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## President's Corner

by *Diane Gardner*,

Can you believe that summer is almost over? It seems like we were just celebrating Memorial Day and now we are getting ready for fall weather. I hope that you had a chance to enjoy some of our beautiful summer weather. We had a little bit of everything this year – above normal heat and below normal cool.

This edition of the newsletter will give you a glance at what will be offered at the Annual Education conference in October at Grand Rapids. The Western group has worked hard with the education committee to provide you with a top notch conference that is packed with learning and fun. Each year the committees strive to offer a conference that covers matters of interest to our members and keep the cost affordable. I think this year's group has done a good job. I hope that you will be able to join us and enjoy their efforts.

I would also like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president this year. So many of our institutions are going through changes and facing uncertainty about their libraries that it can be difficult to volunteer for anything extra. But these last two years serving as your president elect and then president has shown me that MHSLA has an incredible wealth of knowledge. It is crucial that we continue as an organization and sharing that information with future librarians. Our continued success in the small and large libraries will carry on the idea that medicine is better with a human touch.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in Grand Rapids,

Diane Gardner, MLIS

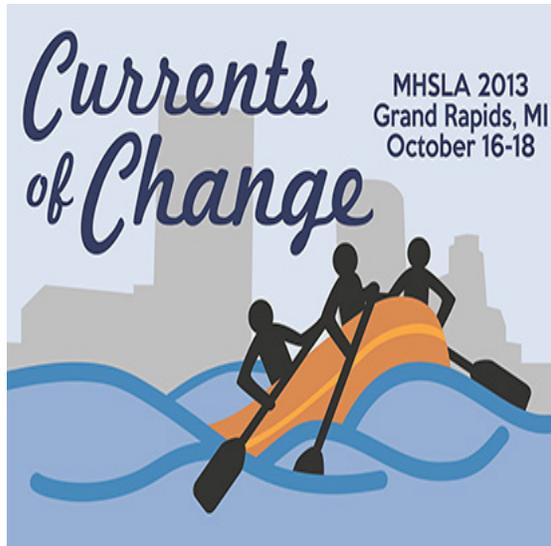


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## ***Reminder!***

It's time to register for "Currents of Change": Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association's Fall 2013 conference. The conference will be held Oct. 16-18, 2013 in downtown Grand Rapids, Michigan. Please remember to register for hotel and conference by October 1, 2013, for conference rates at the Grand Rapids Downtown Holiday Inn, and to avoid late fees for conference registration.



### Conference highlights:

WEDNESDAY! (Honest!), Four half-day CE courses:

- Business communications: library style
- Tablets & eReaders: Information at your fingertips (a.k.a. the "petting zoo")
- Patient safety resource seminar: librarians on the front lines
- Healthy aging at your library: connecting older adults to health information

THURSDAY!

- Keynote speaker Erika Oliver presents "Happy crap: unleash the power of positivity"
- GMR update
- MHSLA business meeting

--Poster Session:

--2 concurrent sessions:

-----1."More Happy Crap", a hands-on seminar with Erika Oliver -----2.Christopher Patrick: "The Electronic Health Record and Clinical Decision Support: Clinical librarianship in the 21st century"

--Vendor exhibits

FRIDAY!

--Lightning rounds/meet the authors - librarians share their stories with lightning-fast slide-shows. New this year, we'll have an opportunity to meet the presenters and discuss their projects

--"Library Camp": Lively roundtable discussions revolving around four of MLA's "Core Competencies"

AND MORE!

--Welcome Reception, Wednesday evening at the Holiday Inn

--Special event: dinner & music, Thursday evening at Eve Lounge, 4th floor @ the B.O.B.

--Dine & learn opportunities: sponsored breakfasts & lunches as we catch up with the latest from Springer, Ovid, Swets, Elsevier, and AAAS/Science

Find registration information and more at our conference website:

<http://ferris.libguides.com/mhsla2013>

### **Get Ready to Ride the Currents of Change in Grand Rapids.**

Join us as we strap on a life jacket and grab a paddle to ride the Currents of Change in Grand Rapids, October 16th – 18th. The first rapids we hit give us the choices from the following 4 hour CEs. It may be hard to choose from these selections: Marty Magee and Barbara Jones will present a program on “Business Communication Library Style”; Emily Hurst will present “Information at your Fingertips” (this is a hands on class with 20 tablet devices, seating is limited!); Holly Burt’s class “Patient Safety Resources Seminar: Librarians on the Front Lines” and “Healthy Aging at your Library: Connecting Older Adults to Health Information” presented by Samantha Hewakapuge.

We’ll continue to ride the current on Thursday with Erika Oliver and Happy Crap: Unleash the Power of Positivity. “Imagine yourself teeming with energy and enthusiasm and no goal out of reach, no matter what the circumstances. Is it possible? Yes! When you learn to release and unleash your positivity power, anything is possible” Erika will continue her presentation as a concurrent session in the afternoon or you could choose to pause the ride at The Electronic Health Record and Clinical Decision Support: Clinical librarianship in the 21st century. We can portage for the night and spend time networking with the vendors and poster presenters.

On Friday we’ll re-enter the currents as our members guide us through the lightning round presentations and we’ve slated them for the start of the day with a session following so that members can discuss thoughts and ideas with the presenters. We’ll round out the day with an “unconference”, a chance for members to take ownership of the day to lead discussions. Choose to join the voyagers as we discuss topics based on the first four MLA Professional Competencies for Health Sciences Librarians.

So grab a paddle and life jacket and take a seat as we ride the currents of change!

## **Congratulations to the MHSLA Conference Scholarship Winners!**

The Education Committee is happy to announce the scholarship winners who will be attending the Annual Fall Conference. Our two student winners are Sherri McConnell and Emily Byrnes. Emily and Sherri were chosen based on a short essay about what their career goals are and how courses in Health Sciences as well as attending the conference would benefit them. Our new member who has not attended a conference is Evan Sprague from Oakland University and our member scholarship is Patty Supnick from DMC. Both member scholarships were chosen based on a random drawing.

## **Submit your Poster!**

The Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association (MHSLA) is now accepting abstracts for posters for its annual conference. The conference "Currents of Change" will be held October 16-18, 2013 at the Eberhard Center on the campus of Grand Valley State University Downtown Campus in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Posters will be presented on October 17, 2013 from 1-5 p.m.

Abstracts for posters should be submitted by September 19th

Submit abstracts via email, mail or fax to:

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## **Elizabeth R. Lorbeer is Western Michigan University School of Medicine New Library Director**

In her role as library director, Lorbeer will oversee evaluation, assessment, and improvement of library services, systems, and procedures and strategic planning. She will work with WMed faculty to integrate informatics and library instruction into the curriculum and will respond to the research needs of the residency programs and other individuals connected with the medical school.



Lorbeer most recently served as the associate director for content management and as an associate professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where she was responsible for overseeing the management of the biomedical collection at the Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences. She is the past co-chair for the Publisher-Vendor-Librarian Interest Group for ALA-ALCTS and the principal investigator for three National Network of Libraries of Medicine Express Library Digitization Award grants. She consults regularly for publishers and vendors and is a distinguished member of The Academy of Health

Information Professionals. Lorbeer attained her undergraduate degree and earned a Master's in Library Sciences from State University of New York at Buffalo. She then completed a Master's of Education in Higher Education Administration from Boston University.

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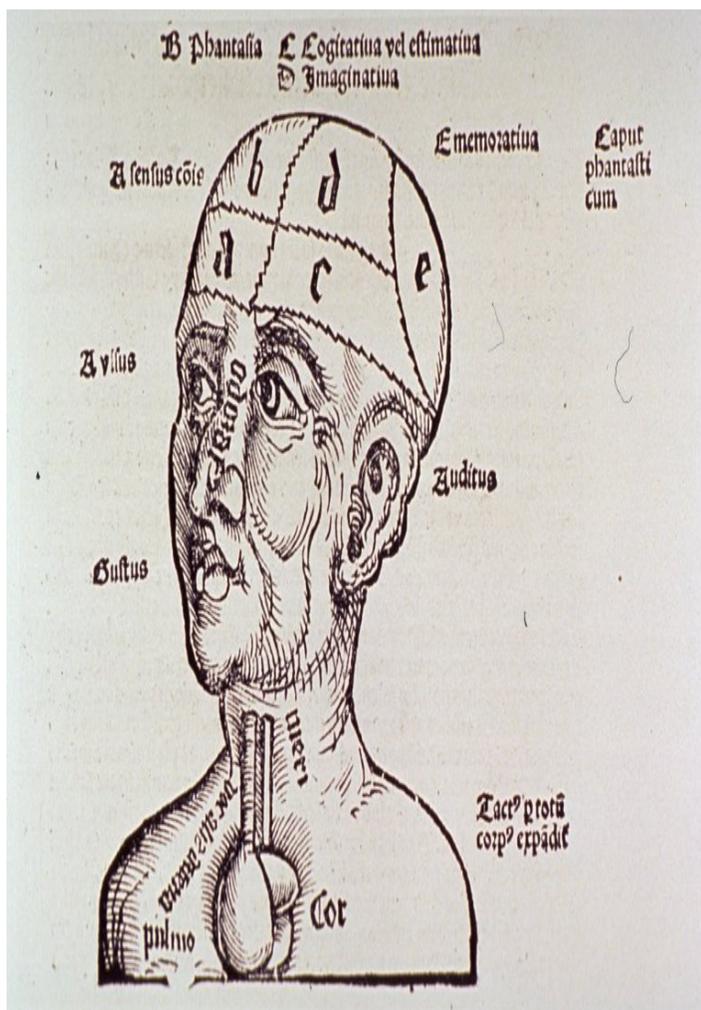
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