

# HSLI Newsletter



The purpose of HSLI is to promote the professional and educational development of health science librarians in Illinois.

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## Scholarship Winner Report:

### HSLI Annual Conference 2009

**Irene Williams, MLS** is the Visiting Information Services Librarian at the Library of the Health Sciences at University of Illinois, Chicago. She was awarded the Syed Maghrabi Scholarship in 2009. In this article, she shares her experience at the HSLI Annual Conference.

When I found out that I was the 2009 recipient of the Syed Maghrabi Scholarship I was

overjoyed. I could not believe that my essay was chosen as the winner. One of my colleagues first told me about Health Science Librarians of Illinois last year. As a new reference librarian, the HSLI conference is the first one I attended as a professional.

The location of this year's conference was Springfield Illinois. This was actually my first time visiting the capital of

Illinois, Land of Lincoln. The evening before the conference I had dinner with 2 colleagues at a restaurant next to the hotel. The conference was being held at the Northfield Inn. The Inn was very comfortable and accommodating.

This year, HSLI was celebrating 30 years of existence. I felt very honored to have been part of such a milestone. *(continued on page 2)*

## President's Message

Greetings and Happy New Year!

Phew! It's been quite a year. With so many changes everywhere that seem to impact our libraries, we've all been really hard pressed to stay afloat. I hope this year does not bring any library closings or drastic downsizing, but I do know it will bring new and ongoing challenges in the way we've been thinking and utilizing services. Economics is of course the root cause of most change, but there is plenty

of opportunity to make our bottom-line service more efficient and effective.

First, I'd like to thank Molly Horio and the rest of the 2009 Conference Planning Committee: Michelle Quinones, Lynne Farrell, Karen Douglas, Fran Kovach, and Stacey Knight-Davis for an enjoyable meeting. I learned a lot from Jan Perone's tour of the Lincoln Library and greatly enjoyed our keynote speaker John Lupton's fascinating facts about the Lincoln papers. Nancy's

Reception / poster session was a nice place to catch up with other members and see what is going on with other librarians in the state.

Looking forward, HSLI *(continued on page 6)*



## Scholarship Winner Report (continued from page 1)




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This year's theme was **“Honoring our history, building our future”**. It was a privilege to be amongst so many medical librarians. It was an informal group that allowed us to exchange information more intimately. As the conference progressed, I noticed that we had so much in common. These men and women have accomplished so much through their years as hospital/medical librarians.

On the first day of the conference, I stopped at the registration table and was given my name badge, folder and a few goodies. We were also treated to a wonderful breakfast. Next on the conference itinerary were the continuing education courses. The courses this year were taught by my colleagues at the University of Illinois at Chicago and Peoria site.

The Evidence-based Public Health and the Grant Writing classes were the two classes I attended. Professor Dorsch described the key concepts of what EBPH is and the steps involved in searching and evaluating the literature. I knew very little about grant writing before I took the class. I found it so informative that I would like to learn more about library outreach in regards to grant writing.

Later that evening, many of us took part in Nancy's reception later in the evening. It was nice to learn about who Nancy Stump was. We were treated with a nice dinner with wine. Then we viewed the exhibits and poster sessions that were set up by Ovid, Elsevier, and NN/LM-Greater Midwest Region, Midwest Chapter/MLA. I came away with a better understanding what these vendors truly provide to our libraries. Although the Greater Midwest Region is housed at our library, sitting down and speaking with Jacqueline Leskovec about what their office does and provides was very enlightening. On the last day of the conference, we had breakfast and three update presentations by EBSCO, Ovid, and GMR. The EBSCO and Ovid representatives discussed their history with HSLI and how they supports our libraries with their various medical packages they offer. Jacqueline Leskovec from GMR updated everyone on all the numerous services that they provide.

Our keynote speaker for the day was John A. Lupton. His presentation was titled *Abraham Lincoln's Papers: Discoveries and Detectives*. Mr. Lupton is the Associate Director and Associate Editor, of the

Papers of Abraham Lincoln. He gave a very entertaining presentation on the Lincoln documents that he has discovered over the years and how he takes digital images of these works and transcribe them. The discussion was on the various differences between authentic Lincoln documents verses forgeries.

Last on the agenda was the HSLI business meeting/luncheon. I enjoyed it because it was my first meeting and it introduced to me the various positions that are held amongst our members. I look forward to volunteering my services and becoming active on a committee.

Overall, the conference was a success in my book. It gave me a chance to meet and interact with other Health Sciences librarians to make contacts and to discuss their various backgrounds and positions. I learned a great deal and I certainly look forward to next year!

## 2009 HSLI Strategic Planning Survey Results by Fran Kovach

The HSLI Strategic Planning Questionnaire was posted to the membership using an online survey website, surveymonkey. Thanks to Karen Douglas, Passavant Hospital, Jacksonville, IL, archives chair, the questionnaire was sent and collected the opinions for a response rate of 67%. 81.1% (60) would participate at a virtual conference. The distance from work/home 40% (30) and the content of CE offerings 52.0% (39) were the two highest factors determining participation in a meeting. Changing to an online format probably

would not affect the likelihood of participation 41.9% (31) or may increase the likelihood of my participation 39.2% (29) a close second. No, the Presidency of HSLI should not alternate between academic and hospital librarians 60.7% (34). The discussion list 57.7% (41) was essential, the newsletter 46.6% (34) and the website 41.9% (31) were very useful. Blogging, Facebook, RSS, Twitter, and Podcasting, the vote was neutral. Other comments concerning benefits and ideas were to offer a variety of CE programs,

offer CEs more often, or a trial virtual keynote/ce. Face to face/networking is very important but a trial ½ day web based conference should be offered in the future. Outreach to students/mentoring, AHIP education, and possible joint meetings were other ideas. Group contracts were strongly supported.

A link to the survey results is on the organization home page at <http://hsl.org>. The direct link is <http://hsl.org/2009HSLIStrategicPlanningQuestionnairesresults.pdf>



Visit <http://hsl.org> to see the strategic planning survey results.

## 2009 HSLI Conference Satisfaction Survey Results - Excellent!

Attendants were offered a chance to complete an online satisfaction survey following the 2009 HSLI Conference. On a scale that included "excellent", "good", "fair", "poor" and "not applicable", twenty-one people responded to questions covering a variety of factors.

100% gave an overall rating of "excellent".

Programs were rated "excellent" by nearly half the respondents; the other half split their rating between "good" and "fair".

Ratings for the conference meeting facilities were primarily "excellent" (57%) or "good" (38%).

Food scored "excellent" by 62% and "good" 29%.

Vendors were rated as "excellent" by 38% and "good" by 62%.

All ratings for the hotel were evenly split between "excellent" or "good".

**Thank you to the 2009 Conference Committee for superb work!**

Clearly, the committee's efforts, were appreciated

by the members who attended.

2009 Conference Committee members:

Chair - Molly Horio

Registration – Michelle Quinones

Local Arrangements – Karen Douglas, Lynne Ferrell and Fran Kovach

Webmaster – Stacey Knight-Davis

Complete results are at <http://hsl.org/2009HSLIConferenceSatisfactionSurvey.pdf>

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## 2010 Schedule for Class Sessions

### Getting Magnetized: Search and Service Strategies for Nursing Excellence

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A new session of "Getting Magnetized: Search and Service Strategies for Nursing Excellence" is starting online Jan. 14, 2010 - Feb.24, 2010 and is open for enrollment here.

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dF84X3NkWXZxVm84dTc1LTILOENEd1E6MA>.

HSLI member, Joy Kennedy and Margaret (Peg) Allen are co-instructors for this web-based continuing education program assisted by Kathy Fatkin. You will also have the opportunity to learn from other participants.

Learn about the information needs of nurses in clinical and educational settings. Discuss strategies to meet these needs in relation to accreditation and certification standards, especially as they relate to the ANCC Magnet initiative. Identify collaborative education and service strategies to improve information services for nurses and nursing students in your organization. Evidence-based nursing practice and other important nursing concepts will be covered. The course is completely updated to match the requirements in the 2008 Magnet manual.

This course is useful for librarians in Magnet aspiring or designated hospitals, as well as academic librarians working with nursing faculty and students. Anyone interested in services to nurses in hospitals will find it helpful.

Cost of the course is \$190. 8 hours MLA-approved CE contact hours will be awarded. You can be invoiced before the end of 2009 if needed.

Students are expected to spend 1 - 2 hours each week on the course, for a total of at least 8 hours of reading, online discussion and working on assignments during the six weeks the class is conducted. Many choose to spend additional time on supplemental readings and the assignments closely connected to work expectations. Previous students report that this work is valuable in their organization's journey to excellence and in providing services to nurses.

Additional information is available at <http://www.healthknowledgeconsultants.net/> OR at MLA website <http://www.cech.mlanet.org/node/81>

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## Member News

**Mary Klatt**, Associate Director, Loyola University Health Sciences Library passed away on November 14, 2009. A Memorial service honoring Mary was held January 6, 2010 at the Loyola

Medical Center.

Associate Dean, **Logan Ludwig**, Loyola University was inducted as Fellow of the Medical Library Association in recognition of his outstanding and numerous contributions

to the medical library community. Additionally, Logan received the Distinguished Librarian of the Year Award, presented by the Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association.

## Join the 2010 Conference Committee

The 2010 annual conference will be in the Chicago area, and the Conference Committee needs you!

Joining a committee gives

you a chance to develop the organization, meet other librarians and more.

Find out more about the Conference Committee and what you can do to

help.

Contact:  
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## Traveling Exhibition: Harry Potter's World by Stacey Knight-Davis

From October 5, 2009 to November 14, 2009, Booth Library, Eastern Illinois University, hosted the traveling exhibition *Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic and Medicine*. Several copies of this six-banner traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine are currently touring the United States. In conjunction with the exhibit, eleven public events were held at Booth Library, including lectures, a film screening, a reading discussion group, children's programming, and a game night. The exhibit and the supporting programming were very popular and attracted a wide audience. University students, faculty, and staff, and with community residents of all ages

attended library-sponsored programs.

*Harry Potter's World* is designed to appeal to a wide audience, and the exhibit lends itself well to interpretation by scholars from many disciplines. Presenters from Journalism, Family and Consumer Sciences, Education, and Anthropology offered insights on topics from the exhibit and from the Harry Potter books. In addition to local events, ten locally produced exhibits were mounted along with the traveling exhibit. These exhibits provided more detail on J. K. Rowling and Renaissance notables mentioned in the traveling exhibit. International book covers from the Harry Potter series were

featured, along with displays on Quidditch and Hogwarts. For more on *Harry Potter's World* at Booth Library, see <http://www.library.eiu.edu/exhibits/harrypotter>. For more on traveling exhibits from the National Library of Medicine, see [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/about/exhibition/traveling\\_exhibitions.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/about/exhibition/traveling_exhibitions.html)

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*Pictured below is the traveling exhibit, "Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic and Medicine."*



## CE Hi-Lites

### Change Management and Leadership for Medical Librarians

Change is a given in 21st century medical libraries: intrusive, exhilarating, and growing in strength and frequency. Being an effective change agent and coping with change partly depends on your sense of perspective. If you can understand how change impacts other people and the medical library as a whole, you can learn to increase the benefits and lower the costs (and stress) for yourself and others. This program addresses the needs of both the medical library change agent and those asked to implement the changes. Topics include: understanding the five roles, typical mistakes and how to prevent and fix them, what is changing in medical libraries, eight characteristics of people who cope well with change, nine causes of stress, conceptual tools and models, case studies and knowing when change is not the answer. This is a facilitated, online class. It is at an intermediate level and on successful completion will provide eight CE credits. The class begins January 27th and will run through March 3.

**Instructor:** Pat Wagner, Co-owner, Pattern Research, Inc., Denver, CO

**Course begins:** January 27, 2010.

**MLA CE Contact Hours:** 8

**Level:** Intermediate

**Registration fee:** \$150.00 (MLA members: Talk to Pat! Get 1/3 off on your course fee). Contact Pat Wagner directly to register.

**Instructor email:** Pat@pattern.com

### Illinois Library Systems

ALS <http://www.alliancelibrarysystem.com>

DLS <http://www.dupagels.lib.il.us>

LCLS <http://www.lcls.org>

LTLS <http://www.ltls.org>

MLS <http://www.mls.lib.il.us/>

**NSLS** <http://www.ed2go.com/nsls/>

**PALS** <http://www.palsnet.info/>

**RPLS** <http://www.rpls.ws>

**SLS** <http://www.shawls.lib.il.us>

### MLA

<http://www.mlanet.org/education/web/index.html>

### SLA

<http://www.slaillinois.org/event>

### ILA

<http://www.ila.org/events/>

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign—GSLIS**

<http://www.lis.illinois.edu/oc/news/events>

**Dominican University—GSLIS**

<http://www.dom.edu/academics/gslis/news-events.html>

## President's Message [continued from page 1]

members should review the results that have been posted to our web site from the Conference Satisfaction Survey and the Strategic Planning Survey (and read the articles in this newsletter). As I see it, we need to focus our energy and talents on expanding HSLI's impact on our virtual budgets - see if more "deals" can be negotiated direct with publishers / vendors i.e. ScienceDirect, IngentaConnect, JSTOR, Springerlink, etc. Please make your suggestions to Virginia Gale, our Contracts guru. I would also like to see our next meeting bring more to the table for our non-hospital members - really finding what we have in common and learning from each other. I have started a program planning committee for the 2010 meeting and hope to utilize those HSLI member's brainstorming powers to come up with a dynamite program. More about that later.

Lastly, please feel free to contact me (by e-mail or phone) to give me your suggestions or comments about HSLI. I'm leaving it open-ended on purpose, let's see where it leads.

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