

# FHSLA ALERT



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## **A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT FALL CHANGES ARE ALL AROUND US!**

There's a change in the air as we enter the autumn of this first year of the new millennium. The leaves are beginning to change with the corresponding changes in temperature. Other changes are all around us as some of us gear up for the new school year and that new group of interns or residents. The challenges that we face in the delivery of healthcare, the proliferation of electronic publications and our roles as information providers make the beginning of this new millennium both frightening and exciting at the same time. As a profession we have always led the way in the new technology. Often we had to wait for that technology to catch up to us in providing the services we desired. Now we are not only faced with downsized staff and fewer dollars but a proliferation of electronic journals and other documents. As librarians, information specialists, education specialists, informatics specialists, whatever catchword title we are assigned, we provide the necessary service of not only providing the information but also sifting through it so as to provide our patrons with the latest and most reliable documents. To provide these services, we need to be able to educate ourselves not only by attending meetings, seminars, and workshops but also having the freedom to take courses in fields related to our many tasks. I was very happy to see so many familiar faces and to welcome newcomers to our spring meeting. Thanks to Ellen Nagle, many of us were able to begin to understand the complicated issues of electronic journals and their contractual obligations. Dr. Ullmann provided us with tremendous insight into healthcare delivery and its impact on us, not only professionally but also personally. I know we will continue to face our challenges and support one another, whether in a meeting, via email, or the phone, in the evolving world of library and information science.

Erica R. Powell  
FHSLA President

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**From The Editor's Desk**

Well friends, the Alert is finally here. Originally I had planned to publish a summer issue, but due to a lackluster response from you all I had to wait until additional items were received.

I hope that all of you had a wonderful summer and right about now you all must be very busy with new and returning students and or doctors and residents. In this constantly changing environment of ours, it's nice that we can share our experiences, successes and failures with our colleagues, using the Alert and our

listserv.

Those of you who are members of the FHSLA listserv would have seen the discussion with reference to the possibility of changing the format of the Alert i.e. from paper to electronic. However, this option would, in my opinion, only be viable if the majority of our members have access to email or would have access in the very near future. I would therefore like to request that all members who do not have email/internet access please inform me so that I may pass on this information to the relevant FHSLA committee, as some members are very interested in this issue. I would appreciate it if I could have your responses no later than October 15th, 2000.

I am very thankful to all of the contributors for helping to make this issue a success. I would like to encourage all members to send in any newsworthy item, they may have. I hope that the next issue will be out sometime during the spring. Therefore, you all have enough time to send in your pieces.

Along with my thanks to all the respective contributors, my special thanks goes to Mrs. Jolie Moore, without whose valuable help I would not have been able to get this issue out.

Good luck to you all and please keep those news items coming in. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

David Goolabsingh  
Editor

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### **A Multitude of Thanks and Thanks to a Multitude of FHSLA Members, Chairs and Officers!**

Another leaf has turned in the virtual book of FHSLA activities. Thanks to a multitude of people who planned, coordinated, and helped in many ways our Spring Conference was indeed a pleasure on the beach. Erica Powell, Carmen Rivera and Diane Rourke headed up the effort to welcome us to Miami Beach while making sure we had plenty of opportunities to learn and to network. Calder Memorial Library staff invited us into their facility, answered questions, and provided a multitude of services behind the scenes. Thanks to all the South Florida librarians who worked to make sure we had a good meeting, and the fun of digging through our bags for "toys." Even the media added excitement by making sure Florida eyes were on Miami during our stay!

It takes more than local hosts, planners and arrangements to do FHSLA's yearly work. The Spring Meeting is the visible result of some of that activity. I have to admit I was unaware of many members' contribution until I became an officer. Members who make more than a year's commitment provide much of FHSLA's

continuity. Special thanks go to several of these members:

- Susan McCullough, whose work as continuing education coordinator helps us to build on our experience and avoid making the same mistakes twice - if we'll listen!
- Deedra Walton, who served as treasurer for a normal two-year term, and then volunteered to do it again.
- Jan Booker, whose continuing work as Union List Coordinator makes sure we don't miss any opportunities.
- Midge Wallace, whose work with the membership directory and willingness to offer help whenever she's called make sure we don't miss any members.
- Naomi Elia, whose continuing work on policies and procedures, and remembering what happened when makes valuable glue for FHSLA.

Members, thanks to each of you for the part you play in our association-the questions and ideas you post on the discussion list; the help you give to fellow members who call in a pinch; and the commitment you make to excellence in our profession.

It's been a pleasure to work with you.

Gwen Wolff  
Immediate Past President

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### **USF and FSU Medical Information Sources and Services Course**

Cheryl R. Dee, Ph.D. taught Medical Information Sources and Services via the Internet and with face-to-face meetings in Tampa and Tallahassee to sixteen enthusiastic library school students during the summer semester. The University of South Florida and Florida State sponsored the course. A class tour to the University of Florida Health Science Center, Gainesville, included excellent database searching instruction from Barbara Francis and Tara Tobin and a very informative tour of the UF Medical Informatics facilities by Richard Rathe, MD and his staff. Tallahassee tours included wonderful library tours by Pauline Hicks and Sharon Schwerzel. Tampa students studied electronic sources from the always-entertaining John Orriola and Danny O'Neal. Health science librarians from all over Florida individually mentored the library students by email and with tours of their libraries. The students and Dr. Dee consider the mentoring as a fantastic opportunity and would like to thank all of the mentors for sharing their valuable experience.

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### **ASSOCIATION OF MENTAL HEALTH LIBRARIANS ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting of the Association of Mental Health Librarians will take place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from September 22-24, 2000. Bruce Gardham, from the Missouri Institute of Mental Health, is president of the association and Ester Saghafi, M.Ed., M.L.S., from the Western Psychiatric Institute & Clinic Library will be the program chair this year. Keynote Lecture will be "Medicine in the 21st Century: The Scientific Basis of Mind-Body Interventions," by David Servan-Schreiber, M.D., Ph.D., Department of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh and Chief, Division of Psychiatry, UPMC Shadyside Hospital. Ardis Hanson, M.L.S., Library Director of The Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute at the University of South Florida, Tampa, will present on "Policy, Research, and Dissemination: The Role of Technology in Informing Mental Health Constituencies." For additional information contact Ester Saghafi, WPIC Librarian, WPIC Library, 3811 O'Hara Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 or 412-624-1917 or esa2+@pitt.edu or visit the AMHL Web site at <http://www.mhlib.org>.

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## **NEWS FROM USF SHIMBERG HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY**

### New Faculty

Allison Howard has accepted the position of Cataloging Librarian at the University of South Florida Shimberg Health Sciences Library. Allison was formerly the Cataloging Librarian at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic Library of the University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences Library System. Allison received her MLIS from the University of Pittsburgh and has a BS in Health Education from Plymouth State College of the University of New Hampshire. Welcome, Allison!

### Contributed Papers and Posters

Education Librarian John Orriola presented electronic poster session "Desiñning and Implementing Computer Based Training for Medline Instruction", co-created by graduate assistant Roseanne Sasso, at the 2000 MLA/CHLA-ABSC convention held in Vancouver. Library Director Beverly Shattuck and Reference Librarian Danny O'Neal were also in attendance at MLA.

### Donna Doelling Retires

After a 10 year career with the USF Shimberg Health Sciences Library, Assistant Library Director/Collection Manager Donna Doelling, MLIS, AHIP, has embarked on phased retirement. Donna has held the positions of Reference Librarian, Reference Manager, and Resources Coordinator/Collection Development prior to becoming Assistant Director in 1997. Over the course of her career, Donna has

been active in many professional organizations. She is a member of the Medical Library Association (MLA) and a distinguished member of AHIP. Donna served as secretary-treasurer of Southern Chapter/MLA as well as chair of the professional development committee, program committee member, and conference local arrangements coordinator. She also served as chair of the strategic planning committee for FHSLA and conference planning co-chair. In addition to her duties as editor of the HSC Library newsletter, the CLUE, Donna has published articles in the Medical Reference Service Quarterly, Bulletin of the Medical Library Association, and Research Strategies. Under the USF Phased Retirement program, Donna will continue to work one fall semester each of the next five years.

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## **ADDITIONS & CHANGES AT ORLANDO REGIONAL HEALTHCARE, HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY**

Janet Hintz Welcome to Janet Hintz who joined the staff of the Orlando Regional Healthcare, Health Sciences Library (HSL). Janet is the Community Health Educator for the new Clifford E. Graese Health Library. The Graese Health Library, the latest addition to our HSL system, adjoins our current HSL yet serves the varied informational needs of our patients, their visitors and the community. Janet has previously worked as the health education specialist for the Orlando Regional Healthcare Center in Oviedo where she developed a health resource center.

### **Orlando Regional Healthcare Health Sciences Library Moves, Expands Services**

The Health Sciences Library at Orlando Regional Healthcare has moved to a new location in the center of the hospital campus. The new library includes a consumer health library, the Clifford E. Graese Health Library. The Graese Library is located side by side with the Health Sciences Library. Through a generous contribution of the Graese family, the library is now able to offer patients, their visitors, and community members access to health information on a level they can understand.

The library staff along with Janet Hintz, the Graese Library Community Health Educator, assist users in finding information and resources that can help them better understand the disease process and prevention through healthy lifestyles. The library staff hopes to offer a tour of our new facilities during the Orlando MLA/FHSLA annual Meeting in May 2001.

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## **TABAMLN'S ACTIVITIES**

The Tampa Bay Medical Library Network (TABAMLN) has been busy the last few months! In late June, they sponsored the course "Creating Your Own Web Page: Basic HTML" at the University of South Florida's Graduate Library School. Twenty members participated and received 7 MLA contact hours in this class taught by George Morgan of Aha! Seminars. On August 22, Beth Westcott from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (RML2) in Baltimore visited Tampa to teach the new DOCLINE seminar. Twenty six members received 4 MLA Contact Hours for attending. Another MLA course entitled "Creating Your Own Future: Strategic Planning and Strategic Action" was taught by Bet Ison of Morehead, KY. This class was held on Friday, Sept. 8 at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg.

TABAMLN is a southwest and central Florida health science library consortium providing approximately 33 institutional members with networking opportunities, reciprocal interlibrary loan agreements, and quality continuing education programs. Any library interested in membership, should contact the current President, Karen Roth at 727-462-7889 or by email at karen.roth@baycare.org.

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## **SOUTH FLORIDA LIBRARY NEWS & CHANGES**

Jean Garrison is the new Library Coordinator at Mercy Hospital, in Miami, FL. Jean is also in charge of the CME program, as she was at Parkway Regional prior to her job at Mercy Hospital.

Rana Dole is the new medical librarian/CME coordinator at Broward General Medical Center, as well as Chair Elect of the Miami Health Sciences Library Consortium. Rana formerly was the medical librarian at Palmetto General Hospital in Hialeah, FL.

Irene Bohlmann is no longer the medical librarian at the Cleveland Clinic Florida, as their library in Ft. Lauderdale has been closed. Irene is still residing at 5512 Sardinia, Coral Gables, FL.

Billie Grover, formerly at the Memorial Healthcare System, in Hollywood, FL, has resumed her medical education/ library consulting work in the South Florida area. She can be reached at Medical Education Consultants, 954-962-0314.

Irene Bohlmann is now the medical librarian at Mt. Sinai Medical Center, also serving Miami Heart Institute with which it has merged. Both institutions are located on Miami Beach. Irene was the medical librarian at Cleveland Clinic Florida until they closed their library several months ago.

Sally Haff is the new medical librarian at Memorial Health Systems in Hollywood, Florida. The position was previously held by Billie Grover who is now back into her library consulting business at 1-954-962-0314.

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### **University of Florida Health Science Center Libraries**

Michele Tennant attended the annual meeting of Special Libraries Association in Philadelphia, June 11-15. She taught a 4 hr MLA-approved CE at SLA, called Molecular Biology and Genetics for Librarians and presented a talk on Molecular Biology and Genetics Resources. In addition, she moderated a session on Museum Collections and Natural History Data on the web. Michele is now Chair-elect of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of SLA.

Faith Meakin, Lenny Rhine and Tara Tobin attended the 8th International Congress on Medical Librarianship (ICML) in London, England. Tara Tobin presented a paper co-authored with Michele Tennant, "TAILor made: the enhancing of a liaison program to meet the needs of veterinary clinicians and researchers". Faith Meakin presented "Implementing planned change at the University of Florida Health Science Center Library", and Lenny Rhine's topic was "The development and use of the 'Guide to Medical Resources' website at the University of Zambia". They also enjoyed meeting with colleagues from around the world. Submitted by Barbara Francis.

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### **Calder Happenings**

Suzetta Burrows and Kelly Moore facilitated □The Librarian as Publisher□ roundtable at the Annual Meeting of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association (FHSLA), April 7, 2000 on Miami Beach. Ms. Burrows presented a paper, □Weaving a Web-accessible, Point of Care, Team-based Information System (PoinTIS)□, co-authored with Kelly Moore and Henry L. Lemkau, Jr., at the Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association and Canadian Health Sciences Library Association, May 10, 2000 in Vancouver, BC. She attended the

Consortium of Southern Biomedical Libraries Retreat, held February 12-14 in Charleston, SC.

To prepare faculty in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences for the School's new case-based curriculum which begins in the Fall 2001, the Calder Library, together with Carmen B. Rivera, Librarian of the Department's Pomerance Library and Resource Center, developed and implemented a curriculum on core competencies in medical informatics. Beginning the week of May 22 and extending through July 6, 2000, 28 faculty members took as many as eleven 1 and 1/2 hour, hands-on courses in small groups of 2-3 in the Calder Library's electronic classroom, taught by Kelly Moore, Carmen Rivera, Joe Arriaga, Jenny Garcia, Geddy Paulaitis, and Michael Brennan.

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### **New Web-Master**

Tara Tobin is the new webmaster. Ms. Tobin succeeds Ramona Miller, who is no longer with the UF Health Sciences Library. We would like to say congratulations to Ramona and wish her all the best in her new position. To Tara, we wish her good luck as our new webmaster.

Hello all,

It is with great regret that I am stepping down from my position as Web-Master for the Florida Health Sciences Library Association. As of May 31st I will be leaving the UF Health Science Library for the local community college. With the switch I will be unable to continue my web-master duties. Tara Tobin has graciously agreed to take it over from me and I will be leaving it in her very capable hands. For the immediate future I will still be monitoring the FHSLA discussion list and continuing my other involvements in FHSLA. I have enjoyed working on the page and am grateful for all the input and encouragement everyone has given me.

Thank you,  
Ramona Miller

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Southern Chapter/MLA This year, SC/MLA is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. The meeting will be held from Oct 20-24. More information can be found at <http://southmed.usouthal.edu/2000/>

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### **International Congress of Medical Librarianship**

Cathy L. Schell, President Medical Decisions Software, Inc., recently attended the 8th International Congress on Medical Librarianship which was held in London England, from July, 2-5, 2000. While at the congress, Cathy was fortunate to have met many colleagues from around the world, as well as many from Florida. She also toured various medical institutions as well as presented a paper on "prospective indexing."

One of the tours included a visit to United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St. Thomas Hospitals. She also visited the Hospital's Gordon Museum, which houses original specimens used by such physicians as Hodgkin, Bright and Addison. Dr. Thomas Hodgkin (of Hodgkin's Disease) was curator from 1825-1837.

It seems that this was a rich and rewarding experience for Cathy and she encourages everyone who is able to attend the next congress, held every five years, to do so. The next congress, which is the 9th, will be held in Sao Palo, Brazil in the year 2005.

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### **Upcoming MLA Meetings**

The annual meeting of the Medical Library Association will be held May 25-31, 2001 in Orlando, FL

Those of you who wish to volunteer, can do so electronically by pointing your internet browser to <http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/fhsla/conferences/>

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