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HSLI Annual Meeting: Nov. 6-7, 1997!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

On March 20, I attended the video conference on "The Future of Librarians: Positioning Yourself for Success,"

"If we do not participate...none of the challenges and rewards we face in the future will be ours."

Association. Several excellent speakers reminded us that as librarians we have unique competencies, such as in-depth knowledge of print and electronic resources, the in-depth knowledge information of technologies and how to use them to their fullest, and the knowledge of our clients' needs and how to answer those needs. Librarians bring all of these competencies together. We are knowledge-managers.

Librarians must be lifelong learners, be flexible, and seek change and support, and use them to our advantage. We must become leaders in our organizations and be parts of the teams that make the decisions on technology and other major issues. Librarians have much to offer their organizations. We must market our skills and expertise so that our administrations will ask for our assistance often.

To assist our profession to meet these challenges we must take advantage of every opportunity where we are asked for our ideas and support. During the past couple of months the Illinois State Library has held brainstorming sessions throughout the state to develop new long-range plans for the use of the new Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) funds. Very few health science librarians attended these sessions. Also, the library systems have asked for volunteers to attend a meeting to plan for the future, as well. Very few special librarians volunteered, and in some

sponsored by the American Association of Law Libraries, the Medical Library Association and the Special Libraries

systems, special librarians had to be solicited since none volunteered on their own. If we do not participate in sessions such as these and make our needs and wishes known, none of the challenges and rewards we face in the future will be ours.

Rolling Prairie Library System has a copy of the teleconference on videotape. It is available through interlibrary loan. Borrow it, watch it and incorporate some of its ideas into your work situation. These ideas together with our participation in our professional associations, library support agencies and our institutions will help us achieve our goals for the future.

Rhona Kelley

LIBRARY SYSTEMS

LEARNING FROM THE PAST--POSITIONING FOR THE FUTURE Alice Calabrese, Executive Director Chicago Library System

The primary challenge of leadership as we head toward the new century will continue to be the encouragement of new, better-educated workers. These workers will need to be entrepreneurial, self-managing, and oriented toward lifelong learning. President Clinton has listed lifelong learning as an educational goal for Americans as recently as his state of the union address.

Repositioning yourself within the library profession will require a commitment on your part to adapt quickly to change. Listed below are some millennial megatrends identified by John Nesbitt and Patricia Aburdene in their book *Megatrends 2000*.

- Booming global economy
- Renaissance of the arts
- Emergence of free-market socialism
- Global lifestyles
- Privatization of the welfare state
- Decade of women in leadership roles
- Religious revival of the new millennium
- Triumph of the individual

As professional librarians each trend will affect us in an individual way, but certainly they will create an effect. Will the booming global economy affect library budgets? Should we not prepare pro-actively for that moment? How will the issue of religious revival and a renaissance in the arts affect library collections? How can the profession continue to use the leadership roles librarians have traditionally held in their communities? There are no easy answers, there are some solutions. They are based in preparation, thoughtful analysis, and the ability to articulate desired results.

An action plan for your repositioning yourself begins with a creation of a vision. You must take time to ask yourself and your colleagues about how outside influences will affect the way you and your teammates get the work done, how to get it done faster, with fewer resources and yet with quality beyond reproach. Visualize your dream and understand the step-by-step process of getting the job done. Kouzes and Posner in their book *Leadership Challenge* call this process: Challenging the Process.

Next, explain your vision to others: colleagues, coworkers, your supervisor, the chief librarian. Your communication skills must be practiced. Both verbal and written communication should be precise and understandable. If you are to inspire a shared vision, it will be part of your responsibility to bring others along on your journey. This can happen successfully if you are enthusiastic and articulate.

Are you capable of getting out of the way and letting the job get done? Do you trust your staff to carry out the various phases of a project? What can you do to insure that the project does get done? In other words, what do your employees need that can give them a feeling of being empowered? Think it through carefully: will it be additional training, guidance, mentoring, or a good plan?

You are only as good as your work. Honesty and integrity are the two characteristics that will continue to be so important now and in the future. "Do what you say you will do." This seems simplistic and just really common sense but, it is important as you prepare for the future.

In summary: Keep your eye on the detection of a nuance and the perception of changing realities. Understand the human spirit. Take courage in relationships. Face tough decisions. Keep your promises. Have a sense of humor about you. Keep a sense of intellectual energy and curiosity. Read and listen. Have comfort with a certain degree of chaos. Finally, understand the past, regard the present with respect, and prepare for the future.



The first annual Reaching Forward South Conference for Library Assistants is at **Rolling Prairie Library System**, Decatur, IL, September 26, 1997. Topics include customer service, Internet, communication, stress, time management, library stores, personal security and much more. Tom Rich, Public Services Supervisor, Sharon Wisemen, Humorist and Janice del Negro, Storyteller are speaking. If interested in assisting in planning the conference, please contact Kathy Perkins at Bloomington Public Library (309) 828-6091. Questions? Contact Terri Dolan at ISU Milner Library (309) 438-5843 or Kathy Perkins at Bloomington Public Library (309) 828-6091

COMMITTEE NEWS

NN/LM Consortia/Local Groups Working Committee

Consortia/Local Groups Working Committee (CLG) is one committee in the new GMR Regional Advisory Council. CLG simplifies communication about CLG to GMR by maintaining a directory, CLG newsletters and other publications; assisting in gathering CLG membership directories and bylaws; and other similar activities.

We met via conference call on January 7 and since then have established a committee listserv. We will enlist the support of the state council as the primary liaison between CLG and GMR; however, consortia can forward any of the above documents to Chris Shaffer, GMR.

This committee plans to survey CLG on educational needs to assist GMR in developing programs. In return, GMR publicizes the programs already available on a continuing basis. GMR staff presents these programs at consortia meetings, a convenient way to obtain continuing education at the local level.

The committee suggests that GMR report on consortia activities in *3 Sources*. A consortium's activities and

projects share useful ideas to others. See the Illinois State Council report for some of these ideas.

Please address any questions or suggestions to Virginia Gale at 815-725-7133 x3530, FAX 815-725-9459 or e-mail vgale@htls.lib.il.us

Virginia Gale

Nominating Committee

Haven't heard from anyone about new officers or council members...remember, we need a President-Elect, a Secretary and two consortium representatives. It shouldn't be hard for a 100+ member organization to nominate or volunteer for one of these positions. If you have been a member for three or more years, you need to get involved. If Consortia want representation on the Council, it is their responsibility to provide nominees. If you would like to volunteer, or if you have a suggestions for an individual you would like me to contact, please notify Nancy Stump by phone or e-mail. Many statewide organizations are showing decreases in membership. We need to keep our membership strong through active membership.

Please volunteer!

CHUCKLE BOARD by Nina Pals



You Might Be in The Medical Field If:

- ①. Your idea of a good time is a full code at shift change.
- ②. You find humor in other people's stupidity.
- ③. You believe in an aerial spraying of Prozac.
- ④. You believe that "shallow gene pool" should be a diagnosis.
- ⑤. You believe CHOCOLATE is a food group.
- ⑥. You hate working on nights with a full moon.
- ⑦. You believe the unspeakable will befall you if anyone says, "Boy, it sure is quiet around here."
- ⑧. You believe the government should require a permit to reproduce.
- ⑨. You have ever restrained anyone and it WAS NOT a sexual experience.
- ⑩. You think caffeine should be available in IV form.
- ⑪. When ordering labs, you want a "dumb shit profile."
- ⑫. Your patient states, "I have no idea how that got up there."

- ⑬. You use the word "Gomer" in a sentence more than once a night.
- ⑭. You threaten to use "the hose" if your patient won't give you a urine specimen.
- ⑮. You believe the waiting room should be supplied with a valium salt lick.

BOARD MEMBER NEWS

See next issue of newsletter

MAKE ME LAUGH☺☺☺

If a packet hits a pocket on a socket on a port,
And the bus is interrupted as a very last resort,
And the address of the memory makes your floppy disk abort,
Then the socket packet pocket has an error to report!

If your cursor finds a menu item followed by a dash,
And the double-clicking icons put your window in the trash,
And your data is corrupted 'cause the index doesn't hash,
Then your situation's hopeless, and your system's gonna crash!

If the label on your cable on the gable at your house,
Says the network is connected to the button on your mouse,
But your packets want to tunnel to another protocol,
That's repeatedly rejected by the printer down the hall.

And your screen is all distorted by the side effects of gauss,
So your icons in the window are as wavy as a souse,
Then you may as well reboot and go out with a bang,
"Cause as sure as I'm a poet, the sucker's gonna hang!"

When the copy of your floppy's getting sloppy on the disk,
And the microcode instructions cause unnecessary RISC,
Then you have to flash your memory and you'll want to RAM your ROM,
Quickly turn off your computer and be sure to tell your mom!

Anonymous



An irreverent Top 5 list...

of cost-saving measures to submit to the Clinton administration as part of the Health Care Reform/Cost

Containment effort; some ideas are as follows:

1. Reduce hospital utility bills by only cooling instruments that touch patients in sensitive areas to sixteen degrees, rather than the usual absolute zero.
2. Harness energy of children running around screaming in waiting rooms to provide electroconvulsive therapy.
3. Eliminate expensive FDA drug approval process, and replace with a system where drugs are "voted on" by the Menendez Brothers jurors.
4. Instead of investing in fancy new diagnostic machines, consider adding more impressive lights and switches to old diagnostic machines.
5. Allow patients credit toward hospital bills for donating body parts they do not use very often.

Off beat humor by Bill Davis

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A doctor made it his regular habit to stop off at a bar for a hazelnut daiquiri on his way home. The bartender knew of his habit, and would always have the drink waiting at precisely 5:03 p.m. One afternoon, as the end of the work day approached, the bartender was dismayed to find that he was out of hazelnut extract. Thinking quickly, he threw together a daiquiri made with hickory nuts and sat it on the bar. The doctor came in at his regular time, took one sip of the drink and exclaimed, "This isn't a hazelnut daiquiri!" "No, sorry," replied the bartender, "It is a hickory daiquiri, doc."

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A guy goes to a psychiatrist. "Doc, I keep having these alternating recurring dreams. First I'm a tepee; then I'm a wigwam; then I'm a tepee; then I'm a wigwam. It's driving me crazy. What's wrong with me?" The doctor replies: "It's very simple. You're two tents."

THIS...AND THAT...

Competencies for Librarians

Like many of you, our hospital recently completed its annual performance evaluation process. As part of the process, I had to develop professional competencies for all library staff positions. At our recent Consortium meeting, Anita Johnson from Carle Hospital shared an article on the

competencies developed by the Special Library Association. These were very helpful to me. I want to share them with others who may be going through the same process.

Joanne Marshall from the University of Toronto Faculty of Information Studies chaired the committee that developed the competencies. They are divided into two sections: professional competencies and personal competencies.

Professional Competencies

The special librarian . . .

- has expert knowledge of the content of information resolution including the ability to critically evaluate and filter them
- has specialized subject knowledge appropriate to the business, the organization or client
- develops and manages convenient, accessible, and cost-effective information services that are aligned with the strategic directions of the organization
- provides excellent instruction and support for the library information service users
- assesses information needs and designs and markets valuable information services and products to meet identified needs
- uses appropriate information technology to acquire, organize and disseminate information
- uses appropriate business and management approaches in the communicating the importance of information services to senior management
- develops specialized information products for use inside the organization or by individual clients
- evaluates the outcomes of information use and conducts research related to the solution of information management problems
- continually improves information services in response to needs
- is an effective member of the senior management team and consultant to the organization on information issues

Personal Competencies

The special librarian . . .

- is committed to service excellence
- seeks out challenges and sees new opportunities both in and outside the library
- sees the big picture
- looks for partnerships and alliances
- creates an environment of mutual respect and trust
- has effective communication skills

- works well with other members of the team
- provides leadership
- plans, prioritizes, and focuses on what is critical
- is committed to lifelong learning
- has personal business skills and creates new opportunities
- recognizes the value of professional networking
- is flexible and positive in a time of continuing change.

The full version of this document is in the professional development section of SLA's home page at <http://www.sla.org>

Taken from SPECIALIST November 1996
Nina Pals

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The NILS Home Page is up!
Introducing
<http://www.nils.lib.il.us>
Northern Illinois Library System
Home Page
Click on "Our Member Libraries"
for listings by location or by type

of library. Find directory information and hours for the members' libraries. Look for a "Calendar of Events" for upcoming meetings and workshops. "Communications" feature a variety of publications from NILS staff, board and committees. Visit the NILS Home Page and watch it grow!
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Library Services Technology Act (LSTA)

The Illinois State Library (ISL) plans to conduct regional and statewide meetings to solicit ideas for grant projects. ISL submits a plan of action to the Federal government outlining the monetary distribution of the grant. Since LSTA is open to all libraries, this is an opportunity for health science libraries to participate in grant-supported projects. Submit ideas directly to Lynn Bierma, participate in the meetings or channel suggestions through ISC or HSLI. Remember, group efforts through an organization carry more weight than a single library. A key fact to note is that a library **MUST** be a member of a library system in order to receive grant funding. For more information, check the ISL Web Page at <http://www.sos.state.il.us> call Lynn Bierma at 1-800-665-5576 or e-mail lbierma@library.sos.state.il.us

Memorial Medical Center

Kitty Wrigley coauthored a book on Memorial Medical Center for their Centennial Celebration. The book signing is June 4 from one to four in the Wedeberg Conference Center at Memorial.

Louis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital Medical Library, 4646 N. Marine Drive, Chicago, IL 60640-5789 Syed Maghrabi, librarian, phone and fax number changes to (773) 564-5820 phone and (773) 564-5829 (fax).

✂️..... 1999 Medical Library Association Annual Meeting! Chicago, IL May 14-20, 1999!

Committee Request Form

Volunteers are needed to serve on a variety of subcommittees to the Local Assistance Committee:

<input type="checkbox"/> Tours/Sightseeing	<input type="checkbox"/> Facilities Assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> Placement Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality Center
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Meeting Packets	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Events
<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity/Promotion	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Please check the subcommittee(s) you would be interested in serving on and return this form to: Logan Ludwig, Ph.D.

Loyola University Medical Library
216 South First Avenue
Maywood, IL 60153
or e-mail a response to lludwig@luc.edu

✂️..... CONSORTIA NEWS

Chicago & South Consortium are planning the Fall 1997 HSLI meeting. It will be November 6-7 at Governors State University and the Holiday Inn, Matteson.

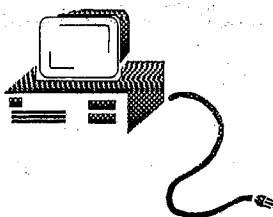
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Fox Valley Consortium conducted an educational needs assessment last fall, resulting in planning member-provided educational programs in conjunction with regular consortium meetings. The first three programs are the Internet, online searching and standards.

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The East Central Consortium surveyed library users on the impact of library information on patient care. Results will be published immediately following collation of the data.

INTERNET

The Trouble with URL's . . .

Do you ever try to reach a site through the Web, only to be told "Unable to contact the server?" Don't automatically assume the address is not valid. Sometimes the server is down for repairs or upgrades. Try again in a few days if it is a site worthy of exploration. It MAY be back. Nevertheless, then again . . . Internet addresses change with the speed of light. Anytime a list of Internet addresses arises, currency is an issue, whether in a book, a handout or a magazine ad, keep in mind that the list is in the past and more than likely an inaccuracy or two. When, the address changes, go to the old address link to the new address.

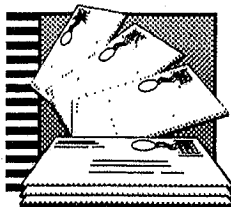


Sometimes, the site is no more. Sites disappear completely every day. No surprise.

NETFIRST

A new database, NetFirst, an index of Internet sites adds to the list of databases in FirstSearch. Net First indexes about 55,000 electronic sites. The index includes summaries of the web sites available. Automatically link to the web site by using the FirstSearch web site, <http://jake.prod.oclc.org>, and enter the NetFirst database.

DEAR EDITOR ...



Where are we going?

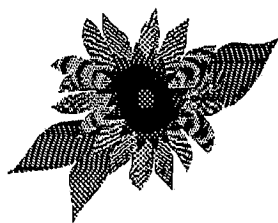
In an era of paradigm shifts and changing platforms, where is the Health Science Librarians of Illinois heading? To discuss this, we return to the origins of the organization, examine where we presently stand and shift focuses to the future, which is not too distant.

HSLI began as a group of hospital libraries sharing information on a statewide basis. Gradually, it grew to incorporate both health science and educational institutions. This leads to the organization of today and the way information travels among the constituents. A few years ago, hospital libraries wondered how to afford an internet connection. Today, it is a reality for many hospital libraries. Through creative funding and revising budgets, connections arose through the vast network of hospital and university based libraries. If the internet is not available at health sciences or hospital libraries, the question is, "How long before it happens?" rather than "Why don't we have it?"

In a recent presentation exploring Trends in Health Care Technology at a Computers in Health Care symposium, John Page of Health Care Technologies, expresses that internet use breaks down to three distinctive categories: email, online databases and the world wide web. Email contributes to 87% of the use of the internet. Online databases follow and then, of course, the world wide web. There is the capacity for this trend to fluctuate as time goes by.

In the future, librarians of HSLI ponder questions of ethics, economics and politics. Here comes the computerized patient record, handwriting and voice recognition, consolidation of health care organizations and the transmission of information to a supercomputer. Ask who sees the records of patients. Ask who determines the authenticity of handwriting or voice recognition. Resources dwindle as costs increase. Some hospital administrators state that libraries are too costly to support. Are they necessary? Will the smart supercomputer cause the extinction of the librarian?

Who looks after libraries? HSLI, the people comprising this group, transforms the organization into a machine that is both philosophically and politically savvy. A watchdog, keeping guard of all flanks, to insure the existence of



Happy Summer!

libraries and those running them. That is the ultimate role of HSLI.



The Ghost writer

ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL

The Illinois State Council met on March 12. We had decided on a new format for our meeting, since we were unable to meet in conjunction with an HSLI meeting. We spent the morning observing the Fox Valley Library Consortium meeting, joined them for lunch, then had our own meeting in the afternoon. We found this a good way to get to know the issues and concerns of librarians, and also learned some new ideas to use in our own libraries or our own consortia. In turn, the Fox Valley group took this opportunity to make two suggestions to ISC:

1. Form a separate OCLC GAC of Illinois health science libraries similar to the LVIS GAC, i.e., libraries that would supply photocopies without charge. We will determine the costs and the interest in such a group.

2. Pursue the insurance reimbursement for library services directly related to patient care. Rhona Kelley responded that a letter regarding this has recently been sent to the Illinois Library Association soliciting their support in lobbying legislators.

You might be interested to know that Fox Valley Consortium conducts a confidential salary survey twice each year, and a confidential library statistics survey. Results are distributed only to those libraries which contribute data. For more information on how these surveys are conducted, contact Mary Howrey, Consortium Coordinator, at 630-801-2686 or e-mail to amercy1@dupagels.lib.il.us, or Marie Krula, originator of the salary survey, at 630-208-4299

We hope to repeat this meeting format at our spring 1998 meeting.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

I was one of the 72 participants from Illinois at the National Library Legislative Day sponsored by the American

Library Association in Washington D.C. on May 5-6, 1997. Our state had the largest delegation of any state represented. We met with Sen. Durbin, Sen. Moseley-Braun and the various representatives from throughout the state. There were basically five areas of information the libraries wanted presented to the legislators.

1. Full funding for the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) at \$150 million for FY98. This act replaces the old LSCA and for the first time will allow other types of libraries to apply for the available grant money.

2. Support only those proposals for domestic and international intellectual property protection in cyberspace which are adequately balanced to assure library users access. (Read copyright!)

3. Fund the Federal Depository Library Program for FY98 at \$30.5 million requested by the GPO and work with the depository libraries on the critical issues of digital vs. print access.

4. Support the FCC in its efforts to give meaningful discounted telecommunications and information service rates for libraries and schools to access internet.

5. Support President Clinton's "America Reads and Born to Read" initiatives and maximize funding for the Elementary & Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title 6

**Please attend any of the LSTA hearings held in your library system or call the State Library with your comments. This is our opportunity to get into the area of grant funding and they want to hear from health sciences librarians.)

Arlis Dittmer

Obscenity Legislation in Illinois

Recently in April the House voted on HB 245, obscenity legislation that allows each of the 102 counties in Illinois to determine individual standards for obscenity. A statewide standard currently exists in the state of Illinois. In early January, this legislation was defeated by eight votes. In April the margin was only two votes. The library community and a coalition of other library associations, press organizations and media groups in Illinois work diligently to oppose this legislation. No provisions protect librarians providing materials from a library in one county to a patron in another county having different obscenity standards. The legislation has the potential to limit the loaning of materials between libraries, impose additional record keeping and deny a free flow of information between libraries and patrons.

For more information on this legislation, contact any local library system for details.

Bev Obert



Pat Ruestman, Jan Perone, Myrtle Smarjesse & Nancy Stump served as committee members for the recent CAC 20th Anniversary Meeting.

[Following is some information] sent from **Robert Doyle**, Below is [some information] sent from **Robert Doyle**, Illinois Library Association. He had contacted me last year after contacting Nalini, regarding a then upcoming vote on an anti-obscenity bill. His purpose was to enlist the support of HSLI in joining a coalition with other professional associations (see below). The bill was defeated; I did not pursue the matter further.

Recently he contacted Nalini again, who referred him to me. A similar bill has been re-introduced. I told him that I was uncertain about our ability to join a coalition as an organization, but that I would forward his material to the HSLI President and the HSLI Legislative Chair.

I am not confident that our bylaws or tax-exempt status permit us to take a position AS AN ORGANIZATION on pending legislation. It does seem from the list (below) that other organizations similar to ours have taken a public stand on the matter.

Walter R. Wilkins
walter@uic.edu

1997--90th General Assembly Session
Legislative Update # 4

ACTION REQUEST

For immediate release From: Robert P. Doyle
10 March 1997 Illinois Library Association
312-644-1896
ILAYES@MCS.COM

It is anticipated that the Illinois Library Association (ILA) will be presenting testimony to the House Judiciary Criminal Law Committee regarding the obscenity legislation on Thursday, 13 March 1997, 8:00 a.m., Stratton Building D1. As you might remember, the proposed legislation specifies that obscenity be defined at the county level. If passed, this legislation could result in 102 interpretations of obscene activity and material or a different definition for each county in Illinois -- in contrast

to the current single definition for the entire state. ILA requests that you contact the House Judiciary Criminal Law Committee members to express opposition to this legislation. The committee members are as follows:

- . Lauren Gash (D-House District 60, Deerfield), chairperson, Stratton Building Room 2052-L, Springfield, IL 62706, phone: 217-782-0902, fax: 217-782-6535..
- Mike Smith (D-House District 91, Canton), Stratton Building Room 2068-L, Springfield, IL 62706, phone: 217-782-8152, fax: 217-782-1333.
- Ed Acevedo (D-House District 2, Chicago), Stratton Building Room 2100-M, Springfield, IL 62706, phone: 217-782-2855, fax: 217-782-7613.
- . James B. Durkin (R-House District 44, Westchester), Stratton Building G-1, Springfield, IL 62706, phone: 217-782-1061, fax: 217-782-3023, e-mail: durkinj@interaccess.com.
- Judy Erwin (D-House District 11, Chicago), Stratton Building 2073-L, Springfield, IL 62706, phone: 217-782-8404, fax: 217-782-6592.
- . Tom Johnson (R-House District 50, West Chicago), Stratton Building G-3, Springfield, IL 62706, phone: 217-782-1565, fax: 217-782-1275, e-mail: repjohnson@aol.com..
- Patricia Lindner (R-House District 65, Sugar Grove), Stratton Building Room 2136-0, Springfield, IL 62706, phone: 217-782-1486; no fax.
- . Eileen Lyons (R-House District 47, LaGrange), Stratton Building Room 2123-O, Springfield, IL 62706, phone: 217-782-0494, fax: 217-782-1336.
- . Larry McKeon (D-House District 34, Chicago), Stratton Building Room 2076-K, Springfield, IL 62706, phone: 217-782-3835, no fax.
- . Mary K. O'Brien (D-House District 75, Coal City), Stratton Building Room 2045-J, Springfield, IL 62706, phone: 217-782-4535, no fax.
- . Peter Roskam (R-House District 40, Wheaton), Stratton Building 2139-O, Springfield, IL 62706, phone: 217-782-1653, no fax.
- . John Turner (R-House District 90, Lincoln), Stratton Building 2011-H, Springfield, IL 62706, phone: 217-782-0428, fax: 217-782-5257.

If this legislation passes either this Committee or the Senate Committee (ILA

will inform you immediately), it will go to the full House or Senate respectively. At that time, calls should be made to your Representative or Senator. When calling your legislator, it is likely that your message will be recorded by staff, voice mail, or an answering device. It is important to state who you are, what you are calling about and how you wish your legislator to vote. State concisely your concern about how this legislation will be detrimental to the state and offer to be of service if additional information is needed. If the legislation proceeds to the full Legislature,

our efforts need to expand beyond the library community. Please encourage neighbors, municipal leaders, faculty members, library patrons, students, school superintendents, teachers, friends of the library, clergy, park district officials, family members, and other interested citizens to register their concerns over this legislation. Provide them with the information outlined above regarding how to call legislators, including the legislators' names and phone numbers, and stress the importance of the issue. We must again mobilize and demonstrate that there is wide scale opposition to this legislation if we are to be effective. *Editor's note: For some suggestions for handling tough questions that may arise regarding this issue (or further information), contact Michael Wold, HSLI Legislative Chair.*

HealthWeb is looking for new partners from the GMR
<http://www.ghsl.nwu.edu/healthweb>

HealthWeb, brainchild of the health sciences libraries of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), the Big Ten academic consortium plus the University of Chicago, extends its sponsorship with the Greater Midwest Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. HealthWeb seeks new partners from the region to participate in the continuing of the project.

Taking on a subject area means selecting resources by HealthWeb criteria, mounting a page in accordance with current design guidelines and keeping the page current. Pages reside either at the local institution or on a central server. Participation in one of the working groups (Communication, Content, Design, Planning or Technical) is optional. A 1997 HealthWeb goal is the completion of the subject infrastructure.

Please send requests via fax or e-mail to Julie Kelly at the Bio-Medical Library, University of Minnesota, J-KELL1@tc.umn.edu or 612-626-2454 (fax) by June 13, 1997.

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To eliminate the time lag of references into Docline/Serhold, GMR is currently beta testing data entry into Serhold, and plans to offer this option to additional libraries in the future. Chris Shaffer speaks on this topic at the HSLI Fall 1997 meeting in Matteson. Watch for the GMR membership survey in the mail. Data from this survey is for updating Docuser.

NLM and OCLC plan to migrate to Internet access only in the next one to two years. That means hardware upgrades.

NN/LM GMR



The Greater Midwest Region office is pleased to announce the addition of *hii wire* to our web site. *hii wire* is an electronic publication of the GMR that focuses on the activities of network members, items of note from around the region, and recent announcements from the GMR office and the National Library of Medicine. The GMR encourages network members to make suggestions or submit documents for publication in *hii wire*.

Take a look at *hii wire* at
<<http://www.nnlm.nlm.nih.gov/gmr/hiiwire/>>.

Please note that *hii wire* will not replace *3 Sources* the GMR's print newsletter. Archival copies of *3 Sources* are also available via the GMR web site at
<<http://www.nnlm.nlm.nih.gov/gmr/3sources/>>.

We encourage everyone to make comments, suggestions, and submissions. Let us know what you think! It is a live document updated frequently. Please visit the site!

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OCLC is adding eight new patron fields and three new borrowing fields to the ILL work form in the second and third quarter of 1997. The fields are to improve library patron confidentiality and to support future enhancements for the OCLC ILL System. In addition, dates in the ILL work form adjust to 8-digit format as part of OCLC's preparation for the year 2000.

Below is a list of the additional fields.

New patron Fields:

1. ID - patron ID number. Maximum length of 72 alpha numeric/characters. Searchable. Not required.
2. PSTATUS - patron status. Maximum length of 72 alpha numeric/characters. Not required.
3. DEPT - patron department . Maximum length of 72 alpha numeric/characters. Searchable. Not required.
4. PATRON ADDR - patron address. Maximum length of 500 alpha/numeric characters. Only displays to the borrowing library. Not required. Will not appear if field is empty.
5. PATRON PHONE - patron phone number. Maximum length of 72 alpha/numeric characters. Displays only to the borrowing library. Not required. Will not appear if field is empty.
6. PATRON E-MAIL - patron e-mail address. Maximum length of 72 alpha/numeric characters. Displays only to the borrowing library. Not required. Will not appear if field is empty.
7. PATRON FAX - patron fax number. Maximum length of 72 alpha/numeric characters. Displays only to the borrowing library. Not required. Will not appear if field is empty.
8. PATRON NOTES - free text area for notes. Maximum length of 500 alpha/numeric characters. Displays only to the borrowing library. Not required.

New Borrower Fields:

1. DIRECT NOTES - used for system supplied error messages for the OCLC ILL Direct Request project. Additional information about this field includes the information about OCLC ILL Direct Request. Not required. Will not appear if field is empty.
2. SOURCE - source of ILL request (i.e. FS for items transferred by the FirstSearch/ILL Link, ISOILL for records transferred using the ISO 10161 standard). System supplied.
3. Maximum length of 500 alpha/numeric characters. Not required.

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Important Dates...

June 1, 1997

NLM Resource Grant RFP deadline

June 7-12, 1997

Special Library Association meeting

<http://www.sla.org>

Seattle, WA

June 26-July 3

American Library Association

Annual Conference

<http://www.ala.org>

San Francisco, CA

September 27-30, 1997

Midwest Chapter, Medical Library Association

(MC/MLA) meeting

<http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/mcmla97>

Des Moines, IA

November 6-7, 1997

HSLI Annual Meeting

Holiday Inn

Matteson, IL

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CE's At Governor's State:

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