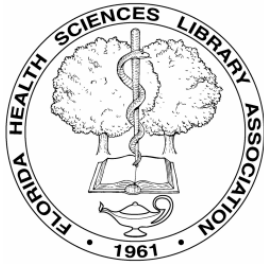


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Save the Date

**2009 FHSLA Meeting
April 22-24, 2009**

Hilton Garden Inn, Gainesville

Creating Connections

For more information contact Nancy Schaefer at nancys@ufl.edu

**It's time to pay dues!
New membership year begins
Jan 1st! Don't miss out on
anything! Renew today!**



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I returned to Tampa from Orlando after the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on November 14th, I pondered-- what had just happened? Anyone who knows me, knows I HATE meetings. All too often, I find that time is wasted, nothing is accomplished, and someone hijacks the agenda.

So it was a rarefied, warm and exciting feeling that I experienced as I left this meeting hosted by Nadine Dexter at UCF-- I was invigorated!?! Much had been accomplished; there was a sense of camaraderie, and good will. We broke all the traditional rules for holding a good meeting, i.e. we started late, we veered from the agenda, and ideas flowed like a stream of consciousness. To speak in clichés---there was synergy in that meeting room.

I've pondered the dynamics of this meeting and have arrived at several personal conclusions:

- 1) Meeting participants freely expressed their views in a non-judgmental environment. There was no "right" way to think, or "party line" espoused.
- 2) People strained to listen and hear each other.
- 3) Good cheer prevailed.

However, to me the component that was most important to the success of this meeting was the actual face-to-face, interpersonal, human connection. It would have been easier for this committee to have a "virtual" meeting and bypass the hassle and cost of travel, but there was a real benefit to be gained by face-to-face communication.

And that brings me to the reason why we are members of FHSLA. The organization was founded in 1961 to facilitate "resource sharing." The digital revolution has facilitated electronic "resource sharing" beyond our wildest dreams. Today as we face new challenges in the profession, I will suggest to you that the most valuable resource we can share is each other.

Throughout history, clans have gathered, families have had reunions, like-minded people have bonded. The human connection is the most productive and creative force of all.

With that in mind I invite you to save the date for the 2009 annual meeting, "Creating Connections" which will be held in Gainesville on April 22-24, 2009. Your Strategic Planning and Local Arrangements committees have listened to you and have some exciting ideas for this meeting. Watch the website for more information: <http://www.fhsla.org/annual-meetings/2009/main.htm>.

**Barbara A. Wood
FHSLA, President**

Florida Health Sciences Library Association 2008-2009

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Thank You for Volunteering!

2009 Annual Meeting Information

Annual Meeting – Creating Connections – April 22-24, 2009

Networking and technology: our twin goals for the 2009 Annual Meeting. Come to the Gainesville Hilton Garden Inn April 22-24, 2009 to network with colleagues, brainstorm and share “Ideas That Work” and “Lessons Learned” in a slightly restructured banquet and meeting.

Exploit the CE opportunities:

1. Government Resources in Consumer Health
2. Presenting Effectively
3. Free/Low Cost 2.0 Tools
4. Technology Planning for Health Sciences Librarians
5. Evaluating & Designing Patient Education Materials



Hear what's new at the RML and ideas about how librarians can collaborate with patients and health care providers. And all for a price that will let you stay *connected* to a good bit of your cash!

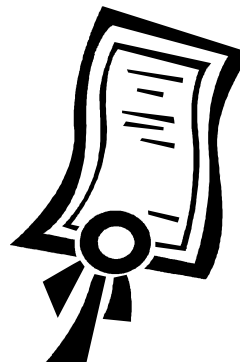
Watch the annual meeting website <http://www.fhsla.org/annual-meetings/2009/main.htm> and your email for more information as the program is fine tuned!

Annual Meeting Scholarship Applications – **Deadline is March 1, 2009**

- ✦ **A librarian / paraprofessional scholarship award of up to \$250.00** is available to a FHSLA member to attend our Annual Meeting. Funding is designed to pay for registration and a CE course. Members requesting assistance must register and attend all sessions of the Annual Meeting, including the Business Meeting. Check out the website for more information: <http://www.fhsla.org/scholarship-professional.htm>
- ✦ **Student scholarships (2) are also available for up to \$200.00.** The award must be used first for registration and CE courses at our Annual Meeting. Any remaining funds can be applied towards hotel, travel or meals not included in the conference. For more information see: <http://www.fhsla.org/scholarship-student.htm>
- ✦ **Librarian of the Year Nominations** - Nominations are being sought for the FHSLA Librarian of the Year Award. This is awarded to someone who is active in FHSLA and has been a member for at least one year. Candidates must have made significant contributions to his/her library and to FHSLA. For more information see: <http://www.fhsla.org/loy.htm>
- ✦ **Honorary Member Nominations** - Nominations for Honorary Members are also being sought. An Honorary Member is someone who has made significant contributions to FHSLA, and is usually bestowed at the point of retirement.

Applications and nominations can be sent to:

Kathleen Moeller, FHSLA Awards Committee Chair
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Membership and Mentoring

From the Membership Committee

As your new Membership Chair I invite you to communicate with me and the Membership Committee on any ideas that you think might help build FHSLA's membership.

During the next month we will be looking at ways to reach more new members and could really use your help. Think about anybody you know that might benefit from FHSLA. If you know of someone who might be a wonderful addition to our group but would rather have someone from the membership committee approach them, please let us know.

New this year, we'll be asking people if they would be willing to mentor a colleague in an area in which you feel you have some expertise and matching, where possible, to people who are looking to develop skills in that knowledge area. It's another way we can connect with each other!

2008 membership numbers: 92 members

83 regular members - 10 new members in 2008!

9 honorary members

Membership Committee:

Rae Jesano, Health Sciences Library, University of Florida

Kristen Morda, Shimberg Health Sciences Library, USF Health

Claire Keneally, Shriners Hospital for Children

Rose Bland, Shimberg Health Sciences Library, USF Health



On behalf of your membership committee I wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Rose Bland, Chair, Membership Committee

P.S. The Membership Form is on the last page of this *FHSLAlert* as well as on the website at:

<http://www.fhsla.org/membership-main.htm>

It's Official! The Membership Chair joins the Executive Committee

Following the announcement and discussion at the Annual Meeting, an email was sent to the membership describing a requested bylaws change that needed a membership vote. The change was to add the Membership Chair on the Executive Committee as an Ex Officio member given the importance we place on membership.

After the required 6-week comment period, an email vote was called for using the Doodle polling feature. One-half the membership responded affirmatively and the vote was passed. The Executive Committee welcomes Rose Bland!

Thank you for participating!

Mentors, Past, Present, and Future...

Is there someone in FHSLA who has had a profound influence on your career and in your development as a librarian? Someone who has been a mentor to you?

We want to celebrate those individuals! Send us stories of your mentors! Whether it's a single influential experience or a lifelong mentoring relationship—let's share our appreciation of those individuals and the varied ways they have helped us.

Your submissions need not be long or formal—a few sentences will sometimes suffice.

We will print them in upcoming issues of the ALERT.

Contact Barbara Wood at: bawood@healthlib.usf.edu

2008 Annual Meeting Update

2008 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

The FHSLA Business Meeting was called to order by President Nadine Dexter at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort and Golf Club, St. Petersburg, FL on Friday, May 30th, 2008 at 11:20 AM

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Nadine Dexter asked for approval of the FHSLA Business Meeting held at Hilton Deerfield Beach/Boca Raton Florida on Friday, June 15, 2007. Minutes were approved with one change. Under New Business section 5: "Do" to time constraints was changed to; "Due" to time constraints.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report

Nadine Dexter expressed her gratitude for all the support she's received and that our help and assistance have been influential in FHSLA's accomplishments this past year. Her deepest gratitude was expressed to Allison Howard.

Allison with her busy schedule took extra steps to help Nadine during her professional transition. Allison's diligent efforts helped to keep the program going right on schedule.

Nadine also expressed that the Committees and their Chairs have done an excellent job setting goals and accomplishing the same. The formation of the committees at last year's annual meeting allowed them to get started early and complete an exceptional job.

Working as the Program Chair, Nadine's committee consisted of Barbara Wood and Linda Butson and herself. Nadine expressed gratitude for their time and energies bringing together the wonderful program presented this year.

On a personal note, Nadine was instrumental in bringing in special speakers, addressing relevant challenges facing libraries in Florida, for this year's program, and Nadine also wrote the President's page in the FHSLA Alert Newsletter.

Vice President/Program Chair Report

Barbara Wood stated the University of South Florida hosted this meeting with special help from Pat Clark of All Children's Hospital. The Local Arrangements Committee which served with distinction consisted of Beverly Shattuck, Barbara Wood, Allison Howard, Kristen Morda and Pat Clark. The committee's hard work paid off with an increase of 10 new members and 11 first time attendees. Also two student scholarships and one paraprofessional scholarship were awarded.

Barbara is excited about the revitalization of FHSLA being the focus of the Executive Committee meeting and the follow through of the Strategic Planning Committee survey.

Our meeting is dependent on our sponsors and we are grateful for their support. Thirteen exhibitors attended and their contributions totaled \$3,000.00. In addition, TaBaMLN sponsored a coffee break and Ovid sponsored a "lunch & learn" and supplied the conference bags.

Barbara also acknowledged the tremendous amount of work that went into making this program a success. One of the greatest tools is the new and improved website maintained by webmaster, Allison Howard. The site has increased visibility and communication among our membership and facilitated this years conference planning.

Lastly, Barbara expressed her goals as incoming President are to continue to reach out and provide the members with skills and networks to be successful Health Science Librarians in the challenging years ahead.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Clark's report was reviewed and stands as written.

Beginning Balance:	Jan 1, 2007	\$16,534.27
Ending Balance:	Dec 31, 2007	\$15,867.37

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COMMITTEE CHAIR & OTHER REPORTS

ALERT Newsletter: Ellie Bushhousen, UF, Gainesville; Adriana Yoshii, UF, Borland, Co-Editors.

The University of Florida successfully completed its last year of editorial responsibility.

FSU will take over the newsletter from 2008-2011. Nadine expressed appreciation that Suzanne Nagy will be the new editor.

Archivist: Mel Gutsell, University of Miami. Nothing has been submitted since the 2007 Annual Reports and conference materials; retrieved materials as requested.

Continuing Education: Karen Roth, Chair, Morton Plant Mease; Committee members: Rose Bland, USF; Pam Sherwill-Navarro, UF.

Karen Roth reported 4 courses for this year's meeting; four half-day classes; one on Wednesday afternoon, one on Thursday morning and two on Thursday afternoon. Karen stated she received very good comments in regards to the classes.

Membership: Nita Ferree, Chair, UF; Committee members: Sharon Henrich, UCH; Dottie Kelly, James A. Haley VA; Geraldine Kohn, UF, Borland; Mary Lawrence, North Broward Hospital District; Nancy Schaefer, UF.

FHSLA currently has 90 members: 73 Renewing, 10 New Members, and 9 Honorary Members (only 7 with known addresses). The report stands as written.

Honors and Awards: Sylvia Kyle, Nemours Children's Clinic, Chair; Committee members: Suzanne Nagy, FSU; Betty Jo Gaston, St. Petersburg College.

The committee has the responsibility for four awards: Librarian/Paraprofessional Scholarship, Student Scholarships, Librarian of the Year, and Honorary Membership. Sylvia Kyle made the following awards:

Honorary Memberships

Pat Cole joined FHSLA in 1973 and has been our resident historian. Pat has also submitted many original writings to the Alert over the years. Pat was overwhelmed and stated FHSLA has given her more than she has contributed.

Faith Meakin is the past director of Health Sciences Library at University of Florida. An AHIP fellow since 2004 she volunteered to mentor other librarians fulfilling the AHIP requirements, and she has had an active role in FHSLA.

These Honorary Members were Approved by the membership with by enthusiastic acclamation.



Librarian of the Year

The Librarian of the Year Award was presented by Nadine Dexter and Sylvia Kyle to **Allison Howard**, a very deserving individual who is dedicated, hard working and doesn't quit until the job is done in great detail. Allison spoke and thanked everyone and expressed gratitude for everyone's involvement in FHSLA, and for making it what it is today.

Scholarships

The Honors and Awards Committee also awarded one Librarian Scholarship to **Geraldine Kohn** from St. Luke's Hospital in Jacksonville. Two Student Scholarships were awarded: **David Morgan** a University of South Florida student, and **Yong Jeong Yi** a Ph.D. student at Florida State University.

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Recognition of Committee Chairs and Members

Sylvia Kyle distributed the certificates to the chairs of each committee for them to distribute to their members.

- **President:** Nadine Dexter
- **Past President:** Allison Howard
- **Vice President:** Barbara Wood
- **Secretary:** Dottie Kelly
- **Treasurer:** Pat Clark
- **Alert Editors:** Ellie Bushhousen, Adriana Yoshii



- **Continuing Education:** Karen Roth, Chair; Rose Bland, Pam Sherwill-Navarro
- **Honors and Awards:** Sylvia Kyle, Chair; Betty Jo Gaston, Suzanne Nagy
- **Membership:** Nita Ferree, Chair; Sharon Henrich, Dottie Kelly, Geraldine Kohn, Mary Lawrence, Nancy Schaefer
- **Nominating:** Barbara Wood, Chair; Mary Lawrence, Deedra Walton, Carolyn Klatt
- **Program:** Barbara Wood, and Nadine Dexter, Co-Chairs, Linda Butson
- **Strategic Planning:** Allison Howard, Chair; Pat Clark, Richard Mercer, John Orriola, Kaye Robertson, Barbara Shearer, Nadine Dexter, Barbara Wood
- **Archivist:** Mel Gutgsell
- **E-list Coordinator:** Richard Mercer
- **Membership Directory Editor:** Deedra Walton
- **Webmaster:** Mary Edwards and Allison Howard

Strategic Planning: Allison Howard, USF, Chair
The Strategic Planning Committee conducted a phone survey of FHSLA members during October and November 2007. The 3 major reasons given for belonging to FHSLA were for: networking, learning from colleagues, and participating in CE and professional development workshops. Other results were published in the Winter 2007/08 FHSLA Alert.

Allison was appreciative of the 100% attendance of the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) at the face-to-face planning meeting at Orlando Regional Hospital on November 7, 2007.

The report stands as written.

Webmaster: Mary Edwards and Allison Howard
Mary Edwards served as the FHSLA webmaster from June through the end of February. Changes to the computers and networks at the University of Florida made access to updating our web files very difficult. Allison Howard with the endorsement of the SPC created a new website hosted by hostmonster.com and was appointed as the new webmaster. We were able to create our own domain name of www.fhsla.org with the new hosting service. The site was completely redesigned and was launched on March 6, 2008.

Acceptance of Committee Reports

A motion was made to accept the committee reports. The motion was seconded and carried, all in favor.



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OLD BUSINESS

SE/A Disaster Planning Task Force

SE/A Task Force designated members to represent FHSLA are Nadine Dexter, Allison Howard and Geddy Paulaitis.

Florida Consumer Health Information Network (FCHIN) Update –

Barbara Shearer distributed and reviewed the timeline for FCHIN to date. FHSLA pledged up to \$5200 to help cover expenses for representatives to attend meetings. The remainder of these funds will be used for the next meeting. FCHIN is still working on identifying new partners to work with.

Three committees have been established:

- 1. Communication:** Beth Lawton, Allison Howard, Co-Chairs
- 2. Education & Training:** Charlie Parker, Chair; Members: Cheryl Dee, Nadine Dexter, Chuck McClure, Kathleen Moeller and Roxanna Tovrea
- 3. Content:** Mark Flynn, Chair; Members: Linda Butson, Barbara Shearer, Kaye Robertson, Pat Clark, Beverly Shattuck, Sue Felber, Deborah Lawless, and Roumiana Katzarkov.

Barbara Shearer invited anyone interested in joining any of these committees to email her at Barbara.Shearer@med.fsu.edu.

NEW BUSINESS

Nadine Dexter introduced 1st time attendees.

Dave Boilard – Director of Medical Library at Florida International University

Mary Katherine Haver – St. Petersburg College

Roumiana Katzarkov – Miami Children's Hospital

Geraldine Kohn – St. Luke's Hospital - librarian scholarship recipient

Wallace McClendon – Director, UF Health Science Libraries

Kristen Morda - USF Graduate Medical Education Librarian

David Morgan – USF LIS student – student scholarship recipient

Cheryl Myers, USF LIS student

Pamela Terragnoli – All Children's Hospital

Yong Jeong Yi – FSU Ph. D student – student scholarship recipient

Ebrahim Randeree, FSU, College of Information (non-member)



FHSLA Bylaws Amendment

A bylaws amendment to add the Membership Chair as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee because of the importance of this position was brought before the membership. Since this was a change from the original bylaws amendment that was sent out 6 weeks prior to the meeting, the new amendment will be sent out to the membership for consideration and an email vote will be called for 6 weeks later.

Mission Statement and Strategic Plan

The revised plan was distributed and motion was made to accept with one change under Membership Section 3b: The continuing Education and Program Committees are responsible “for” implementation. The motion was adopted.

Election of Officers

Nomination Slate was presented by Barbara Wood, Nominating Committee Chair.

Nancy Schaefer was nominated for Vice President /Program Chair, and Kristen Morda was nominated for Treasurer. Nadine asked for additional nominations for Vice-President/Program Chair and Treasurer. There being no submissions, the nominations were closed and both Nancy and Kristen were elected unanimously.

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Invitation to the 2009 Meeting

Wallace McClendon, Director of UF Health Science Library was introduced to the FHSLA membership as the host institution for next year's FHSLA meeting. Wallace is looking forward to hosting the meeting, and is open to exploring holding the meeting in a more centrally located place, if desired.

Pass the Gavel

Nadine Dexter asked Barbara Wood to join her at the podium. Nadine presented Barbara a certificate of appreciation for all her hard work this year. Nadine passed the gavel to Barbara Wood as she handed over the presidency to Barbara for 2008-2009. Barbara also presented a certificate of appreciation to Nadine for this past year of hard work and commitment to FHSLA.

Announcement of new Committee Chairs 2008-2009

Alert Editor: Suzanne Nagy

Archivist: Mel Gutsell

Continuing Education: Linda Butson

Honor and Awards: Vacant

Membership: Vacant

Program Co-Chairs: Nancy Schaefer & Barbara Wood

Strategic Planning: Nadine Dexter

A call for committee chairs and committee members was made with no immediate response.

Adjournment

Barbara Wood asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Submitted by,
Dorothy R. Kelly, Secretary

Dear Sylvia, Barbara and Nadine-

I would like to tell you how delighted I was to receive your letter and the certificate indicating an honorary membership had been endorsed by the membership of FHSLA. I have always believed that the continued vitality of FHSLA meant successful health science libraries and librarians in Florida. So to be recognized by FHSLA is a great thrill. I was sorry not to be there with you at the annual meeting.

I had planned to go to the meeting but hesitated because my husband and I were just getting back from our big trip to Alaska and didn't know if I would be up to another trip.

A day or so after returning from Alaska my husband fell very ill and was hospitalized. He spent two weeks there recovering from pneumonia and so it is well that I was in town to be with him. He is now much better and life is back to normal (whatever normal is).

I am enjoying retirement and find myself very busy these days but do miss seeing everyone. I hold out a hope that I will get to FHSLA next year.

Please give my greetings and thanks to the membership of FHSLA. They are the best! I will hang my certificate with pride.

I will keep in touch - and please let me know how you all are doing.

Faith Meakin

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Plenary Speakers Summary

Allen Byington, Director of the Big Bend Regional Healthcare Information Organization (Big Bend RHIO), defined what a RHIO is, as shown through his organization. A RHIO or RHIN (Regional Health Information Network) consists of a web portal that presents a unified view of medical information with a single sign-in. The Big Ben RHIO contains information about prescriptions and medications, patient intake forms, and a personal health record. It is a transition from faxing to scanning information and was produced through collaboration with American Health Care Association (AHCA). It is based on a broadband system producing a fiberoptic medical network. Used initially to transmit radiology studies, this RHIO has proved its sustainability as a central repository. The Personal Health Record for the patient to fill out also allows the option not to participate in this portion. This dedicated broadband network connects rural areas for exchange of health information.

Stephanie Blay, Project Manager of the Tampa Bay RHIO, spoke less about the technical side of RHIOs and emphasized the “Change Model” that this RHIO used. Resistance to change is hard to overcome, but change equals creativity in problem solving. The biggest challenge has been to get folks to see the value of change and of the RHIO. She quoted Darwin by saying that survival of the species is not by “...the strongest species or the most intelligent but by those most responsive to change.” The Tampa Bay RHIO built the technology needed, and the demonstration stage was successful. The primary mission was to foster adoption of an information exchange and to use collaboration with all the participants to accomplish this. Change masters are needed in many different fields. The RHIO has information for providers, employers, consumers, payers, and government, and studies opportunities and fears for each category.

Sue Felber
Moffitt Cancer Center
Biomedical Library



Danny O'Neal and Randy Polo



Rae Jesano, Claire Keneally, Wallace McClendon

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THANKS TO THE MEMBERS

It was truly an overwhelming experience to be presented an honorary membership in The Florida Health Sciences Library Association (FHSLA). It just happens to be thirty five years that I have been a member. The first meeting I attended was in April 1973. In addition, it was presented on my birthday - a very special gift! I was rendered speechless with the standing ovation. I tried to express my thanks, but for those attending, you already know it was very emotional for me and I had difficulty speaking.



I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you. Serving as an officer and participating on committees multiple times, was my way of saying thanks to an organization that has given me far more. Over the years, the organization has provided a platform for me to grow professionally. The networking and numerous continuing education courses were invaluable. But what I will remember and treasure most of all are the friendships of the extraordinary members, past and present.

As we all know, there are many more challenges ahead in fulfilling informational needs. My aspiration is for FHSLA members to continue to work with colleagues to meet and survive the never ending changes in health sciences libraries.

To the Executive Committee, the Honors and Awards Committee, and to *each of you* - my utmost sincere THANKS!!!

Patricia (Pat) N. Cole



Pat Cole receives her Honorary Membership Certificate from Nadine Dexter, President and Sylvia Kyle, Honors and Awards Chair

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Dear FHSLA Friends,

It was a great honor to be recognized as the Florida Health Sciences Library Association's Librarian of the Year for 2008 on June 6. I thank the Honors and Awards Committee, the Executive Committee and my colleagues who nominated me for this award.

I dedicate so much time and energy to FHSLA because of the benefits it provides to each of us. FHSLA has been, and continues to be, a valuable organization for the Florida medical and health sciences librarians from both academic and hospital libraries. It provides opportunities for us to network, to discuss new models and changes in the profession, to share what we're doing in our own institutions, to gather and learn through continuing education classes, and to develop new skills that allow for refinement or advancement in our own careers. FHSLA also opens the door for us to explore and be involved in other organizations such as the Florida Consumer Health Information Network, the Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration, the Florida Electronic Library and other library partners.

As a solely volunteer organization, FHSLA would cease to exist except for the time and energy members put into committee work and being officers. Their work creates a lasting contribution to all of us and continues the history of FHSLA. I invite all of you to take an active role in the growth and future of this organization - your professional organization. It will give to you as much as you give to it!

It has been my honor to serve the Florida Health Sciences Library Association. Thank you for the opportunity and for the help and support of those who guided me along the way. I too, will generously mentor those who follow.

Thank you,

Allison M. Howard



Gita Halder, Kristen Morda, John Orriola, Karen Roth

2008 Annual Meeting Update – Con't.

Student Scholarship Recipient – David Morgan

The FHSLA student scholarship made it possible for me to attend my first professional event, bringing with it a host of new experiences and connections. I enjoyed the opportunity to congregate with peers, interact with vendors and further myself with continuing education courses. The conference itself was a gala of an event but most importantly it put me in touch with librarianship beyond my own institution.

As a student assistant I had never been in a position to interact with our library vendors. I was impressed with their knowledge of products and resources and the variety of package types available to health science libraries. The conference proceedings demonstrated the willingness of individuals to step up and volunteer - providing me with positive examples of librarians' enthusiasm and eagerness to involve themselves in the profession.

The C.E. course selection offered a great variety of skills and excellent opportunities to engage with fellow librarians. I now see the value in this level of outside training and have taken seven additional MLA hours since the conference. More than anything else the conference offered me the chance to make connections with my peers. It allowed me to connect faces and names and to see how others related and communicated with each other. It was important to learn about the other's interests and projects. I know that the connections made at FHSLA will help me to be involved and grow my profession, aiding me in all my future collaborative efforts.

David Morgan

Student Scholarship Recipient – Yong Jeong Yi

I attended the FHSLA Annual Meeting held in St. Petersburg, May 28-30, 2008. Since it was my first time attending, everything was new to me. As I have been studying Health Informatics as my major area in the Ph.D. program at FSU, the meeting was meaningful for me. I acquired helpful information and new ideas through both formal and informal discussion during the meeting. Since the main theme of Health Informatics is improving healthcare benefits by increasing patient safety while also reducing medical errors and healthcare costs, I took the course, *Patient Safety Resource Seminar* that Sheila Snow-Croft taught. Snow-Croft provided practical information and knowledge based on real work experiences, which was significant especially for me as I have not had any related field experience.

Whereas student attendants were few at the meeting, professionals from diverse health sciences libraries, both academic and hospital, participated. The most informative issue discussed was about the extent of health reference services. What information should we as health or medical librarians provide or not provide? That is one of the controversial topics which involve ethical as well as legal issues. Many opinions were expressed by experienced professionals and were insightful and significant.

I believe that the information that I obtained from the meeting will be very helpful to my academic research and future career. Overall, the program and services, including the nice buffet, were excellent. It was really good opportunity for me and I am very thankful.

~ *Yong Jeong Yi*

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Librarian Scholarship Recipient – Gerri Kohn

The Florida Health Science Library Association Annual Meeting was not only a learning experience, but a great way to network with other medical librarians in the state of Florida. But I must admit that after my two classes on Thursday I was overwhelmed by all the excellent information I learned. It will most probably take me at least a week to review and learn from both classes.

My first class was on Thursday the 29th of May at the hotel. The class was entitled: "It's About Time, It's About Space: Time and File Management." This class was presented by Lynne Fox. Even though I consider myself organized, this class gave me some other ideas on how to manage my email accounts, and the storage space on the hard drive.

My second class was the most important one. It was called Patient Safety Resource Seminars: Librarians on the Front Line presented by Sheila Snow Croft. Most of the items I learned in this class I am going to try to apply to my current position in a Jacksonville Hospital. I will need to review all the items and notes I took as there was so much important information

The committee did an excellent job in securing a beautiful hotel the Vinoy at great rates. The room I had was beautiful and spacious and the staff was accommodating.

However, the most important item I need to say is "THANK YOU" to the scholarship committee for selecting me as a winner for the professional scholarship award. This was my first conference and having the classes being paid for by FHSLA was a plus. I look forward to attending future conferences.

Geraldine Kohn

CE Classes in Review

Purposeful Conversation

The Purposeful Conversation C.E. was a delightful mix of mingling and sharing. Through a variety of problem solving and role playing exercises Margie West of USF led the class through an experience in communication. We met our peers and experienced the variety of communication styles within the group. Discussions identified how different communication styles can be helpful, as well as pitfalls which may hinder the effectiveness of our own style. The course was an excellent opportunity for meeting others as well as a time for self-reflection and improvement.

~ David Morgan

Patient Safety

I attended the Patient Safety Resources seminar at our meeting. I was pleased with the substance of presentation and the knowledge of the instructor, Sheila Snow-Croft of NN/LM S/EA. I had a basic understanding of patient safety but I learned from this course how far reaching it is and where the whole "movement" originated, as well as some of the major players. The librarian/information perspective was well covered both for the clinician and consumer. The instructor made a very good case for the librarian "as the agent for improving patient safety" and created an environment which produced good class participation and discussion. Good show!

~ John Orriola

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CE Classes in Review - Continued

- ✚ **It's About Time, It's About Space: Time and File Management** taught by Lynne Fox of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Library was a class well worth attending.

Lynne's forty-two page handout was chock full of good ideas to get your time and files under control. So much so that I personally tackled my office over the summer and have organized and cleaned out every file more thoroughly than I've ever have. I thought I was good at purging but Lynne gave me "permission" to get rid of those "just in case" files. You know the ones I'm talking about? The stuff you're afraid to get rid of "just in case you need it" and you never really need them again? Perhaps since Lynne is a fellow librarian and lives by her words this was the credible permission I needed to let go. One of her tips deals with committees; when you finish serving on a committee get rid of the files, e-mail, etc. If you happen to be the chair then pass all your stuff on to the next committee chair. Sounds simple but some of us may need to work on this! (If you think you'll end up serving again in the future it might be hard to pull this one off!)

Here are a few other tips as well as websites from the class:

Web-based Electronic Organizers:

Evite – <http://evite.com>

iGoogle – <http://www.google.com/ig>



Chronically disorganized? Check out www.43folders.com - lots of tips to get you back on track.

When checking your e-mail or going through your papers use the R.A.F.T. method -that's Refer, Act, File, Toss. Remember be brutal with your time and your stuff and it won't take over your life! Here's to happy organizing and a great 2009!

While we're on the topic of organizing, another tip is to take care of business quickly and efficiently, so..... now is a great time to renew your FHSLA membership and cross-off another item on your "to do" list!

~ Rose Bland

Florida Health News

Want to know what's happening health-wise in Florida? Check out: <http://www.floridahealthnews.org/>

According to their website, "Florida Health News Inc., an independent online news service, is a not-for-profit journalistic enterprise that was launched in March 2007 with seed money from foundations. Our mission: to inform the public on state and local health policy and finance issues as they develop."

Bookmark and read at your leisure or subscribe to a daily update!

Florida Consumer Health Information Network (FCHIN) Update - October 2008

Background

The Florida Consumer Health Information Network (FCHIN) begins its second year as a network of librarians exploring ways to effectively and efficiently deliver consumer health information to Florida residents. Throughout its first year, FCHIN held four face-to-face meetings and five teleconference meetings to:

- 1) Identify common interests and opportunities for collaboration with each other and with Florida state agencies and
- 2) Set priorities for providing Florida residents with greater access to quality consumer health information resources.

May 2008 Organizational Meeting

In May 2008, the FCHIN steering committee met for an organizational

meeting at the FHSLA Annual Meeting held in St. Petersburg. Linda Butson led a discussion on next steps asking each member to identify three priorities or goals for FCHIN. The following are the responses receiving the most votes and grouped into broad categories:

- Develop & carry out a training agenda in consumer health information for public librarians (11 votes)
- Identify partners, specifically AHCA (6 votes)
- Develop an FCHIN website or portal and include Florida specific resources (5 votes)
- Investigate GoLocal and perhaps develop new model (3 votes)
- Continue to grow our steering committee and become more efficient such as forming more

structure with committees (3 votes)

- Continue to meet face-to-face (2 votes)

As a result of these discussions, the FCHIN Steering Committee created 3 subcommittees: the Communications/Marketing Subcommittee to communicate about FCHIN efforts and Florida consumer health information resources; the Education and Training Subcommittee to explore ways to deliver and coordinate education and training to librarians and others; and the Content Subcommittee to study and plan the most effective way to deliver current and new consumer health information content to Florida residents including exploration of a Gale GoLocal tab in the Florida Electronic Library.

Subcommittee Members, including FSHLA member volunteers, are:

- 1) Communications/Marketing Subcommittee: **Beth Layton**, Chair; **Allison Howard**.
- 2) Education/training Subcommittee: Charlie Parker, Chair; **Cheryl Dee**, Nadine Dexter, Chuck McClure, **Kathleen Moeller**, and **Roxanna Tovrea**.
- 3) Content Subcommittee: Mark Flynn, Chair; **Linda Butson**, **Barbara Shearer**, **Kaye Robertson**, **Pat Clark**, **Beverly Shattuck**, **Sue Felber**, **Deborah Lawless**, and **Roumiana Katzarkov**.

Primary achievements in 2007-2008

- **Appointment to AHCA Work Groups**: FCHIN members **Kaye Robertson**, Director, Health Professions Division Library, Nova Southeastern University; **Pat Clark**, Library Director, All Children's Hospital; Mark Flynn, Director, Florida Electronic Library; Debra Fleming (not member of FCHIN but Webmaster for the Florida Electronic Library); and **Barbara Shearer**, Director, Maguire Medical Library, Florida State University College of Medicine were appointed to Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) FloridaHealthFinder.gov Work Groups. The website for the Public Relations Work Group is: (http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/schs/chis/twg_pr.shtml)

- **The FSU College of Information's Information Institute**, contracted by the Florida Electronic Library to assess public library and school consumer information needs, concluded its study. The full report can be found at <http://www.flelibrary.org/about/FEL-Health-Services-Eval.pdf>

- **The Education/Training Subcommittee** working in conjunction with Florida's Multitype Library Cooperatives (MLCs) and the National Networks of Libraries of Medicine Southeastern Atlantic Region (NN/LM SEA) is sponsoring four web-based consumer health information workshops (see following list of

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workshops) for Florida libraries in 2009. Librarians participating in the workshops will receive credit toward the Medical Library Association's (MLA) Consumer Health Information Specialization. Plans are underway with the NN/LM SEA to deliver a two-day "Training-the-trainer" seminar that will certify Florida librarian participants to teach the courses.

1. Beyond an Apple a Day: Providing Consumer Health Information at Your Library - This hands-on class provides an overview of core consumer health information resources, the reference interview, disclaimers, and privacy issues.

2. Prescription for Success: Consumer Health Information on the Internet - This introductory course includes the basics of MedlinePlus.gov, ClinicalTrials.gov and other resources from professional medical associations and advocacy groups including information on drugs and herbal remedies.

3. From Snake Oil to Penicillin: Evaluating Consumer Health Information on the Internet - This hands-on class helps participants learn to identify reliable consumer health resources on the Internet. It includes criteria for assessing the quality of health information websites.

4. Geeks Bearing Gifts: Unwrapping New Technology Trends - Participants will develop an increased awareness of new and changing technologies and how they affect library services. Topics include instant messaging, podcasting, blogs and wikis, social networking, collaboration software and more.

• **A poster presentation**, "Making Magic: Joining Forces to Create a Statewide Consumer Health Information Network" was developed by **Beth Layton, Linda Butson, Cheryl Dee and Barbara Shearer** and delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association, Birmingham, AL, October 2008. Poster at: <http://www.fhsla.org/fchinweb/sc-poster-08.pdf>

• **The Content Subcommittee** is in communication with the Gale Company. Gale is considering revamping its Health & Wellness database for more effective functionality with the Florida Electronic Library.

• **The Florida Electronic Library (FEL)** is reviewing the needs assessment data and incorporating it into its 5-yr. plan. The advisory committee for the FEL is the Florida Network Council made up of 14 members appointed by the Secretary of State. The Council met on August 29, 2008, and set consumer health information delivery as one of the priorities in the 5-year strategic plan.

• **The University of South Florida** has received a grant working with public libraries in Lakeland and senior centers in Sarasota.

• **The University of Miami** has received a grant for a series of health fairs in surrounding areas that have minority populations.

• **The Florida State University College of Information and the College of Medicine** has applied for an NIH health literacy grant. The goal of this 18-month exploratory pilot project is to understand, promote, and increase health-information literacy for Florida public librarians and library staff members specific to the needs of elderly rural populations they serve.

To conclude, the NN/LM Express Planning Award that funds the FCHIN Steering Committee has been approved by Janice Kelly, Executive Director of the NN/LM SEA and ex-officio member of FCHIN, for extension to June 30, 2009. Funds remaining from the Award will be combined with the funding pledge by FHSLA to host a fifth face-to-face meeting of the FCHIN Steering Committee at the April 2009 Annual Meeting of FHSLA.

For additional information or to provide feedback to the FCHIN, please contact Barbara Shearer, FCHIN Steering Committee Chair, at 850-644-8970 or e-mail at Barbara.Shearer@med.fsu.edu.

~ Barbara Shearer

An Alternative to Journal Vendors – One Library’s Experience

How to Go It Alone For Your Medical Journals An Alternative to the Journal Vendor in a Small Hospital Library

By Claire Keneally
Shriners Hospital for Children – Tampa, Florida

When I started my job as Medical Librarian at Shriners Hospital for Children in 1985 it seemed most appropriate to use a journal vendor. As a fairly new librarian I wanted to follow the norm and get support from one of the many competent journal vendors. Additionally, since I was starting the Shriners Hospital Library from scratch I felt their expertise and organization would make my job much easier. And it did, until journal price increases and service charges took their toll. So twenty years later, in 2005 I decided to take the leap and order journals on my own.

I began the process by organizing all my journals by publisher. I found that I had large quantities of journals that were from two major publishers. I contacted each of these and explained that I would be ordering on my own. I was able to receive a 25% discount from one publisher due to the quantity of the order. With some publishers I was able to order for three years at a time. Thus I saved on any yearly journal price increases. This in itself can be a huge savings.

I had about 100 journals in the library at the time I made the switch. Fifty percent were donated and another dozen or so I had simply ordered on my own. I had started a Family Library in 1994 and ordered several consumer magazines aimed at patients and their families. Titles such as Exceptional Parent, Sports n’ Spokes and SpecialLiving Magazine were perfect for this library and inexpensive. At the time I couldn’t see paying the service charge on these cheaper titles so I ordered them directly. Now, with ordering on my own things would actually be less confusing as all journals would be ordered directly. I became more in control of the entire ordering process.

Vendors were always able to assist in obtaining missing issues. But now that I am ordering directly I seem to have less missing issues. If I do miss an issue I grab a back copy off the shelf, call the customer service number listed inside and very quickly receive the errant issue.

I learned a great deal by attempting this change. I learned to negotiate and ask a lot of questions. I learned that I have to sometimes take no for an answer. Not every publisher is willing to give a discount. I learned to always be honest. The journal WILL be kept in the library and I AM a librarian. A few publishers, even knowing this, still let me order under my name and not have to pay the higher institutional rate. I learned how to be a little better organized. I learned that a bit of groundwork in the beginning of a project can sometimes reap great benefits – ultimately saving both time and money. It has been well worth it.

This article was condensed from National Network and OPL Newsletter.

For further details see:
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For additional information, you can contact Claire at ckeneally@shrinenet.org.

Pat Cole Finds a New Job!

Dear Friends,

I am happy to announce that I have changed jobs. I am now working as a Healthcare Planner for PNC. The salary is not great, even less than a librarian earns. On the plus side, however, the benefits are fantastic. The following are things listed in the benefits package:

PNC BENEFITS PROGRAM

- You may read the morning paper while having your coffee at work. We like for you to be well informed.
- As a Healthcare Planner, the medical literature can be overwhelming. Read only what is really of interest to you.
- Take a long break anytime you want, and go outside for fresh air and sunshine.
- We encourage networking. Call or visit your friends anytime.
- Cataloging and organizing files is not a requirement of the job. However, you may catalog and organize files, if it is something you enjoy doing.
- We promote good health. Enjoy a nutritious lunch out, or if you prefer, go home and prepare healthy food. There is no need to rush through lunch.
- We recognize the importance of exercise. You may exercise anytime during the day. It is not just reserved for early morning or late evening.
- Rest is important – so you may take a siesta, anytime.
- We encourage you to take a long vacation – you choose how long, but of course with pay. We would never require you to take a laptop or cell phone.
- We know you may occasionally work a long day, but we certainly would not want you to feel stress from your job. We understand the health benefits of a glass of wine – so indulge when you get home. Just add the wine you purchase to your expense account.
- Take extra days off, in addition to your vacation, throughout the year to enjoy what is important in your life – we are here for you.

We may have possibly missed a benefit that you feel is important. But, please know, working as a Healthcare Planner for PNC we will always stand behind you and support your goals.

So, my friends, you can see why I am excited and looking forward to my new job. I feel this is an organization into which I can readily fit.

Patricia N. Cole

PNC Senior Healthcare Planner

News From Around The State

Calder Library, University of Miami

Calder Selected to Host NLM Associate Fellow

In September, the Library welcomed Ms. Brenda M. Linares, a National Library of Medicine Fellow, for her second year fellowship. Originally from Guatemala, Brenda graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles School of Library and Information Science in 2007 and completed her first year fellowship at the National Library of Medicine in July. She was an American Library Association Spectrum Scholar in 2005-06.

At the National Library of Medicine, Brenda worked on a project to deliver medical information to Latin American countries in the event of a disaster. She has reference and information literacy experience as an intern at the UCLA Louis M. Darling Biomedical Library and collection development and outreach experience at California State University in Northridge. While at the University of Miami, Brenda will focus on new services to support clinical decision making, the International Medical Institute, the Librarians and DOCS for Health project and the Library's role in teaching undergraduate and graduate medical education classes.

The NLM Associate Fellowship is a highly competitive program for promising leaders in medical librarianship and informatics. The Calder Library was one of only five libraries nationwide selected to host a second year NLM Associate Fellow for the 2008-09 year. The optional second year provides fellows opportunities to develop skills and gain experience in working with administrators, librarians, health professionals, system developers and educators to design and implement information services that are integrated with clinical and/or educational programs and contribute directly to the accomplishing the host institution's mission.



New Award: 'Librarians and DOCS for Health'

The Library has received an award to partner with the Miller School of Medicine's student-operated DOCS (Department of Community Services) Health Fairs project and public libraries in Miami-Dade, Broward and Monroe counties during the 2008-09 year. The 'Librarians and DOCS for Health' award supports participation by Calder and public librarians at the annual health fairs in eight medically underserved communities to promote the use of National Library of Medicine and State of Florida health information websites. It is funded by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern/Atlantic Region at the University of Maryland.

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Calder Library, University of Miami (Con't.)

Faculty and Fellow News

- **Joaquin E. Arriaga** and **Yanira (Jenny) Garcia-Barcena** published "Collaborating with the International Medical Institute to provide health information in Spanish," *Journal of Consumer Health on the Internet* 2008 12(2):119-129.
- Brenda Linares attended the ALA Spectrum Scholar Harvard-MIT invitational program, October 20-22, 2008 in Cambridge, MA.
- **Mary Moore** and Deborah Kaercher published "Healthy Texas: the eight-year odyssey of a community health web portal," *Journal of Consumer Health on the Internet* 2008 12(2):95-104. Drs. Robert G. Badgett and **Mary Moore's** oral abstract, *Learning Evidence-based Medicine by Writing Evidence-based Edits on Wikipedia*, will be presented at the Association of American Medical College's RIME meeting, November 5, 2008, San Antonio, TX.
- Vedana Vaidhyathan is one author of a poster, *Bioinformatics Research, Service, and Training (BIRST) Program: New horizons – outreach to bioinformatics researchers within a university environment*, presented at the meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Medical Library Association, October 21, 2008, Morgantown, WV.

Baptist Health South Florida, Miami

Diane Rourke, Director, Library Services at Baptist Health South Florida, in Miami presented a paper at the 12th Annual Magnet Nursing Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct 15-17, 2008. Her paper was titled, "Next stop on your Magnet journey: the hospital library." The paper included her work in two Magnet hospitals in one health system, about which she spoke at the 2005 MLA Annual meeting in Phoenix as well as a follow up article in the journal, MRSQ.

The presentation focuses on MLA's role in educating its hospital librarians to support nurses in hospitals on their Magnet journeys. She highlighted the research done by Peg Allen and **Pamela Sherwill-Navarro** on the relationship of hospital libraries and their services to the Magnet hospitals they serve.



Nova Southeastern University

The Health Professions Division Library at Nova Southeastern University welcomes two new reference librarians. Bonnie DiGiallonardo (M.L.I.S., FSU, 2007) and Marcia Zingman (M.L.S., USF, 2006).

Both are embarking on a career in librarianship after illustrious careers outside of the library. Bonnie has a nearly 20 year history with NSU beginning as an administrative assistant and most recently as marketing director for one of the university's graduate schools. Marcia is an RN who spent 15 years in the OR as well as a subsequent career in the pharmaceutical industry. Both Bonnie and Marcia bring valuable knowledge and skills to their new positions that will contribute to the library's future and continued success.

Bonnie and Marcia both attended the annual meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association in Birmingham, Alabama October 26-30, 2008. As first time attendees, they found the CE's, posters and presentations, networking opportunities, and the overall warmth of the other attendees to be a great introduction to the profession.

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Shimberg Health Sciences Library University of South Florida

- **Kristen Morda**, Graduate Medical Education Librarian, attended and presented a poster at the 58th Annual Meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, in Birmingham, AL October 26-30, 2008. The poster was awarded 3rd place. The research was done by **Kristen Morda, Rose Bland, Danny O'Neal, and Beverly Shattuck**. The poster may be viewed at: [The State of Reference Services in the Southeastern/Atlantic Region of NNLM](#).
- **Rose Bland** attended the first *Leadership Symposium on Digital Media in Health Care*, hosted by USF Health in conjunction with Apple Inc. More than 200 participants from 22 states and two foreign countries gathered Nov. 21-23 in Tampa for this event. Attendees were provided Ipod Touch devices for the event and all symposium materials were preloaded including program schedules, evaluations, and pictures/contact information for each attendee. Participants were also able to ask questions during the event using the Ipod Touch.
- **John Orriola**, has been invited to join the faculty of the new Center for EBM and Health Outcome Research within the Clinical Translational Science Institute (CTSI) at USF Health.
- Shimberg Health Sciences Librarians, **Kristen Morda and Barbara Wood**, have organized the "First Friday Journal Club." Librarians from the James A. Haley VA Hospital, Moffitt Cancer Center, University Community Hospital, Shriners Hospital for Children, and Shimberg Health Sciences Library meet monthly to discuss relevant issues in librarianship. Topics so far have ranged from librarian competencies, librarians and EBM, and the ever-evolving profession of librarianship.
- **David Morgan**, student assistant, graduates with his M.A. from USF in December 2008. His course work focused on academic and health sciences libraries. David will continue his duties at Shimberg Health Sciences Library and is seeking his first post-graduate professional position. David wishes to thank all of the members of FHSLA for the scholarship and support, and hopes to find new ways to continue being involved with the association.
- Sheila Snow-Croft, Outreach Education Coordinator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern Atlantic Region (NN/LM SE/A) held a PubMed for Experts call for the Staff, Faculty, and Students of USF Health on Tuesday May 27, 2008.

Ginsburg Health Sciences Library, University of Central Florida

The Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library is pleased to announce the appointment of **Deedra Walton** as its first Electronic Resources / Web Development Librarian. Deedra comes to us from the Health Sciences Library at Orlando Health. Deedra has over 15 years of experience with electronic resources, collections, and content management. She will be an outstanding addition to our library staff. Please help me to welcome and congratulate Deedra on her newest adventure in medical librarianship.

Florida Consumer Health Information Network (FCHIN)

FCHIN is looking for individuals willing to serve on the Communications Committee. **Beth Layton** and **Allison Howard** are co-chairs. We'll be looking for input on the web pages and for ways of best communicating the news and activities of FCHIN. Please contact either Beth or Allison if you're interested. For more information about FCHIN, please go to: <http://www.fhsla.org/fchinweb/home.htm>

University of Florida, Health Science Center Libraries

The FHSLA 2009 Annual Meeting – *Creating Connections* – will be hosted by the UF Health Science Center Libraries. **Nancy Schaefer** is the FHSLA Vice President for 2008-2009.

In October and November, the HSC Libraries was proud to host two emotionally powerful exhibitions ~ *The Lives They Left Behind: Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic* and *Transformations in Mental Illness Treatment*. The traveling exhibition *The Lives They Left Behind* detailed the stories of people who were committed to the New York State Asylum in the early 20th-century through the items left behind in their suitcases. *Transformations* showed how dramatically care of people diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illnesses has changed in the last 100 years through posters and exhibits featuring community programs and institutional care for the mental illnesses in the Gainesville area.

www.library.health.ufl.edu/pub/Suitcases/

In October, the HSC Libraries co-sponsored (for the fourth year running) Florida Genetics 2008, an annual meeting of some of the top scientists in genetics, bioinformatics and biotechnology, featuring a keynote address this year from Francis Collins, former head of the Human Genome Project. Michele R. Tennant is a founding member of the Florida Genetics organizing committee, and served as FG2008 host for speaker David Lipman, Director of the National Center for Biotechnology Information. More info is here: <http://www.ufgi.ufl.edu/FL-Genetics-2008/Symposium-welcome-announcements-2008.htm>

HSC Library Collaboration Commons & Center

The UF Health Science Center Libraries (both the main HSC Library in Gainesville and the Borland Health Sciences Library in Jacksonville) have both been undergoing renovations this summer to improve spaces for patrons. The Gainesville HSC Library recently completed work on our new *Collaboration Commons & Center* – places where small groups can talk, work, research, study and learn together. On the first floor, we've installed several *Collaboration Stations*, with comfortable furniture, mobile whiteboards, and leading-edge health education software displayed on large high-resolution monitors, with multiple user inputs and the ability to record and share ideas. On the second floor, we have created a *Collaboration Center* that provides a technology-rich, central and inviting videoconferencing environment for interdisciplinary groups to work, brainstorm and visualize together. A webpage on the CCC is here:

<http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/pub/commons/index.html>

Earlier this year, the HSC Libraries launched several LibGuides on our website. These are subject guides, course guides and many other resources developed by our Reference & Liaison Librarians. <http://libguides.library.health.ufl.edu/>

As an treat before final exams, The University of Florida Healthy Gators program gave out more than 1200 'Finals Care Kits' in three library locations, including the Health Science Center Library. The kits contained healthy snacks (a banana and an apple), a stress ball and study tips.

The HSC Library in Gainesville has changed its **phone numbers and email addresses**. New contact information for reference librarians can be found at: <http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/services/liaisons.html>

Honors / Awards and Offices

Beth Layton was named to the Emergency Preparedness Committee of the Regional Advisory committee of the National Network of Medicine Southeastern/Atlantic Region from March 2008 through April 2011.

Nancy Schaefer was elected vice president of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association for 2008-2009.

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Honors / Awards and Offices- con't.

Michele R. Tennant has been appointed by the director of the National Library of Medicine to the NLM's Biomedical Library and Informatics Review Committee. This is a four-year appointment and requires three trips annually to NLM in Bethesda, MD. The committee serves in an advisory capacity to the directors of both the National Institutes of Health and the NLM for the Library's grant programs in the areas of medical informatics, bioinformatics, knowledge management and knowledge discovery in databases, as well as training programs in library and information systems.

Dr. Tennant has also been appointed to UF's Academic Freedom, Tenure, Professional Relations and Standards Committee, serving from 2008 through 2011, and has recently begun work on the Biomedical Informatics Academic Program Planning Committee.

Borland Health Sciences Library in Jacksonville has received a grant of \$197,000 from the Jacksonville Community Foundation to be used for renovations. The library is adding compact shelving, a teaching classroom, group study areas and a quiet zone, as well as performing an overall update and refresh.

Appointments, Retirements, Departures and Promotions

We have a new director!

The HSC Libraries is thrilled to announce the appointment of **Wallace McLendon**, MSLS, as our new director, as of March 3, 2008. Mr. McLendon comes to us from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he served as deputy director of the UNC Health Sciences Library from 2004-2008, and associate director-library services from 2001-2004.

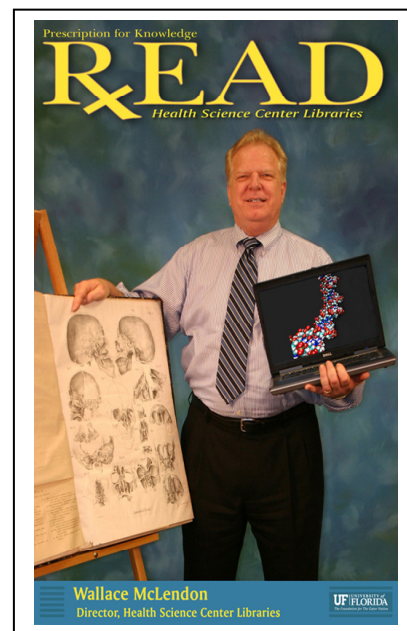
Mr. McLendon's extremely broad background in library leadership and information technology is serving him well here. He has held library management positions at two large academic medical centers (UNC and the University of Pennsylvania); at an Area Health Education Center in North Carolina; at a three-hospital corporation in Washington state; and with state and local government agencies. His expertise in emerging information technologies, the electronic medical record and the changing landscape in scholarly communication is particularly relevant. He is also playing an important role in planning and eliciting philanthropic support for a new HSC educational facility, and in reworking and renovating existing library space.

Mr. McLendon holds a BA in English and an MS in library science from UNC-Chapel Hill and has completed work toward a doctorate at Drexel University. In addition, he has to his credit an extensive list of professional service and committee contributions, as well as professional presentations, publications, grants and consultations.

We welcome him to the HSC Libraries at the University of Florida!

Geraldine Kohn, after eight years at the UF Borland Health Sciences Library in Jacksonville, has left to begin her professional career as the Solo Medical Librarian at St. Luke's Hospital in Jacksonville.

Pamela Sherwill-Navarro, College of Nursing Librarian has left after eight years at the UF HSC Library in Gainesville to assume a position at the new Remington College of Nursing in Orlando.



State / National / International Activities

Michele R. Tennant participated in a grants panel for the Biomedical Library and Informatics Review Committee, a committee of the National Library of Medicine, November 6-7, 2008.

Meetings / Conferences / Travel

Michele R. Tennant attended the American Medical Informatics Association Fall Symposium in Washington, D.C., November 8-12, 2008.

Linda Butson, Beth Layton, Wallace McLendon, Kathy Moeller and **Pamela Sherwill-Navarro** attended the Southern Chapter/MLA Annual Meeting in Birmingham, AL, October 26-30, 2008.

The MLA 2008 Annual Meeting held May 16-21, 2008, in Chicago, IL, was attended by several HSC Librarians: **Beth Layton, Wallace McLendon, Kathy Moeller, Pamela Sherwill-Navarro** and Michele R. Tennant. Michele and Pam each gave a presentation and Kathy presented a poster (details below).

Michele R. Tennant and **'Nita Ferree** attended the Special Libraries Association 2008 Annual Meeting held June 15-18, 2008 in Seattle, WA.

Papers, Presentations, Publications and Teaching

Director **Wallace McLendon** co-taught (with Bart Ragon, University of Virginia Health Sciences Library) a 6-hr CE course on *Technology Planning for Health Science Librarians* at the SC/MLA 2008 annual meeting in Birmingham, AL, on October 27, 2008.

Nancy Schaefer recently published a book chapter: Schaefer, N. 2008. *Review of the Literature*. In the Medical Library Association Guide to Health Literacy. Marge Kars, Lynda M. Baker and Feleta L. Wilson, eds. New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers, Inc.

Beth Layton, Linda Butson, Barbara Shearer and **Cheryl Dee** presented a poster at the SCMLA 2008 Annual Meeting entitled *Making Magic: Joining Forces to Create a Statewide Consumer Health Information Network*. It outlines the development of the Florida Consumer Health Information Network and explores accomplishments and future directions.

At SLA 2008, **'Nita Ferree** moderated the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division Contributed Papers session and also the presentation on *The Wonderful, Wacky World of Wikipedia*.

Rae Jesano presented two posters this past year: 1) *Using a Survey to Evaluate and Improve Services to Distant PharmD Students*, co-authored by **Linda Butson** and Mary Edwards, at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, on July 21, 2008. 2) *Off-site and Distance Pharmacy Students and the Library*, at the Florida Health Science Library Association Annual Meeting in St. Petersburg, FL, on May 30, 2008.

Wallace McLendon was very busy at MLA 2008: he co-taught (with Bart Ragon, University of Virginia Health Sciences Library) a 6-hr CE course on *Technology Planning for Health Science Librarians*; made a panel presentation for the Educational Media & Technologies Section on *Top Technology Trends: Bridge Today, Gone Tomorrow*; and spoke with the NLM/AAHSL Leadership Fellows on the topic *Preparing to Interview for a Director's Position* (a subject with which our new director has some knowledge!).

Kathy Moeller presented the poster *Weed It and They Will Come – the Nitty Gritty of Assessing, Weeding and Rebuilding a Physical Book Collection* (written with Adriana Yoshii and Marina Salcedo, all from the Borland Health Sciences Library in Jacksonville) at MLA 2008.

Pamela Sherwill-Navarro had a very full schedule at MLA 2008: she presented the paper *Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section and American Nurses Credentialing Center Magnet Accreditation: What's the Attraction?* (written with Margaret Allen); co-presented (with Margaret Allen) the paper *Reconnecting Librarians with Nursing Accreditation: Key Results* (written with M. Allen, M. Allison and S. Jacobs); and co-presented the poster *Bridging the Dissemination Gap: Communicating Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section Research to the Nursing and Allied Health Professions* (written with M. Allen, M. Allison, F. Delwiche, S. Jacobs and M. Taylor).

Michele R. Tennant published three articles this past year:

1) *The role of the medical librarian in the basic biological sciences: a case study in virology and evolution*, with Michael M. Miyamoto, in *JMLA* 96(4):290-8. Oct. 2008.

2) *The Institutional Review Board and Library Research: Memoirs of a Multi-site Project* in the Proceedings of the Contributed Paper Session, Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, Special Libraries Association 99th Annual Conference.

3) *Using Comparative Online Journal Usage Studies to Assess the Big Deal*, with Cecilia Botero and Steven Carrico, in *Library Resources and Technical Services*, v.52(1), 2008.

Dr. Tennant also made the following presentations:

1) *Library-based Bioinformatics Support: Changing Perceptions, Changing Roles*. Biomedical and Life Sciences Division, Special Libraries Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, 17 June 2008.

2) *Take One Tier and Call Me in the Morning: Codifying Levels of Liaison Service* (with **Linda Butson**, **Nita Ferree**, and **Nancy Schaefer** of the HSC Libraries). Contributed paper, Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 20 May 2008.

3) *How (and How Well) Do Researchers Use Bioinformatics Resources? A Preliminary Analysis*. Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 19 May 2008.

4) *The Ph.D. Experience: Graduate School in the Basic Biomedical Sciences* (with K. Messner and Kendall [co-presenters]). Continuing Education Course, Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, 17 May 2008.

5) *Library-based Bioinformatics Support: Who and How? An Exploration of Librarian and Scientist Perspectives*. Contributed paper, STS Forum for Science & Technology Library Research, American Library Association Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA, 29 June 2008.

Presentations by HSC Librarians are online at: www.library.health.ufl.edu/services/presentations.html .



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