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FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the January 6, 1997 edition of the *New York Times*, an article appeared titled "Library Science Goes High-Tech." Kate Murphy, the author, discusses the great changes going on in the field of library science.

"...emphasis on information technology has changed the stereotypical image of the librarian."

Library Science as a profession is attracting a great many more people, including many more men. Our field requires a lot more technological expertise with electronic information and computer networks. Many library schools have revised their curricula to include training in computers, networks, and the

Internet. They are graduating many more people who are not going into traditional jobs in libraries but instead into corporations with positions such as database manager, Webmaster, and Internet trainer. Corporate recruiters regularly show up at library schools to attract new graduates to their companies.

The field's emphasis on information technology has changed the stereotypical image of the librarian. I was pleased to see these changes discussed in a *New York Times* article. Our field has long since needed people to be more aware of what librarians do, and how widespread and varied our responsibilities are.

What worries me are librarians who already hold traditional library jobs, and who must work even harder to learn new skills and keep these skills current on an ongoing basis. Library science is a field of life-long learning. We must continually read, study, learn and interact with our colleagues and friends in libraries, as well as throughout the corporate structure. We can learn from them, teach them and share ideas with them, so that we will not be forgotten and left behind or looked over when changes come along that affect our libraries and ourselves.

There is a satellite video conference on Thursday, March 20, 1997 from 1:00 -2:30 PM that will discuss these issues. It is called "The Future for Librarians: Positioning Yourself for Success." It is co-sponsored by the American Association of Law Libraries, the Medical Library Association, the Special Libraries Association, and Nexis-Lexis. Experts will examine new roles for librarians and offer examples of how to succeed in this new environment. All of us should try to attend this important conference. Contact MLA for satellite broadcast locations and registration information.

Rhona Kelley

CONSORTIA NEWS

Fox Valley Health Science Library Consortium : A Continuing Education Needs Assessment was conducted by the Fox Valley Consortium in September 1996. The results of the survey showed a high interest in JCAHO IM Standards, Online Services and Services (including the Internet), Copyright, Consumer Health Information, the Role of Libraries in Continuing Medical Education, and Healthcare information Trends.

Sare Redinger, Librarian at Alexian Brothers in Elk Grove Village, conducted a QuickDoc demonstration at the November 13th meeting.

The Fox Valley Consortium is investigating ILL packages for our members. Autographics Impact will be featured at the March 12th meeting and OCLC's ILL module will be featured at the May 14th meeting.

Nancy R. John from UIC will be presenting an Internet Workshop at Aurora University on June 11, 1997. Librarians interested in the workshop can contact **Mary Howery** at 630-801-2686.

Jan Aleccia, JCAHO Resource Center Librarian, will be presenting a JCAHO Information Management Standards Workshop at the November 1997 Fox Valley Consortium Meeting.

Nalini Mahajan will be conducting an Online Information Services Workshop sometime in late summer or early fall 1997 for the Fox Valley librarians.

The Fox Valley Consortium compiles an annual statistics survey of its 17 member libraries. HSLI members interested in obtaining a copy of the 1996 statistics can contact Mary Howrey at 630-801-2686 or FAX 630-801-2687.

Mary Howrey

LIBRARY SYSTEMS

Rolling Prairie Library System, Decatur, IL announces that they will be a downlink site for "The Future for Librarians: Positioning Yourself for Success" a Distance Learning Videoconference sponsored by SLA, MLA, AALL, and Lexis-Nexis on March 20, 1997 1-3:30 p.m.

Here is what they say about this Videoconference--
In five years, what will libraries and information services look like?

How will professionals be functioning in these new libraries and information services? And how can today's librarians maximize their influence in the 21st century?

This Videoconference will explore these issues and discuss how special librarians are uniquely qualified to lead their organizations through the information revolution.. Leading experts from each association will explain how you can make it happen!

Speakers Include:

- ▶ Toby Pearlstein, Manager of Information Services, Bain & Company
- ▶ Bernie Todd Smith, AHIP Director, Library and Circuit Librarian Program, Werner Health Sciences Library
- ▶ Joanne G. Marshall, Ph.D., and AHIP Professor, Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto
- ▶ Mark E. Estes, Director of Library Services, Holme Roberts & Owen, LLP

For additional information, registration, and directions to Rolling Prairie Library System, Contact **Bev Obert** at (217) 429-2586. Fax (217)428-1852.
E-mail bevo@alpha1.rpls.lib.il.us

CHUCKLE BOARD

The following is a direct quote from the Center for Strategic and International Studies report on GLOBAL ORGANIZED CRIME; the author who introduces the story swears it's true.

FBI agents conducted a raid of a psychiatric hospital in San Diego that was under investigation for medical insurance fraud. After hours of reviewing thousands of medical records, the dozens of agents had worked up quite an appetite. The agent in charge of the investigation called a nearby pizza parlor with delivery service to order a quick dinner for his colleagues. The following telephone conversation took place and was recorded by the FBI because they were taping all conversations at the hospital.

Agent: Hello. I would like to order 19 large pizzas and 67 cans of soda.

Pizza Man: And where would you like them delivered?

Agent: We're over at the psychiatric hospital.

Pizza Man: The psychiatric hospital?

Agent: That's right. I'm an FBI agent.

Pizza Man: You're an FBI agent?

Agent: That's correct. Just about everybody here is.

Pizza Man: And you're at the psychiatric hospital?

Agent: That's correct. And make sure you don't go through the front doors. We have them locked. You will have to go around to the back to the service entrance to deliver the pizzas.

Pizza Man: And you say you're all FBI agents?

Agent: That's right. How soon can you have them here?

Pizza Man: And everyone at the psychiatric hospital is an FBI agent?

Agent: That's right. We've been here all day and we're starving.

Pizza Man: How are you going to pay for all of this?

Agent: I have my checkbook right here.

Pizza Man: And you're all FBI agents?

Agent: That's right. Everyone here is an FBI agent. Can you remember to bring the pizzas and sodas to the service entrance in the rear? We have the front doors locked.

Pizza Man: I don't think so.

Click.

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COMMITTEE NEWS

**LOOKING FOR A
FEW GOOD
MEMBERS ...**

Nominating Committee

Yes it is time once again to start thinking about our officers for HSLI and two consortia representatives for the Illinois State Council...For HSLI we need a secretary and a President - Elect. For the Illinois State Council, we are in need of two consortia representatives. Please contact Nancy Stump at 217-786-6601 to volunteer (yes, *volunteer*) to run for any of these positions or call me to nominate

anyone for the above positions. Below are the job duties for each position. Now please, let's have at least two people for each position. Remember, if you have been a member for the past three years, it is time for you to get involved with this group and here is a big opportunity.....remember, if no one



responds, members will be contacted by phone..Thanks.

Duties of the President-Elect:

- ✓ To assist the President in the administration of the organization's affairs as assigned
- ✓ To preside and perform the duties of the president whenever the President is absent and/or unable to serve
- ✓ To coordinate the program meetings and the continuing education activities of the organization

Duties of the Secretary:

- ✓ To record and distribute the minutes of the business meetings of the membership and Board meetings
- ✓ To be responsible for publicity for all activities
- ✓ To perform other duties as assigned

Duties of Illinois State Council members:

- ✓ To attend and participate in meetings of the Illinois State Council
- ✓ To disseminate information and solicit comments on Illinois State Council, Regional, and State activities to HSLI members in their categorical affiliations
- ✓ Illinois State Council members shall devise mechanisms which will foster two-way communication among the Illinois State Council members and HSLI members.

The Membership Committee is

Membership Committee

working on a new membership form. It is on the back page of this newsletter. Please use it to renew your membership, if necessary!

BOARD MEMBER NEWS

The minutes of the HSLI Board Meeting held October 17, 1997 in Bloomington at the Fall Meeting are as follows:

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Nalini Mahajan, President.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nalini Mahajan, President, Rhona Kelley, President-Elect, Laura Wimmer, Past President, Nina Pals, Treasurer, Royden Jones, Secretary.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT: Archives, Syed Maghrahi. Bylaws, Walter Wilkins. Illinois State Council, Virginia Gayle. Legislative, Michael Wold. Marketing Task Force, Rhona Kelley. Membership, Arlis Dittmer. Newsletter, Nancy Stump. Nominating, Nancy Dale.

ALSO PRESENT: Jo Dorsch, Toni Tucker (current meeting report), Lynn Bierma, State Library Liaison, Chris Shaffer, RML Representative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approved as submitted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER: Approved as submitted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: Archives - Syed Maghrahi requests any HSLI materials for 1993 be forwarded to the Archive Committee for evaluation & inclusion in the archives; 1993 is sparsely represented. Also discussed was the point at which to forward material from the President's Book & Treasurer's Records.

Bylaws - The bylaws change allowing for one meeting per year received membership approval; the actual impact & implementation of policy change to support the new bylaws is moving forward. The results of a membership survey on timing, content, etc., will facilitate this final step.

Legislative - Recent legislative activity resulted in replacement of the Library Services & construction Act by the Library Service & Technology Act. The impact will bear watching.

Marketing - The HSLI Home Page is to be "up" shortly, perhaps by next week. Area code changes in the Chicago area will receive additional emphasis by publication in the HSLI newsletter.

Membership - Several aspects of the committee's work were noted; a proposed revision of the membership form, concern for a common date for membership expiration & lower membership levels were among them. The effect of a membership at the 150 level on bulk mailing was noted as a particular concern.

Nominating - Balloting in August resulted in Nina Pals being elected President-Elect & Karen Wark being elected Treasurer. Carol Jeuell & Donna Roginski were elected as Consortia Representatives with Faith Ross being voted in as Resource Library Representative.

Illinois State Council - The Council will be working closely with GMR to help identify both liaison & educational needs within Illinois. The council meets twice each year, it plans to meet once with HSLI & hold the second meeting in conjunction with an Illinois Consortia meeting.

State Library - Lynn Bierma noted the meeting between Bridget Lamont & the HSLI leadership is now scheduled for November 12 at the State Library.

OLD BUSINESS: Laura Wimmer announced Nancy Stump as recipient of the President's Award. She also noted the Certificate of Recognition Program as handled this past year is in place awaiting the desires of the new leadership.

NEW BUSINESS: Status of the current meeting - Toni Tucker & Jo Dorsch reported the meeting going well with 57 registrants with expected net revenues of \$2,000.

Nalini indicated that the new format of one meeting per year may lead to an extension of these meetings to 3 days in order to enhance CE offerings.

Laura Wimmer asked for a decision on doing a 1997 SILO list. It was approved with Laura to work out details.

Future meetings - Gail Lahti indicated the 1997 meeting is slated for Matteson but that the timing hasn't been firmly established.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m

Royden Jones, Secretary.

YOUR HSLI OFFICERS FOR 1996-1997:

Rhona Kelley, President

Medical Library
Southern Illinois University School of
Medicine
217/782-2658

Nalini Mahajan, Past-President

Medical Library
Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital
630/462-4104

Nina Pals, President-Elect

Medical Library
Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center
217/258-2262

Karen Wark, Treasurer

St. Anthony Medical Center
815/395-5191

Royden Jones, Secretary

Health Sciences Resource Center
Methodist Medical Center
309/672-4937

MAKE ME LAUGH☺☺☺

Following is the FINAL FROM HELL

Instructions: Read each question carefully. Answer all questions. Time Limit: 4 hours. Begin immediately.

1) HISTORY

Describe the history of the papacy from its origins to the present day, concentrating especially, but not exclusively, on its social, political, economic, religious, and philosophical impact on Europe, Asia, America, and Africa. Be brief, concise, and specific.

2) MEDICINE

You have been provided with a razor blade, a piece of gauze, and a bottle of Scotch. Remove your appendix. Do not suture until your work has been inspected. You have 15 minutes.

3) PUBLIC SPEAKING

Twenty-five hundred riot-crazed aborigines are storming the classroom. Calm them. You may use any ancient language except Latin or Greek.

4) BIOLOGY

Create life. Estimate the differences in subsequent human culture if this form of life had developed 500 million years earlier, with special attention to its probable effect on the English parliamentary system.

Prove your thesis.

5) MUSIC

Write a piano concerto. Orchestrate and perform it with flute and drum. You will find a piano under your seat.

6) PSYCHOLOGY

Based on your degree of knowledge of their works, evaluate the emotional stability, degree of adjustment, and repressed frustrations of each of the following: Alexander of Aphrodisia, Rameses II, Gregory of Nicea, Hammurabi. Support your evaluations with quotations from each man's work, making appropriate references. It is not necessary to translate.

7) SOCIOLOGY

Estimate the sociological problems which might accompany the end of the world. Construct an experiment to test your theory.

8) MANAGEMENT SCIENCE

Define management. Define science. How do they relate? Why? Create a generalized algorithm to optimize all managerial decisions. Assuming an 1130 CPU supporting 50 terminals, each terminal to activate your algorithm; design the communications interface and all necessary control programs.

9) ENGINEERING

The disassembled parts of a high-powered rifle have been placed in a box on your desk.

You will also find an instruction manual, printed in Swahili. In ten minutes a hungry Bengal tiger will be admitted to the

room. Take whatever action you feel is appropriate. Be prepared to justify your decision.

10) ECONOMICS

Develop a realistic plan for refinancing the national debt. Trace the possible effects of your plan in the following areas: Cubism, the Donatist controversy, the wave theory of light. Outline a method for preventing these effects. Criticize this method from all possible points of view. Point out the deficiencies in your point of view, as demonstrated in your answer to the last question.

11) POLITICAL SCIENCE

There is a red telephone on the desk beside you. Start World War III.

Report at length on its socio-political effects, if any.

12) EPISTEMOLOGY

Take a position for or against truth. Prove the validity of your position.

13) PHYSICS

Explain the nature of matter. Include in your answer an evaluation of the impact of the development of mathematics on science.

14) PHILOSOPHY

Sketch the development of human thought; estimate its significance.

Compare with the development of any other kind of thought.

15) GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Describe in detail. Be objective and specific.

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The Alliance Library System is now linked to the HSLI Home Page on the Web. In case you missed the last newsletter, you can find HSLI on the web at:

[http:// www.siumed.edu/lib/hсли/html](http://www.siumed.edu/lib/hсли/html)

THIS...AND THAT...



Listsers....what are they? How do they work? Etiquette on a listserv.

A listserv is a discussion group based on a like interest, organization or occupation. Communication is via e-mail. To join a list you subscribe to it by sending a message to the creator/monitor of the list. A return message will be posted to you with a welcome message. It is wise to print out or save the welcome messages as they contain information on how to send a message to the list, put your name on vacation or unsubscribe. Depending on how active the listserv is, you will begin to get messages as soon as you get notification that you are subscribed. The number can vary widely. On some listservs each message sent to the list is sent along to the members individually. On others the list is monitored and messages are joined into one long message called a digest. Many lists also have archives so that you can search them for a particular topic that may have been discussed before. Generally, you must join a listserv before you are able to leave messages.

There is a certain amount of etiquette on a listserv. Always put a subject line in your message. The listservs are busy and many people monitor them. Not every message is of interest to every person so the subject line can indicate to the reader of the list if the message is something they want to read now, print out for later, or ignore. When requesting responses, ask that they be sent directly to you and not posted to the list. Again this is to save the time of those who are not interested in the same topics you are. You can then post a summary of the responses you get back to the list. Be sure to thank people for their response. You may see the letter TIA meaning "Thanks in Advance" in some listserv messages.

A basic message that many listservs use is help. If you send a message "help" to the listserv address, you will get back a list of commands used by the listserv, how to subscribe, unsubscribe and more.

(Taken from *Tech News*, vol 1, no.1, January 1997, p 1)

ILLINOIS STATE COUNCIL

The Illinois State council will hold their next meeting on March 12. Correction from last newsletter: Mary

Howrey's e-mail address is: a-mercy@dupagels.lib.il.us
Mary is liaison to Fox Valley Consortium, Northeastern IL Consortium, and West Central Consortium.

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CONSORTIA COORDINATORS FOR ILLINOIS HEALTH SCIENCE LIBRARIES

AREAWIDE CONSORTIUM

Michael Campese
Saint Elizabeth Hospital
Health Science Library
21 1 South 3rd St.
Belleville, IL 62222
(618) 234-2120 x1 167
FAX: (618) 234-0408
campese@ezl.com
ILDS: LCLS-5
TERM: 1/96 - 12/96

CAPITAL AREA CONSORTIUM

Pat Ruestman
IL Prevention Resource Center
Prevention First, Inc.
2800 Montvale Drive
Springfield, IL 62704-4261
(217) 793-7353 x.1 13 or (800) 252-8951
FAX: (217) 793-7354
ILDS: RPLS-3, Direct
Term: 10/95 - 9/97

CHICAGO & SOUTH CONSORTIUM

Virginia Gale
Saint Joseph Medical Center Health Science Library
333 North Madison Street
Joliet, IL 60435
(815) 725-7133 x.3530
FAX: (815) 725-9459
ILDS: HTLS, Direct
Term: 9/94 - 9/96

EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS LIB. CONSORTIUM

Anita Johnson
Carle Foundation Hospital Library
611 W. Park
Urbana, IL 62801
(217) 383-3011
FAX: (217) 383-3452
ILDS: LTLS, Rt. 3, Direct
Term: Indefinite

FOX VALLEY CONSORTIUM

Maria Krula
Deinor Community Hospital
Health Science Library
300 Randall Rd.
Geneva, IL 60134
(708) 208-4299 (area code 630 after 8/3/96)
FAX: (708) 208-3479
ILDS: DLS-1
Term: 9/95 - 8/96

HEART OF ILLINOIS LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

Joyce Hexdall
Saint Francis College of Nursing Nursing Library
211 Greenleaf
Peoria, IL 61603
(309) 655-2180 ILDS: IVLS-3, Direct
Term: 1/92 - 3/96

METROPOLITAN CONSORTIUM OF CHICAGO

Joy Kennedy
Northwest Community Hospital
Health Resource Library
800 W. Central Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL 60005-2392
(847) 259-1 000 x. 5071 FAX: (847) 577-4049
nwchhrl@nslsilus.org
ILDS: NSLS-1 B
Term: 10/95 - 10/97

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS LIB. CONSORTIUM

Nellie Dorsey
St. Therese Medical Center
Medical Library
2615 Washington St.
Waukegan, IL 60085
(847) 360-2018 FAX: (847) 360-2879/249-5897 ILDS:
NSLS c/o Waukegan Public Library Term: 9/95 - 8/96

QUAD CITY AREA BIOMEDICAL CONSORTIUM

Barbara Tharp
Illini Hospital Library
855 Hospital Rd., Suite 102
Silvis, IL 61282
(309) 792-4360 FAX: (309) 792-4362
btharp@libby.rbls.lib.il.us
ILDS: RBLs-4, Direct
Term: 1/96 - 12/97

SHABBONA LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

Sheila Brolley & Dawn Nunley
Illinois Valley Comm. Hospital
Medical Library

925 West St.
Peru, IL 61354
(815) 223-3300, 1-502,-539
FAX: (815) 223-3394* * Indicates FAX is not in the
library. Cover message is recommended.
ILDS: SRLS-1, Mail
Term: Indefinite

UPSTATE CONSORTIUM

Eric Welch
Highland Community College
Library
2998 West Pearl City Road
Freeport, IL 61032
(815) 235-6121 x.255
FAX: (815) 235-1366 ericwelch@delphi.com ILDS:
NILS-LA
Term: 7/95 - 6/96

WEST CENTRAL CONSORTIUM

Patricia Woodworth
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150 South 48th St.
Quincy, IL 62301 (217) 224-6500 x.4536 FAX: (217)
224-4746
patwood@darkstar.rsa.lib.il.us ILDS: ALS-4, Direct
Term: 10/95 - 10/97

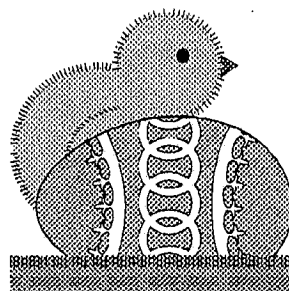
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Virginia Gale, Illinois State Council Chair

DEAR EDITOR ...

Hey, Readers! everyone is busy and everyone probably has more important things to do, but it only takes a commitment of 30 minutes or so **FOUR TIMES A YEAR** to write a report. If you are a committee or board member you are responsible for information the membership of your activities. Please submit reports in a timely manner (i.e., by the deadline or shortly thereafter. We'd be pleased as punch!

*Happy
Spring!*



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 or via E-mail) to Nancy Stump at U of I - Springfield, Brookens Library, Springfield, IL, 62794-9243, FAX (217) 786-6208, E-mail, stump.nancy@uis.edu
NEXT DEADLINE: May 1, 1997. We rely on our members for contributions; please help make this newsletter an effective tool for communication!
Eds.

NN/LM GMR

The University Library at the University of Illinois at Chicago now offers Ovid Web Online access to three health science databases for all university faculty, students and staff.

The Core Biomedical Collection (CBC) provides the full text and graphics of fifteen prominent biomedical journals for the past three years. The following titles are available:

The American Journal of Medicine
The American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology
The American Journal of Surgery
The Annals of Internal Medicine
The Archives of General Psychiatry
The British Medical Journal
The Canadian Medical Association Journal
Circulation
JAMA: The Journal of the American Medical Association
The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery (American Volume)
The Journal of Clinical Investigation
The Lancet
The New England Journal of Medicine
Pediatrics
Science

Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL) is an index to journal articles, dissertations and other publications in the nursing and allied health fields from 1982 to the present.

International Pharmaceutical Abstracts (IPA) is an index of the pharmaceutical literature from 1970 to the present.

Coverage includes clinical and technical drug information, pharmacy practice and pharmaceutical education.

The Library of the Health Sciences has been awarded a second contract for \$34,700 from the National Library of Medicine for the Chicago AIDS Outreach Project to extend the project for 18 months and expand the number of sites. The goal of the Chicago AIDS Outreach Project (CAOP) is to provide access to AIDS-related information to health care professionals in medically underserved communities. The 6 original sites included AIDS case management and educational centers, a medical center and two libraries. Sites were provided with a computer workstation on which AIDSLINE and other AIDS-related resources could be accessed. A document delivery component is also in place. The Chicago AIDS Outreach Project is in its second year with the addition of 5 sites. These sites are primarily community medical centers and the target community is primary care physicians. Access to Internet and Internet Grateful Med will be added to each new site.

Ann Weller

*Deputy Librarian of Library of Health Science
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INTERNET

The Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced the 1997 Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program (TIIAP) grant competition in the Federal Register on January 27, 1997. This announcement, along with application materials, can also be accessed via the Web at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/otiahome/tiiap/tiiaphome.htm> or by contacting the NTIA at 202/482-2048.

TIIAP is a highly competitive, merit-based grant program providing assistance to public and nonprofit sector organizations, including health care providers and libraries, with creative approaches to applying information and telecommunication technologies. NTIA received a \$21.5 million appropriation for the 1997 TIIAP program. The deadline for submitting applications is March 27, 1997.

TIIA has organized a series of regional outreach workshops to discuss the TIIAP program, introduce the 1997 grant round, and discuss program funding priorities and application requirements. The workshop in the Greater Midwest Region will be held Wednesday, February 26, 1997 in Chicago, Illinois, at the Chicago Marriott. To register, visit the web site or contact NTIA.

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ILLINET

✓Get Networked, ✓Get Pentiumed, ✓Get Windowed!

I borrowed this phrase from a staffer at OCLC. While her comment was directed toward the future of OCLC services, it is an important topic that every library needs to address. As DOS based applications become obsolete and Windows applications take their place, companies making computer software will, at some point, stop support of their DOS products. Information resources are constantly expanding; electronic resources are multiplying at a fantastic rate. In order for libraries to achieve top quality service to their patrons, understanding the direction electronic technology is taking us is imperative. I don't expect, no do I ever want to see, traditional resources such as books and journals to disappear. I firmly believe however, that electronic resources not only enhance a library's collection, but the library's visibility as well. In order to take advantage of electronic technology, libraries must forever look to the future regarding resources, as well as software and hardware needs.

✓GET NETWORKED!

A network is a group of computers that communicate with each other, within a building or throughout the world. A local area network (LAN) permits computers to communicate with each other in a closed environment, such as within a building or campus. The network itself is comprised of cables that allow the transmission of information. The speed with which information may be transmitted from library staff to the user is phenomenal, and is certainly an asset to any health library.

✓GET PENTIUMED!

Planning your hardware is extremely important. We expect fast results in this day and age, and people get impatient when they want information and it takes too long. If your computers are running at 386 (this has to do with speed), you're not going to be able to access much of anything in a reasonable length of time, and you may find your

computer getting "hung up", and downloading just stops. A 486 is better, but you really need to plan for a Pentium. The faster the performance, the happier you and your patron will be. Any computer you purchase should have, or be able to upgrade to, 32 MB of memory, 1 GB hard disk, CD-ROM drive, and a SVGA or higher-resolution monitor.

✓GET WINDOW'D!

Whether or not you like Bill Gates, I'd say Microsoft shows no signs of giving up it's share of the market. Software companies, including OCLC are keeping pace with whatever Microsoft does. Microsoft now has Windows 95 and Windows NT (for networked environments). Eventually Microsoft will stop support of earlier versions of Windows and so will software and hardware companies, including OCLC.

If you don't meet these requirements, talk to your system administrators or hospital director about the need to upgrade. It's essential if you want to use today's technology.

*Lynn Bierma
Illinois State Library*

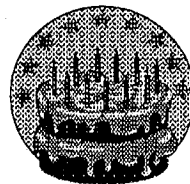
HSLI Annual Meeting

The HSLI Annual Meeting will be held Thursday-Friday, November 6-7, 1997.

The Thursday program will consist entirely of CE programs, and will be held at Governors State University, just a few miles from the Holiday Inn, Matteson. Lunch will be included, and will also be held at GSU. We plan to offer four hands-on Internet classes. Each will be a half-day class. Classes will cover basic and advanced topics, teaching the Internet, and Web page creation. For those who want non-Internet classes, other MLA or SLA classes will be offered.



And One More Thing...



The Capital Area Consortium will be celebrating it's 20th Anniversary on April 11, at Prevention First, Inc. In Springfield. We will have cake & a potluck, share "CAC memories" and welcome back former members. If you are a former member, and did not receive an invitation, please call Myrtle Smarjesse at 217-788-3331.

**Health Science Librarians of Illinois
Personal Membership Application**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Institution Affiliation: _____

Work Telephone: _____ Work FAX: _____

Type of Membership: New _____ Renewal _____

Library System Membership: Yes _____ No _____

Name of Library System: _____

Regular Membership: \$10.00

Library Science Student Membership: \$5.00

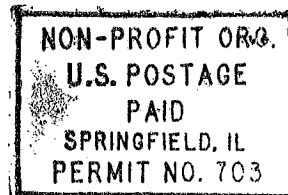
Personal members have one vote on all matters of HSLI business.

Send this form with a check payable to HSLI:

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815-395-5191
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Brookens Library Room 240
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