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President's Page

It's hard to believe that this is the last month of 1991! As 1992 is fast approaching, it is time to renew your membership in our Association. A membership form is provided in this mailing, so why not take time now to complete it and send it back?

Nell Wooley and Pat Cole have been busy the last several months putting together the program for our annual meeting in Orlando, April 1-3. Since we will be meeting with the Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians, we have resources from both groups to put together for a dynamic and stimulating meeting. We have engaged Kaycee Hale as the keynote speaker. Those of you who attended MLA in San Francisco and heard her speak, know what a motivational and inspirational speaker she is. For those of you who were not able to attend, we have brought her a little closer, so you will not want to miss this opportunity.

This year we will also be offering a 1/2 day workshop on Wednesday afternoon for those of you who want to arrive earlier in the day. Jane Lambremont will be presenting this CE offering on "*Quality Assurance for the Hospital Librarian*". On Thursday, there will be 2 full day workshops. Martha Jane Zachert will be conducting a class on the "*Designs of Medical Library Educational Services*". Many participants in her course in Jacksonville last April wanted more, so she has obliged by creating this workshop. The other CE course for Thursday will be "*Succeed or Survive: A Case for Image Making*" will be taught by Kaycee Hale.

We will once again be offering scholarships for the annual meeting. However, remember that you must be a member of FHSLA at the time you apply to qualify. (Another reason to go ahead and renew now!)

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Unlock the **MAGIC**



Plans are well under way for the joint meeting of the Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians and the Florida Health Sciences Library Association, April 1-3, 1992 in Orlando, Florida.

Each of you possesses "**MAGIC**"! Come share the magic with your colleagues. Learn ways to "**UNLOCK THE MAGIC**" and become more effective in your library.

The meeting will begin on Wednesday afternoon, April 1st (no April Fool). Jane Lambremont will wave her magic wand and teach a course on "*Quality Assurance in Hospital Libraries*". Wednesday night there will be a welcome reception at the Winter Park Memorial Hospital Medical Library. Come, relax and enjoy a fascinating social hour.

On Thursday Dr. Martha Jane Zachert will give a masterful performance when she instructs her CE "*Designs for Medical Library Educational Services*". Kaycee Hale will demonstrate artful trickery as she conducts her CE "*Succeed or Survive: A Case of Image Making*". Thursday night will be an evening of "mumbo jumbo" with a banquet at Church Street Station. Following dinner you are free to take advantage of alluring shopping and spellbinding entertainment.

On Friday, following breakfast and welcome remarks, Kaycee Hale will discuss her magic formula in a Keynote Address. Also, Friday we will magically work in the business meetings for each group and an enchanting joint group luncheon. With no hocus pocus we will hear contributed papers Friday afternoon.

We will have a little voodoo hoodoo with surprises and prizes. Come join us for a magical ceremony.

Patricia N. Cole, President-Elect SCHL, Co-Program Chairman SCHL/FHSLA

Exemption Finalized

On September 12, 1991, the Internal Revenue Service formally notified FHSLA of exemption from paying taxes on income from 1988, 1989 and 1990. This issue has been pending for more than 2 years. Although tax exempt status was awarded in 1990, back taxes for 1988 and 1989 remained under investigation pending proof of non-profit activities. The decision in our favor saves the organization several hundred dollars in penalties alone.

School Phases Out

The faculty of the School of Library and Information Science have been informed that the university is beginning the process of phasing out the school. The phase out is due to severe cuts in state funding of the University of South Florida. The program will probably be combined with another unit.

The School of Library and Information Science faculty is currently investigating ways to preserve American Library Association accreditation. The loss of such accreditation would be a tragedy for Florida. The majority of librarians, media specialists and business information specialists throughout South Florida have received their professional education in the University of South Florida School of Library and Information Science.

AHEC Program to Start

The University of Florida's College of Medicine has received a grant to establish an Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program in the 37 counties of northern Florida. Even though Florida is the nation's largest state, the northern section is largely rural with too few hospitals and health care practitioners. The Health Science Center Library is working with the College of Medicine in developing library services for AHEC physicians and students doing rotations in AHEC training centers. For more information, contact Susan Woods at 904-392-3854.

*Susan Woods, Health Science Center Library,
University of Florida*



The Palm Beach Health Sciences Library Consortium has realigned with the Miami Consortium with an interlibrary loan agreement to further access to regional reference and to increase the number of research sources available to South Florida physicians.

The PBHSLC has initiated a formal agreement among its members to begin a Joint Journal Acquisition Project. This coordinates journal acquisitions eliminate unnecessary duplications thus insuring a financial savings. Each library (Good Samaritan, St. Mary's, JFK and Bethesda) is responsible for maintaining certain titles so that other libraries can delete those subscriptions. This is a cooperative effort that is expected to expand each year.

Kate Greene, Bethesda Memorial Hospital

CINAHL Database

In September the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL) database became available for searching on the Library's PlusNet 2 system. With a Calder MEDLINE password, users are able to search this database 24 hours a day 7 days a week from terminals in the Library, their offices or homes. Passwords are available from Tom Williams at 547-5782.

*Suzetta Burrows, Louis Calder Memorial Library,
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Over the past few months, we have been able to lend a financial hand to a couple of worthy causes. We contributed \$500.00 to the Eileen R. Cunningham International Fellowship Endowment Fund, which provides funding for overseas librarians to study in the United States. We also co-sponsored, along with the Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians and the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association, the Hospital Librarians Luncheon at the annual meeting of the Southern Chapter/MLA in Jackson, Mississippi.

As this year comes to a close, we will begin looking for volunteers to help in our Association. Nell Wooley will soon be assembling a Nominating Committee to come up with a slate of officers for 1992/93. In addition to Vice-President/President Elect, the offices of Secretary and Treasurer will also need to be filled. Anyone out there who wants to take a more active role and volunteer for one of these duties--or any committee assignment--should contact either Nell or me.

Happy New Year!! And make plans now to attend our Annual Meeting in Orlando!

Pam Neumann, President

New AIDS Care and Services Provider Database

During August, the newly developed AIDS Care and Service Provider database became available to patrons for searching as an option on the Library's online public access catalog, CALLCAT. By selecting 'P' on the CALLCAT menu, users are one keystroke away from an up-to-date directory of individuals and organizations that provide a full range of services to people with AIDS and of research studies on AIDS in the Dade, Broward and Monroe tri-county area.

By selecting 'P' on the AIDS Care and Service Provider menu user enter the name of an individual, organization or drug currently being tested in the tri-county area and instantly retrieve comprehensive and current information on a provider or research study.

By selecting 'O', the system will display a list of organization types such as public hospitals, nursing homes, support groups. Entering the number corresponding to the organization type of interest, e.g. nursing homes, will generate a list of the names of nursing homes in the database. By selecting 'M', the system will display a list of the many medical specialities in the database. Entering the number corresponding to the specialty 'H', 'B', or 'E' will generate lists of health and social, mental health, or education and information services.

Access to the research studies is by research type, e.g. pediatric studies, ophthalmic studies; by research site, e.g. University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center, VA Medical Center, Community Research Initiative; and by eligibility criteria, e.g. CMV, Kaposi's sarcoma, etc.

The development of the database was funded in part by a grant from the National Library of Medicine of the NIH. The database is the first application of the alternate database component of the Library's INNOPAC system for a locally developed database. It is updated formally four times a year and daily as changes come to the Library's attention. Like the online catalog, it is available for searching from terminals in the Library, elsewhere on campus or from any remote location 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

To register for a 2 hour tutorial on searching the AIDS Care and Service Provider database, CALLCAT and the AIDSLINE database, call Michael Perry at 547-6611. For further information on the development of the database, call Suzetta Burrows at 547-6441.

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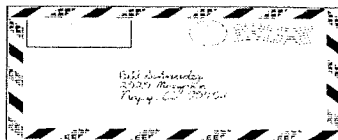
Acknowledgement

Mr. Bob Cheshier, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee to Establish the Cunningham Endowment, recently acknowledged FHSLA's contribution of \$500 to the fund. The Cunningham Endowment awards \$3,500 annually to librarians from other countries to study and work in the United States. Mr. Cheshier identified the endowment as one of MLA's more important programs and thanked FHSLA for its continued support.

Linda Kressal, Good Samaritan Health Systems



Personals



VA News

Ms. Deborah Lawless joined the staff of Borland Library in Jacksonville on November 18, 1991. She was formerly assistant director at the library of the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis. Her responsibilities at Borland include serving as coordinator of the local network -- the Jacksonville Area Health Information Libraries (JAHL)

Paul Cadby, Ed.D., former reference librarian at the University of South Florida Health Science Library (1988-89) died in Miami June 14, 1991 after a lengthy illness. Paul had taken a position with the Dade County Library System to be able to return to Miami and continue his work with the Black Heritage Museum of which he was a co-founder.

Larry Chrisman, Ph.D., an associate librarian in technical services at the University of South Florida Health Sciences Library, died in a car accident on July 8th. In addition to his master's degree in library science, Larry received his doctorate in library science/technical services from Indiana University in 1975. Before coming to the health Sciences Library in 1987, he was an assistant professor in the School of Library and Information Science at USF for seven years. he continued to teach courses in technical services and research methods at the School as an adjunct faculty member.

CD-ROM Test Site

The Miami VA Medical Center Library Service has been chosen by VA Central Office as one of 10 test sites throughout the country for the dissemination and evaluation of CD-ROM education units. The first program, produced by the Minneapolis RMEC and VACO Dental Education Center, will be "Oral Pathology of HIV Infections". Mark Peterson, VA Miami Chief, Library Service, will coordinate the local testing. All systems equipment and operating hardware has been provided by VACO.

Nancy Bernal has been named Chief, Library Service, Tampa VAMC. The Tampa library has just been awarded a grant for \$10,000 for a facility-based AIDS/HIV education demonstration project entitled: An Individualized, Self-instructional, Multi-media Approach to AIDS Education for Employees and Patients of Diverse Educational and Ethnic Backgrounds. Nancy is Intervention Coordinator and Janet Scheider, Patients' Librarian is co-investigator.

Ann Conlan, Chief, Library Service at the Bay Pines VA Medical Center, is on extended sick leave while recuperating from hip surgery.

Iris Renner is a new member of the MEDLARS Management staff at NLM.

Old time Floridian **Diane Wiesenthal, Ph.D.** has been named Associate Director, Learning Resources Services, VA Center Office in Washington, D.C.

Charlotte Truitt is the new Medical Librarian at the Tampa VA Medical Center. Charlotte was formerly the Patients' Librarian at Bay Pines.

Janet Scheider, Patient's Librarian at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa, cooperates together with discharge planning teams to evaluate patients information needs during their hospital stay. She and members of the team assess that the information received will help to make patients return to self-management a successful event.

The library program was highlighted in a recent AHA publication: Consumer Health Information: Managing Hospital Based Centers, Salvini G. Kernaghan and Barbara E. Giloth