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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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HSLI Newsletter President's Message, December 2, 2005

Thank you to all involved in organizing and hosting the L.E.A.D. conference in Bloomington. I hope you have had your professional batteries recharged, as I have, and maybe found a few new ideas to pursue.

I was surprised at how many of us are interested in grant writing. Please give me your ideas of how we can continue to network and share information about developing grants information services, and how to develop library grant proposals. Check out the grants information web page that I have developed at GSU is at http://www.govst.edu/library/grant . Feel free to download and modify the grants information service brochure for your own situation.

In my experience, undertaking a grant writing project is like rolling the dice, and involves an investment of time in planning and actually writing the proposal. The time

invested in grant writing may or may not have a payoff... and the payoff can be a mixed blessing. Overall, the efforts are worthwhile. We all have to start somewhere, and learn by just doing it. We can help each other by proofreading proposals and sharing expertise.

I have learned a lot from the grant writing projects HSLI members have talked about informally over the years at conferences. LSTA grants are perhaps the easiest ones to write for here in Illinois, as the Illinois State Library has an extensive program. In 2005, the program was very competitive, and my proposal for a "Weed and Feed" grant was rejected on the basis of the date of the postmark. Now is the time to plan for the 2007 program which will be announced in May. Every medical library in this state is eligible for LSTA support if it belongs to a library system. There are funds for collection development, programs, community partnerships, and technology.

Another excellent grant program available to academic libraries in the CARLI program, formerly known as ICCMP. The CARLI collection development program em-



Schedule of Future HSLI Conferences

- 2006 Metropolitan, Schaumburg, Nov. 1-3
- 2007 East Central [TBA]

phasizes partnerships between institutions for developing resources for the benefit of the whole state. Funds are also available for collection assessment research. I currently have \$7,000 in collection development grant funds from CARLI to spend, which is

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

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more than twice as much as what is in my subject area materials budget for 2005!

Other funding support is available through state and federal legislators in the form of earmark funds. This topic would take a few pages to explore in itself, an at least a $\frac{1}{2}$ day workshop!

In the next year, my goals for HSLI are: 1. Move forward with MedlinePlus GoLocal; 2. Strengthen consortial purchases; 3. Support emerging roles for medical librarians; 4. Partner to improve health of Illinois citizens

Meeting Information

Award Winners!

The Syed Maghrabi scholarship winners are:

Cleo Pappas Kristine M. Hughes Melissa Hudak Peg Burnette

Congratulations—and see you at the HSLI Annual meeting!



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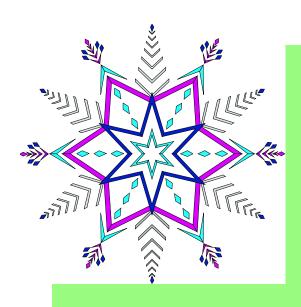
HSLI Newsletter is now Electronic!

The HSLI Newsletter will "mostly" be electronic. The HSLI board voted to begin this format because of escalating photocopy and postage charges.

Notice will be posted on the HSLI listserv when each new issue is available on our web site.

If you are one of the few people who are not on the HLSI listserv please notify me.

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