Welcome to the new year! I am both excited and challenged as I assume the duties of HSLI President. Sometimes I wonder which field is changing more rapidly - librarianship or health care. The combination of the two is certainly challenging and, at times, overwhelming.

I echo Past-President Rhona Kelley’s belief that keeping members informed about issues affecting them is one of the President’s duties. To this end, I am developing an HSLI Groupo List for e-mail. Interested members with e-mail will be notified of issues important to them and which may require some action. Fran Kovach, who is maintaining our HSLI Web page, will inform me anytime our Web page has been updated. Group List members will be notified of these updates. Be sure to logon and check out any new information. Remember that our annual meeting information is posted there. Also, if you have e-mail and your address is not listed in the HSLI Directory, please e-mail it to me at npals@ltnet.ltls.org.

A major issue facing librarians today is copyright, especially how it applies in the electronic environment. In December the Presidents of the American Library Association, the Medical Library Association, the Special Library Association, and the American Association of Law Libraries asked their members to contact their U.S. Senators and Representatives to cosponsor copyright bills. The bills, one introduced into the House and one into the Senate, would update the copyright law to include electronic resources. Both bills are designed to protect the owners of information while continuing to allow librarians and educators access to printed and electronic information under reasonable circumstances. As updates to this legislation appear, please be prepared to contact your elected officials as needed.

The Illinois State Library aired a videoconference on February 4, 1998, entitled “What Reference Practitioners Should Know About Copyright and the Web”. If you did not have the opportunity to attend, you may want to borrow the videotape of it from your Library System. Each System receives two videotapes of the State Library’s programs.

The people, myself included, who serve and have served as HSLI officers and committee chairs usually do so to serve or “give back to” HSLI. (Not just because you were drafted by Nancy Stump or Jan Perone.) For our organization to meet members’ professional goals, we need your ideas. If you have any suggestions, or comments, please let me hear from you. My telephone number is 217/258-2262 and my e-mail address is npals@ltnet.ltls.org.

Nina Pals

LIBRARY SYSTEMS

Lakeview College of Nursing Library

Automates!!

The Lakeview College of Nursing Library in Danville became an online member of the LINC automation system last fall. LINC (Libraries IN Cooperation) is the computerized library system of Lincoln Trail Libraries System which provides automated circulation, cataloging, an online catalog, and access to resources of libraries in East Central Illinois. The Library received an Illinois State Library Live and Learn grant to join the shared system and spent many months in preparation leading to online status.
Librarian Theodora Henkel said, "Since going online with LINC, I have found that the library's circulating collection is more organized. It made the annual review of the collection easier. Students enjoy having access to other library collections, and I enjoy the greater access we’ve given to the community." Lakeview’s catalog may be accessed at the following address: telnet://ltnt.ltls.org.

The Lakeview College of Nursing Library was established in 1990 to support the curriculum of the College for the use of students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Subject strengths are nursing and allied health. The Board of Directors of Lakeview College of Nursing was pleased to announce recently that the College has been accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission in February 1998. The library’s online membership with LINC was considered a strength and asset by the peer evaluators of the NLN.

The library is located at 903 North Logan Avenue in Danville (217-443-5238).

Karen Wilkinson
Lincoln Trails Library System

**COMMITTEE NEWS**

**Nominating Committee:** Hi there you lovely HSLI Members; you are all sitting here reading your HSLI newsletter. Now you have come to this wonderful section...yes, yes...I know it is tempting to skip over these remarks but please DON'T. I need your help terribly! We are going to need some good people to run for some offices. These offices get to be filled by the pool of members for HSLI and that means you...We are going to need people for the HSLI Board and the Illinois State Council. I am not asking for volunteers right now but want you all to start thinking about this. If anyone is interested in working on this committee, please contact: Nancy Stump (stump.nancy@uis.edu) or call 217-786-6601.

**MAKE ME LAUGH!!!**

Waking Up: Grandmother was surprised by her 7 year old grandson one morning. He had made her coffee. She drank what was the worst cup of coffee in her life. When she finally finished her coffee made with love, there were three of those little green army men in the cup. She said, "Honey, what are the army men doing in my coffee?"

Her grandson said, "Grandma, it says on TV- 'The best part of waking up is soldiers in your cup!'"

(received via internet, author unknown)

**WHAT IF PEOPLE BOUGHT CARS LIKE THEY BUY COMPUTERS?**

General Motors doesn't have a "help line" for people who don't know how to drive, because people don't buy cars like they buy computers, but imagine if they did.

HELPLINE: "General Motors HelpLine, how can I help you?"
CUSTOMER: "I got in my car and closed the door, and nothing happened!"
HELPLINE: "Did you put the key in the ignition slot and turn it?"
CUSTOMER: "What's an ignition?"
HELPLINE: "It's a starter motor that draws current from your battery and turns over the engine."
CUSTOMER: "Ignition? Motor? Battery? Engine? How come I have to know all of these technical terms just to use my car?"

HELPLINE: "General Motors HelpLine, how can I help you?"
CUSTOMER: "My car ran fine for a week, and now it won't go anywhere!"
HELPLINE: "Is the gas tank empty?"
CUSTOMER: "Huh? How do I know!?"
HELPLINE: "There's a little gauge on the front panel, with a needle, and markings from 'E' to 'F.' Where is the needle pointing?"
CUSTOMER: "It's pointing to 'E.' What does that mean?"
HELPLINE: "It means that you have to visit a gasoline vendor, and purchase some more gasoline. You can install it yourself, or pay the vendor to install it for you."
CUSTOMER: "What!? I paid $12,000. for this car! Now you tell me that I have to keep buying more components? I want a car that comes with everything built in!"

HELPLINE: "General Motors HelpLine, how can I help you?"
CUSTOMER: "Your cars suck!"
HELPLINE: "What's wrong?"
CUSTOMER: "It crashed, that's what went wrong!"
HELPLINE: "What were you doing?"
CUSTOMER: "I wanted to run faster, so I pushed the accelerator pedal all the way to the floor. It worked for a while, and then it crashed -- and now it won't start!"
HELPLINE: "It's your responsibility if you misuse the product. What do you expect us to do about it?"
CUSTOMER: "I want you to send me one of the latest version that doesn't crash anymore!"

HELPLINE: "General Motors HelpLine, how can I help you?"
CUSTOMER: "Hi! I just bought my first car, and I chose your car because it has automatic transmission, cruise control, power steering, power brakes, and power door locks."
HELPLINE: "Thanks for buying our car. How can I help you?"
CUSTOMER: "How do I work it?"
HELPLINE: "Do you know how to drive?"
CUSTOMER: "Do I know how to what?"
HELPLINE: "Do you know how to drive?"
CUSTOMER: "I'm not a technical person! I just want to go places in my car!"

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LEGISLATIVE NEWS

Copyright and censorship issues impact on the staff and patrons in health science libraries, just as they do in the more public arena. There are many sources of information on these topics, of course, but several are of local interest.
One is a list serve offered through the Illinois Library Association. To subscribe, send a message to: majorodo@darkstar.rsa.lib.il.us
Leave the subject line blank. In the message text type "subscribe Legisnet-IL" followed by your e-mail address. A welcome message will appear in your mailbox when the subscription has been accepted.

A second source is the Legislative Update page on the Web, also an ILA product. It provides a very
readable chart summarizing legislative proposals before the 90th Illinois General Assembly. The chart lists the bill number, its sponsor, a brief description of the bill, its current status, and the ILA position on the bill (where applicable). Finally, the Illinois State Library sponsored a satellite conference on February 4, 1998, entitled "What Reference Practitioners Should Know About Copyright and the Web." Some of the materials from that presentation have been mounted on the State Library's Web site. The address is:
http://www.library.sos.state.il.us/isl/training/v980204c.html
Links to other excellent sites on copyright are possible from that address.

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INTERNET

HEY....HEY....HEY...

Look at the HSLI internet address....hit the search key and ask for one of your fellow members....or ask for a specific city to see if any of the librarians are HSLI Members....This new feature is still under construction...we are presently in the search function and hope to be able to ask for a complete printout in the future.
A special thank you....thank you to Fran Kovach, Librarian at the SIU School of Medicine for actually get this section of the webpage working....of course we also thank you for being the webmaster for HSLI...

THIS IS SO EXCITING...THE DIRECTORY IS ACTUALLY ON THE WEB PAGE..

Oh, the address to the HSLI home page, in case you have forgotten is:
http://www.siumed.edu/lib/hslib/hslib.html

CHUCKLE BOARD by Nina Pals

Things Not To Hear During Surgery

Better save that. We'll need it for the autopsy.

Someone call the janitor - we're going to need a mop.

Bo! Bo! Come back with that! Bad dog!

Wait a minute, if this is his spleen, then what's that? Hand me that--uh...that uh...thingie.

Oh no! I just lost my Rolex.

Oops! Hey, has anyone ever survived 500ml of this stuff before?

Darn, t here go the lights again...

Ya know, there's big money in kidneys. Heck, the guy's got two of 'em.

Everybody stand back! I lost my contact lens! Could you stop that thing from beating? It's throwing my concentration off...

I hate it when they've missing stuff in here. That's cool! Now can you make his leg twitch? I wish I hadn't forgotten my glasses.

Well folks, this will be an experiment for us all.

Sterile, shmerile. The floor's clean, right?

This patient has already had some kids, am I correct?

Nurse, did this patient sign the organ donation card?

FIRE! FIRE! Everyone get out now!!

Darn! Page 47 of the manual is missing!
A DAY OFF

So you want a day off? Let's take a look at what you are asking for.
There are 365 days per year available for work.
There are 52 weeks per year in which you already have two days off per week, leaving 261 days available for work. Since you spend 16 hours each day away from work, you have used up 170 days, leaving only 91 days available.
You spend 30 minutes each day on coffee breaks. That accounts for 23 days each year. With a one-hour lunch period each day, you have used up another 46 days, leaving only 22 days available for work.
You normally spend 2 days per year on sick leave. This leaves you only 20 days available for work.
We are off 5 days for holidays per year, so your available working time is down to 15 days.
We generously give you 14 days vacation per year which leaves only 1 day available for work, and I'll be damned if you're going to take that day off!

DEAR EDITOR ...

Well Jan, I knew you would want an encore from me so here it is...now I am done...I have really enjoyed working with you and the whole HSLI crew who have contributed to this newsletter. For sure, this newsletter would not be a success without everyone's participation. Always remember our saying if people don't like the newsletter, they can tell it to the wind and join the editorship.
Stump
Thanks, Nancy, for all your hard work. Now would be a good time to introduce our new Co-editor, Sue Hollander. Sue is an HSLI member from the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford and has graciously agreed to this position for the next two years—right, Sue? Welcome to the most humorous newsletter for health science professionals in Illinois! HSLI is glad to have your assistance!

Mouse Cleaning Tips

(From Tech News, February 1998; originally published in Teaching and Learning, Fall 1997)

It's a good idea to clean out your mouse once in a while—especially if it starts jumping instead of rolling. First, be sure to turn off your PC. Never mess with anything inside your PC (including your mouse) without turning off the power. The bottom of the mouse should have a guide to removing the ball cover (usually arrows). Remove the cover, turn the mouse over and let the ball drop into your hand (shake gently if necessary). Use cellophane tape to "delint" the ball. Gently wipe away any dirt inside the mouse socket. Put the mouse-ball back inside the mouse and replace the cover.

HSLI 1998!

Laura Wimmer, Chair of HSLI 1998 reports that the first planning meeting of the committee was held Friday, March 6th. If you have any ideas or suggestions for continuing education or speakers, please contact Laura at (312) 792-9938 or lwimmer@interaccess.com.

The HSLI newsletter is published quarterly as a service to HSLI members. All contributions are welcome. Please submit typed articles (on disk in WP format is good, too!) to Sue Hollander at (815) 395-5655 (fax) or sholland@uic.edu (e-mail). NEXT DEADLINE: MAY 1, 1998. We rely on our members for contributions; please help make this newsletter an effective tool for communication.
THE HEALTH SCIENCE SILO HOLDINGS LIST  1998

The Health Science Library version of the SILO List will be published by HSLI. The cost of the list will be $80.00. There will be no other mechanism for receiving the list other than HSLI's publication of the list. The State Library will not be providing copies as in the past due to a lack of funding. In order to reserve a copy of the list it will be necessary for you to mail the order form with prepayment as listed. Your copy will be mailed to you as soon as it is printed. Any question regarding the duplication of the list may be referred to LAURA WIMMER at Resurrection Medical Center at 773-792-9938.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Health Science Librarians of Illinois

COST: $80.00

MAIL  CHECK AND ORDER FORM TO:
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MEDICAL LIBRARY
5666 E. State Street
Rockford, IL 61108

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All forms must include correct mailing address. If you think that your accounting dept. will not accurately fill out this form or not mail the form with the check, please fax me a copy of your order to 773-594-7974. HSLI is not responsible for packages missent due the inaccurate mailing address given to us. Please understand that this is a volunteer project and very time consuming. Last time this task was done many hours were spent trying to track down missent packages and 6 lists were reprinted due inaccurately supplied mailing addresses.
The Illinois State Library is pleased to announce that several HSLI libraries and other health related libraries received FastStart, Workstations/Printers and Telecommunications/Networking Grants (FastStart Grants allowed libraries to purchase answering machines, voice/phone and voice lines, fax machines and fax lines, modems, TDD lines and printers).

We are currently reviewing applications for FY 98 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). This is the first year of funding under LSTA which allows the State Library to open up applications to all types of libraries. LSTA replaces the Library Services Construction Act (LSCA) which focused primarily on school and public libraries.

When applying for any grant awarded by the State Library, read the grant application requirements carefully. Call Amy Kellestrass with any questions you have regarding the requirements. Amy may be reached at 1-800-665-5576 (choose option #1). All applications must be complete; all information or components required must be included.

Where applicable, you may find the following checkpoints to be useful:

1. Have you clearly explained your reason for applying for the grant? Have you been clear and concise?

2. Have you investigated other sources of funding or formed partnerships?

3. If so, what are your other sources of funding/partnerships, and how much are they contributing?

4. What, in terms of in-kind service or money is your library contributing?

5. How will future funding be obtained?

6. Is your library and community/consortium devoted to the project? Include documentation/letters of support.

7. Have you explained the preplanning and groundwork involved?

The State Library is looking for grants that specify a need not currently met by the library. Requests for workstations and printers are pretty self-explanatory, but even then you must show a demonstrated need, or show that the library doesn’t have a workstation in the first place.

If you are looking to fund a project, the State Library is looking for grants that show community/partner involvement, does not duplicate existing projects, and is not a stand-alone environment (shared access/technology is the key). Be sure you are meeting the goals of the grant. Ask for as much funding as is needed. You may not get all of it, but you may be awarded partial funding. Finally, pay attention to deadlines for applications and do your homework before applying!

Lynn Bierma
Illinois State Library

Congratulations!
Nina Pals received the President’s Award at last November’s HSLI Meeting. The award was from Past-President Nalini Mahajan, but just (barely) got there in time for the 1997 meeting. Jan Perone was named recipient for the 1997 President’s Award by Past President Rhona Kelley. That award should be presented at the 1998 Meeting? Oh, well, it’s the thought (and the honor) that counts!!
Happy St. Patrick’s Day!