

# HSLI NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Looking For A Few Good "New" Active Members ...

I would like to thank all those who have made my job as HSLI President this year a lot easier. Special mentions: **Nancy Stump** and **Jan Perone** for taking the thankless task of revamping the HSLI Newsletter. **Gerry Dujsik** for taking on the task of duplicating and mailing the SILO List. These individuals came through for me to do tasks for which no one else would volunteer. In order to show my and HSLI's appreciation for the hard work of these individuals and many others I have designed certificates which were passed out at the September meeting. In fact, I have just finished making the certificates of contribution for HSLI Committees and Officers today. The following are my thoughts as I typed the certificates.

The certificates were not a difficult task, as the same people were on multiple committees, offices and basically do the work of HSLI!

#### *This is a problem.*

Our state organization is made up of people around the state with varying insights. However, this is not reflected in the makeup of committees. The Nominating Committee has a hard time getting people to run for office. The Newsletter editors wait for more news. The attendance of meetings has reached an all time low. It is no longer economical to hold two meetings a year so that the same 30 or so people can get together and chat. We are being forced to address the meeting attendance problem with the idea of changing the bylaws concerning the number of meetings per year. It has become necessary to consider holding one meeting per year and rotating the location throughout the state. Our organization is in desperate need of an influx of members who would like to involve themselves in more than just paying their dues and reading the newsletter.

As I reread the above, I realize I sound a little preachy. But notice, I also left it as is for Jan and Nancy to put in the newsletter. When I was asked to run for President-Elect, I hoped I would lose the election. I told my friends not to vote for me. I knew it would involve work and I felt myself overwhelmed at my job, etc. These surely are all of the excuses I have received from members this year for not getting involved. I would like to say that it has been a piece of cake but it has not been. As president of an organization,

committee chair or committee worker, you must be organized, deal with decisions you don't want to make, settle discussions, make friends, enemies, and many mistakes. This year has been a learning experience. It has tested and challenged me. To some extent I have succeeded ; to some extent I have failed. But, you know what--I'm glad I won and that I tried.

I would like to thank the two retiring HSLI Board members for all their hard work this past year. **Carol Galganski** has been the author of 2 years of outstanding minutes for both the Board and Business Meetings. **Gail Lahti** is retiring as past president this year. I hope these two outstanding contributors will remain active and volunteering HSLI members.

Thank you to **Capital Area Consortium** and **Southern Illinois University School of Medicine** for being terrific hosts of the Fall HSLI Meeting. The Fall meeting was attended by 45-50 individuals. The setting and the CE opportunities provided allowed the membership the opportunity to update their skills as well as to meet old and new friends. Those not attending missed a chocolate buffet and the Beardstown Ladies! The interesting information they provided on Investment Clubs and saving for a not too distant retirement was a message useful to all. If you missed the meeting, their advice can be read or listened to on audiotape. Look for their new book coming soon to a bookstore near you. On a serious note, the presentation on Thursday on the Internet was the best internet class I have ever attended! A great meeting!!

As a new president takes office, I challenge you to make the effort to extend yourself for HSLI. Nalini's number is 708/462-4104.

*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 Nancy Stump at University of Illinois-Springfield, Brookens Library, Springfield, IL 62794-9243. FAX (217) 786-6208. E-Mail, stump.nancy@uis.edu. NEXT DEADLINE: DECEMBER 22, 1995. We rely on our members for contributions; please help make this newsletter an effective tool for communication.*

**Join HSLI or Renew Your Membership!! See Form on back page!**

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## CONSORTIA NEWS

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### East Central Illinois Consortium

Members of the East Central Illinois Consortium (ECIC) held a special meeting to discuss needs and priorities of member libraries. There was consensus that research is needed to show the bottom line impact of our services. We plan to work on this project and welcome input from other libraries or consortia. A second priority identified was the need to educate policy makers on the value of hospital libraries. ECIC representative attended a September ILA Public Policy Input Session. We suggested legislation for Medicaid/Medicare reimbursement to hospitals for information provided for patient care. This idea was very well received and we were asked to supply more information prior to the October Public Policy committee meeting. This meeting confirmed the need for better promotion of our services and more education on the value of our services.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### Future Meetings

Mark your calendars for our next meeting in Lake Geneva, WI. This joint meeting with our fellow Wisconsin Librarians will be on April 29 - 30, 1996 at the Grand Geneva Hotel. The theme is "At WARP Speed: Retooling for the Future." Our Fall meeting will be at Jumer's in Bloomington, IL. Hold October 17 - 18, 1996 free to meet and exchange ideas with your fellow members.

### HSLI Directory

Additional copies of the directory are available from Nina Pals at a cost of \$2.00. Much discussion took place at both the board and Business meetings concerning entry in the Directory. Nancy Stump once again produced the Directory. Update notices were mailed to the membership. Many members did not mail the updates back to Nancy and therefore were not in the Directory. Some of the updates received were handwritten and some were unreadable. This has prompted the following procedure for future issues of the Directory.

1. All updates are to be typed or they will be unacceptable. If you do not have a typewriter, please find one in your institution.

2. Any person who does not return their updates whether there are corrections or not will not be in the directory.

Deviations from the above procedures will result in you not being

entered in the directory. All comments, complaints should be addressed to the President of HSLI. The current President is Nalini Mahajan at Marianjoy.

**President's Award:** An award to be decided upon by the current president has been instituted. Recipients will be a member who has contributed the most to HSLI during that President's term of office. It will be awarded at the Spring Business Meeting of the following year. This was the brainchild of mine and other board members. As you will note in my last column, there is a great concern the membership only pays the dues, seldom attends meetings or volunteers to serve on committees. This leads to a non-active growth. In the past year the board has petitioned the Illinois State Library to take us as serious providers of information not only to our parent organization but the public. We feel by constantly reminding the Illinois State Library of our groups endeavors this will equate in the membership applying for and receiving grant money. I hope the President's Award will be an extra incentive to get involved.

★1995 President's Award: Nancy Stump, University of Illinois at Springfield, is the first recipient of the President's Award. Nancy has served in the following offices: President, President-Elect, Past-President. She has chaired the Nominating Committee. In the past year, she has co-edited the HSLI Newsletter with Jan Perone, Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services, and through her institution has saved the organization money by getting the newsletter printed and mailed at a third of the cost. In addition, Nancy was a member of the Marketing Taskforce and By-Laws Committee. She has also been responsible for the HSLI Directory and was Chair of the 1995 Fall meeting. In her spare time, Nancy was never too busy to give me advice and serve as my consultant. Nancy is an example of what can be achieved with a little or a lot of time management skills.

### HSLI ByLaws Committee to review Article X, Meetings:

The Bylaws Committee will be looking into amending the Bylaws, Article X, Meetings, to make it possible to have one meeting a year, rather than two. The HSLI Board has raised concerns that continuing to hold two meetings a year may lead to financial losses. The Bylaws now require that two meetings be held; the Committee will examine means of liberalizing the two meeting requirement. The text of any proposed amendments will be discussed at the Spring Business Meeting in Wisconsin. Should the committee decide to put such amendments to a vote, a ballot will be mailed to the HSLI members following the Spring meeting. Questions or comments are welcome, and may be addressed to Walter Wilkins, Chair and committee members, Gail Lahti and Donna Roginski. Copies of the HSLI Bylaws are available from the chair. The HSLI Bylaws may also be found on the World Wide Web.

**We Need Volunteers.....**that's you folks!!!! There is a great need for volunteers of this organization to serve on various committees. There is a committee for everyone to serve on so let's get active and join a committee of your interest...

The Committees needing volunteers are:

- ✓ Archives      ✓ Marketing Taskforce
- ✓ By-Laws      ✓ Newsletter
- ✓ Legislative    ✓ Nominating

If you would like to join any of the above committees, please pick up your phone now and dial Nalini Mahajan, President, HSLI at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital...phone (708)462-4104.

## LIBRARY SYSTEMS

**Lincoln Trails Library System (LTLS):** The Lakeview College of Nursing Library in Danville will join LINC, the shared database operated and administered by Lincoln Trail Libraries System (LTLS) on behalf of participating member libraries. Eight thousand dollars has been awarded to Lakeview through a Lincoln Trail Live and Learn Automation Grant Project funded by the Secretary of State's Office. Being a member of LINC will make Lakeview's holdings and unique titles available to all libraries in the state and provide Lakeview with access to other information sources through the Internet.

According to LTLS Consultant Anne Wendler, completion of the process for Lakeview to become a full participating member of LINC will not take place until perhaps mid 1996. In the next couple months, LTLS will provide training for library staff on all steps of the process, and library staff will be adding their holdings to the database. Librarian Theodora Henkal is very pleased the College has made this commitment to update the services of their library. "We are looking forward to the benefits of LINC membership, being able to provide better service to our students and staff, and making our material more accessible statewide," she said. "Joining LINC and improving the library in other ways were significant factors in helping the Lakeview College of Nursing gain accreditation with the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools." Library space has been doubled by adding an adjacent classroom. Also a grant of \$19,525 was applied for and received from the Vermillion Health Care Foundation. Those funds will be used to purchase more journal shelves, a new circulation computer and circulation desk, and more computers.

Lakeview college of Nursing, 903 North Logan Ave in Danville, was chartered in 1894 and now offers a baccalaureate degree in nursing. The library contains an extensive collection in the field of nursing--more than 3,600 books, over 300 audio/video

materials and 98 journal subscriptions--and is open approximately 60 hours a week including some evening and weekend hours. A computer lab is next to the library houses 10 computers and 2 printers for student use as well as a copy machine and microfiche reader/printer. Library services include general reference, bibliographic instruction on how to best utilize the library's resources, and subject searching on CINAHL on CD-Rom and on other databases that can be found online.

**Dupage Library System:** If there was ever a time when librarians could feel they "know the job," it's gone now. At one time, those who hadn't gone to library school felt inadequate. Now we all do. At one time those who moved from public libraries into the specialized field of health science librarianship thought they'd never be able to learn the vocabulary. Now we're all mastering new terms everyday.

To do our jobs, all librarians must keep learning. The Library Systems in Illinois are working hard to make that possible. Systems have added training space, demonstration computers, satellite dishes and even-- more comfortable chairs! Every system has a calendar filled with workshops and often it's possible to schedule individual training.

The next step is up to each of us as individuals. We need to plan on attending those workshops, taking notes and asking questions. We need to review and practice what we've learned and then tell someone else about it. (That's one of the best ways to impress it on your mind.) We need to be sure that assistants who work with us also have an opportunity to take advantage of continuing education programs.

For today's librarians, continued learning is essential, and its one of the things that guarantees our jobs will never be boring. If you don't have a workshop on your calendar, call your System and find out what's being offered that will meet your needs. Welcome back to school!

Carol Morrison, Information Network Consultant

## Chuckleboard by Nina Pals ☺

A sponge was missing after surgery. Everyone was frantic and about to reopen the abdominal cavity. "Never mind," said the patient. "Just put it on my bill."

The urologist's clerk said, "Put the sample through the window." So he peed through the window.

The psychiatrist was ending his session with a female client. "I think I'm falling in love with you," she said. "That will end when you get my bill."

The mother didn't change the diaper for a month, she

told the home visiting nurse. "Why not?" asked the nurse. "The package said 'good up to 25 pounds.'"

H.M.O. receptionist: "the earliest appointment I can give you is in six weeks." Patient: "I could be *dead* by then." H.M.O. Receptionist: "No problem. The visit can always be cancelled."

Why does it take 25,000 sperm to fertilize an egg? *They don't want to stop and ask for directions.*

Dr. Morgan and his wife were walking down the street when a very attractive young woman in a short skirt gave a little wave to the doctor. "Who was that?" Mrs. Morgan inquired. "Just someone I know professionally," said the doctor. "I see," Mrs. Morgan said. "*Your profession or hers?*"

After celebrating their 50th anniversary, an elderly couple were both rocking comfortably on the front porch, enjoying the beautiful night. Suddenly the woman walked over and slapped her husband across the face as hard as she could. The husband stunned, asked "What in the world did you do that for?" "That was for fifty years of mediocre sex!" said the woman. They continued to rock in their chairs. Soon the husband walked over to his wife and gave her a powerful whack across the face. "What did you do that for?" she asked. "That," he said, "was for knowing the difference!"

How many psychiatrists does it take to change a light bulb? One, but it will take a long time and the bulb will have to really want to change.



**COMMITTEE NEWS**

**Archives Committee**

Archives Committee will collect and list all CE Opportunities for the past three years. This will enable the membership to use them as a source for MLA Certification questions. The committee is also soliciting any members who might have pictures from previous meetings who would like to share them, please mail them to Syed Maghrabi at Weiss Hospital in Chicago.

**By-Laws Committee**

The By-Laws Committee is charged with determining the steps to change the By-Laws concerning the number of meetings to be held per year. The HSLI Board would like to see the wording to change from Spring and Fall Meeting to at least one meeting per year. This proposal will be discussed at the next HSLI Business

Meeting and voted on by the membership sometime next year.

**Membership Committee**

The Membership Committee reports there are 144 HSLI members. One hundred and two reminders for 1995 dues were sent out. Fifty renewals were made by HSLI members. The new members are: Kathy Connick, Joyce Fedeezke, Karen Gegner, Cynthia Henderson, Theodora Henkel, Mary Howrey, Cynthia Hsich, Corricida Jones, Mary Krembring, Lisha Li, Huili Liu, Deirdre Redington, and Earl Shumaker.....Welcome!!

All mailing lists will be kept current by Nina Pals. Changes should be sent to her.

**Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee announce the election results for HSLI. Rhona Kelley is the President Elect and Roydon Jones is the new secretary.

**NN/LMGMR**

GMRLIST, your regional listserve can better connect the GMR membership to one another using the Internet. GMRLIST provides you with the opportunity to promote your training classes, inquire about regional activities, introduce new consortium members, announce library holidays for Docline users and share great Internet resources. Presently you can reach 179 subscribers. You may ask questions or make remarks. Here is how to get onto GMRLIST.. Send an e-mail to [listserv@uicvm.uic.edu](mailto:listserv@uicvm.uic.edu), leave the subject line blank and include the following in the body of the note:

subscribe gmrlst YOUR NAME

**BOARD MEMBER NEWS**

The HSLI Books will be audited by Syed Maghrabi at Weiss Hospital.

**Treasurer's Report:**

March 1, 1995 - August 31, 1995

Income:	
Dues	\$ 885.00
Meeting Receipts	13590.00
HSLI Union List Receipts	9450.00

**Total Income: \$23,925.06**

**Expenditures:**

Meeting Expenditures \$6318.59  
Printing brochure, newsletter

Directories, HSLI Union List 6617.90  
Postage and shipping (HSLI  
Union List) 701.00  
WordPerfect 6.1 270.45

**Total Expenditures: 14,575.32**  
**Total Assets: \$14,575.32**

our Auxiliary based on a request to the Foundation Director for funds to build a "Library without Walls". How did this happen? It started with a friendly lunch (the best cafeteria lunch I ever had) and an enthusiastic promotion of the library and its potential. We seem to be dismayed as librarians that nobody knows what we do. Maybe this worked because I told her what we could do.

Janet Gayle  
United Samaritan Medical Cntr  
Danville, IL

**MAKE ME LAUGH☺☺☺**

**LOOK US UP....BRAGS US UP!!**

The Illinois State Library is looking for success stories to share with the public in its "Look Us Up" campaign. "Look Us Up" is designed to promote libraries to the public and this years focuses on librarians. Stories selected for use will be taped at your library and aired on the radio in 30 second, one minute or two minute spots. If you have an example of how your library has made a difference, let Nancy Stump at UIS (217-786-6601) know as soon as possible. Please share your stories. This is our opportunity to promote our libraries and show the public how health science librarians make a difference!

**DEAR EDITOR...*LD***

Jan... I think we need to say I'm sorry for this newsletter getting out a little late....but you know how it is when we are in charge of planning and coordinating the Fall 1995 meeting for HSLI..something has to give and guess what it was... the newsletter..So Jan you had better say I'm sorry...go ahead and do a ditto for me..

*OKAY, DITTO. However, I don't think anyone is REALLY UPSET about not getting their newsletter. At least I haven't heard any complaints. And we KNOW what happens if someone complains--they get to be the new newsletter editor!!*

**THIS...AND THAT...**

Lunch anyone?!! I will attest to the value of getting to know your Foundation officer. My library received a \$45,000 donation from

**Top Ten Signs Your Hospital is in Trouble**

- ①. The cardiac surgery is done by boy scouts earning their open heart merit badge.
- ②. An entire floor is devoted to members of the "Grateful Dead".
- ③. The amputations are guaranteed...if its not right the first time we'll do the left for free.
- ④. The ICU nurses are cross training with the grounds keeping crew.
- ⑤. Their advertising slogan: A patient a week that's all we ask.
- ⑥. The neurosurgery Department is self-serve.
- ⑦. You can order mouth to mouth without resuscitation.
- ⑧. Their motto: Quality healthcare...one Plaintiff at a time.
- ⑨. The liposuctions are all natural...by flesh-eating bacteria.
- ⑩. It was voted Most Vaulable Hospital...by the Trial Lawyers Association.

**INTERNET**

**HSLI ByLaws on WWW WEB:**

<http://www.uic.edu/~walter/hsli/bylaws.html>  
An ASCII copy of the bylaws may be found at:  
<http://www.uic.edu/~walter/hsli/bylaws.asc>  
Do you have a home page...if so, send your address to the editors...we will publish them and everyone will be able to see them..

Loyola's Medical Center Library has now joined thousands of educational, government, and commercial computer networks on the Web. You can connect to the Medical Center Library's Home Page at:

<http://www.meddean.luc.edu/lumen/library.html>

The university has adopted netscape as its graphical web browser. The library pages were developed using Netscape html estensions. You will need Netscape 1.1 or above to view them as designed. Like may sites on the Internet, ours is undergoing development. Thanks to assistance from Baltazar Espiritu, MD and Miguel Sarmiento, many library information documents have already been added which include:

- Suggestions about Library Services
- Library Hours/Policies/ General Information
- Library Collections
  - New title requests
  - Connect to LUIS, the online catalog
- Information Services/LMIN
  - LUIS/LMIN
  - LMIN Login ID request
  - Literature Search Request
  - Reference Question Request
- Other Loyola Libraries
  - Learning Resources Center/Media Services

Under construction are LMIN Links (useful links to worldwide information resources) and LMIN tutorials. By creating a web of links, this hypermedia system will provide easy access to health sciences resources both on campus and worldwide.

## ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL

The Illinois State Council met in Springfield on September 29, 1995. Reports included:

**Consortia News:** several consortia coordinators are changing. Check the consortia coordinator list in the next newsletter.

**NN/LM/GMR news/activities** reported by Illinois Service Librarian Lisa Jacob: "Internet Healthcare Resources and Information Management" is a 9-minute VHS video produced by NN/LM New England Region and the University of Connecticut Health Center. Target audience is CEO and staff of non-Internet connected community-based hospitals. "Docline Training Video" is a 22-minute video. Both are available on loan from GMR.

The GMR listserv currently has 182 participants.

NN/LM WWW site includes examples of JCAHO standards and accreditation visits.

New membership director will be published soon listing 878 new members.

GMR has a portable Internet table top display available for loan that can be used by librarians to promote Internet access in their institution.

GMR Resource Library Directors met June 22, 1995 in Chicago.

Among the topics discussed in focus groups were how the NN/LM mission and goals relate to : consumer health, electronic publishing, and community health information networking.

**Illinois State Library news/activities** reported by Lynn Bierma: Ally (Access Local Library) Grant applications re due by the end of October (this is only the latest round). You must apply through your library system to receive consideration for this microcomputer grant (only if you do not currently have a computer in your library). LVIS (Libraries Very Interested in Sharing), the OCLC ILL group, now includes over 400 members in over 21 states.

FirstSearch will be loading CINAHL in 1996.

InterCat is an experimental searchable catalog on Internet resources available at URL <http://www.oclc.org>: 6900 until March 31, 1996.

Health science libraries can apply for Title III grants. Letter of Intent is due by January 15th. Check with the State Library for applications and tips.

Illinet Online is upgrading their service to provide up to 14.4k bps. By October 24, 1995 if you have a modem of 9600 bps and above you'll have to change your databits to None and 8. If you have 300-4800 bps you will need to change the phone number you connect to (see memo from the Illinois Library Computer Systems Office or your Library System).

The State Library has a new fact sheet on "Library Disaster Aid Grants through Federal LSCA Money".

Trudy Landwirth from UIC College of Medicine at Peoria is on ISLAC (Illinois State Library Advisory Committee). She sent me the handouts from their October 28th meeting. These included "ILL Survey Results for Members of ILLINET"; Public Act 89-188 (An Act concerning libraries, amending named Acts); and "Impact of the FirstSearch Project - Quick Response Survey". Topics to be discussed included new vision for library systems, regional planning panel, and library funding.

**New members elected** to the Illinois State Council term starting January 1996 : **Mary Howrey** and **Rachel Garza**, Consortium Representatives, **Mary Kreinbring**, Resource Library Representative, **Gloria Kharibian**, Non-aligned Representative. Internal elections for new council chair, assistant chair and secretary will be held in January.

## ILLINET

**ILLINET Online** is in the early planning stages for conversion to DRA, which will provide ILLINET Online with a fully functional integrated service that will include a public access catalog, circulation, reserve book room, interlibrary loan, links to journal holdings from databases, cataloging including MARC holdings support, acquisitions and serials control including electronic ordering support, Z39.50 client and server and a report writer.

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## ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY

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The next round of ALLY Grants will be due at the end of October. ALLY Grants allow libraries to obtain a microcomputer if they don't already have one. Contact your library system for more information.

Most HSLI Libraries fall under Title III for Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) Grants. Interested libraries might consider a plan for cooperative library networks, to establish or expand library networks, to plan for statewide resource sharing, or for technology enhancement. Contact Amy Kellerstrass at the Illinois State Library, 217-782-9549 for more information.

OCLC's end-user reference service, First Search, will have a new database up and running at the beginning of 1996: Combined Index of Nursing and Allied Health.

Finally as the Illinois State Library representative, I'd like to extend an invitation to HSLI members to contact me regarding any library issue involving the Illinois State Library, ILLINET Online or OCLC. If I can't answer your question, I will be happy to direct your call to the appropriate person or find an answer for you. I may be reached at 217-524-5866, fax at 217-782-1877 or by e-mail at [lbierma@library.sos.state.il.us](mailto:lbierma@library.sos.state.il.us)

**Surf's up!** I was exploring my America Online (AOL) connection to the Internet and found this site: HMATRIX-L.

According to the AOL posting, it's an internet discussion list concerning online health resources. The intent is to share and document the location, access and quality of information found online, and to increase the sharing of resources among the health community. To subscribe to this list send an e-mail message to [listproc@www.kumc.edu](mailto:listproc@www.kumc.edu) Leave the subject line blank. In the body of the message, type subscribe hmatrix-l (followed by your name).

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FROM LYNN

During the course of the HSLI Board Meeting on September 28 several concerns were brought to my attention regarding communication between Health Science libraries and the State of Illinois. These concerns are listed below:

**Why did [some] public libraries receive ALLY Grant money if they already had computers?**

The grants have been awarded based on what information was submitted from the libraries. A library that already had computers could receive an ALLY Grant if the computers being used were public access terminals, terminals being used in the circulation or cataloging departments, or if they were dedicated terminals for service such as OCLC and an LSAP. The ALLY Grants were to be used specifically by only the library staff, and for access to regional and national databases.

We are currently in the third round of ALLY grants. In rounds 1 and 2, letters regarding the availability of ALLY Grants were sent directly to all libraries in the State of Illinois who belonged to a library system (this is a requirement). In round 3, letters were sent directly to the library systems; the library system will make the determination from their records as to who still does not have a computer and who is eligible.

The turn-around time to get the ALLY Grants is short (1 month). The deadline is not set by the IL State Library, but by the Federal Government. The State Library is notified of funds available, and is only given a certain timeframe in which to spend the money.

**How Much money is available in Title III Grants?**

Between \$600,000 and \$700,000.

**How is grant money allocated between Title I, II, and III?**

The Federal Government decides on the allocation, as specified in Library Services Construction Act (LSCA). The IL State Library has no control over allocation. For many years, Title III money supported the State's interlibrary loan delivery system and ILLINET Online. For the past two years, this has not been the case. Title I and II receive the bulk of the money (in the millions).

**Why were Health Science Libraries not selected as Ariel Grant Sites?**

As mandated by the Federal Government, the first round of Ariel Grants went to university libraries and public libraries that were involved in higher education. The second round went to public libraries only.

**Why are Health Science Libraries not viewed as multitype libraries by the State Library?**

They are, but grant money has been restricted due to Federal Government mandates.

PLEASE NOTE: the LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) is due to supplant LSCA. There are two versions of this act. The House version is very restrictive and developed mainly around public libraries. The Senate version, which the library community supports, will allow for services and book purchases to be developed for non-public libraries (the money will be split evenly between services and technology). In the Senate version, there will be no distinction between public libraries and other types of libraries.

**How are appointments to ISLAC decided upon?**

As mandated by the LSCA and state law, the Secretary of State appoints ISLAC members. Private citizens are appointed by the Secretary of State; the State Library may recommend professional librarians to the Secretary of State, to fill the rest of the ISLAC appointments. The number of appointments are dictated by law, as are the number of private citizens, professional librarians and what library background these librarians must have (public, special, academic, etc.). Public librarians are represented more so than any other group. If the Senate version or LSTA passes, then the ISLAC makeup will change, but not immediately (the Act will have to be interpreted, etc.).

As I stated earlier, I believe the best way to approach the State Library about recommendations to ISLAC, or any other

advisory body, would be to send a list of librarians to **Bridget Lamont**, Director of the Illinois State Library, listing who would be good because of their academic background, special library background, and librarians with systems experience, etc.

Furthermore, Amy Kellerstrass has volunteered to speak to HSLI Board, State Council, and/or HSLI members regarding specific grant opportunities, grants in general (how to write them, etc.) And/or LSCA and LSTA. Amy is the Grants Consultant for the Illinois State Library. She may be reached at 217-782-9549 or 1-800-665-5576, Library Development. Her e-mail address is: akeller@library.sos.state.il.us. Her fax number is 217-782-1877. I suggest that she may be an excellent speaker for any HSLI conference.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me with any HSLI matter. My e-mail and telephone numbers are as listed earlier in this correspondence.

*Lynn Bierma*

## RESOURCE LIBRARIES

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Library of Health Science (LHS) received its second LSCA Title III grant to expand access to consumer health information resources. The project entitled "Illinois Consumer Health Information Network (ICHIN)" provides access to the Health Reference Center database to selected academic, public, hospital and clinic libraries throughout the state. The project progresses beyond establishing the technical network (which was funded through a previous grant) to developing the "people" network for providing health reference and document delivery services to consumers.

The UIC library of the Health Sciences also received a \$25,000 Outreach Award to design a program for improving access to AIDS information for patients as well as their caregivers. The project entitled "Chicago AIDS Outreach Project" will: 1) provide access to Grateful Med; 2) provide staff training at each participating community-based organization; 3) provide access to the Internet; 4) develop training materials in Spanish; and, 5) provide document delivery services. Five community based health centers and two public libraries are collaborators in this project.

Elain Martin, Assistant University Librarian for the Health Sciences and Director, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Greater Midwest Region serves as principal investigator for both projects.

Keep in touch with your Midwest Chapter colleagues electronically. The Chapter Listserv, MCMLA-L, provides immediate communication across the membership. The Listserv focuses on Chapter news, announcements and other Chapter concerns. Future plans include electronic dissemination of Midline, the Chapter newsletter.

MCMLA-L is not meant to take the place of MEDLIB-L, but rather to serve as an adjunct forum for those interested in health sciences libraries in the Midwest Chapter region. To subscribe to MCMLA-L, send the following message to: LISTPROC@APPOLO.IT.LUC.EDU  
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