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## President's Column

Yee-Haw, I can't stop line dancin'! OK, so Dallas didn't have *that* much of an effect on me, but I do find myself slipping into a Texas drawl every now and then since my return from this year's Medical Library Association Conference. Guess it was two too many trips to Eddie Dean's Ranch. Eddie's was the location of the Swets Blackwell and OVID parties and the MLA Farewell Reception.



I guess Dallas just doesn't have that many places for large groups of people, which was surprising since everything is big in Texas. In addition to line dancing, to which I have a few observations, there was the requisite Tex Mex cuisine, and those little, tiny, all-too-dangerous plastic cups of margaritas. Very tasty indeed! No, I will not tell you how many I drank! There was even a horse upon which you could sit astride and learn the basics of the lariat so as to rope you a little "doggie" (file this under self-humiliation).

About line dancing...for those of you who may not be familiar with this form of dance, suffice it to say that it is basically a large number of people all moving in the same direction, making the same steps in unison and not bumping into each other. While this in itself is nothing to cause amazement it should be recognized that not everyone there knew how to line dance ahead of time. This is where the lesson can be learned. What and how is the best way to get a group of people the correct instruction so as to accomplish a common task? Humor certainly helps, but along with the joking and cajoling there was repetition and breaking long segments into components. The gentleman cowboy who led this instruction was an expert. No one said, "We are now going to teach you line-dancing." It just happened.

Recently, I discovered a parallel with teaching Medline. Learning something new can be intimidating to many. First of all, no one likes to admit not knowing something. This is especially true for the majority of our clientele, ...so, maybe its time for Medline-dancing? I gave this theory the ole two-step this morning. It wasn't a large group but I did employ some humor and consciously thought about being a leader, not a teacher. Not once did I suggest that I was teaching them (pediatrics residents) something as I guided them through the steps involved in searching Medline. Their need to learn was as much an impetus as my need was to have fun at Eddie's. Much the same with line dancing, I didn't care if I got it right the first time, I just needed the basics. I somehow knew that by the end of the night I would know at least one type of line dancing. The residents were soon searching and dancing their way through the database.



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## President's Message

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I reckon, that a comparison of teaching Medline searching to that of line dancing may seem ludicrous to some, but the keys to success in both are similar. Apply a bit of humor, don't teach so much as lead, break the steps down into segments and above all don't let your student know that they are learning something! Remember, timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.

Mike Simmons, 2001-2002 MHSLA President

## Mastering the Information Maize: 29th Annual MHSLA Education Conference

By Alexia Estabrook

Mark your calendars for the 29th annual Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association Fall Education Conference, to be held October 16-18, 2002 at the Campus Inn in the heart of Ann Arbor.

This year's keynote speaker will be Dr. Robert Schumacher, Associate Professor, Pediatric & Communicable Diseases Department, University of Michigan.

Three continuing education courses will be offered at the conference. A full day course, The Business Case, is being taught by Rosiland Lett. In addition, two half day courses will be offered: Palmtop Computer in the Library, taught by Mari Stoddard and Finding the Best Evidence to Meet Nursing Information Needs, taught by Peg Allen.

All work and no play makes for very cranky librarians. This year's special event includes dinner at the Pendleton Room in the Michigan Union. Attendees will be entertained by the Kevin Gio Trio while they dine. Afterwards, tours of the University of Michigan Museum of Art will be given, and a Digital Scavenger Hunt will be held.

Look for your registrations in the mail around the beginning of July 2002. Please note: the hotel will release our block of rooms 60 days before the conference (August 16, 2002). To ensure you get a room at the conference rate be sure and make your reservation early.

## Apply for Scholarships to MHSLA Annual Conference

By Diane LeBar

The MHSLA Education Committee is accepting applications for scholarships to the annual conference. The scholarship includes two days of conference registration (October 17th and 18th), attendance to meetings, workshops, two nights lodging, meals, and mileage. Scholarship recipients may enroll in continuing education courses at their own expense.

Three scholarships will be awarded: one to a current MHSLA member who has not previously attended an annual conference, and one from each of the graduate library schools in Michigan. Preference will be given to students concentrating in health sciences librarianship. Scholarship awardees are expected to write a brief summary of their conference experience for the MHSLA newsletter and assist at the registration/hospitality desk.

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***Three scholarships will be awarded: one to a current MHSLA member who has not previously attended an annual conference, and one from each of the graduate library schools in Michigan.***

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To apply, submit your name, address, telephone number, email, address, and affiliation to the address below. The deadline for applications is September 15, 2002.

One name will be drawn at random from each category (MHSLA member who hasn't attended before, WSU, and U-M). Awardees will be notified before September 30, 2002.

Send applications to:  
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# MHSLA Interlibrary Loan Activity, Calendar 2001

*Submitted By Sandy Swanson*

The following interlibrary loan activity was reported by participating hospital libraries. LIBIDs marked with an asterisk represent net lenders, libraries that loaned more items than they borrowed.

<b>INSTITUTION</b>	<b>LIBID</b>	<b>Borrowed</b>	<b>Loaned</b>
Battle Creek Health System, Battle Creek	MIUECZ	1,081	265
Bay Medical Center, Bay City	MIUEPB*	593	1,189
Bi County Community, Warren	MIUBID	1,322	967
Bon Secours Cottage, Grosse Pointe	MIUEVY*	952	1,005
Borgess, Kalamazoo	MIUESP	1,555	1,294
Botsford General, Farmington Hills	MIUEVZ	1,326	1,239
Bronson Medical Center, Kalamazoo	MIUESO	8,692	2,345
Chelsea Community, Chelsea	MIUEWT	398	183
Children's Hospital, Detroit	MIUCHX	3,571	1,445
Detroit Receiving, Detroit	MIUDEH	3,027	914
Dingell VA Medical Center, Detroit	MIUEWR*	2,245	2,329
Foote Hospital, Jackson	MIUZRW	728	294
Garden City Hospital, Garden City	MIUEWE	962	174
Genesys Regional, Grand Blanc	MIUEUH*	1,354	2,605
Hackley Hospital, Muskegon	MIUETT*	1,090	1,407
Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit	MIUHFD	9,858	5,020
Henry Ford Wyandotte, Wyandotte	MIUETA	604	592
Holland Community, Holland	MIUEGI	950	380
Hurley Medical Center, Flint	MIUEUI	881	483
Hutzel Hospital, Detroit	MIUHTZ*	1,852	3,281
Ingham Regional, Lansing*	MIUIGH	4,424	5,328
Lakeland Regional, St. Joseph	MIUKLA	910	15
Marquette General, Marquette	MIUMQT	1,665	846
McLaren Regional, Flint	MIUEUJ*	1,709	1,876
Mercy General, Muskegon	MIUETU	1,032	724
Metropolitan Hospital, Grand Rapids	MIUETV	567	672
MidMichigan Medical Center, Midland	MIUEPG*	845	1,071
Northern Michigan Hospital, Petoskey	MIUENP	857	774
Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn	MIUOKW	1,890	1,734
Pennock Hospital, Hastings	MIUECQ	202	9
POH Medical Center, Pontiac	MIUEWI	943	628
Rehabilitation Institute, Detroit	MIURID	1,275	880
Riverside Osteopathic, Trenton	MIUEWK	813	368
Saginaw Cooperative, Saginaw	MIUEPI	2,979	1,437
Saint John Macomb	MIUDMW	1,350	460
Saint John, Detroit	MIUEVP*	1,636	2,163
Saint Joseph, Pontiac	MIUSTZ*	1,223	1,568
Saint Joseph's Mercy, Mt Clemens	MIUEVF*	402	520
Saint Mary Mercy, Livonia	MIUSYH	392	12
Saint Mary's, Grand Rapids	MIUETR	2,234	1,841
Sinai-Grace, Detroit	MIUSIA	1,902	1,550
Sparrow Health System, Lansing	MIUECS	2,792	848
Spectrum Health (combined), Grand Rapids	MIUETP/Q*	6,279	6,715
William Beaumont, Royal Oak	MIUWBR	4,658	3,913
Zeeland Community, Zeeland	MIUELA	159	28

# 2003 MHSLA Conference Planning Underway

By Diane Gardner

On May 23 ERHSLA members met in Frankenmuth to begin planning the 2003 MHSLA annual conference. They are looking forward to continuing the tradition of providing informative and fun conferences. Be sure to look for ERHSLA's poster at the 2002 conference in Ann Arbor for more information. Don't hesitate to contact DianeG@mclaren.org if you have suggestions.

## Audit Committee Members Needed

By Lea Ann McGaugh, Ph.D., Chair, Audit Committee

Each year the Audit Committee reviews the financial records of the organization. The Committee looks for appropriate documentation of expenditures and receipts, currency of bonding, the accuracy of the records, and the appropriateness of the reporting of the records. The Audit Committee completed this year's review on March 5th 2002.

Audit is an interesting and important duty. It requires little time commitment. Because the allocation of money provides unequivocal evidence of the priorities of an organization, the Audit Committee gets an excellent overview of the activities and functions of the organization. There are substantial funds available to the organization each year and the Audit Committee is one of the checks to insure that the money is being spent as directed by the Board.

New Audit Committee members will be needed for 2003. Let President Elect, Alexia Estabrook, know if you would be interested in serving.

## Next MHSLA Board Meeting

All 2002 Board meetings are being held at the Sparrow Professional Building, Room G, in Lansing. Meetings are open to all members (please RSVP) and are telecast to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City and Marquette General Hospital. Join the Board on July 16, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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## Member News

Holland Community Hospital Health Library received the Library of Michigan Foundation State Librarian's Excellence Award Certificate of Nomination. The certificate was presented in recognition of HCHHL's nomination as a library that exemplifies excellence in customer service.



Patricia Wolfgram, MidMichigan Medical Center Library, has been appointed to the Lois Ann Colaianni Award for Excellence and Achievement in Hospital Librarianship Jury for the 2002/03 Medical Library Association year. This Award recognizes significant accomplishments, continuing excellence, and leadership by a hospital librarian. The three member Colaianni Award Jury selection will be honored at the MLA Awards Luncheon May 5, 2003 in San Diego. You are encouraged to submit nominations for the Colaianni Award and other MLA Awards as well. The deadline for nominations is November 1, 2002. For further information see <http://www.mlanet.org/awards/honors/colaianni.html>.