

# HSLI Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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I hope this finds you all enjoying the warm days of summer. Your HSLI officers and committee chairs marked the year's halfway point by holding the semiannual HSLI Board Meeting. Among the topics of discussion were the hospital library group purchase offerings that are up for renewal this fall. Virginia Gale has been leading this effort by engaging in discussions and negotiations with the vendors on our behalf, and I want to recognize and thank her for her work. Those of us who take advantage of these offerings are able to enhance our library collections a great deal, with online resources that might otherwise be financially inaccessible. I would strongly encourage any hospital library not already participating to consider this opportunity. By the time you receive this newsletter, you may have already seen this year's pricing. If not, watch for updates to come via the HSLI listserv.

I hope you have all marked your calendars for Thursday and Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, the dates of this year's HSLI fall conference in Champaign-Urbana! We say it all the time, but it's always true – this is a great opportunity to see and network with colleagues and friends whom we may only see once a year. This year, we'll be meeting in

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## Illinois Go Local to "Go Live"

Logan Ludwig

The Loyola University Health Sciences Library has announced plans to "go live" with **Health-E Illinois** on Friday, September 7, 2007. The Loyola Health Sciences librarians in cooperation with HSLI librarians, the Illinois Rural Health Association, Illinois AIRS, Illinois CLICKS, the Alliance Library System, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Council of Illinois Academic Health Sciences Librarians have been busy since September 2006 developing **Health-E Illinois** – a public, online database that works with MedlinePlus® to provide a "one stop" shopping e-resource for Illinois citizens seeking Illinois health resources and services.

**Health-E Illinois** is a searchable directory of health providers and services which a consumer can search directly by provider, type

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## Bylaws Committee Call for Volunteers

HSLI members are needed to serve on the Bylaws Committee! Are you new to HSLI? This is a great chance to get involved and learn about HSLI! Are you a long-time member? This is a great chance to contribute your knowledge! If you are interested in this opportunity to serve, or even if you have questions, please contact Molly Horio at (309) 269-5206 or [mhorio@bromenn.org](mailto:mhorio@bromenn.org).

## It's Getting Close !!!

**HSLI ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**October 25-26, 2007**

**See details inside this issue**



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

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## HSLI Business

### *President's Message - continued*

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the hometown of the University of Illinois GSLIS, so I would not be surprised if we were to see some graduate school students and faculty participating. Stacey Knight-Davis and the conference planning committee have been updating the HSLI website with conference information, including a conference blog.

The HSLI bylaws state that the bylaws should be reviewed every two years, and it is time to conduct that review. I am assembling a Bylaws Committee, with the goal being to conduct a bylaws review and present necessary bylaws changes to the Board at the next Board meeting in October. Then, according to the bylaws, once approved by the Board, those changes will be brought to the HSLI membership for a vote. This should not be a one-person committee, so it would be a good opportunity for any member who is interested in serving on a committee, be it as Chair or as a committee member. It is also a great way to learn about the organization. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested. I will be contacting potential committee members in early August.

In the interim, in response to a request I received from the Midwest Chapter of MLA, I asked Beth Carlin to serve as an Ad Hoc Midwest Chapter/MLA Liaison. I was asked to appoint an HSLI member to represent HSLI as a liaison to the Midwest Chapter, as was being asked of all of the states in the Midwest Chapter. The Midwest Chapter bylaws had recently changed, and their system of "representatives-at-large" was replaced by a state liaisons committee to include a liaison from each state. Beth is an active member of the Midwest Chapter and former Representative-at-Large, and I feel she will do a fine job of keeping us informed as to what is happening in the Midwest Chapter and keeping communications open between the two organizations. My desire is to recommend that this liaison role be made official, and that the liaison be appointed to a two-year term by each incoming president, but we came to the consensus during the Board meeting that this change should be part of the overall bylaws review, so that is why it is currently considered an ad hoc appointment. I wish to thank Beth for stepping into this new role.

Molly Horio

### *2007 HSLI Annual Conference*

#### **PROGRAM UPDATE AND SYED MAHGRABI SCHOLARSHIP**

**Stacey Knight-Davis**

Join us October 25-26 in Urbana, Illinois at the Holiday Inn to network with colleagues, learn about new technologies, and have some fun! Room reservations can be made by calling 1-217-328-7900. Be sure to ask for the HSLI block. The hotel is not taking Web reservations at this time.

Three CE's are offered this year. Measuring Your Impact: Using Evaluation to Demonstrate Value is an all-day session at the conference hotel. Geeks Bearing Gifts: Unwrapping new technology trends is an afternoon session offered at the ACES Library Computer Lab. Integrating RSS Feeds into Library Services is the morning session, also at the ACES Library Computer Lab, led by Lauree Hart, MLIS, Web Systems Librarian  
Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare – Elmbrook Memorial, Brookfield, Wisconsin.

Don't forget to sign up for table talk table or a poster session. This is the perfect opportunity to tell colleagues about a new project, service, or share information on an important issue. Send a message to [slknight@eiu.edu](mailto:slknight@eiu.edu) to request space.

HSLI members are invited to apply for the Syed Maghrabi Scholarship for assistance with funding to attend the conference. For information, see <http://hsl.org/Conference/scholarship.pdf>. Applications will be accepted August 10 through September 7, 2007.

New information is regularly posted to the conference website at <http://www.hsl.org/Conference> Registration forms should be available in August.

## Midwest MLA

### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MIDWEST CHAPTER MLA MEETING

**Beth Carlin**

Just a reminder that Midwest Chapter/MLA offers two \$500 scholarships to the annual meeting to foster and encourage interest in health sciences librarianship. These scholarships are offered to library science students or recent graduates to support their attendance at the Chapter's annual meeting. The 2007 meeting is a joint conference with the Midcontinental Chapter and is scheduled for October 12-16 in Omaha, Nebraska.

**Applications for the 2007 Annual Meeting Scholarships must be received by August 17, 2007. Recipients will be notified by August 31, 2007.**

Scholarship recipients will be asked to write a short article about their conference experience for MIDLINE, the Midwest Chapter's newsletter.

Web addresses to the application as well as conference and organization information are:

Scholarship Application Form <http://midwestmla.org/awards/Annual%20Meeting%20Scholarship.doc>  
2007 meeting <http://www.mcmla.org/2007/index.html>  
Midcontinental Chapter <http://www.mcmla.org/>  
Midwest MLA <http://midwestmla.org/>

Applicant Criteria - To qualify, applicants must be:

- Students in or recent graduates of an ALA-accredited master's program in library science/information studies.
- Residents of one of the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, or Wisconsin
- Members of the Midwest Chapter/MLA. Student memberships are free; regular memberships are \$20. Go to <http://midwestmla.org/membership/> for additional membership information or to print out a membership form

Application Requirements - Applications must include:

- A completed application form at <http://midwestmla.org/awards/Annual%20Meeting%20Scholarship.doc>
- A resume or vitae detailing education, awards, honors, memberships, publications, special skills, etc.
- An academic transcript (official or unofficial).
- At least one letter of reference from a library school faculty member or Midwest Chapter member that specially addresses applicant's qualifications for the scholarship.
- A cover letter explaining the applicant's interest in: 1) health sciences librarianship, and 2) attending the Chapter conference

Applications are to be sent to: Sheryl Stevens, Chair  
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## Other News and Announcements

### Volunteering for NNLM/GMR

#### Daneen Richardson

Have you seen the request from the NNLM/GMR for volunteers to help exhibit at conferences? Well, I did, and thought that it sounded interesting. I felt that it was a way I could help them, as they had helped me, when they awarded my 2005 Technology Improvement Award: *Providing access: Digital nursing resources past and present*.

I am the reference librarian at Graham Hospital School of Nursing Library in Canton, IL (35 miles southwest of Peoria). The closest conference to me here in central Illinois needing volunteer assistance was in Chicago. My library director felt it was worth my travel time to volunteer. Wow! Was it worth the time! I emailed Holly Burt from the GMR office to let her know I could volunteer at the American Diabetes Association annual conference held at McCormick Place. I offered to help really thinking that I did not know much about PubMed or the NLM, but I found out that I knew more than I thought and then I learned even more.

At first, I felt like a carnival barker trying to lure people into our booth. Some came reluctantly wondering what the catch was to "Free". Others replied, "I'm not from the United States." We quickly told them that they could access the information we had to offer anywhere via the internet. When they replied "Oh, I use that every day," we then asked, "Did you know you can save your searches and get alerts when new information is available?" "Really?!" Then we would give a quick demo and provide them with pamphlets with more details to help them at home later. Just the week before the American Diabetes Association conference, the speaker at our quarterly HILC meeting (Heart of Illinois Library Consortium) was Tom Bartenfelder, who spoke to us about the Illinois Go Local project. I was able to introduce physicians and health care providers to Go Local and its availability in Illinois and various other states. We gave out prescription pads with MedlinePlus information for physicians to give to their patients as an authority for medical information. I know that I talked with physicians from all over the United States, South Carolina, California, New Jersey, New York, Texas, Missouri, Louisiana and Illinois and the world, including China, Canada, Japan, Ireland, United Kingdom, France, New Zealand, Mexico and Australia.

It was a day for firsts. I was able to tell hundreds of people about the great things the National Library of Medicine provides to us for free. I even rode the Metra all by myself! I stayed south of the city and hopped on the Metra – Electric (University Park to Chicago). I had one transfer and the line stopped at McCormick Place. It was easy and well worth the \$4.30 (one way) to not have to worry about driving downtown and parking, let alone the traffic I would have faced leaving in the evening. I was able to walk around the exhibit hall a bit and gathered information for our Diabetes educator and pick up a few cool freebies from various vendors.

If you have not had the opportunity to volunteer at the NLM booth and you can take the time from your library, do so. They will reimburse for mileage and parking. It was fun and informative and a great way to say thank you to the NNLM/GMR for all they do for us. I just heard that I was awarded a 2007 Technology Improvement Award, *Enhancing Library Services through Digitization*. I'm looking forward to volunteering again at a future conference for the NNLM/GMR.

### Continuing Education

#### Holly Burt

Save the dates: April 28-30, 2008. The full-day classes on PubMed and TOXNET and the half-day class on NLM's Gateway and ClinicalTrials.gov will be in the University of Illinois at Chicago, Library of Health Sciences. Registration will be at <http://nnlm.gov/ntcc/classes/register.html> in the near future.

## Go Local (continued)

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of service, or geographic area. Each site lists contact information and a link to its website if available. Many of the entries also have a description of the facility and the services provided. According to Logan Ludwig, PhD, Associate Dean for Library & Telehealth Services, Loyola University Health System, "There are thousands of health services, providers, and facilities throughout the state of Illinois. Yet here is no single directory to help consumers identify and locate them. **Health-E Illinois** will be that single directory."

Designed by the consumer, **Health-E Illinois** is easy to search. For example, parents of a developmentally disabled adult who lives in Bethalto, IL, may be looking for a resident facility close to their home. Those parents can go to **Health-E Illinois** and search under Developmental Disabilities in the Programs and Services index. Then they can click on Madison County, and find a residential facility located in Godfrey, IL, which is only 20 minutes from their home. The database currently contains over 6,000 records for health services and resources in the state of Illinois and will contain over thousands more by the "go live" date.

"Go Live" activities will include a brief progress update of NLM sponsored Go Local projects by Betsy Humphreys, NLM Associate Director; comments from invited guests including Senator Dick Durbin, Lt. Governor Pat Quinn, Congressman Danny Davis, State Library representatives, local dignitaries; a short **Health-E Illinois** demonstration; and a reception.

All HSLI librarians are invited to attend the "go live" activities that will begin at 1:00 pm at the Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine and are encouraged to contact Gina Zarilla [708-216-5301 or [gzarilla@lumc.edu](mailto:gzarilla@lumc.edu)] to confirm attendance.

This project has been funded in whole or in part with Federal funds from the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, under Contract No. N01-LM-6-3503 with the University of Illinois at Chicago.

## Illinois State Library

### Debra Aggertt

It's 200 am! Where are your students and patrons going for their reference needs? The Internet can be difficult to navigate and good information can be hard to find. Why not expand your Reference Department to meet the needs of your patrons wherever and whenever they have questions? Patrons should not be limited to asking questions based on the Open hours of your library. Questions happen 24/7.

'Ask Away' is an Illinois statewide, multi-type library, online reference service, staffed 24/7 with qualified librarians. Co-browsing and a referral system for questions expand the cooperative to over #800 global libraries. Over #230 Illinois libraries are currently participating, answering over #2500 email questions and #2800 chat sessions monthly.

Join 'Ask Away' during a FREE trial offer August 15- December 15, 2007 to see how you can customize the program to meet the 24/7 needs of your patrons and provide a Reference network of qualified librarians.

Please join the following Medical libraries currently participating in Illinois: Blessing Health Professionals/ Quincy; Carle Foundation Hospital/Urbana; Lakeview College of Nursing/Danville; Memorial Medical Center/Springfield; Pas-savant Area Hospital/Jacksonville; St. Mary's Hospital/Centralia; Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center/Mattoon; St. John's Hospital/Springfield. A special Medical queue could be established to serve the needs of the HSLI membership.

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To find out how your library can join, please contact Debra Aggertt, Network Coordinator & Illinois Virtual Reference Coordinator at the Illinois State Library.

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**Below is the text of a memo from Anne Craig announcing access to the free trial .**

Memo: To **ALL** Illinois Libraries

From: Anne Craig, Director Illinois State Library

Re: **A FREE SEMESTER - 4 MONTH TRIAL August 15 – December 15, 2007**  
Statewide Virtual Reference Service 24/7 'Ask Away'

Reference service from your library is a core service for your patrons. It is the responsibility of each library to provide quality, in-depth reference service from librarians. Participation in this statewide cooperative allows you to extend the excellent reference services of your library beyond the walls and service hours. Even if you already provide some virtual reference services, Ask Away can be a great supplement to your existing services. With Ask Away you can provide 24/7 coverage, with backup/referral and even access to a foreign language queue (Spanish).

Choose from these services to compliment your existing VR services:

**Email** – answered by your staff with referral to 800 libraries in the cooperative

**Chat** – Your own queue to answer your patron questions with 24/7 backup from the cooperative

**Staffing** – the chat queue – optional for 4 month trial period

**Transcripts** – of email and chat sessions sent to patrons AND home library for follow up and quality control

Training options:

**On-line tutorials**

**Video tutorials**

**On- line print documentation**

**On-site training for staff**

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**Summer 2007**

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