

# HSLI NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 21st Century is approaching fast and the information environment is changing rapidly. To prepare ourselves for the future, we must monitor trends in our industry and take advantage of all the opportunities coming our way.



In order to stop the trend of downsizing in the libraries, we must prove that we are an essential component to the growth and profitability of our employers. Never before have we had such an opportunity to exert more influence on management decisions and lead other professionals into the exciting world of research. Both our traditional as well as our new skills are being recognized. We must do everything in our power to expand that recognition to all the levels of our organizations.



We need to publicize our information management skills and take on new roles: cybarians, navigators, webmasters, promoters, trainers, disseminators, analysts, specialists, interpreters, facilitators, and consultants. In these new roles we need to learn about customer satisfaction, negotiation, sales and marketing, technology and design, finance, and entrepreneurship. We must become proficient at information retrieval through automation and deliver information when and where needed. We can't sit and wait for someone to take the lead. We all have to speak up and make things happen.



Just this morning an article by Paul Galloway in the Tempo section of the *Chicago Tribune* (August 30, 1996) caught my eye. The article is about Ralph Newman, an internationally recognized dealer in books and rare manuscripts. He says, "I used to explain to the people who worked for me that when someone walks into your shop and walks out empty handed, they're more disappointed than you are." Think about the library patrons, clients, customers who walk in the library hoping that they will have answers to all their questions before they leave us. What a challenge! And what a satisfaction ...

*See you all at the fall meeting in Bloomington!*

*Nalini Mahajan*

## CONSORTIA NEWS

### Chicago & South Consortium News

Donna Foley has resigned her position as Medical Librarian at Ingalls Memorial Medical Center, and accepted a new position as CME Coordinator at Ingalls. Donna wishes to change to part-time status for personal reasons. Jill Postma, formerly librarian at St. Joseph College of Nursing (Joliet), is the new Medical Librarian at Ingalls. We're pleased that Jill was able to make an advantageous career move while remaining within our consortium.

### Capital Area Consortium

The next Capital Area Consortium (CAC) meeting will be held October 11, 1996 at Passavant Area Hospital, 1600 West Walnut St., Jacksonville. The meeting will be graciously hosted by Karen Douglas, Director of the Medical Library and Institutional Representative to CAC. Karen replaced Cheryl Early as the new director in the Spring of '96.

The last CAC meeting was held at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur and was hosted by Laura Brosamer. Laura Blickensderfer, R.N., MA, Supervisor of Education at St. Mary's presented an excellent program titled "Becoming a Quick Change Artist". Several members provided highlights of the recent Special Libraries Association conference in Boston, July '96.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Copyright Program

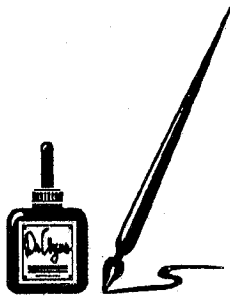
The copyright program scheduled for September 11, 1996 has been changed to September 18, 1996. The Fox Valley Health Science Library Consortium extends an invitation to other librarians to hear Jane Running and Jim Shepherd from the

Illinois State Library. The program will be held at Delnor-Community Hospital, 300 Randall Rd., Geneva, Illinois from 10:30 to 12:30. Please contact Marie Krula at 630 208-4299 if you plan to attend.



## Area Code To Change

On August 3, 1996, the following ILCSO libraries and Illinois Library Systems headquarters will have their exchanges converted to the new area code 630. ILCSO Libraries: Aurora University; Benedictine University; Elmhurst College; Illinois Institute of Technology-Biegler branch in Wheaton; Illinois Math and Science Academy; National Louis University-Wheaton branch; North Central College (including the ILLINET Online dial access numbers). Library System Headquarters: DuPage Library System and Suburban Library System.



## An Invitation to all

### HSLI Members:

McLean Library of the Institute for Psychoanalysis in Chicago will host a reception and tour of the library for the Association of Mental Health Librarians on Friday, October 18 at 6:15 during their annual meeting being held in Chicago that weekend. Please come help us welcome them and celebrate with us our recent move. The Institute is now located at 122 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 1800, directly across the street from the Art Institute's "northerly" lion.

## LIBRARY SYSTEMS

### Featured Library System: NILS

***NILS:WE LINK LIBRARIES:LIBRARIES LINK YOU TO THE WORLD***

The Northern Illinois Library System (NILS) serves more than a half million people residing in eleven counties across the upper portion of Illinois. Its membership includes 55 public libraries, 58 school libraries, 17 special libraries and 8 academic libraries. The 8 health science library members of NILS are represented to the board via a Special Library Advisory Committee Member. Librarians cannot sit on the system board of directors which is

composed entirely of lay members. Health science libraries have been fortunate for the past several years because one of the NILS board members is an associate administrator at one of the member hospitals!

NILS provides bibliographic access to member collections via an annually printed system wide union list of serials, dial-up access to an automation system shared by several of the public library members, and a CD-ROM catalog which includes most member holdings including at least two health science library members. ILLINET ONLINE and OCLC access are also provided by the system. The annual serials holdings list is printed from the SILO database so when health science library members update their holdings for the NILS list each year, those holdings eventually make their way to SERHOLD and DOCLINE! NILS enters the SILO updates for it's members without direct OCLC access...a nice benefit for health science library members. Almost all members of the Upstate Consortium are also members of NILS so the NILS Union List of Serials also serves as a serials list for the consortium. NILS provides reference service, consulting, and continuing education to all of it's members. NILS has been building a team approach to providing citizens with high quality library services.

In past years NILS provided many services FOR members. Now and in the future the system is fostering cooperation AMONG its members so that they can provide services for themselves. NILS has made sure that all of it's members are aware of available grants so that all member libraries have "state-of-the-art" automation resources and are trained in how to use them. Most recently NILS has developed Internet access training for it's members. Almost all NILS member libraries now have at least one PC with CD-ROM and modem and a fax machine. It wasn't too long ago that one of the small NILS member libraries did not even have a telephone! Library service to the citizens of Illinois has come a long way in NILS 30 years of service!

## CHUCKLE BOARD by Nina Pals

Testy Testy  
Toni Helfrick, RN

I began my shift by taking report from an over-worked individual with her mind already out the door. She reported the patient had a central line, a Foley catheter, what IV solutions were running and what the CPV readings were. When I assessed the patient, I found his IV lines were correct, but I looked in each side of the bed for he Foley drainage bag. I gently lifted the blanket and said, mostly to myself, "funny, I don't see it."

The patient said, "Oh yes, ma'am, it's there." So I lifted one of his legs, thinking he was lying on the bag. At that point I noticed his anatomy and there was no Foley! Astonished, I said, "Oh,

you don't have one!"

My patient became a little testy as he said, "Look, Nurse, I know it's little, but it works fine and it's served me well for over seventy-five years."\*



## Therapeutic Communication

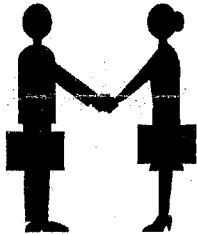
June Mark, RN

We admitted a five-year-old boy into our last vacant bed--the room farthest from the nurses station. Throughout the evening shift he played havoc with the staff by frequently pushing his call light. During shift change at 10:45 pm he called again. The oncoming nurse used the intercom and said, "What do you want, little boy?"

A long pause followed, then we heard, "Nothing, Wall." And the child didn't ring again all night.\*

\*Taken from *Journal of Nursing Jocularly*, Spring, 1996.

## COMMITTEE NEWS



### Bylaws Amendment Adopted by HSLI Members

HSLI members were recently mailed a ballot on proposed amendments to the HSLI Bylaws. There were 187 ballots mailed out of these, 89 were returned, 1 was undeliverable. Yes votes totaled 82 (eighty-two); No votes totaled 7 (seven).

The proposed amendments are adopted. HSLI is no longer **REQUIRED** to hold two meetings each year, but must hold at least one meeting per year.

The Bylaws article on meetings will be changed accordingly, and other articles affected by this amendment will also be changed accordingly.

Copies of the revised HSLI Bylaws will be available at the HSLI meeting in Bloomington, and will be sent to any HSLI member upon request to the Bylaws Committee Chair. As soon as the revised Bylaws have been prepared, a copy will be available on the World Wide Web at:

<http://www.uic.edu/~walter/hсли/>

As Chair of the HSLI Bylaws Committee I want to say that I am very grateful for the help of the other committee members: Rhona Kelley, Gail Lahti, and Donna Roginski, and the support of HSLI

president Nalini Mahajan.

Walter R. Wilkins, Chair  
HSLI Bylaws Committee

## BOARD MEMBER NEWS

### ✓ HSLI Members--

Please check the membership date on your mailing label. If your label says PE94 in the upper right corner, you need to renew your membership NOW. All PE94 names will be deleted from the membership list on September 1, 1996. All PE95 members should renew for 1996.

## THIS...AND THAT...

The Health Science Librarians of Illinois Fall Conference promises a juxtaposition of the new with the old. Enjoy the charm and elegance of Jumer's old European innkeeping tradition while learning about new technology and how to deal with the stressful changes it can bring.

Choose from full-day and half-day continuing education opportunities. Nancy John, co-author of *The Internet Trouble Shooter* and *The Internet Initiative*, will present a half-day session, "Internet: An Intermediate User's Guide." The Greater Midwest Regional Library staff will present a half-day session on "NLM Resources on the Internet." A full-day MLA course, CE 601: Planning and Administering a Bibliographic Instruction Program, will be taught by Jo Dorsch, Library of the Health Sciences-Peoria.

Dr. Charles Stoner, Professor of Executive Management Development and Professor of Business Administration at Bradley University, will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Stoner's presentation will be, "Coping with Change in the Workplace." Luncheon speaker, Tom Carroll, director of Human Resources at Donley & Sons, will take a lighter look at the stresses of change and work.

Elaine Martin, Director, Greater Midwest Region, NN/LM, will present an RML update concentrating on the new RML contract and what it means for the region in the next five years.

Learn about diverse networks in a panel discussion with representatives from Resource Sharing Alliance, IceNet, Heartland Freenet, and BroMenn Information Systems. Another panel discussion will feature representatives from Moody's, Login Brothers, and Silver Platter.

Jumer's provides opportunities for relaxation and fun with its luxurious decor, gift shops, restaurant, and pool. Nearby are additional shopping and restaurants. Also plan on enjoying a tour of the David Davis Mansion (transportation provided).

Bloomington can be easily reached by I-55, I-74, I-39, and Route 9. Jumer's provides complimentary transportation to and from the Bloomington/Normal Airport and the Normal Amtrak station.

For additional information, please contact Jo Dorsch (jod@uic.edu) or Toni Tucker (309-827-4321 X5281). The conference program is located on the WWW at <http://www.rsa.lib.il.us/~lbell/health.htm>.

## MAKE ME LAUGH ☺☺☺

Why was 6 scared of 7? Answer: Because 7 8 9!



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### First Day of School

Jan Perone

When I asked my normally verbose 5-year-old about her first day of school, the answers were short, but perfectly clear. "Was your first day of school *fun*?" I asked. "No." Came the reply. "Did you learn

anything *new*?" I asked. "No", came the reply. Well, did you learn *anything*?" I asked. "Rules", came the reply.

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## LEGISLATIVE NEWS

### ➔ LEGISLATIVE ALERT

#### Action to be Taken:

The Federal fiscal year ends September 30, 1996. Funds for the Library Services Construction Act (LSCA) are ending. The replacement program, Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) is in danger of not being funded. Please contact your

Congressman and Senator to first encourage the support of the passage of LSTA, and if that is not possible, then support an extension of LSCA with appropriate funding.

Senator Paul Simon  
462 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Congressman Richard Durbin  
2463 Rayburn House  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Congressman Tom Ewing  
1317 Longworth House  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Senator Carol Moseley Braun  
320 Hart Senate Office Building  
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Congressman Lane Evans  
2335 Rayburn House  
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Congressman Ray LaHood  
329 Cannon House  
Washington, D.C. 20515

#### Background Information

The Illinois State Library has been notified that the future of federal funding for the competitive grant program is in real danger of ending. As you know, the Illinois State Library receives funding under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

The LSTA program is part of the CAREERS Act (HR 1617) which has been undergoing a review by an appointed conference committee. The best bet is that it will not be brought to the floor of either the House or Senate for action by the end of this federal fiscal year, September 30, 1996. The American Library Association, with support from the Chief Office of State Library Agencies and others, is seeking to pull the **LSTA section of the Act out for separate passage.**

But, if this strategy for passage of LSTA is not possible, **it is imperative the LSCA be extended for another year.** Both the House and President's version of the budget do include funding support for LSCA.

## INTERNET

See next issue.

**Don't forget to vote!** HSLI election ballots are due by **OCTOBER 3, 1996** to:  
Sue Hollander  
Library of the Health Sciences  
U of I College of Medicine-  
Rockford 1601 Parkview  
Rockford, IL 61107

MC/MLA Annual Meeting - Sept 27-30, 1997

Please respond ASAP to:

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Gail Lahti, Palos Community Hospital  
VOICE 708-923-4640

Chris Rudawski, Westlake Hospital  
titya2@class.org  
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## Featured Consortium UPSTATE CONSORTIUM



The Upstate Consortium provides an informal forum for health science librarians to discuss issues of common interest. Traditionally, we have met about twice a year for a business meeting

followed by an informational program. Topics in the past have included presentations on books relevant to medical libraries, reference tools, and the Internet. The consortium has eighteen members, all located in northwestern Illinois, that include a library system, several community colleges, hospital libraries, a medical school library, and a mental health center library. We collect a nominal \$5.00 per individual member per year that is used to pay for speakers and other educational activities when needed. The members are very active in sharing materials through a variety of interlibrary mechanism including DOCLINE, Illinet Online, the Northern Illinois Library System's serial holdings union list, and others. While we may not be the most active consortium, getting to know one another personally at meetings has reaped benefits for all of us, helping us to share resources and ideas to provide better service to our patrons.

## DEAR EDITOR ...

Gee Jan, guess everyone went on summer vacation ...so go ahead and add YOUR vacation pictures ...Stump

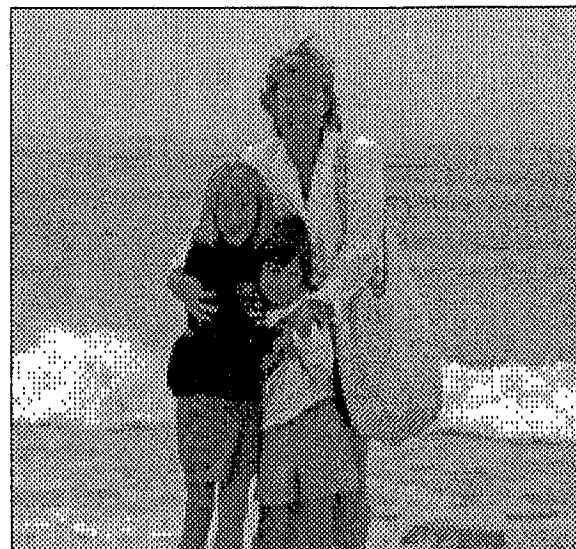
*Well, fine! An excellent opportunity to show how I spent my summer vacation!! As for the rest of you lollygaggers—you'll be sorry!! (We'd still really like to see some pictures. You can send them for the next issue, OK?!) ...Jan*

## ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL

### Illinois State Council Report

The Chicago & South Consortium will be hosting this meeting, and we'd like your opinion on the best time to hold this meeting. Would you prefer a spring, summer, or fall meeting? How about a summer meeting for a change? It's hardly likely that everyone vacations at the same time, and there's always some people who are unable to attend due to other commitments. Also, summer is a slow time for many libraries. Dates to consider when scheduling this meeting include:

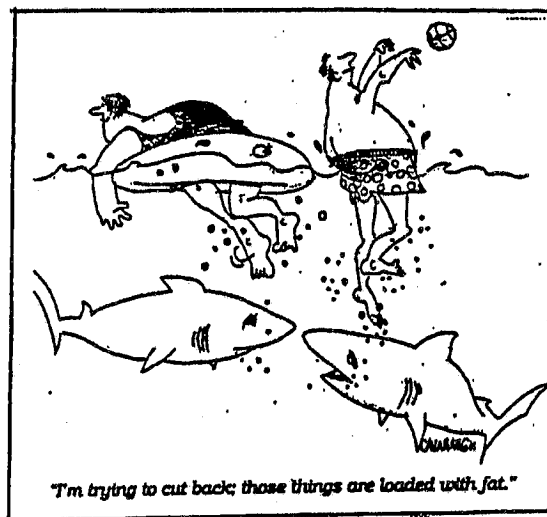
Easter Sunday - March 30, 1997  
MLA Annual Meeting - May 23-28, 1997



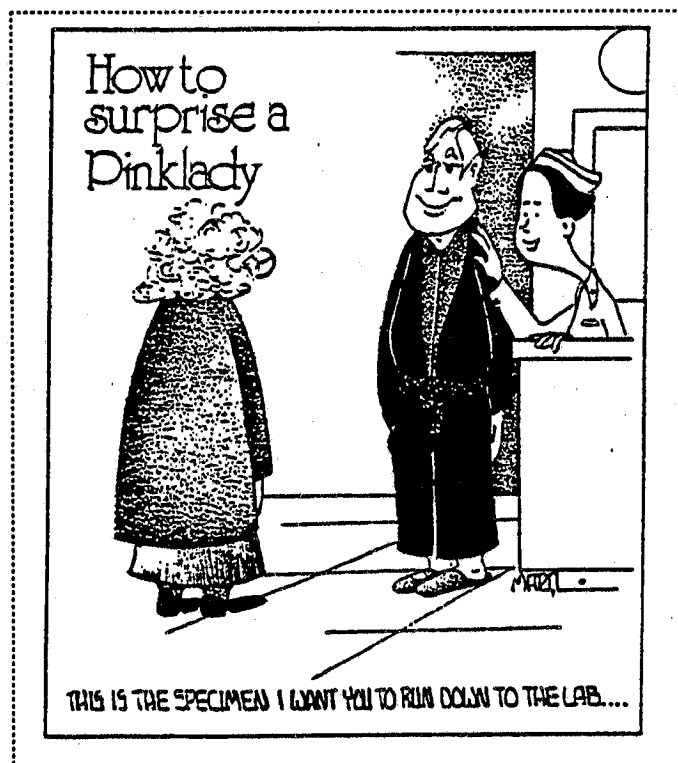
*Jan Perone & daughters Erin & Emily at the beach in Monterey, CA.*

## ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL

**VIDEOCONFERENCE RESCHEDULED:** Notice has been received that the August 28th videoconference on FirstSearch has been moved to October 2nd. The television networks have taken all available satellite time on the 28th for the Democratic National Convention .



# More Chuckleboard!



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](mailto:stump.nancy@uis.edu)

**NEXT DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 1996**

We rely on our members for contributions; please help make this newsletter an effective tool for communication!!  
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