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Nancy Stump ♦ Jan Perone ♦ Editors

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

This has been a very challenging and rewarding year for me as the President of the Health Science Librarians of Illinois organization. Since this was the first year that we have had just one meeting, I felt that it was essential to

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keep the membership informed and as up-to-date as possible on important issues, programs and information

Being a health information professional in a library in Illinois can create situations in which both positive, but sometimes conflicting, decisions need to be made. As president, I felt that the need to keep the information flowing to make informed decisions was essential.

Most Illinois health science libraries have opportunities to participate in grants, programs and meetings offered from the state, the NN/LM region, and the National Library of Medicine. Weighing the pros and cons of all of these offerings and choosing to participate in the ones that will provide the most rewards, both effectively and economically, is a very complex decision. I have tried throughout the year to stay in touch with both state and federal (regional) offices so that I could pass on as much information to you as I could.

I have also attended a number of workshops on knowledge management and have spoken to many of you about the importance of this for health science librarians. We need to be informed and educated on

technology and information management so that we can become a prominent force in our institutions. I enjoyed seeing many of you at our annual meeting recently, and find that the networking with colleagues helps me to see my job in different ways. We all come from different job situations but to talk to colleagues, listen to presenters and vendors, and take classes has always helped me to refocus and rejuvenate my interests and ideas to better meet my users' needs. I hope that all of you agree with me, that attending the annual HSLI Meeting reinvigorates you with new ideas and new programs that you can take back to your jobs. I look forward to seeing all of you at next year's meeting in Chicago. Check HSLI's web page (www.siumed.edu/lib/hсли) often for updates and announcements.

Rhona Kelley

LIBRARY SYSTEMS

The Alliance Library System Home Page has added a link to the Health Sciences Librarians of Illinois Home Page. You can find the ALS page at <http://www.rsa.lib.il.us/>

Toni Tucker was elected to the Alliance Library System Board to represent special libraries.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Nominating Committee: The election was successful!! One Hundred and twenty-five ballots were sent out...66 were returned.

And the winners are...

HSLI OFFICERS:

Toni Tucker: President Elect
Arlis Dittmer: Secretary

Illinois State Council:

Virginia Gale
Gwen Jones

The election was very close. I would like to thank the following for running in the election.....Janet Gayle, Royden Jones and Joyce Hexdall.

I would also like to thank those who helped with the election and finding members to run for each position. Thank you to: Donna Roginski, Karen Stoner, Fran Kovach and the Pres...Rhona Kelley.

Nancy Stump

Marketing Task Force: The task force met in September at SIU School of Medicine Library. New features of the Web Site were discussed, as well as a new HSLI brochure which will be printed soon. We also discussed holding the next meeting in Chicago. Jan Perone will continue as Marketing Task Force Chair. All current members are invited to remain. Anyone wishing to join the task force, please call Jan at 217/782-9690 or e-mail at jperone@dors.state.il.us. Even if you don't want to join "the force", all input is welcome!

Jan Perone

CHUCKLE BOARD by Nina Pals



A panda walked into a restaurant and ordered a sandwich and a drink. When he finished, he pulled out a pistol and shot up the place, scaring customers and breaking dishes, glasses, and liquor bottles before turning to leave. Shocked, the manager said HEY WHERE ARE YOU GOING!! The panda glanced back over his shoulder and said I'M A

PANDA-- LOOK IT UP IN THE DICTIONARY. The manager went to the dictionary and looked up panda. The definition read A TREE DWELLING ANIMAL OF ASIAN ORIGIN CHARACTERIZED BY DISTINCT BLACK AND WHITE MARKINGS. EATS SHOOTS AND LEAVES.

Fran Kovach

**** NEW VIRUS WARNING! ****

If you receive an e-mail with a subject line of "Badtimes," delete it immediately WITHOUT reading it. This is the most dangerous E-mail virus yet.

It will completely re-write your hard drive. Not only that, but it will scramble any disks that are even close to your computer. It also demagnetizes the strips on all your credit cards, reprograms your ATM access code, screws up the tracking on your VCR and uses subspace field harmonics to scratch any CDs you try to play.

It will recalibrate your refrigerator's coolness setting so all your ice cream melts and your milk curdles. It will give your ex-boy/girl friend your new phone number.

This virus will mix antifreeze into your fish tank. It will drink all your soda and leave dirty socks on the coffee table when you are expecting company. It will hide your car keys when you are late for work and interfere with your car radio so that you hear only static while stuck in traffic.

It will replace your shampoo with Nair and your Nair with Rogaine. "Badtimes" will give you Dutch Elm disease and brown patch.

If the "Badtimes" mail message is opened in a Windows 95 environment it will leave the toilet seat up and leave your hair dryer plugged in dangerously close to a full bathtub. It will not only remove the forbidden tags from your mattresses and pillows, but it will also refill your skim milk with whole milk.

It is insidious and subtle. It is dangerous and terrifying to behold. It is also a rather interesting shade of mauve. These are just a few signs.

Be afraid. Be very, very afraid.

(Author unknown)

BOARD MEMBER NEWS

Minutes of November 6, 1997

Matteson, Illinois

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Rhona Kelley, President.

Board Members Present: Rhona Kelley, President; Nina Pals, President-Elect & Royden Jones, Secretary.

Committee Chairs Present: Archives, Syed Maghrabi, Legislative, Michael Wold, Marketing Task Force, Jan Perone, Membership, Arlis Dittmer, Newsletter, Nancy Stump, Nominating, Nancy Stump.

Also Present: Gail Lahti, current meeting status report. Lynn Bierma, State Library Liaison.

Approval of Minutes/Treasurers Report:

The minutes were approved as distributed. The treasurer's report was read by Rhona Kelley in the absence of Karen Wark. The balance of funds for the association stands at \$17,634.32.

Committee Reports:

Archives -Syed Maghrabi reported good response from officers & committee chairs following his faxed request for materials....During the discussion that followed it was decided that only 3 years of records should be maintained in the President's and Secretary's books. All older material is to be forwarded to the Archive Committee for disposition. No Bylaws Report as such was made. However, bylaws discussion took place during the Legislative Report. The Legislative Report by Michael Wold took into account our position on pending obscenity bills. It was felt that though the board can now take a position opposing censorship, it could do so more

effectively if Article 6 Section D&G were revised to more clearly state that capability. It was moved, seconded and carried that HSLI take a stance in support of the library community in opposing current obscenity legislation. This legislation is viewed as thinly veiled censorship.

Jan Perone reported for the marketing task force that they have been looking at ways to increase membership and annual meeting attendance. A new brochure is projected for completion within one month; the committee also expects to continue to use the newsletter as a marketing tool. Rhona Kelley also commented on ways to increase the participation of the membership in HSLI activities. Jan Perone volunteered to develop a phone survey that will be used to determine why more members aren't attending the annual conferences, whether conflicts, release time, etc. are involved. On a related note, Nina Pals will be setting up a Meetings Task Force to determine ways to improve attendance, better advertising, etc.

Arlis Dittmer reported that HSLI has 119 paid members for 1997. She would like to see a more successful way of encouraging members to renew. A renewal form sent to each member may have to be considered. She also reported that the treasurer and the membership committee will work with the President in clarifying some of their overlapping tasks.

Nancy Stump reported for the Newsletter Committee that while things are fine with the publication, she & Jan would be resigning as editors. During the course of the discussion Jan agreed to remain to provide continuity. The need for one new editor will be mentioned at the Business Meeting on Friday. Nancy also reported for the Nominating Committee that approximately 53% of the ballots were returned during this fall's elections with the following election results:

President Elect - Toni Tucker

Secretary - Arlis Dittmer

III. State Council Reps. -Virginia Gale & Gwen Jones

No Past President's report was given in the absence of Nalini Mahajan.

Gail Lahti reported that the current meeting has 71

registered attendees, that registration & donations total \$10,000 with approximately \$6500 to \$7000 in expenses.

Lynn Bierma reported for the Illinois State Library on LSTA Grants, WebZ Project, Blind & Pysically Handiciapped, FirstSearch Agreement, Web Sites, Interlibray Loan Conference, etc. {see *Illinois State Library report -ed.*}

Virginia Gale reported on the status of the Illinois State council efforts to raise its visibility with State Consortia. She also noted a new Continuing Education opportunity developed by Mary Howry called "Exchange for a Day." Also noted were new officers.

Old Business:

The bulk mail situation was discussed with the decision to forgo bulk mail savings since we are not sending enough to qualify. If mailing costs exceed .32 per item the Board will evaluate ways to increase mailing to qualify for the reduced rate.

Laura Wimmer noted the SILO update will proceed this year on a cost recovery bais. The original should go to the printer by the middle of November. She will send an order form to potential purchasers shortly.

New Business:

The next meeting will be in Chicago. A committee of Chicago area volunteers, headed by Laura Wimmer, are planning the fall 98 meeting.

Nancy Stump indicated that the next edition of the HSLI Directory will be on the HSLI Web Site to avoid printing costs. Contact Nancy if you are unable to download a copy.

The GAC/HSLI Free Interlibray Loan Program will not be implemented due to anticipated low levels of participation. It is possible that HSLI will develop an HSLI reciprocal agreement in its place.

Rhona Kelley thanked all the current officers and committee chairs for their efforts during the past year.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

THIS...AND THAT...

Midwest Chapter/ Medical Library Association
Des Moines, Iowa
September 27-30, 1997

This was an excellent meeting. There were about 150 members of the Midwest chapter in attendance. Thirty of the attendees were from Illinois. I did not attend any of the CEU's but found the general meetings and sessions well worth the trip.

On Sunday morning we began with the MLA update about the centennial plans for 1998 and the priorities of the organization.

NLM, represented by Kent Smith gave us the good news of their budget increase and talked about the development of NGI (next generation internet). He encouraged everyone to migrate to web access as soon as possible and left us with a quote from Gertrude Stein, "Everyone has so much information that they are losing their common sense." NN/GMR talked about partnerships, their web site and their electronic newsletter called "hii wire." The new staff members were introduced. Jana Bradley gave a wonderful presentation on the "age of distributed learning" and our place in it. She told us to define and protect our "jurisdiction," and shared some tips for survival.

Will Manley was the luncheon speaker and gave a funny but too short presentation. I heard the always interesting Michelynn McKnight from Norman, OK, Mickey Vogas, JD on electronic copyright, and Jeanine Freeman, JD, MLS on legal resources for the medical librarian. The contributed papers were excellent and many of them were from Illinois librarians.

Monday's keynote speaker was Dr. Charlene Bell, who wrote, "Taking Charge: How to coach yourself to quality living." She was very funny and thought provoking.

The luncheon included the Midwest Chapter meeting where we heard we were in excellent financial shape (over \$17,000 in the treasury) and that there were over 500 members from 10 states. The next meeting

is in Lexington, KY, followed by Grand Rapids, MI, and Cincinnati, OH. The Last presentation I heard, before I left and hit the Mall (a must for me) was an OCLC update.

And, as Membership Chair of HSLI, I plan to send a note to each of the Illinois attendees who are not members of HSLI and encourage them to join. I wish you could have all been there and been as inspired and challenged as I was.

Arlis Dittmer

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MAKE ME LAUGH☺☺



"Top 10 Signs Your Cat Has Learned Your Internet Password"

10. E-Mail flames from some guy named "Fluffy."
9. Traces of kitty litter in your keyboard.
8. You find you've been subscribed to strange newsgroups like alt.recreational.catnip.
7. Your web browser has a new home page:
< <http://www.feline.com/> > .
6. Your mouse has teeth marks in it ... and a strange aroma of tuna.
5. Hate-mail messages to Apple Computer Corp. about their release of "CyberDog."
4. Your new ergonomic keyboard has a strange territorial scent to it.
3. You keep finding new software around your house like CatinTax and WarCat II.
2. On IRC you're known as the IronMouser.

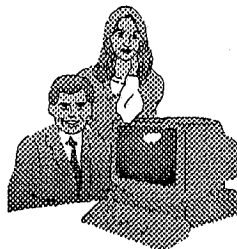
And the #1 Sign Your Cat Has Learned Your Internet Password...

Little kitty carpal-tunnel braces near the scratching post.

(Received from e-mail/internet...author unknown)

INTERNET

Should You Accept Cookies from Strangers?



Are you saying to yourself "COOKIES?!?" What do cookies have to do with technology? Well, yes, cookies. And they have much to do with the Internet. But they are not the kind of cookies that can be eaten-- although I have seen recipes for making them. Learning about cookies shows us that the Internet as not is anonymous as we like to think.

There have been many articles and discussions about cookies lately. They have become useful, and often-used resource for web sites. You don't see cookies, but, some people say, they are used to see YOU. For those people, that's the frightening thing about innocent-sounding "cookies." Other people are quick to tell you that cookies are helpful -- or at least harmless, and we shouldn't be so paranoid.

What is the Truth? Whom do you believe? The fact that two equally distinguished professors (and coworkers- workers in the same department), each gave one of the above opinions about cookies means there is no easy truth.

So, what ARE these cookies, anyway?

A fact of web browsers is that they cannot retain information from one web page to the next. Every time we make a choice from a web page, the browser returns to the original site and asks for that new piece of information. Cookies help this process by storing, on your hard drive, notations about your visit.

For instance, if you visit <http://www.amazon.com>, an online bookstore, you can browse various screens and place items of interest in a "shopping cart." This

actually places the items in a cookie that Amazon has put on your hard drive. When you move to the "purchase" function, the cookie tells Amazon.com which items you have chosen. The cookie from Amazon.com expires shortly after you leave the site, so it is useful only for the duration of that visit.

There are also "persistent cookies." These stick around on your hard drive for weeks, months or even years, depending on the expiration date the creator gave the cookie. A persistent cookie may be used to tell a site when you last logged in, so that the news you access really is new since the last time you visited, or so the advertisements are different each time you access the site.

At least one persistent cookie has been placed on my PC. It is for my Netscape Power Start page. Netscape (an Internet Explorer, and a few web

"Cookies placed on your site CAN be used to gather information about you..."

ng a simple "start" page, using a template that can be customized to your taste and interests. When I completed my page, Netscape put a cookie on my hard drive. When I open Netscape, the cookie travels along with my request to open the start page. When it gets there, the cookie tells Netscape who I am, so Netscape will know which page to send to my PC.

What do these cookies look like? And why ARE they called cookies?

Netscape says these are called cookies for "no compelling reason." Other sources say it derives from old UNIX programs called "cookie monster," or "magic cookies." If you have Windows95, an easy way to see if you have cookies is to click on Start, then Find, and search for the word "cookies." You will quickly see how many cookies you already have on your PC.

To see an example of cookies in action, visit this

site, set up by the Library and Information Technology Association as an example of how cookies are used. This is a cookie that will expire quickly: <http://www.geocities.com/athens/acropolis/1017/cookie.htm>

Each time you click on Reload, your browser will revisit that site. With each reload, you will see how it keeps track of your visits and can tailor a new message to each new visit.

Another site that shows what cookies tell a site about you is: <http://www.13x.com/cgi-bin/cdt/snoop.pl> This is the Center for Democracy and Technology, and this page will show you what a web site can know about you from your very first contact.

Well, this all sounds OK to me. What is the big deal?

You cannot get a virus from a cookie, and the cookies placed on your PC by one site cannot be retrieved by another. But, the big deal to some people is that someone out there is keeping tabs on you.

Cookies placed on your site CAN be used to gather information about you. Usually that information is nothing more than when you visited and which pages you looked at on their site. However, if you fill out a questionnaire, or a form with your name, address and phone number, that information can be put in a cookie, too. A map of your interests, plus your name and address equal more valuable knowledge about you. A reputable site will not sell your name, address and information on your interests to marketers, but other sites might. But please note- this is NOT information a web site somehow steals from you PC. If your name, address, and a phone number are in a cookie, it's because YOU gave that information out.

This is what makes cookies controversial. Some people have the attitude that they do not want anything or anyone keeping tabs on what they do on the Internet. Other people say it helps the whole process go more smoothly, so what's the problem? Still others pick and choose whom they will accept cookies from.

So how do I refuse cookies?

If you have Netscape or Internet Explorer 3.0 or better, you can be warned before your PC accepts cookies. The very real drawback to this is that your finger will become tired from clicking the "accept" or "Don't accept" button all the time. This is a great thing to do for a short while, however, just to help you see how often cookies are used in surfing the Internet.

Internet Explorer 3.x: Click on Edit, then View, then Advanced. Check the box for "warn before accepting cookies."

Internet Explorer 4.x: Click on View, then Options, then Advanced. Check the box for "Warn before accepting cookies."

Netscape 3.x: Click on Options, then Network Preferences, then Protocols. Check the box for "Show alert before accepting cookies."

Netscape Communicator: Click on Edit, then Preferences, then Advanced, then Cookies. There you have the option of setting cookie preferences.

What if I don't want any cookies at all? Do I have to click the "don't accept" button forever?

You can use an Anonymizer (<http://anonymizer.com>) when you surf the Internet. It costs \$15.00 per quarter, but no one can keep track of your visits. You would always need to visit the Anonymizer first, then surf the Internet from there.

The folks at Pretty Good Privacy also came up with a program called PGP Cookie Cutter that allows more flexibility in accepting or declining cookies. However, due to problems with the product, it has been removed from their list for the time being. Visit them at <http://www.pgp.com/products/freeware.cgi> to see if the problems have been resolved.



HSLI 1997: Librarians laughing and loitering at Governor's State.

What's MY advice about cookies? (I was sure you would ask)

I always try to be careful about the information I give out on the Internet. I accept cookies, with no warning system in place. I also do NOT randomly give out personal information just because a site asks for it. I like my Netscape cookie, because I have with my Power Start page- and, for right or wrong, I trust Netscape. I enjoy shopping at Amazon books, even though I fill my shopping cart and then never buy anything. If I know the site, if I have read good reviews of it, or it is an address I trust (like maybe the Smithsonian), I don't mind their cookies, and I might even give them some personal information, so I don't have to reregister at some specialized site each time I access it. If it is an unknown (like maybe Joes's_Aunt_Farm.com, which I just made up), they might slip me a cookie, but they will never know anything personal about me, because I will never respond to requests for personal information from them.

Want to read still more about cookies?

Malcolm's Guide to Persistent Cookie Resources has good information and links to many other sources as well. Visit them at:

<http://www.emf.net/~mal/cookiesinfo.html>

Cookie Central has both a Cookie FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions), and an "unofficial Netscape Cookie FAQ." The FAQ is at:

<http://www.cookiecentral.com/faq.htm>

The Unofficial FAQ for Netscape can be visited at:

http://www.cookiecentral.com/unofficial_cookie_faq.htm

Compiled by Carolyn Rokke, RPLS

Tech News, Rolling Prairie Library System, October 1997

ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL

The Illinois State Council met on 11/05/97 at the Holiday Inn, Matteson. Virginia Gale was re-elected and Gwen Jones was newly elected to the Council. Consortium news included: East Central Illinois Consortium has completed a survey on the value of medial libraries to their patrons and will publicize results when they are complete. Fox Valley is continuing its CE programs with a class on quality in November. Gloria Sullivan is the new coordinator. The Northeastern Illinois coordinator is now Mollie Olson from Rush North Shore. Metropolitan is planning to survey its member's services, resources, marketing and salaries. Their bylaws revisions are complete and policies and procedures are now in the process of being revised. New members are Alexian Brothers and Rush North Shore. Upstate coordinator is now Carol Curtiss from Kishwaukee Community College. The American Dental Assn. Webpage will now be only partially accessible to non-members. Northwestern University is in the process of moving to the Endeavor System.

Rhona Kelley reported that HSLI attendance has not improved by having only one meeting per year and that ways to increase membership are being pursued. The marketing Taskforce will soon have a new member recruitment brochure available, and the new edition of the HSLI Directory will also be out soon. Chris Shaffer reported from GMR/NNLM that libraries now have free access to the GMR membership Directory, their individual library's SERHOLD journal holdings, and the regional holdings list at the GMR website. (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/gmr/>) State holdings will be available on the website in the Spring of 1998. Contact the GMR office to obtain a printed consortium SERHOLD union list for a nominal charge (eg for about \$10 per library).

Eventually, OCLC tape uploads will not be used to update SERHOLD. All updating will be directly into SERHOLD by designated inputting libraries. NLM is now recruiting large libraries (such as resource

libraries) and groups (such as consortia) to learn to input their own and possibly other libraries' holdings/updates. GMR will train the inputting libraries in our region. For more information, contact Chris Shaffer at the GMR office 1-800-338-7657.

PubMed (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed>) and Internet Grateful Med training sessions will be offered by the National Online Training Center in 1988. The schedule of classes is available at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mar/online>. GMR will be training trainers to teach end-user searching of PubMed and Internet Grateful Med.

The NLM Technical Bulletin will soon be available on the Internet.

Chris also stressed that libraries should begin accessing DOCLINE through the Internet rather than using the 800 number, which will be phased out, probably in 1999. Instructions are available online (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nlm/docdel/internet.html>).

NLM is seeking to expand resource library participation in DOCLINE by allowing libraries to add resource libraries, that are outside their regions, to cells 7, 8, and 9 of their routing tables. These resource libraries may charge \$10 for an ILL. So far, about 50% of the resource libraries have agreed to participate.

The results of the ISC's question asking members if they would like to form an Illinois Health Science Library GAC within OCLC (similar to LVIS) to easily identify non-charging Illinois libraries were: YES - 37, NO-26. The HSLI Board discussed this and voted not to pursue the project at this time.

Mary Howrey has developed an MLA-approved CE job shadowing/peer mentoring program, X-Change for a Day: Peer Assisted Learning (PALS). The learner identifies a needed skill, locates a suitable instructor/mentor, and arranges a half day (3CE credits) or a full day (6 CE credits) of job shadowing, exchange, or skill development. Both learner and mentor earn the CE credits, and the total cost for each learning experience is only \$5.00! For more information, contact Mary Howrey at Mercy Center Medical Library, Aurora, IL at 630-801-2686.

New Council Officers:

CHAIR: Donna Rogisnki, 1998-1999

ASST. CHAIR: Virginia Gale, 1998

SECRETARY: Faith Van Toll Ross, 1998

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DEAR EDITOR ...

Well friends it is time for me to be leaving this newsletter as editor. I have been doing this for the past three years. I am tired and it is time for some new members to co-edit and make some new changes. I want to say thank you to all those who contributed to this newsletter during my stay.

I would like to leave you with this one last thought:

A vampire bat came flapping in from the night covered in fresh blood and parked himself on the roof of the cave to get some sleep. Pretty soon all the other bats smelt the blood and began hassling him about where he got it. He told them to go way ! And let him get some sleep, but they persisted until he finally gave in. "OK, follow me," he said and flew out of the cave with hundreds of bats behind him. Down through a valley they went, across a river and into a forest of trees. Finally he slowed down and all the other bats excitedly milled around him. "Now, do you see that tree over there?" he asked. "Yes, Yes, Yes!" the bats all screamed in a frenzy. "Good!" said the first bat, "Because I didn't!"

Jan: What does this have to do with the newsletter and your last thought.

Stump: I don't know....uhhh

P.S. I will be staying on as co-editor for the next 4 issues. In the meantime, I need a volunteer IMMEDIATELY & another one by next fall. It really is fun.

Jan

NN/LM GMR

For the first time in months, the GMR office is fully staffed. The latest addition to our staff is Charniel McDaniels, who joined the office as Network Coordinator on September 15, 1997. Charniel has worked as a professional librarian at UIC Library of the Health Sciences for over two years, and previous to that was a paraprofessional here for several years. Charniel's long experience in health sciences libraries will serve the region well as we tackle some of the tough issues remaining with SERHOLD and DOCLINE, and look toward the future.

On August 25, Sheila Brown joined the GMR office as the new Outreach Coordinator. Sheila has been a hospital librarian, and also has experience setting up medical libraries throughout the Caribbean. We hope Chicago won't be too cold for her! Sheila also was a nurse before entering library school, so she brings a solid understanding of the medical field to this position.

Welcome Charniel and Sheila!

Evolution of the National Online Training Center Classes

by Cara Wilhelm, GMR, Communications Coordinator

The National Online Training Center (NOTC) announced that it will no longer be offering the "Fundamentals of MEDLARS Searching" course after December 1997. A self-instructional workbook and computer-based tutorials are available via the NLM Web site at <<http://www.nlm.nih.gov>>.

In place of the "Fundamentals" class, the NOTC will be offering two new classes:

"Introduction to Web-Based Searching for the Librarian and Information Specialist: Using PubMed and Internet Grateful Med to search NLM's Databases," a two day class designed for individual

new to searching MEDLINE.

"Making the Transition: Converting to PubMed and Internet Grateful Med to search NLM's Databases," a one-day class designed for experienced MEDLARS or MEDLINE searchers.

A nationwide training schedule for 1998 has been posted on the Web at

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mar/online>.

Take a look at "hii wire," the GMR's new electronic publication!

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/gmr/hiiwire>

Cara Wilhelm, Communications Coordinator

for the purchase and installation of local area networks, wide area networks, and other Internet access solutions. Funding is not available for the purchase of workstations.

Copies of the grant descriptions may be obtained at the Illinois State Library Web Site at <http://www.library.sos.state.il.us/isl/grants>. All grants applications were to be submitted by December 2, 1997.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE ORDER

The FCC has adopted a Universal Service Order to ensure that libraries, schools and rural health care providers have affordable options in connecting to the WWW and for basic telecommunication services. A draft of the application may be obtained via the FCC's Web Site at <http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html#470>.

WEB Z PROJECT

The State Library's plan of providing a seamless - searching tool to locate items held by ILLINET libraries is evolving. Using OCLC's Web Z technology, library systems and their members will be able to search for materials throughout the whole state, and across varying LSAPS (Local Library System Automation Program). We're currently in the testing phase of the project, with the following library systems participating: Shawnee, Lewis & Clark, Lincoln Trail, Rolling Prairie, Alliance, Suburban, and North Suburban. This plan will require ILLINET members to become at least Selective Users (ILL capability only) of OCLC. Costs of that membership will be worked out between the Illinois State Library, the library systems and the individual libraries.

BLIND/PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED SERVICES

Health care libraries may act as a referral service for hospital patients and patrons that may need help in realizing what services the State of Illinois and the Illinois State Library offers. Patients may be directed to contact the Talking Book Center in the geographic region in which the patient lives. I have copies of a map of all the Talking Book Centers, information on the Talking Book Program, Illinois Radio Information Service and the Illinois Newline

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The State Library announced the availability of grants under the Educate and Automate Program under LSTA (Library Services Technology Act) which replaces (LSCA) Library Services Construction Act). This program is open to ALL libraries; LSTA allows the Illinois State Library the freedom to open up grant opportunities to libraries of all types. Four (4) different grants are available:

Digitizing Illinois Collections - digitizing collections having historic value to the State of Illinois.

Workstations and Printers - for workstations and Printers. Grant funds are available to Support 50% of the total workstation and printer costs. The applicant library must provide the remaining 50% of the funding.

Fast Start Grant Program - to purchase any or all of the following: answering machine, voice phone, voice phone line installation, plain paper fax machines, fax phone line installation, a 33.6 or faster modem, TDD'S, and a color ink jet printer.

Telecommunications/Networking Solutions -

For the Blind, and a copy of HEAR THE NEWS, a newsletter companion service of the Talking Book Program.

FIRSTSEARCH AGREEMENT

ILLINET member libraries are being mailed a FS Agreement that requires signing by the libraries in order to continue to receive the FS databases available via the Statewide FirstSearch (Group Purchase.. In short, the Agreement states:

Electronic resources which are available via the grant databases should be considered local resources, and Should be utilized prior to initiating an ILL request of another ILLINET library.

Lending libraries are not obligated to provide photocopies of articles that are available in full-text in a grant database, unless critical graphic elements are not available via full. text.

Libraries agree not to charge other ILLINET libraries for loans, Photocopies, or delivery of any items requested for ILL unless the borrower has Specified "Express" Service as defined in the ILLINET ILL Code.

One mailing has already been sent to libraries showing heavy usage. Another mailing to all other libraries will be sent out shortly. We have received little criticism regarding the Agreement, with libraries mailing their signed Agreements back with Positive comments attached regarding the databases offered in the Group Purchase, Along with the Agreement was & memorandum from Bridget Lemont, and an overview of Statewide FS statistics and statistics of the individual library for FY97.

WEB SITES AND LISTSERVES

The Illinois State Library Web Site (<http://Www.library.sos.state.il.us>) continues to be updated, and we're a bit closer on establishing listserves for the State Library Reference Department

and ILLINET/OCLC Services (we're in the process of getting our DP department to set us up, which is a waiting game you are all probably familiar with!).

STATEWIDE INTERLIBRARLY LOAN CONFERENCE

The Illinois State Library and the ILLINET/OCLC Users Group will present a Statewide Interlibrary Loan Conference on December 10th and 11th. Sessions include:

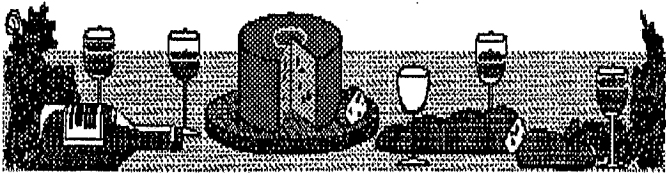
- OCLC, FirstSearch, and LVIS Updates
- Grant opportunities
- WebZ, Ariel, and Statewide ILL statistics
- ILL basics, Internet resources for ILL, Patron initiated requests, ILL forms on the Web

The conference is free of charge; deadline for conference registration is Dec. 2nd, There will be an evening reception on December 10th from 6 - 7:30 p.m. (location to be announced), and a breakfast at the U of I/Springfield Campus on December 11th from 8 - 9 a.m. Contact Laura Frizol for a registration application at 217-785-5811 or lfrizol@library.sos.state.il.us



Members of planning committee for HSLI 97 Meeting: Mary Ann Huslig, Cristina Rudawski, Paul Blobaum, Donna Foley & Gail Lahti, chair.

The HSLI newsletter is published quarterly as a service to HSLI memers. All contributions are welcome. Please submit typed articles (on disk in WP format is good, too!) To Jan Perone at 217/524-0707 or jperone@dors.state.il.us. NEXT DEADLINE: JANUARY 15. We rely on our members for contributions; please help make this newsletter an effective tool for communication.



INFOPOWER: Report From HSLI '97:

There were 73 attendees! The wine and cheese and the company were excellent. The Board Meeting was long, but *very* informative. (At least that's what Rhona said). That CE on creating a web page was really great! (comment overheard). The history of library technology was not only interesting but a trip down memory lane for many of us! Technostress was hilarious, and right on target as far as dealing with "information techies"!

Good meeting!

P.S. If you forgot to turn them in, please send your evaluations to Gail Lahti. She wants your comments!

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