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President's Corner

by *Diane Gardner*

As I write this we have just finished with the Thanksgiving holiday in the U.S. Everyone is anxiously watching the sale advertisements for the best deal for the perfect Christmas present. I am not a big shopper but I do love this time of year for the music, decorations and general festive mood. At my institution we have our annual Employee Holiday Meal and as a manager I am expected to help serve. I like to volunteer for the second shift meal because it is more relaxed. Yes I have to stay later at the hospital and there are not as many people to help or to serve but you actually get to talk to people. For just a few seconds I get to make a connection with someone and hopefully make them feel that they matter.

As librarians we do this just about every day. How many times have you had someone come in and say "I have a stupid question?" By acknowledging them with "There are no stupid questions" or "okay, let's hear it" we let that person know that we are listening to them. We all know that one of the hardest things to do is admit that we don't know something. That person coming to you has just put themselves into a vulnerable situation. When we demonstrate our professionalism as librarians we show that we respect them also. That we are there to help them, maybe we learn something ourselves and we will not ridicule them or be insensitive to their needs.

I think this is why I like working in the library field. It is that "what can we do for you today" attitude that is similar to Christmas but lasts all year long. Granted there are always a few rule breakers who should probably have a lump of coal put in their stocking. But for the most part I think Santa has a twinkle in his eye for the people working in and using our libraries. I hope you have the opportunity to share the holiday



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spirit with others not only in December but throughout 2013.

Happy Holidays!

Diane Gardner, MLIS
MHSLA President

Taubman Announces New Video: MedlinePlus Resources in Chinese

Kate Saylor



Where can I find reliable health information available in Chinese?
What steps can I take to control diabetes?
How can I keep healthy?

Do you have these questions and want to find the answers in Chinese? From our work at out-reach events, such as the [Annual Asian American Health Fair](#), we know that many people do. The place to go is [MedlinePlus](#), a website created by the National Library of Medicine. It contains reliable, up-to-date health information that's easy to understand, for patients and health professionals alike. The [Taubman Health Sciences Library](#) has created a new video to show you how to find health information that is available in Chinese. View the video here!

<http://youtu.be/i-UJAV6MqDw>

Read the full announcement including Chinese translated promotional text and cartoon here!
<http://healthoutreach.wordpress.com/2012/11/14/medlineplus-resources-in-chinese/>

University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry Library Welcomed a new Librarian

Karl Ericson came to UDM from Lansing Community College Library. Karl graduated from Wayne State University with a Masters in Library and Information Science and from Grand Valley State University with a Bachelor of Science. Karl fills the vacancy left by Beverly Repert upon her retirement in June 2012.

The Knowledge Management Services Team at Munson Healthcare would like to welcome back Janette Grice, MLS. Janette is the new supervisor at the Community Health Library located at the Munson Community Health Center. Janette is responsible for all operational aspects of the Community Health Library including daily administration, staff supervision, training, financial management, programming, collection development and marketing.

Janette comes to Munson from the Interlochen Public Library (IPL) where she was the Library Director for the past ten years. Prior to working at IPL, Janette worked at the Department of Library Services at Munson Medical Center for ten years. She also has prior experience working in a law library.

Janette's work with the public, combined with her medical and law library background, provides a unique value-added skill set that supports the mission of the Community Health Library. Janette can be reached at (213) 935-9266 or jgrice@mhc.net.

Sladen Library Receives Grant

Gayle Williams

This fall the Sladen Library received a grant from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Greater Midwest Region (NN/LM GMR), to purchase 3 iPads for the library staff. As Principal Investigator, librarian JoAnn Krzeminski notes, "The goal of the project, 'Enhanced Access and Support of Mobile Technology @ the Sladen Library,' is to improve library staff's understanding and support of mobile technology so we are better able to assist patrons with questions in this growing field." The staff will use the iPads to test and evaluate mobile resources, verify mobile access and train hospital staff on the use and availability of mobile technologies.

Over the summer, the Sladen Library was one of 6 libraries worldwide to participate in beta-testing the OCLC WorldShare Metadata collection management system. This system serves to keep library catalog records for e-books and similar resources up to date with the most current information. WorldShare Metadata does this by automatically delivering updated WorldCat MARC records. This keeps the metadata and access URLs updated. An article on the Sladen Library, and staff members Audrey Bondar and Joseph Escribano who worked on the project, is featured in the 2011-2012 OCLC Annual Report.

MHSLA Scholarship Write Up

There was an abundance of learning opportunities for me at the MSHLA 2012 Conference. Every contact, every event, provided me with new insights. I left the conference with the feeling that I am going to enjoy my new career. Attending this conference has helped me see beyond my life and educational experiences. Some of the things I've learned are presented here. In my scholarship application I noted I was interested in meeting with vendors. I was amazed at how accommodating the vendors were to speak with me, knowing full well I was a student with no potential for them to make a sale. Granted, they were most likely looking at me as a potential representative for a library and a future customer. I have to admit that through my interactions I found the role of buyer both exciting and nerve racking. My experience with databases is solely from the perspective of a student. Exploring the various services that extend beyond the immediate needs of the library and out to the aid of medical staff at the point of care was eye opening.

Participation in a CE course was part of the scholarship package. Since I spent twenty years working for the Michigan Department of Human Services and the past two years as a student (one of them as a MLIS candidate) I felt unqualified to participate in any of the choices. I decided the safe bet was to participate in the one with the word 'introduction' in the title. At first I was a bit overwhelmed by the Introduction to Epidemiology class. But slowly the material coalesced with knowledge I had gained in my LIS program. I walked away with new knowledge and the reassurance that I am not the only one who struggles with evaluating study articles. Lightning Rounds and Poster Sessions were new to me. It was very impressive to discover the wide range of activity MHSLA members are involved in. Depending on where life takes me after graduation, I would consider being a future presenter.

The MHSLA conference was a wonderful experience for me. The organization was very generous in what it provided. I found the membership to be very welcoming and informative. Thank you for awarding me a scholarship and the opportunity to attend my first LIS professional development event.

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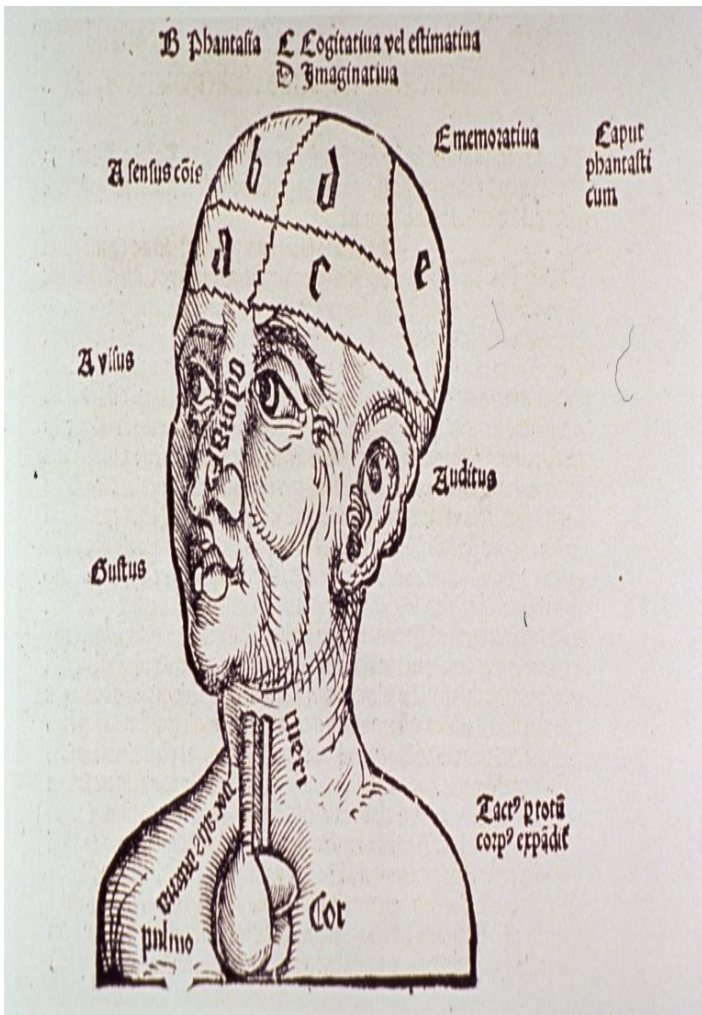
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