and the Chapter.

Finally, I'm hanging up my spurs as your newsletter editor or later in the year. 10 years has been a good run but it's time to hand it off to new faces. If you are interested, let me or the MCMLA Exec Board know. Happy holidays, all!

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## Notes from the Chair

By Shandra Lee Knight, MCMLA Chair; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Living in Colorado, I often hike in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. I chose as the theme for my year as chair “Face in the Right Direction and Keep Going.” As we set our sights on new heights, the right direction means going up! The Haitian proverb “Beyond mountains there are mountains”<sup>\*</sup> reminds us that when we have solved one problem, we don’t rest. We simply continue on to the next problem.

Because the journey does not end with one success, my first priority is to build on the important work that Heather Brown started last year by:

- Pursuing ideas that support member engagement (Goal 1)
- Adopting committee assessment recommendations (Goal 2)

My second priority is to consider adding a Strategic Area 7: the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting is vital to the success of the rest of the Strategic Plan. This year, we will aim to:

- Consider a combined meeting in the annual meeting rotation (Goal 1)
- Appoint a long-term meeting advisor (Goal 2)
- Adopt revised annual meeting policies/procedures (Goal 3)

Priority three is a focus on advocacy:

- Assess the Advocacy Committee goals and responsibilities

Priority four is to adopt Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) values, policies, and practices in every aspect of our organization—beyond mountains there are mountains.

This year I hope to engage the membership in constructive conversations about how to keep our organization moving in the right direction by:

- Adopting any needed revisions to the member policy statement (Goal 1)
- Adopting annual meeting statements and policies/procedures (Goal 2)

To quote Paulo Coelho, “The way up to the top of the mountain is always longer than you think. Don’t fool yourself, the moment will arrive when what seemed so near is still very far. But since you were prepared to go beyond, this is not really a problem.” I look forward to a productive year as we set our sights high for MCMLA.

<sup>\*</sup>From Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World. Tracy Kidder.



### *Thank you for your contribution to the MCMLA Endowment Fund*

The Finance Committee would like to thank the chapter members who contributed to the MCMLA Endowment Fund during the 2019 annual meeting. \$628.00 was collected for the endowment, and a member matched that amount!

Three members who donated to the endowment at the Annual Meeting won an Amazon.com gift certificate. The winners were: Mary Helms, Shawn Steidinger and Jackie Hittner.

A big **THANK YOU** to chapter members who generously gave to the endowment in October 2019:



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## Designing Without Limits: 3D Symposium

*By Debra Loguda-Summers, A.T. Still Memorial Library, A.T. Still University, Kirksville, MO; edited by Jerry Carlson*

The AT Still Memorial Library, Still 3D Club, DEPCO LLC, and Stratasys hosted an all-day symposium on October 28, 2019, discussing the use of 3D printing in the medical and dental fields. This event was also made available through a webcast to all ATSU schools and alumni/guests who RSVPed to the event.

Speakers included Jesse Roitenberg, Americas education manager and segment lead for Stratasys, speaking on what Stratasys has in the way of 3D printers, training, and what is coming down the pipeline in the future of 3D printing.

Brian Alberts, the lead technician at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in-house 3D print lab and chief operating officer for Medlaunch STL, discussed working with the physicians in the hospital and surrounding area to help create medical tools to improve the care physicians, occupational therapist, and others can give their patients; designing medical training items that can be 3D printed; and working with Radiologists to create 3D models from MRIs and CAT scans.

Dr. Akshay Vij, specialty care unit director of esthetic and digital dentistry at ATSU-MOSDOH St. Louis Dental Center discussed the use of 3D printing in the dental field, creating implants, dentures, bridges, etc.

Dean Maag, manager ATSU Academic Technologies, and Debra Loguda-Summers, 3D printing services manager at A.T. Still Memorial Library discussed what was available at ATSU in the way of printers and materials. Also, they gave a brief description of the terminology used in 3D printing.

## Build Your Research Skills with RTI

*By Donna R. Berryman, AHIP, Health Sciences Library, SUNY Buffalo, Buffalo, NY; edited by Jerry Carlson*

Are you a library professional interested in learning more about the research process? Do you have a brilliant idea or research topic that you want to pursue but don't know where to start and need support to carry it through? The Research Training Institute (RTI) is a unique, intensive and collaborative program that takes you through a process of learning research design and completing a health information research project with the support of peers and research experts. Librarians of all levels of professional experience who provide health services, collections, and support, and are passionate about increasing their research competencies to contribute to health and library improvements, are encouraged to apply to the RTI program.

The Institute is a week-long hands-on workshop held in Chicago, July 13–17, 2020, with follow-up activities, support, mentoring, and membership in an ongoing research community, and an opportunity to present findings at the MLA national conference.

[Applications](#) are now being accepted through January 17, 2020 for the 2020 cohort of RTI research fellows. Admission is competitive. Accepted applicants will be notified in March 2020. See the [RTI website](#) for eligibility requirements and selection criteria. The institute also offers a growing number of [scholarship opportunities](#).

Discover and nurture your research talents! Learn how to conduct or lead quality research projects. Impress your colleagues and boss, learn a lot, and help users improve health and wellness! [Apply today!](#)

If you would like to learn more about the Institute, please visit the [RTI website](#) or contact project director [Susan Lessick](#), AHIP, FMLA.

## 2020 Membership Renewal

### Chapter Dues Payment in January 2020

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 2020 dues.

On January 2, 2020 all current MCMLA members will receive their first notice to pay their 2020 dues. Reminder notices will go out January 16 and February 1. Members who have not paid their 2020 dues by February 15, 2020 will go into lapsed status and will not get to vote in the 2020 Chapter elections.

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



## JMLA Editor-in-Chief Kicks Off Advocacy Podcast Series

By Jacob White, MCMLA Advocacy Committee; edited by Jerry Carlson

The Advocacy Committee is excited to introduce a new podcast series directed at librarians in our region. Our first guest is Katherine Akers, editor-in-chief of the Journal of the Medical Library Association. [In this episode](#), Dr. Akers discusses the new data sharing requirements for publishing research in JMLA, and how she thinks it will be useful for librarians and informationists.

The Advocacy Committee has been brainstorming its future guest list, and would be happy to take your suggestions as well. If you think you would be a good guest for the show, please make yourself known to us! We aim to produce brief episodes around 20 minutes in length. Perfect for listening to during a commute or a walk around the block. We hope you enjoy the first episode, and we look forward to bringing you many more.



For more information contact [Jacob White](#).

## Librarian Position at Children's Mercy, Kansas City

Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City is seeking a librarian to provide library services to the Children's Mercy staff, patients, and families.

Job requirements:

- Master's degree in Library Science
- Experience with electronic resources, online database searching, and automated library systems.
- Minimum of 1-year experience in a library setting.
- Knowledge of medical/scientific databases, consumer health resources, and medical terminology preferred.
- Demonstrated ability in library instruction and technical assistance.

[Apply online](#). For questions, please email [Katie Dayani](#).

## Research Data Management Game

By Brenda Pfannenstiel, AHIP; edited by Nina McHale

At the MCMLA annual meeting, I briefly demonstrated a game I tried out on researchers at our last Children's Mercy Research Days. There are 32 game cards which can be used in a game format or can be used individually to raise awareness about specific data management issues or to start discussions. Some concern the collection/analysis part (librarians know how important establishing file naming conventions can be when dealing with thousands of files), the storage/security part, or the data sharing/publishing/preservation part (librarians know the importance of metadata standards, etc.).

The cards are free to use, individually or together, and to update as needed. Many of the cards cite specific real world examples or specific resources. You might want to include some examples from within your own institution--it all seems more real and personal if you know the researcher or the lab!

They can be accessed [here](#), or you can find them on the home page of this [RDM Guide](#) at Children's Mercy (bottom right box).

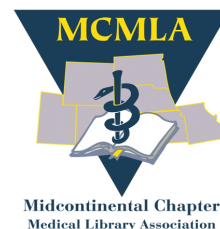
BTW, you may think that researchers are being taught all this RDM planning but do not count on it. I spent a whole career explaining transfer of copyright and article access to researchers who had already published dozens or even hundreds of articles. Librarians can be a resource for research data management planning concepts, resources, and tools as well.

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## 2019 MCMLA Meeting Recap

*By Euem C. Osmera and Jeanne Burke, Co-Chairs, 2019 MCMLA Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE; edited by Katie Dayani*

**We Don't Coast: We Impact. We Explore. We Educate** was the theme for the 2019 MCMLA Annual Meeting in lovely Omaha, Nebraska! We appreciate your taking the time to be at the Magnolia, a beautiful, old-world charm hotel and meeting center. The structure was designed to mimic the Bargello, a palace in Florence, Italy, and was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

We were 104 people strong, including the exhibitors. We networked, learned from colleagues, explored new ideas, and ate some great food. Meeting topics included: conflict resolution, predatory publishing, using statistics and data, innovative uses for technologies, improving library research services, and developing new and improving library services.

There were many familiar faces, and new ones too. Library graduate students, your future is bright! What a breath of fresh air to see and interact with the HOSA (Health Occupations Students Association) group. We were impressed with them and their poster, so much so, they were voted as "Viewer's Choice" Award!

MCMLA's very own Lisa Traditi, MLA President-Elect, gave her vision and updates of MLA. She inspired us to go exploring with her and MLA.

Some other highlights from the conference include:

### Continuing Education:

- *Cool Creative Communications: Dazzling Data Visualization*, Instructor: Donna Ziegenfuss;
- *Data Management for Librarians: What health sciences librarians need to know*, Instructor: Caitlin Bakker.

**Kelly Gering** – *Shared Story: Engaging Conflict Constructively to have Difficult Conversations that Matter*

Kelly believes in the power of difference and the opportunity to find common ground. Founder of Shared Story, a private practice conflict resolution firm in Omaha, Kelly mediates, facilitates, coaches, and trains families, corporations, schools, hospitals, and faith-based groups on how to have difficult conversations that matter. Serving as a member of the State of Nebraska's Office of Dispute Resolution's private list of high-conflict family mediators, Kelly understands that sharing one's story, hearing an-

other's, and choosing to craft a shared story brings possibility, creativity, and meaningful change. As a special faculty member of Creighton University's Negotiation and Conflict Resolution graduate program, Kelly teaches her students theory, strategies, and tools that move defensive positions toward collaborative opportunity – "*Collaborative...I Win, You Win*". She holds a bachelor's degree in Philosophy from Lake Forest College and a master's degree in Conflict Resolution from Antioch University McGregor.

**Jorge Zuniga** – *The story of the creation and deployment of the Cyborg Beast Cyborg, 3D prosthesis*

Dr. Jorge Zuniga related the story of the creation and deployment of the Cyborg Beast, a 3-D printed, upper extremity prosthesis that has made artificial hands affordable and more useful for children around the world. The Cyborg Beast was named one of the best inventions of 2014 by MSN.com. Dr. Zuniga earned his Ph.D. in Exercise Physiology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He currently works at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where he holds the position of Assistant Professor in the Department of Biomechanics. Dr. Zuniga's team at UNO continues to refine the [Cyborg Beast](#) and develop other, low-cost, 3-D printed prostheses, orthotics, and assistive devices for children.

**Contributed Papers:** Five 20-minute papers

**Lighting Rounds:** Six 15-minute lighting rounds

**Posters:** Nine posters

**Exhibitors:** EBSCO Health, Isabel, LibLynx, Matthews Medical Books, McGraw Hill, Medical Library Association, NEJM, Rittenhouse, Sage Publishing, Thieme Publishers, Third Iron, and Wolters Kluwer Health.

**Thank you** to all the members of the 6 local committees and 2 MCMLAs: Christian Minter, Emily Glenn, Nicole Caskey, Danielle Drummond, Cindy Schmidt, Deborah Divis, Karen Mier, Judi Bergjord, Maria Ford, Heather Brown, Anne Heimann, Cindy Perkins, Joy Winkler, Shawn Ammon, Rose Melonis, Brenda Linares, and Wlad Labeikovsky.

Until we meet again virtually in 2020 and in-person in 2021, Don't coast ever!



## A Perfect Partnership between HOSA Students, Teachers and Librarians

*By Julie Abbott, Utah HOSA President, Buffy Blunck, Riverton High School HOSA Advisor, Cynthia Cox, Bingham High School HOSA Advisor, Trudy Pecorelli, Riverton High School HOSA Advisor, Inakhshmi Rashid, Utah Alumni Vice President; edited by Katie Dayani*

HOSA Future Health Professionals is an international student-led, curriculum-based organization that promotes careers in healthcare to middle, high school, and college students. HOSA provides career awareness through guest speakers, field trips, and internships. The organization also sponsors 58 different competitions which help participants improve their knowledge and skills. HOSA also focuses on giving back to the community; the current national service project is the National Pediatric Cancer Foundation. HOSA is a fun way to get involved, while helping students create networking opportunities and build their resumes.

As teachers, we found that students used sources such as Google, WebMD, and Wikipedia for class projects – not the best evidence-based sources.

In the Fall of 2015, Utah HOSA partnered with the University of Utah and the NIH to incorporate MedlinePlus tools and resources in our classrooms. As students began using this MedlinePlus, it became evident that we needed to spread the word and let more students and teachers know about this resource.



We developed a series of lesson plans for teachers to share with students to improve their medical literacy skills and help identify credible sources online. Ultimately, we have created a lesson that walks students through the resources on MedlinePlus. It is created in an “I do, we do, you do” format. Completion of the lesson with 90% accuracy earns the students a Level 1 National Li-

brary of Medicine Ambassador Certificate that is presented at their state competition. Upon completion of Level 1, students can collaborate with a partner in a digital escape room activity in which they are given puzzles that are solved with content located on MedlinePlus. Upon successful completion of the activity, students are awarded a

Level 2 National Library of Medicine Ambassador Certificate.

We have rolled out this program across the state of Utah and in various states across the country through hands-on presentations at multiple leadership conferences. We found that students are actively using

this site in their classroom assignments and research projects and are incorporating up-to-date and peer-reviewed information.

The program has made an impact on a variety of students, ranging from high school to college students. In college, students are held to a higher standard when it comes to the validity of their research, so knowing reliable skills to find such information is crucial to success. MedlinePlus is a great resource because it is simple to use and has a wide variety of subjects and source material relevant to the needs of students.

The highlight of our attendance at the MCMLA conference was the realization that librarians are a hidden gem in our schools and universities. We thank you for your hospitality and kindness and for inspiring us to direct our students to the library.



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## MCMLA Annual Awards

*By Amanda Sprochi, Express Editor*

Mary McFarland and John Bramble were honored at the MCMLA Annual meeting in Omaha.

McFarland received the Bernice M. Hetzner Award for Excellence in Academic Health Science Librarianship, and award given to the person who has achieved a high level of professional accomplishment.



John Bramble was the recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award, given to honor a member for contributions to the chapter and its activities.



Both awardees received a plaque and a travel stipend. Selfies were taken!

Congratulations to John and Mary!

## 2019 Stars Awardees

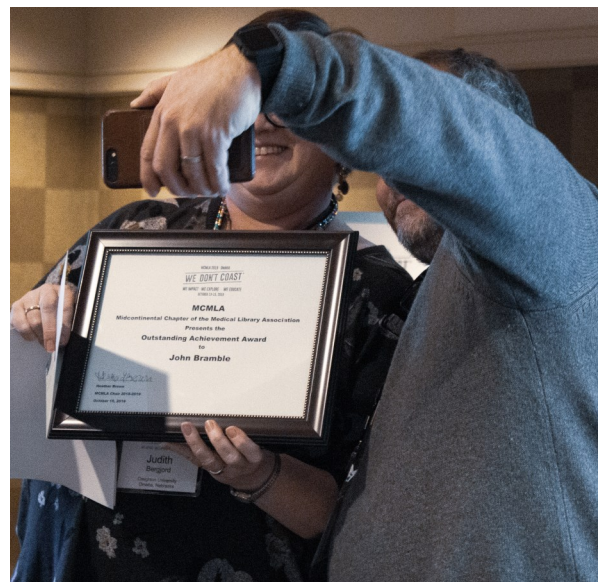
Jeanne Burke  
Danielle Drummond  
Emily Glenn\*  
Teresa Hartman  
Liz Kellermeyer\*  
Debra Loguda Summers  
Christian Minter  
Euem Osmera  
Brandon Patterson  
Brenda Pfannenstiel\*  
Cindy Schmidt  
Nancy Woelfl

\*Gift Card Winners

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## Posters from MCMLA 2019

By Amanda Sprochi, MCMLA Express Editor

At the recent MCMLA annual meeting in Columbia, Missouri, 9 posters, 5 papers, and 6 lightning round talks were presented by our members.

### Papers presented:

“Library as the Technology Hub for the Health Sciences.” Brandon Patterson, Tallie Casucci, Bryan Hull, and Nancy Lombardo, University of Utah.

“Using Statistics to Tell Your Story.” Christi Piper and Nina McHale, CU Anschutz.

“Restructuring a Literature Search Service: Preliminary Data and Feedback.” Nina McHale, Lilian Hoffecker, Ben Harnke, and Christi Piper, CU Anschutz.

“Chaos! Connection! Communication Skills Building through Guided Improv Exercises.” Emily Glenn and Heather Brown, University of Nebraska Medical Center.

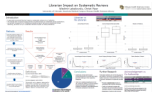
“Investigating Health Sciences Faculty Knowledge and Attitudes of Predatory Publishing.” Stephanie Wiegand and Nicole Webber, University of Northern Colorado.

**Winner of the Best Contributed Paper Award.**

**Posters:** (click on the thumbnails for a full-sized view)



“Taking the train out of training. Practical lessons for creating good training materials that don’t wreck transitions.” Kristy Steigerwalt, Cynthia Flanagan, and Marie Thompson, University of Missouri-Kansas City.



“Librarian Impact on Systematic Reviews.” Wladimir Labeikovskiy and Christi Piper, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus.



“Medical Librarians as Disaster Information Specialists.” Cynthia Flanagan and Nick Dean, University of Missouri-Kansas City.



“Elevating Library Outreach: Hosting Author Readings.” Mary E. Helms and Stuart K. Dayton, University of Nebraska Medical Center.



“Elevating Librarian-Mediated Search Services: When 2nd Best Isn’t Good Enough Good Enough.” Danielle Drummond, Cynthia M. Schmidt, and Teresa L. Hartman, University of Nebraska Medical Center. **Winner of the Best Poster Award.**



“DOCLINE Resource Sharing Analysis.” Mark McKenney, Karen Wells, and Lisa Ciavonne, Saint Mary’s Medical Center, Grand Junction, Colorado.



“Health Literacy Challenges and Opportunities: Bringing Children’s Mercy and Kansas City Together.” Jennifer A. Lyon, Angie Knackstedt, Barbra Rudder, Mamta Reddy Children's Mercy Kansas City; Courtney R. Butler, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.



“Health Occupation Student Association (HOSA) Future Health Professionals - We Don’t Coast: We Engage, They Innovate, We Educate.” Cynthia Cox, Julie Abbott, Inaki Rashid, Buffy Blunck, Trudi Pecorelli, Bingham High School, Mountain View High School, University of Utah, Riverton High School. **Winner of the Viewer’s Choice Award.**

### Lightning Talks:

“Battling broken links: Improving access through user reporting.” Anne Heimann, Amy Masek, and Nicole Caskey, Clarkson College.

“Training Trainers: A Hinari Workshop in Rwanda.” Emily Glenn, University of Nebraska Medical Center.

“Sparkling Joy: Using the IHI Framework for Improving Joy in Work with Health Sciences Library Staff.” Lisa Traditi, CU Anschutz.

“Research Data Management Planning--the Game.” Brenda Pfannenstiel, Children’s Mercy Kansas City.

“Breaking the Silence: Hosting Awareness Events on Campus During Crisis.” Heidi Greenberg, Shawn Steidinger, Brandon Patterson, and Donna Baluchi, University of Utah.

“Making Change Happen: Strategies to Initiate and Negotiate Change Successfully in Programs, Services, and Technologies.” Jason Curtis, Rocky Vista University.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work and terrific presentations!

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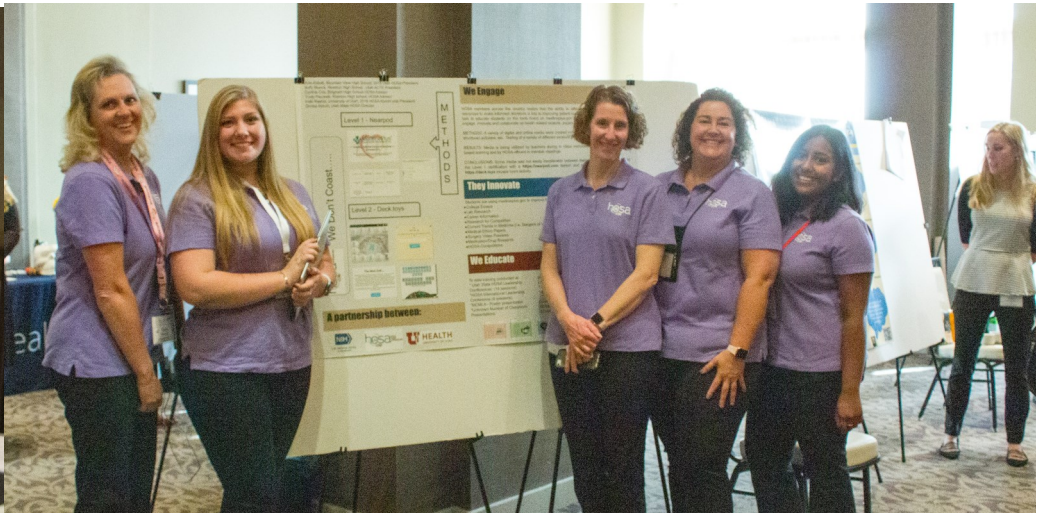
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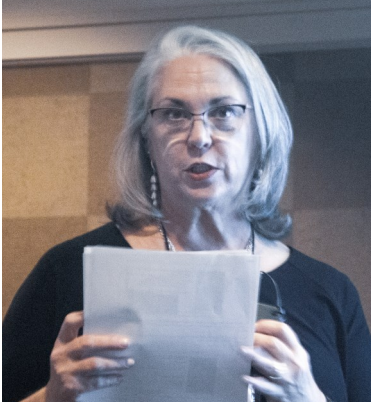


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## New Member Spotlight

### Jennifer Beckley

*By Debra Loguda-Summers. MCMLA Membership Committee ; edited by Jerry Carlson*

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

MLS Program Director for Emporia State University

#### What do you like most about it so far?

I love interacting with students and helping them get connected with others in their chosen career paths.

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

I received my MLS from Emporia State University and my B.A. (history) from Rhodes College.

#### What is your previous work experience?

My work background is pretty crazy, honestly. After college, I worked at the University of Wyoming's American Heritage Center as an archivist, then returned to Kansas City to work at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in their Spencer Art Reference Library. I then took a hard left and went into advertising – I had zero intention of staying at my first agency more than about a year. Then somehow, I spent about 15 years working my way up the ladder – first as a media buyer, then as a planner, then as a director (basically, all that means is that I helped clients figure out how to reach their target audiences with their creative messages, usually with limited budgets.) I worked with more industries than I can count, but a large chunk of my ad agency career was spent working for healthcare systems – lots of hospitals, doctors groups, etc. After 15 years of that, I decided it was time to get back to my first love of libraries and archives. While earning my MLS, I worked in a law library and realized that the law was not, in fact, something I was crazy about. After about 3 years at a law firm, the job at ESU opened up and I jumped at the chance to help students in their own journey toward librarianship.

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

After I got my MLS, I bought "American Cake" by Anne



Byrn and spent a year trying to make as many cakes as I could from scratch. I made 27 cakes and learned a ton – namely, that cakes from scratch are totally worth it, it doesn't take as long as you think (some of them at least), and that some cakes are best left to professionals (the Doberge attempt was a touch more than I was ready for...)

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

A part of my job as program director is helping students get involved in organizations that fit with their goals for employment after attaining their MLS degrees. I hope that by being a member of MCMLA, I can stay current on trends in medical librarianship, encourage students to join & participate, and generally know what's happening with the medical library field.

### Rachel Alexander

*By Debra Loguda-Summers. MCMLA Membership Committee ; edited by Jerry Carlson*

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

I am a Research Support Librarian at the J Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library.

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

Lyon College- B.A. in Biology, University of Missouri – MLIS.

#### What is your previous work experience?

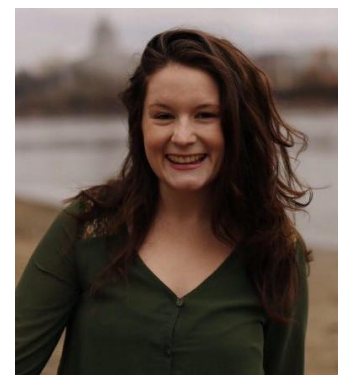
I worked briefly as the legislative librarian for the State of Missouri.

#### How do you spend your free time?

Reading, eating, hanging out with my dog.

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

Expand my tribe!



## Spotlight (cont'd)

### Brianna Chatmom

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

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

I am currently a part-time Library Specialist at Stephens College. I have always been interested in libraries since I was a small child. Libraries have always served as a second home to me, providing me a safe space to explore the world through literature and meeting many folks of different backgrounds.

#### What do you like most about it so far?

I love that my job allows me to interact with a range of diverse materials! I learn something new every day.

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



I attended Kansas State University for three years and transferred to University of Kansas in 2016 to finish my degree. My mother went through a health scare which prompted me to move closer to home. I graduated from the University of Kansas in Fall 2017 with a BA in Liberal Arts.

#### What is your previous work experience?

Before returning to graduate school I worked at an insurance law firm. I loved the environment and being able to help with the cases we encountered.

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

I am the middle child of 8 siblings! When we were young, we would have family awards, and I always got voted most dramatic and most likely to share my toys. As an adult I know see how weird our family awards may seem to others, but they were always fun, and it helped us see our individual personalities and strengths.

#### How do you spend your free time?

I spend my free time working on a cookbook that I've been curating for the past few years. It is a collection of recipes that intersect with stories of Black mothers and daughters.

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

I hope to gain new professional friends in the medical library field! My goal is to work closely with MCMLA and impact the organization in a positive way. In addition, I want to soak up as much knowledge as possible and also share what I know.

### Levi Dolan

*By Debra Loguda-Summers. MCMLA Membership Committee ; edited by Nina McHale*

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

I am currently an MLIS student at the University of Missouri. I am taking online classes exclusively, which is interesting. I plan to graduate in May 2020.



#### What is your previous work experience?

Before library school, I was an assistant manager at a textbook store, and worked at the American Red Cross before that.

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

I am a beekeeper. Local honey is the best!

#### How do you spend your free time?

I've started listening to audiobooks a lot recently, and I have come to fully enjoy that format.

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

Thanks to the NNLM MCR LIS Student Professional Development Award, I'll be attending the MCMLA 2019 conference in Omaha, and am looking forward to that.

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

I am interested in medical librarianship as a career, so joining as a student is a way for me to hopefully become more oriented to some of the ways that has happened for other people. Learning what those in the profession see as valuable and what issues are important to them helps me better visualize concepts that I'm being exposed to as an MLIS student. With practice, I also hope to recognize a few more medical library-related acronyms on sight.

## MCMLA Congratulates

*By Amanda Sprochi, MCMLA Express Editor*

**Jan Rice**, Director of Library Services at the Bryan College of Health Sciences in Lincoln, Nebraska, who is retiring at the end of the year. We wish you well in your second life!

**Wlad Labeikovskiy**, who has been written into a grant selected for funding. He will be looking at around 200 metabolomics data analysis tools and performing a GitHub meta-analysis in order to survey and understand the landscape of available software tools developed by the metabolomics community. Congrats, Wlad!

**Debra Loguda-Summers**, 3D print services manager, and colleagues at A.T. Still Memorial Library, who have applied for a patent for their “Systems and Methods for Injection Placement Training” models. Good work, everyone!

Congrats to **Sam Kennefick** and **Elizabeth “Ellie” Svoboda** from CU Anschutz who both received a Student Travel Award from the RML to attend the MCMLA Annual Meeting in October. Happy to see you!

**Kristen DeSanto** and **Dana Abbey**, who are part of a grant awarded to the CU Anschutz School of Medicine. They will be doing needs assessments and information resources to support an access platform to health information for transgender individuals and health care providers. Proud to see our members working on such a needed and worthwhile product.

**Rachel Vukas**, who with colleagues had three (!) systematic reviews published: “[Sex Differences in Traumatic Brain Injury](#),” “Brain activity during dual task gait and balance in aging and age-related neurodegenerative [conditions](#),” and “[Clinical Outcomes of Transcatheter vs Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement in Patients With Chronic Liver Disease](#).” Wow!

**Nina McHale**, who has been selected to represent the Univ of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus as a participant in the 2019-2020 Academic Management Institute (AMI)! AMI is an event for women leaders in Colorado and Wyoming. The goal of the program is to increase the number of women who serve in college or university leadership positions. Way to go!

And, a final note—I’m going to be finishing up my tenure as MCMLA Express editor this year. The Exec Board will be looking for a replacement so watch the Express and the MCMLA Listserv for details to apply. If you are interested feel free to email me about what the job entails. It’s been fun!



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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