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President's Page

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of another membership year. How the time flies – certainly it couldn't be that I am getting older! I was thinking just the other day how long CAHSLA has been in existence, and that we should be very proud of ourselves for being dedicated, creative, strong, supportive, informed, flexible, forward-thinking, and adaptive over that time. When I think back to the way I did my job thirty years ago, it truly seems like the dark ages. Our first printer was a dot matrix unit that was about the size of a small desk and created text at 300 baud rate. However, it was a vast improvement from copying the information from the Beehive terminal onto card stock stapled to the back side of the order form! Our first connection to the world of searching online databases was via an acoustic coupler into which the handset of a desk phone was placed. OCLC's goal of response time for line-by-line editing transactions was eight seconds. Sometimes in the hustle and bustle of today's library

world, we recall the simplicity of days gone by, but honestly, would we really want to go back? (That's sorta like asking if you'd like to do high school over again – there are moments when that has appeal, but overall you couldn't pay me to walk those halls again).

But enough of the philosophical musings! It was truly a great year in CAHSLA. The program committee provided us with opportunities to learn, grow and socialize. We have held steady on membership and some of our newer members are taking on leadership roles. Our future seems solid with a full slate of officers for the upcoming year.

It has been an honor to be president this year and I have even more reason to appreciate the depth of talent that lies within our members. Have a wonderful summer!

Sharon Bressert-Purtee

Congratulations

2007-2008 CAHSLA Officers

President: Regina Hartman

Vice-President, President-Elect: Val Purvis

Secretary: Meredith Travis Treasurer: Catherine Constance

Past-President: Sharon Bressert-Purtee

CAHSLA Chronicle Publishes 100th Issue (by some count)

This is the special anniversary issue of the *CAHSLA Chronicle*. We've published 100 issues, and we're still going strong!

Actually, #46 was the earliest issue I had in my file. It was dated 1993, and Lisa and I were co-editors. Ah, where does the time go? The format was almost exactly the same as in the current issue, so you can make any remarks you like about consistency and small minds or librarians hanging on to the past. Interestingly, in light of Jane's remarks below, that issue contained an editor's apology for incorrectly numbering the previous issue.

I did begin to wonder, though, about the origins of the current rag so I consulted our esteemed archivist, Jane Thompson, and she offered this interesting information: "Actually, the *Cahsla Chronicle* had a name change. It began as the *CAHSLA Newsletter*, no. 1, dated 1977-78. In what has become an honored tradition, the first issue contained a survey. This first one was about a proposed workshop on acquisitions, and when people would like to have it. Mary Jane Swenson was the first editor. The first issue under the *Chronicle* name appeared as no.3, February 1983. It was preceded by two that are on CaHSLA Cincinnati Area Health Science Libraries Association [stationery] and are unnumbered, so I think that is where the no. 3 came from. Susanne Gilliam and Rose Zajac were editors. All of a sudden in September 1984 we started using volume numbers, beginning with v. 7 no. 1, September 1984. This lasted until September 1985, called volume 8 no. 1. We came to our senses with the

November 1985 issue, which is simply Number 15."

Here's the roster of editors:

1982/83 Susanne Gilliam & Rose Zajac,
1983 B. Hill, Joanne Jeffrey, Margaret Moutseous
1984-Feb 1986 Sue Whitt Springer
1986-1989 B.Hill, Christine Bilyk, Dorothy Gilroy
1990 B.Hill, Dorothy Gilroy
1991 B. Hill, Beth White
1992 to present Lisa McCormick & B. Hill

Back in 1982-83, there was a contest to name the paper, and one person submitted a name. Jane didn't remember or have a record of who that person was, but I seem to remember that it was Dorothy Gilroy. So our newsletter became the *CAHSLA Chronicle*.

Ten years ago in September 1997, the *Chronicle* reported on a study done by EBSCO's Lynn Fortney on electronic journals. She found

that out of her sample of 75 serial titles considered essential for a hospital library, only five had complete text available online. Also, out of 3,141 titles indexed for Index Medicus (remember the paper copies?), only 80 had full text electronic editions. Wonder what the numbers are now?

Then, as now, we tried to interject a little humor. Here's a sample:

Weird Reference Questions
"Do you have books here?"
"I need a color photograph of Christopher Columbus."

Barbarie Hill

Best of the Chronicle Cartoons

(All credit where credit is due, as usual)

Calvin and Hobbes

COUNTY LIBRARY? REFERENCE DESK, PLEASE. HELLO? YES, I NEED A WORD DEFINITION.



WELL, THAT'S THE PROBLEM. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SPELL IT AND I'M NOT ALLOWED TO SAY IT.



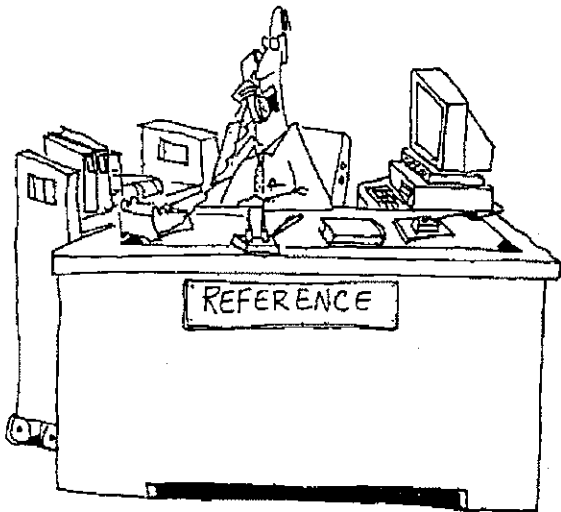
COULD YOU JUST RATTLE OFF ALL THE SWEAR WORDS YOU KNOW, AND I'LL STOP YOU WHEN... HELLO??



SEE IF I EVER VOTE FOR THEIR TAX LEVIES



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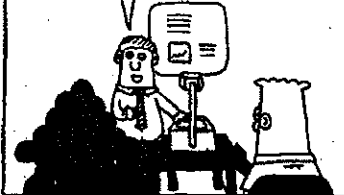
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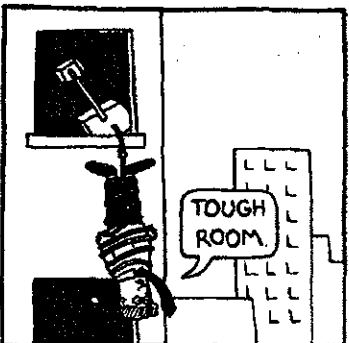


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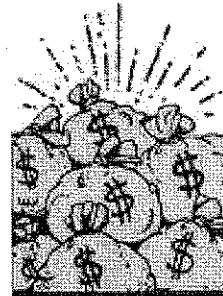
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CAHSLA
 Financial Report
 5/10/2007

Checking Account		
Balance as of 1/19/2007		\$1073.37
Withdrawals		
Feb meeting – food, gift certificate for speaker	\$ 65.00	
Apr meeting – food and supplies	\$ 52.44	
Reservation for French Park	\$ 40.00	
Balance as of 5/10/2007		\$ 915.93
Savings Account		
Balance as of 1/19/2007		\$2801.00
Deposits		
Interest – 4 mo.	\$ 14.22	
Balance as of 5/10/2007		\$2815.22
Cash		
Balance as of 1/19/2007		\$ 31.26
Income		
1 membership	\$ 15.00	
Balance as of 5/10/2007		\$ 46.26
 Total Assets		 \$3777.41

Paid members - full	33
- student	3
Life members	<u>5</u>
Total	41



Submitted by:
 Cathy Constance, Treasurer

CAHSLA Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2007

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday Apr. 17th at the Drake Center. Attendees were given a tour of the facility.

Attendees were Sharon Bressert-Purtee, Cathy Constance, Mike Douglas, Regina Hartman, Jennifer Heffron, Barbarie Hill, Nonnie Klein, Amy Koshoffer, Sandy Mason, Lisa McCormick, Shelley Paden, Mary Piper, Emily and Cecil Rahe, Don Smith, Meredith Travis.

S. Paden presented the nominations for officers for the coming election. The nominees are: Regina Hartman, President, Val Purvis, VP/Programs, Cathy Constance, Treasurer, Meredith Travis, Secretary.

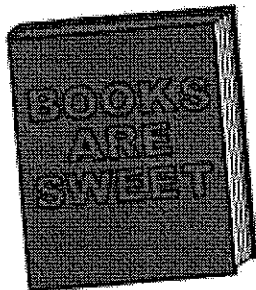
C. Constance gave the Treasurer's Report showing a balance of \$3866 and a Membership Report showing a total of 41 members.

Future programs will be at French Park, at Section & Ridge, in June in the shelter at the top of the hill. The Midwest Chapter meeting will be hosted by OHSLA and, therefore, the CAHSLA membership can anticipate being called upon to help.

Chronicle deadline is April 26th. Officers should send in year-end reports and all others should consider writing something for the Colleagues section.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Purvis, Secretary
(in absentia)



Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia

The McGovern Lecture was given by Arthur Caplan, professor of bioethics from the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Bioethics. His topic, "Peer Review in Science and Medicine: Does It or Can It Work?" was thought-provoking and even a little frightening.

The problem, as Caplan sees it, is that the powerful pharmaceutical and biotech industries are influencing medicine by buying influence with expensive gifts, sponsoring studies and suppressing negative results, misrepresenting scientific findings to the general public, etc. A JAMA study showed that there is a definite bias toward positive findings in articles in journals sponsored by pharma companies; that is, the drugs that were studied were reported more effective if funded by for-profit organizations. This is also true of nutraceuticals and other types of products.

How effective is peer review when these studies are published? According to Caplan, readers "may as well go to Wikipedia" for their information. If the peer review process were working as it should, would the Korean cloning studies have made it to publication in the journal *Science*? Or the *Lancet* study on oral cancer by a Norwegian scientist who invented the entire thing? Or the plastic surgery study that was published without IRB review or informed consent?

Politics can also affect the peer review process. A JAMA study which reported that there was no consensus about whether a fetus could feel pain at 20 weeks was discredited by prolife critics who responded that the authors had ties to abortion clinics or were prochoice. Should journals publish all possible information about authors' financial, personal, familial, religious, partisan, political, ethnic and cultural points of view in order to avoid such claims of bias?

The process of peer review has other inherent flaws that dilute the quality of the work. Since there is

no financial compensation and little prestige involved in being a reviewer, the job tends to fall to junior faculty rather than to the best people in the field. Reviewers get little or no training, and they don't take the time to check out authenticity or to verify statistical information.

Caplan believes that several steps are needed to beef up the review process:

- pay reviewers
- require full disclosure for editors and reviewers
- hire more statistical help
- reward peer reviewing in salary and promotion
- give credit for peer reviews along with online publications and registered trials
- keep peer reviews anonymous for a period of time

Barbarie Hill

Section Program:

The Great Space Debate! Be it Resolved: As Libraries Evolve to Electronic Access Their Need for Physical Space Decreases

As it often happens when planning a section program for MLA, you just never know how large the crowd will be. At this session, it was an overflow crowd with standing room only. The great space debate is a recurring discussion point for librarians. At varying times, say when the larger organization is going to be expanding revenue generating services, space allocated to the library comes into play. Who hasn't been in a meeting where the dreaded phrase, "But everything is available for free on the Internet!" is uttered. Even without the threat of loss of space, librarians face the dilemma of planning for the future and anticipating the formats our customers will want. "Should we be getting rid of all that paper we have now duplicated in online/digital formats? Is it cost-effective to be offloading material duplicated electronically to storage facilities? Do we really need to keep all that print material we insist on keeping? How should space be used in the library of today and tomorrow? ... Perhaps we can circumvent threats to downsize our physical plant

by repurposing our space to make it more attractive to our "plugged-in" users and more congruent with our redefined missions in the information world of the future." [MLA preliminary program description, www.mlanet.org]. For the sake of "full disclosure" both Wayne and Rick are soon to retire. And Rick is designing a massive new library building for Denison.

It is difficult to provide a summary of this great debate. The audience was vocal in affirming or disagreeing with the panel. An Argument in the Affirmative was given by Wayne Peay, FMLA, Director, Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT. According to Wayne, "The driving idea is we are not in the paper business anymore partly because we delivered what our patrons wanted -- high quality online information available 24/7"

On the other side, Rick Forsman, AHIP, FMLA, Planning Director, Denison Memorial Library, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO argued "Super Size Me -- Embracing the Edifice Complex." "The physical structure gives many messages and the building is a springboard to the future. If the Library goes away, is it any wonder our users think Google has all the answers?"

MJ Tooley, AHIP, Executive Director, Health Sciences and Human Services Library, University of Maryland, Baltimore, MD, offered her experience of "giving up" library space to collaborate with other university services. Jane Bridges, AHIP, Mercer's Clinical Campus Librarian, Health Sciences Library, Memorial Health University Medical Center, Savannah, GA. talked about the challenges of making hospital library space more functional and inviting.

Though the debate was not resolved, based upon audience enthusiasm, Rick Forsman's had more audience members in his camp. It was a fun and congenial exchange that, no doubt, will draw more debate in the near future.

Lisa McCormick

**Nominate That Stand-Out Colleague for
Distinguished Librarian of the Year**

http://65.181.189.143/midline/2007/05/distinguished_librarian_award.html

The Midwest Chapter Awards and Scholarships Committee invites you to start thinking about who amongst all of your stand-out chapter colleagues you would like to nominate for the chapter's 2007 Distinguished Librarian of the Year Award.

The Distinguished Librarian of the Year Award recognizes chapter members who have made outstanding professional contributions to health sciences librarianship and the chapter. The winner receives a commemorative plaque and a check for \$500. The award is announced and presented at the chapter's annual meeting.

The Distinguished Librarian of the Year Award was established and first presented in 2005 to Christopher Shaffer (IA). Carole Gilbert (MI) received the award in 2006.

To qualify, nominees must be members of the Midwest Chapter at the time of nomination and for at least three years prior. Criteria used to evaluate nominees include but are not limited to: leadership, advocacy, scholarship, research, publications, presentations, teaching, training, mentoring, outreach, professional activities, and meaningful and measurable service to the chapter.

Nominations must include: a current resume or vitae of the nominee; a letter of nomination stating why the nominee should be recognized; and two additional letters of support for the nomination.

The deadline for nominations for the 2007 Distinguished Librarian of the Year Award is August 17, 2007. The award will be announced and presented at the chapter's 2007 Annual Business Meeting on October 15 at the 2007 Joint Chapter Meeting in Omaha.

Please consult the Awards and Scholarships Committee page at the chapter website for complete nomination information or contact Committee Chair Sheryl Stevens via e-mail or phone: 419-530-7981

CAHSLA COLLEAGUES

Attending MLA in Philadelphia this year: Barbarie Hill and Val Purvis (Cincinnati Children's); Leslie Schick and Roger Guard (UC AIT&L); Lisa McCormick (Jewish Hospital). For those of you who remember Margaret Lippert, librarian at Providence Hospital and then UC Engineering, she is back in the health sciences libraries scene. Margaret is now at the veterinary library at Tufts University, Boston, MA.

On the road again

We heard from Rose Zajac, retiree TriHealth/Good Samaritan: Life in Florida is going well; I do like this retirement thing. My routine has become getting up around 7:15, taking a 2-mile walk around the development, and then having a leisurely breakfast while reading the paper. After that, it becomes errands and cleaning, taking day trips, going to the beach, etc. I even have tried playing golf but now it's getting too hot. I have been called for jury duty starting June 7th (that's what I get for registering to vote!); otherwise, I am heading up the east coast on June 25 with my brother's place as a destination on July 31st. Will be in Cincinnati on Aug. 21 to visit friends and family and, of course, doctors covered by my insurance.

Hope all is well with you and all my CAHSLA colleagues.

Rose

Kudos

Barbarie Hill (Cincinnati Children's) for her poster presentation, "Evidence Supporting Evidence-based Thinking Across Disciplines," at the 2007 MLA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. She was presented the MLA Hospital Librarian's Research Award by the MLA Research Section.

Michael Flannery, formerly of the Lloyd Library and Museum, was a presenter in the section programming at MLA, Special Collections and Historical Collections: "Renewed appreciation for rare materials / They'll all be rare books one day." From the MLA blogspot: "Michael Flannery, Associate Director, Historical Collections, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, University of Alabama-Birmingham took us on a quick tour of the "keepers" and "throwaways" of pharmacy-related materials or material medical. For more details on the significance of early works that eventually became the USP Pharmacopoeia, the USD and National Formulary, see his paper in BMLA."

Leslie Schick (AIT&L) for her serving on the MLA Continuing Education Committee.

We wish our best to Barbara Slavinski who received her Masters of Science in Library Science from the University of Kentucky.

Rachel Colina (volunteer Jewish Hospital Library) for her book reviews on the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County's website, Turning the Page.

In the Literature and On the Web

Botanical Text Owned by Jean-Jacques Rousseau Found and Exhibited at Lloyd Library

HerbalGram. 2007;74:20 American Botanical Council (Buy This Issue)

By Courtney Cavaliere

The Lloyd Library and Museum in Cincinnati, OH, is presenting an exhibit titled "In Rousseau's Own Hand: His Book, His Notes, and Botany" from March 10 to May 31, 2007. The exhibit showcases a botanical text recently discovered at the Lloyd as having been owned and annotated by the 18th century French philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau.¹ A copy of Dominique Chabrey's 1678 *Omnium Stirpium Sciagraphia et Icones* (roughly translated, *Diagrams and Illustrations of All Plants*), containing Rousseau's signature and hundreds of his handwritten annotations, was recently uncovered in the Lloyd stacks and verified as having once belonged to the famous utopian philosopher. The discovery of the book has provided insight into both Rousseau's botanical knowledge and the distribution of his literary collection.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau is renowned as one of the great philosophers of Europe's Enlightenment period. He wrote several influential philosophical works, including *Discourse on the Sciences and Arts* (1750), *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality* (1755), and his political classic, *The Social Contract* (1762).² Rousseau is known to have been an ardent student of botany, and his library once contained a great number of botanical works.¹ Scholars were aware that a 1678 edition of Chabrey belonged to Rousseau at the time of his death, but its whereabouts was unknown until the volume was discovered in the Lloyd's stacks in early 2006. Rousseau scholar Takuya Kobayashi investigated and verified the book's authenticity.

"The discovery and verification of a book once owned and inscribed by Jean-Jacques Rousseau is remarkably significant," said Maggie Heran, director of the Lloyd Library and Museum (e-mail, February 27, 2007). "Rousseau expert Takuya Kobayashi commented that with this discovery there are now 8 botanical books worldwide verified as having been Rousseau's. In the United States, only Harvard and the Lloyd hold botanical books from Rousseau's library. The importance of having this book at the Lloyd is that it is the only place where one can study a botanical book owned by Rousseau and investigate many other books known to have been in his library. Kobayashi found this context invaluable during his visit to the Lloyd."

In addition to the two books at Harvard University and the Lloyd Library, three botanical texts recognized as having belonged to Rousseau are located in the United Kingdom, one is in France, and two are found in private collections.¹

Dominique Chabrey was a Swiss physician and botanist. He edited and published a huge volume of work by earlier botanists Jean Bauhin and Johann Heinrich Cherler, which included descriptions and woodcut illustrations of numerous European plants, titled *Historia Plantarum Universalis*.^{3,4} Chabrey's *Omnium Stirpium Sciagraphia et Icones* is considered an abridged version of *Historia Plantarum Universalis*. In addition to the 1678 Chabrey, the Lloyd exhibit features several other botanical books known to have been in Rousseau's library at the time of his death, although not his personal copies.¹ The exhibit will also display botanical works written by Rousseau, including the 1805 edition of *La Botanique* and *Letters on the Elements of Botany: Addressed to a Lady*.

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From the HLS listserv, a note from Fran Protzman:

In a recent post, the Krafty Librarian blog touted our HLS Wiki, stating "I have been playing around and browsing on the HLS Wiki and I like it. I also think it is one of those hidden gems that we hospital librarians need to do more to utilize and support." Michelle goes on to point out how important it is to share our best practices with one another in this manner and the fact that one can post short blocks of information in 5 or 10 minutes.

So thanks for your participation with the wiki and please continue to contribute. We are averaging 50 unique visitors daily, with a high of over 200 when Mary Ryan's address to the HLS Business Meeting was posted. I'll be glad to help anyone who needs assistance posting to the wiki.

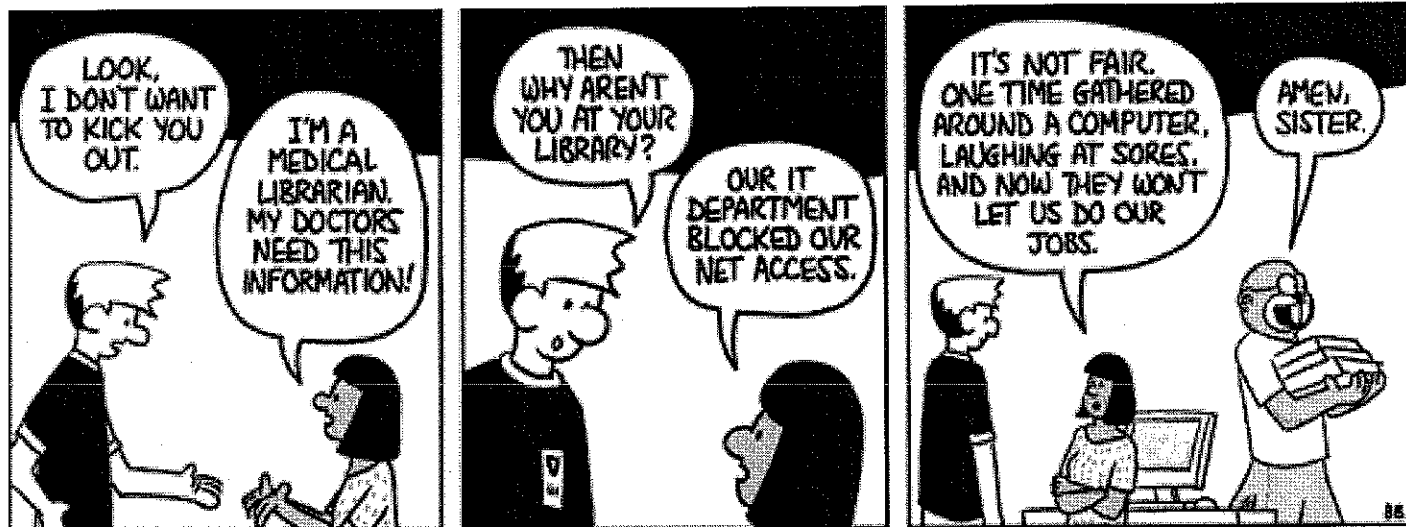
And thanks to the Krafty Librarian, which is the best current awareness tool I have ever employed. If it's a topic of importance to hospital librarians, this blog has it and has it first. <http://kraftylibrarian.com/>
<http://mla-hls.wikispaces.com/>

Academy of Medicine moving HQ to Norwood

Cincinnati Business Courier - 8:48 AM EDT Wednesday, May 30, 2007

The Academy of Medicine of Cincinnati is leaving its longtime home on Broadway downtown for a Norwood office. The Academy will set up shop at 2300 Wall St., Suite F, according to a story in its newsletter. Among the new location's advantages: free parking for employees and guests.

A nonprofit professional association for Hamilton County physicians, the Academy has been downtown for 150 years and at its current location since 1960. It sold the building in 2004 to real estate investor Jeff McClorey but remained as a tenant. McClorey sold the location to an undisclosed buyer who is not offering space to the Academy. The sale of the building was "part of the Academy's long-range plan to solidify the economic future of the organization," according to the newsletter. The Academy's phone and fax numbers will not change.



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Chronicle of Higher Education, June 27, 2007

Librarians Find a Place in a 'Web 2.0' World by Brock Read

"... In a lengthy essay (available online in PDF at <http://guild2910.org/Peloponnesian War June 13 2007.pdf>), [Thomas Mann, author of *The Oxford Guide to Library Research*] demonstrates how a fairly straightforward request for information — in this case, a query on the system of tribute payments among Greek city-states during the Peloponnesian War — can expose the shortcomings of Web searching. Google's search engine can furnish a list of some 78,400 Web sites that include the terms "Peloponnesian" and "tribute," and its Book Search service can find nearly 700 books containing the same words.

But only a human guide or a classification system controlled by librarians can effectively sort the wheat from the chaff, Mr. Mann writes. Google "hides the existence and the extent of relevant sources on most topics" by "burying the good sources that it does find within massive and incomprehensible retrievals," he says..."

But before we librarians start patting ourselves on the back, read the first comment offered on this review:

"My experience with librarians, at least in scientific university libraries (I'm a scientist) is that they are basically incapable of anything beyond using the keywords in their database. The reason is that they have absolutely no idea about what they are cataloguing. If I walk to a librarian and I say "I'd like a book discussing the various definitions of computable reals", I'm sure she'll pull a face and input "computable reals" in her database. If the books were not tagged in this precise way, she'll find nothing. I'm unsure how humanities libraries are staffed, but the current situation of science libraries is that librarians offer no additional knowledge over the database that they use."

CALENDAR

- August 1 SWON Libraries Mini Library Conference. Small panels from several of the major library associations to discuss the summer conferences. Erlanger, KY. See SWON web site for more details as they develop. <http://www.swonlibraries.org>
- Sept ?? OHSLA fall meeting. Topic is the electronic medical record. See OHSLA web site for more details as they develop. <http://ohslanet.org>
- Sept ?? CAHSLA membership meeting to start the new organization year. See CAHSLA web site for more details as they develop. <http://cahsla.org>
- Oct 12-16 Joint Meeting of the Midwest Chapter/MLA and Midcontinental Chapter in Omaha, NE. See the Midwest Chapter web site for more details. <http://midwestmla.org>
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