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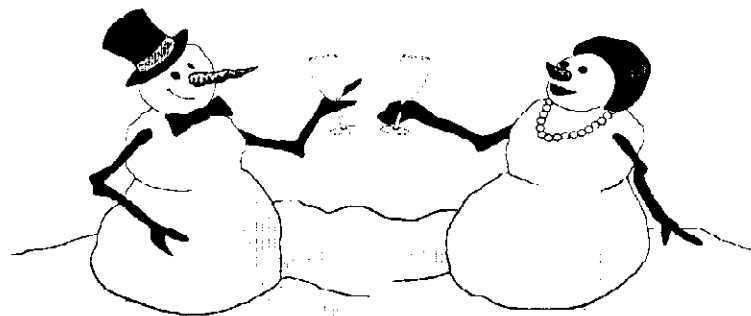
President's Page

With the warm weather we have had so far, it may not be beginning to look or feel a lot like Christmas, but the holiday season is here already. As usual, I am not prepared. It seems like just a few days ago it was Thanksgiving. I remember my neighbors putting up their holiday lights and decorations that week, trying to get everything done before the cold weather set in. What is happening here? As I write this in mid-December, I have still not broken out the winter coat yet. I am not complaining, though. The mild weather has been great for checking out all of the wonderful outdoor seasonal attractions in the area. This warm weather has also been great for holiday shopping. It seems my family has taken to heart the President's message to spend, spend, spend to bolster the economy! At any rate, we should all enjoy the warm temperatures while we can – who knows what January and February will bring.

Speaking of the holidays, the annual CAHSLA holiday party was a huge success. On the evening of December 11, we gathered at the historic Harriet Beecher Stowe House in Walnut Hills. This year's book donations will go to Welcome House, a neighborhood center in Covington, Kentucky. The event was very well attended and everyone enjoyed great food and drinks, socialized with colleagues, and learned about our local history as well. Thanks to Jane Thompson, Penny Philpot, and the Program Committee for their hard work and for giving us a pleasant break from the holiday rush.

I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season. CAHSLA is having a great year, with much more to come in the months ahead. I hope to see you at the next meeting in January.

Mike Douglas



Happy New Year

CAHSLA Financial Report December 13, 2001

Savings	
Balance as of 9/18/2001	\$597.08
Interest 9/28/2001	\$1.49
Balance as of 12/13/2001	\$598.57
Checking	
Balance as of 9/18/2001	\$3679.28
Deposits	
Dues (checks & cash)	\$393.00
Withdrawals	
Sept. meeting (food & supplies)	\$198.29
Service fees (3 months)	\$ 18.00
Check printing fee	\$ 15.40
Dec. party	
House rental	\$ 50.00
Catering	\$400.00
Supplies	\$ 96.56
Appreciation gift	\$ 27.13
Balance as of 12/13/2001	\$3266.90
Cash on hand	
Balance as of 9/18/2001	\$ 65.00
Receipts	
Dues (cash)	\$ 27.00
Withdrawals	
Postage stamps	\$ 9.18
Sympathy gift	\$ 27.25
Balance as of 12/13/2001	\$ 55.57

Cathy Constance, Treasurer

CAHSLA Program Committee Report

Carrying on the fine old tradition of seasonal mirth and jollity, the CAHSLA Holiday party was declared a resounding success by all who attended, some 24 in all. We gathered at the Harriet Beecher Stowe House on Gilbert Avenue, where we were treated to an informative talk about the house and its modern-day purpose by the curator, Miss Emma Cox. Many interesting exhibits were on the walls, including two quilts made of digitized portraits of slaves, including

two of Miss Cox's family members. The house also provided a gracious setting for the lavish buffet, catered by Rachel Dearing, daughter of Penny Philpot. Our annual children's book drive collected 45 new books, which members enjoyed reading and looking at during the evening. The books were delivered to Welcome House, Covington, Kentucky on December 14, for the children at the shelter to have as presents from CAHSLA.

Upcoming program:

Be sure to mark your calendars for the PDA Workshop, January 30, 2002, titled, Handheld Computers in the Information Age, led by Mari Stoddard, HSL, University of Arizona, and jointly sponsored by CAHSLA, SLA, SOASIST and GCLC. The workshop will run from 9 to 3, and will be in the Lindner Auditorium, Cincinnati State Technical & Community College. Cost to members of any of the sponsoring organizations is \$35, all others \$75. Deadline for registration is January 21. A formal announcement will be distributed soon.

Future plans:

Business meeting in March. We are looking at the Cincinnati Psychoanalytic Institute, but nothing is in place.

We are also looking at a workshop in April that will be co-sponsored, possibly with SLA and GCLC, on PDAs and other wireless devices to make your life easier, or at least more glamorous.

Our program year will conclude with the annual picnic. If you have a special park or woodland stream in your backyard, give us a call. If you have any other suggestions about places to meet, people to speak, please call Jane Thompson at 558-8310, or send an email to jane.thompson@uc.edu. We hope to see you at all of our meetings, to share the special companionship with colleagues to be found at CAHSLA.

Jane Thompson, VP/Program Chair

Midwest Chapter/MLA Annual Meeting October 2001

Plenary Session: Fraud and Quackery with Barrett

Here was a speaker, Stephen Barrett, M.D., who really stirred us up. He spoke for traditional medicine and against the new "so called" schools of chiropractic, acupuncture, and virtually all forms of alternative medicine. Because we lack authoritative watchdogs and due to a poorly written but widely publicized study, the use of alternative therapies by Americans has sky-rocketed into the realm of voodoo worship. In our age of Political Correctness, writers will work harder to avoid offense than to confront truth. Anecdotal experience takes precedence over hard science. Basically, good medicine is going to the dogs and it's all because of alternative medicine. This guy came off as a quack himself, which made for exciting discussion even if it was kind of a shame that we wanted badly to knock him right off his soapbox.

Management of Electronic Resources

These librarians at Galter HSL, Northwestern University, touted the use of the program, ColdFusion, to provide online services via the web. With this application, patrons and staff can register for a class, submit an ILL request, ask a question, or search journal literature. Patrons can sign on with a password to access these features and view the status of their (ILL) requests. Staff, too, benefits by using a single interface and accessing functions from any workstation with internet access. Even disparate systems, like Prospero, proxy services, and database vendors can be accessed with one library password. Sounds good, eh?

Milwaukee Tours 2001

The tours are always the most fun for me and this conference was no different. The tour of the Milwaukee Public Library had several surprises in store. Located in a very old and very large building, a very large and very costly renovation had just been completed. The lobby has twelve yellow Siena marble and faux marble (scagliola) pillars topped by a gilt and tiled lighted coffered dome. We were escorted up a back stair to the very top-most balcony and from there to a rickety spiral staircase to see the double rotunda from the inside – right where the maintenance man can replace the bulbs! There was a brand new solid marble staircase quarried to match the marble seen in the entry built more than 100 years ago. This showpiece allows access to the second floor from the first room beyond the lobby. They contract out to a small business that serves cappuccino and biscotti. The long children's room has the largest children's collection in the state. The collection progresses gradually from youngest to oldest, has a small carpeted "stage," a miniature lighthouse, suitable for climbing, and a separate sound-proof room for media or live presentations. They have an entire wing dedicated to public workstations and offers free software education classes. We were also treated to the temperature controlled antiquities room with two floors of glass panels, white gloves and diminished lighting. The facility is certainly a fine example of what a great public library should be.

We also visited the Todd Wehr Library at the Medical College of Wisconsin. It too is located in a newly expanded building with impressive furnishings, carpeting, security gates and lighting. The job moving the collection and accessing it while workmen ripped up floors and knocked down (or put up) walls was formidable. Fantastically, the library was fully closed for only five days. One important gem I learned; make sure there is at least one entrance/exit large enough to fit heavy equipment – like a photocopier!

Random Tid Bits

- One librarian told me they collected all the wasted paper and created a pyramid of wastefulness to encourage patrons to ask for assistance rather than abandon print jobs.
- A teacher of Medline suggested “Trousseau’s syndrome” as a good example of how to get away from eponyms and into using MeSH for better results.
- When teaching medline, one librarian likes to pre-test her class to prove to them that they don’t know it all. At the end of class, she pits half the class against the other in a contest to find good info rapidly.
- Remember that the PDR is a standard and popular tool but it is not of the highest quality info because it focuses on brand name, high priced drugs.
- Signs to patrons suggest “Be Polite, Sign Off When You’re Done” and “Please Don’t Print Your Textbook.”
- NNLM suggested applying for a Technology Improvement Award (aka Connection Award). There were very few applicants last year. The award could pay for an Ariel set up!
- *3 Sources* is no more – at least in print. Now read: e-Sources.
- In a study designed to learn if an online tutorial was as effective as a traditional lecture when teaching Medline, librarians found the instruction methods were virtually equivalent. Students still used MeSH and Limits with similar degrees of ineptitude.
- When teaching ProCite, RefMan, or Endnote it is useful to develop a list of FAQs and post them on your website. This may cut down

on the swarm of individual calls for basic help from students.

- The Shiffman library staff attended a high school career day. She received 100 applicants from which she chose 20 good students to attend Saturday classes. The purpose was to help minority students find careers in the health care or science fields. After completing 3 six-week sessions, she knew she had sacrificed for the greater good, helping students develop life-long skills, creating good P.R. for her library, establishing positive relations with businesses throughout the city, and developing opportunities for professional development by lecturing and presenting at conferences. Still, limited resources and a grueling workload have led to burnout and a long rest is in order before considering doing it again.

Val Purvis

A Message from EBSCO for All of Us

We all have undergone a profound change since the unprovoked attack by heartless cowards on September 11th. While our lives, both personal and professional have irrevocably changed; the focus of our life work has not.

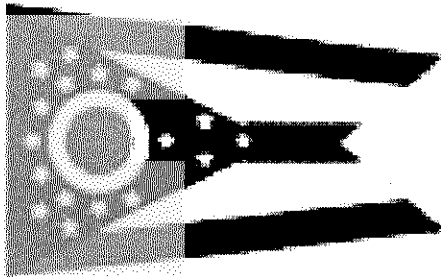
In a period of time where anger, resentment and ignorance strip human dignity and life from many of the world's population, knowledge and understanding are the only enduring defenses. The library industry manages information that shapes the existing and future world. It is an awesome responsibility. Whether you are a publisher or author, library or agency, we are all charged with supplying our global village with the needed research and reasoning to bring about sustained improvement of the human condition and the societies in which we gather.

This holiday season, let us briefly pause and remind ourselves of the values that drive us. It is my hope

that the season's wishes expressed below may be granted as presents to us all:

- may our families remain closely knit
- may our staffs remain healthy and motivated
- may we recognize each others' diverse environments while understanding our common goals
- may the importance of our tasks be understood, embraced and supported by society
- may the tragedies of 9/11 be the LAST act of senseless terrorism
- may the information we help to manage improve the quality of life around the world.

May the holiday season find you surrounded by loved ones and may health and happiness be your constant companions. Happy Holidays from your friends at EBSCO.



You may be from Ohio (O-hi-uh) if:

17. You snicker when someone's from Lima, because you think of the State Hospital.
18. You think all pro football teams are supposed to wear orange.
19. You've heard of 3.2 beer.
20. Schools close for the state basketball tournament.
21. You're proud of your state fair, but would rather go to Cedar Point.
22. You know all the 4 seasons: Winter, Still Winter, Almost Winter, and road construction.
23. You live less than 30 miles from some college or university.
24. You know what a buckeye really is, and have a recipe for candy ones.
25. "Toward the lake" means "north" and "toward the river" means "south."
26. You know if other Ohioans are from southern or northern Ohio as soon as they open their mouths.
27. You root for a college team though you've never taken a class there.
28. You can spell words like Cuyahoga, Olentangy, Bellefontaine, Tuscarawas, and Wapakoneta and you know which letter is doubled in Cincinnati.
29. You always visit more than two amusement parks in one summer.
30. You know that Serpent Mounds were not made by snakes.
31. You know what game they're playing when the Mud Hens take on the Clippers.
32. "Vacation" means spending a day at Cedar Point or King's Island.
33. You measure distance in minutes.
34. Down South to you means Kentucky.
35. Your school classes were canceled because of cold.
36. Your school classes were canceled because of heat.
37. You know where Neil Armstrong grew up.
38. You've had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day.
39. You know what should be knee-high by the Fourth of July.
40. You end your sentences with an unnecessary preposition. Example: "Where's my coat at?"
41. You install security lights on your house and garage and leave both unlocked.
42. You think of the major four food groups as beef, pork, beer, and Jell-O salad with marshmallows.
43. You carry jumper cables in your car.
44. You know what pop is.
45. You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.
46. Driving is better in the Winter because the potholes are filled with snow.
47. The local paper covers national and international headlines on one page but requires 6 pages for sports.
48. You think that deer season is a national holiday.
49. You know which leaves make good toilet paper.
50. A well balanced meal contains some form of potatoes.
51. Trick or Treat bags always contained at least one bar of soap.
52. You wore a tuxedo or formal gown to a prom in a gymnasium.
53. School shopping included a trip to Lazarus.
54. No hamburger will ever compare to a Kewpie.
55. You actually get these jokes; then forward 'em to your Ohio friends

Fall OHSLA Meeting

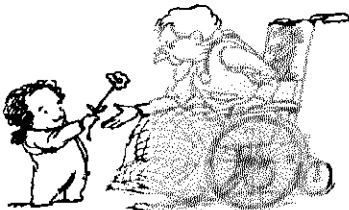
Dr. Marshall B. Kapp Presents Geriatrics

The fall meeting of OHSLA took place on October 19, 2001 at the Nutter Center in Dayton. The meeting facility and the location were first rate. The morning educational session was with Dr. Marshall B. Kapp, a member of the Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology Department at Wright State University School of Medicine. The focus of Dr. Kapp's presentation was on an issue of special interest to the Baby Boom Generation: resources and critical issues in aging. Some of us are assisting aging parents, and for others, the issues associated with retirement and aging beckon us for attention – something many are reluctant to do. Dr. Kapp is an engaging speaker who presents in an interesting and informative style. Interspersed with his expert knowledge on the demographics and statistics of aging, he provided the audience with suggestions for accessing information in the areas of residential options, finance, legal and public policy, and health issues for the aging population.

Following the buffet luncheon, President Barbara Van Brimmer led a business meeting. A proposal put before the group is an OHSLA scholarship program, specifically to support attendance at a Midwest Chapter meeting if the group should meet in Ohio. Some discussion on the proposal included the frequency of such meetings occurring in Ohio in the future, and whether there would be additional ways to promote the profession, perhaps with scholarships for students to attend an OHSLA meeting. No decision was made on the scholarship at this meeting.

The afternoon educational program consisted of a presentation by Ruey L. Rodman, Ohio State University on the topic of library support for distance gerontology learning.

Lisa McCormick



Fisher House Opens at VA Med Center

A dedication ceremony and grand opening were held on October 2, 2001 for the new Fisher House on the VA Medical Center campus. In 1995, friends and supporters of the VAMC identified the need for inexpensive overnight lodging for family members of patients. Efforts were undertaken to raise funds and contact was made with the Fisher House Foundation. A Fisher House is a fully furnished house given to the U.S. government by the Fisher family or through the Fisher House Foundation. Normally a house is located within walking distance of the medical facility. These "comfort homes" are built on the grounds of military facilities to enable family members to support a loved one receiving medical care. Since its inception in 1990, the program has assisted more than 50,000 families at 26 Fisher Houses. Two more Fisher Houses are under construction at VA facilities. The ceremony included a concert by the USA Band of Flight, introduction by newscaster/entertainer Nick Clooney, the singing of the national anthem by former Miss America Heather French Henry, and remarks by Arnold Fisher, Chairman of the Board of Fisher House Foundation.

The Interview

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources person asked a young librarian fresh out of library school, "And what starting salary were you looking for?"

The librarian said, "In the neighborhood of \$75,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The interviewer said, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years – say, a red Corvette?"

The librarian sat up straight and said, "Wow! Are you kidding?"

The interviewer replied, "Yeah, but you started it."

When is a literature search done?

This question was the title of a Letter to the Editor in *The Lancet* (vol. 358: December 15, 2001, p 2088) and referred me to the original article by Faith McLellan, titled: "1966 and all that – when is a literature search done?" (*The Lancet* vol. 358: August 25, 2001, p. 646). The article was prompted by the failure of scientists to identify the pulmonary toxicity of hexamethonium bromide prior to initiating a research protocol involving human subjects at Johns Hopkins University and resulted in the death of a 24-year-old healthy research volunteer. Because Medline indexing begins in 1966 and OldMedline contains citations roughly from 1958-1965, researchers unfamiliar with the limitations of the database, indexing issues, and searching techniques, failed to identify early articles that detailed the deadliness of hexamethonium bromide.

The revelation of this incident has prompted many institutional IRBs to re-think how they evaluate literature searches submitted before them. IRBs are instituting standards for literature searching and broadening the membership scope of IRBs to include librarians and additional experts familiar with pharmaceutical databases.

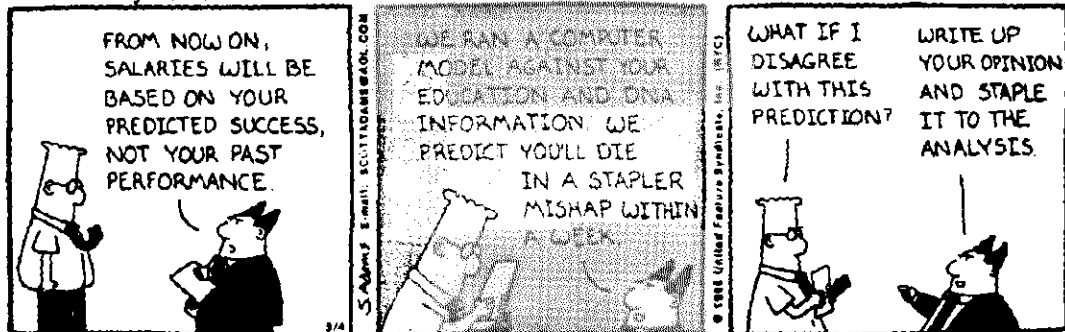
McLellan quotes neuroscientist Douglas S. DeWitt (Univ. Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, Texas): "I suspect that scientific papers published before 1966 and those published before 1966 are cited with about equal regularity."

I found the follow-up letter to the editor by Dean G. Huffman of Springfield, IL even more revealing, and encourage you to read it *in toto*. Some of the highlights of Huffman's letter: "...since many of my students and residents did not know that your journal is published in the UK ..." And, "I have also noticed that there are frequently spelling errors in Medline. If the same spelling errors were in the original reports, and, hence, reproduced, the corrected word should also be included in the database to make the report more visible to researchers. Perhaps, too, this change should be made when UK and US spellings, differ, such as foetus and fetus." Further, "Some journals publish keywords, but Medline searches done on one or more of those keywords frequently do not identify the reports. Keywords should therefore, be included in the text of the abstract, or Medline should add them to the database." And finally, "One final point: I did a search on the term "oldmedline" on PubMed and identified only two references, one of which is in Spanish."

After reading Dr. Huffman's letter, it makes me wonder why NLM continues the practice of using *MESH* indexing. Also, Huffman's letter underscores the point recently made by MLA president Carol G. Jenkins that finding and evaluating the biomedical literature is a complex task and requires the expertise of medical librarians.

Lisa McCormick

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CAHSLA COLLEAGUES

Congratulations

Diane Stone, Mercy Health Partners, is pleased to welcome Jill Evan as a Library Assistant. Congratulations go to Carissa Thatcher for her position upgrade to Information Specialist. Diane and staff are coping with the effects of downsizing in the rest of the organization having lost friends and colleagues. In the months since the downsizing, the organization has demonstrated some financial improvements thanks to the efforts of all Health Partners Associates. Hospital administration has recognized Associates' contributions to the cost containment efforts.

Etc.

We are very pleased to update you on the health of Rose Spirtoff, Library Aide, Good Samaritan Tri-Health, after her serious automobile accident this past July. Rose Zajac writes, "Besides visiting numerous doctors, she is on an intensive physical therapy program. She is working hard to recover full use of her right arm and has stared back to work at approximately ten hours per week."

Rose also extends her appreciation and thanks to CAHSLA Colleagues for their kind words and prayers on the sudden death of her mother in September. The floral arrangement was also greatly appreciated.

Report from the roving reporter, currently in the Pacific Northwest (Dorothy Gilroy): Alaska has observed that the global warming threat is real. Polar bears near the Arctic are becoming more of a threat to humans as the ice floes which harbored seals, the bears' major food supply, become smaller and further removed from one another. The bears now approach human residences and the human food caches. Another serious health situation arose in the summer when native American children in the far north began breaking out in unidentified rashes. Many home remedies failed to heal the rashes. Finally, a Pony Express-type medic, making his periodic rounds to the tundra via single-engine plane, identified the rash. It was sunburn! There is no word for sunburn in the Inuit language, indicating a real change in weather conditions.

Misc.

At a recent COCLS meeting, the status of Wright State as a DOCLINE lender was in question. An entry in the DOCUSER file indicated that they are not active. Upon investigation, it has been discovered that there is a separate entry for Fordham Health Sciences Library (part of Wright State) and Fordham is an active DOCLINE lender. The entry in question must refer to the Dunbar Library, the main academic library of WSU.

Are you a user of the BackMed listserv? Bruce Johnston, MLS of the Blair-Lippincott Learning Center at the Eye & Ear Institute in Pittsburgh, PA did an analysis of the value of the resources obtained as a requestor. Bruce wrote, "We calculated the average cost for 19 titles that we frequently request from BackMed and the AVERAGE COST PER ISSUE was \$40.75. (note that our titles are specialized and may cost a bit more than some standard titles.)"

For \$407.00 in postage reimbursement from June 1998 through June 2001, we received 1,457 journal issues with a market cost from the publisher of \$59,372. In addition, we calculated that each issue received through BackMed system cost the Learning Center 28 cents. Although we did not factor in the 'human' cost to our analysis (such as time spent scanning the posting, requesting items, and processing reimbursements) it is still clear that the benefits can be enormous." Drop Bruce an email if you would like a full description of the analysis as a Word file:

Check out this site... http://www.cartoonnetwork.com/wpt/shorts/shorts_viewer.html?0011_sht.swf

In the Literature

JAMA Essay Writer Accused of Faking His Story

A letter to the editor in the August 22/29, 2001* issue of *JAMA* by the supervisor of a medical student disputes the truth of the student's essay printed in the publication in 2000. Shetal Shah was a medical student in the remote medical village of Gambell, Alaska. His essay, *Five miles from tomorrow* was published in the October (284:1897-1898) "A Piece of My Mind" column. Submitted to *JAMA* as an actual experience while in Gambell, the essay describes a "proud, toothless 97-year-old" Siberian Yupik villager who Shah describes as ending his life by walking into the ocean because he no longer feels useful. Michael Swenson, MD, PhD, supervisor during Shah's rotation, writes that no 97-year old elder walked into the clinic to bid farewell to the staff before "disappearing in the early morning fog." Swenson also writes that the essay perpetuates a hurtful stereotype about current Yupik society. Shah counters Swenson's letter by writing, "... (Swenson's) criticisms of the story bear little relation to the larger issues of cultural sensitivity... the story addressed." Shah continues, "Swenson complains that the story is written as a first-person account; no such event took place during our week in the Artic. However, this does not mean that such events do not occur in the village I was writing about." *JAMA's* editor notes: "At the time Dr. Shah's manuscript was accepted, the editors believed that the essay represented actual experience."

*Swenson, M.D. A Story about suicide in the Artic. *JAMA* 286(8):919

A recent article in *BMJ* (2001;323:1120-2) by Tony Delamothe titled "Navigating across medicine's electronic landscape, stopping at places with Pub or Central in their names" gives a quick overview of the most notable of recent initiatives toward providing free access to biomedical literature through the internet. In a succinct overview, the author describes the theory and the practical limitations of PubMed and PubMed Central, BioMed Central, and the Public Library of Science.

PubMed – As well as providing access to citations and abstracts from 4300 biomedical journals, PubMed links to more than 2000 websites that provide full text articles. Access to these full text articles usually entails registration, subscription fees, or some other form of payment, although *bmj.com* is free.

PubMed Central – An extension of PubMed, PubMed Central provides free access to the full text of peer reviewed articles. Fearing lost subscriptions, most publishers have not chosen to participate and few journals are currently available. An additional "decentralised model" routing users to publishers' sites to access the full text within a year of publication may meet with greater cooperation.

BioMed Central – An independent publishing house, BioMed Central publishes all articles deemed scientifically sound simultaneously on its own websites and through PubMed Central, but like all new entrants, BioMed Central's journals have yet to establish themselves as prestigious destinations for authors.

Public Library of Science – PLS is a pressure group which has attracted more than 28,000 signatories from 172 countries who agree to publish in, edit or review for, and personally subscribe to only those journals that have agreed to grant unrestricted free distributions rights to all original research within six months of publication. No scientific journal has yet committed itself to this free distribution.

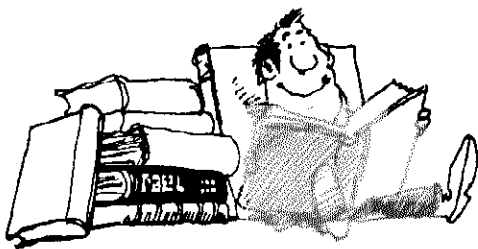
Carlson S. As Students Word Online, Reading Rooms Empty Out – Leading Some Campuses to Add Starbucks. *Chronicle of Higher Education*, November 16, 2001

“University libraries bring to mind undergraduates rooting through dusty stacks or sitting in reading rooms with their noses buried in tomes. These days, however, more and more students are entering libraries not through turnstiles but through phone lines and fiber-optic cables ... One Thursday afternoon at Augusta State's Reese Library, the computer labs are packed, but the reading areas are sparsely populated -- and Reese isn't the only college library that's empty. Gate counts and circulation of traditional materials are falling at many college libraries across the country, as students find new study spaces in dorm rooms or apartments, coffee shops, or nearby bookstores.

Here in Augusta this afternoon, for instance, there are more Medical College of Georgia students packed into the tiny cafes of the local Borders and Barnes & Noble than there are in the college's sprawling library. And over at Paine College, E. Michael Bostic, a library assistant, points out the electronic databases to explain his library's eerie quiet: "What you have now is the virtual library," he says, "Students just don't come in as much." ...

Clearly, the burgeoning use of electronic databases has sent the buzz of library activity onto the Internet. The shift leaves many librarians and scholars wondering and worrying about the future of what has traditionally been the social and intellectual heart of campus, as well as about whether students are learning differently now -- or learning at all. Library journals are publishing articles about the roles of the "old" and "new" libraries, and the tension expressed in those pages is almost palpable ... In the April issue of *American Libraries*, Mark Y. Herring, dean of library services at Winthrop University, detailed the "10 Reasons Why the Internet Is No Substitute for a Library" and attempted to "correct the well-intentioned but horribly misguided notions about what is fast becoming Intertopia among many nonlibrarian bean counters." ...

Samuel G. Demas, the librarian at Carleton College, recently spoke about effective learning environments at a forum at the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. "Most people my age have spent most of their lives working really hard to make it unnecessary for people to come to the library, and we've been pretty successful in that a good share of what you need day to day is at the desktop." He says, however, that many library directors are seeing the importance of the library as a social sphere and creating unconventional programs and attractions to draw students back: book swaps, art exhibitions, lecture programs, poetry readings, comfortable furniture, and espresso bars, to name a few."



Headlines you may have missed ...

Lung Cancer in Women Mushrooms

Eye Drops Off Shelf

Never Withhold Herpes Infection from Loved One

Cold Wave Linked To Temperatures

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks

Survivor of Siamese Twins Joins Parents

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says

Handheld computers, pocket computers, personal digital assistants (PDA's) - no matter what you call them, if you are not using one now you probably will be soon. Find out how you can benefit professionally and personally from their use, and how they can help you provide better service to your patrons.

Handheld Computers in the Information Age

Co-sponsored by CAHSLA, GCLC, SLA, SOASIST

DATE: Wednesday, January 30, 2002

TIME: 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Cincinnati State Technical and Community College

Directions/map will be sent with confirmations.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 23, 2002.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

PDA's: What Are They? What Can They Do For Me?

Mari Stoddard, Head of Educational Services

University of Arizona Health Sciences Library

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

The Paperless Classroom In Action: A Dream Come True for Education

Stephanie Sorrell and Donna McClamroch, Educators

Eminence Middle School, Kentucky

Online Information Resources for Handhelds

William F. Zimmerman, Program Manager

LexisNexis

PDA's In Health Care Services

Mari Stoddard, Head of Educational Services

University of Arizona Health Sciences Library

REGISTRATION FEE:

CAHSLA, GCLC, SLA, SOASIST Members \$35.00 Others \$75.00

Fee includes continental breakfast and box lunch.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM

Contact the Greater Cincinnati Library Consortium office at:

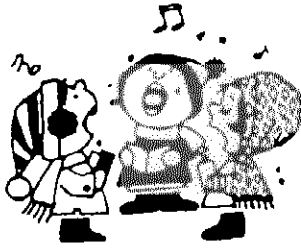
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CALENDAR

January 30, 2002

Handheld Computers in the Information Age. Workshop jointly sponsored by CAHSLA, GCLC and SOASIST. See full details elsewhere in this newsletter.

March ??

CAHSLA business meeting. Location and time to be announced.

May 17-23

Medical Library Association annual meeting. Dallas, TX

May 19

University of North Carolina School of Medicine graduation ceremony

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