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## President's Page

Greetings to one and all! As I write this, the worst snow storm of the season is barreling down on our region, promising a weekend of "digging out," or for some of us, including myself, a last chance at building a snowman and tobogganing with the family! I must admit I had remarked several times that it would be nice to have one decent snow, so that Gabrielle could at least put her new snow bibs to good use! The good news is that the warmer temperatures will soon return, so that hopefully by the time you read this, we'll be enjoying our first taste of spring!

I'd like to thank Mary Piper for once again hosting the CAHSLA Holiday Gathering at her home. It was a lovely evening, and the "pot-luck" approach seemed to work out well, providing us with lots of good food! I'd also like to thank Val Purvis and the Program Committee for arranging an update and training workshop on OVIDSP in late January. Several members were able to take advantage of this timely training, just before the February 4th cut over to OVIDSP. Bob Morrissey mentioned that he has been in contact with Anne Abate of SWON and will be working with her on consortium pricing for OVID products. Lisa McCormick is gathering a list of interested folks to make sure this happens before it's time to renew our OVID subscriptions. Please contact Lisa or Anne if you are interested! This is an excellent way for us to pool our resources and increase our purchasing power.

It was brought to my attention that according to our website, the CAHSLA Bylaws hadn't been revised since 1998! After several phone calls and email messages, we discovered that the Bylaws had indeed been reviewed and revised in 2006, just never brought before the membership for approval. The proposed changes are included in this newsletter. Please take some time to review them, and we will bring them to the membership at our next meeting, scheduled for April 1 at the Main Branch of the Public Library. Look for details of the meeting elsewhere in this newsletter.

Sharon Bressert-Purtee as Past-President is heading up the Nominations and Elections Committee, and will be contacting the membership along with her committee to build the slate of nominees for our next election. Please consider running for office or encouraging another member to consider a leadership role. Let's make sure our organization continues to stay strong, providing us with excellent opportunities for networking and informative programs.

Lastly, I wish you all a happy, healthy spring! I hope to see all of you at the next CAHSLA meeting!

*Regina Hartman*



## **CAHSLA Meeting Minutes December 11, 2007**

The annual holiday party was called to order 5:30 pm on December 11, 2007 at the home of CAHSLA member, Mary Piper. Attendees: Mike Douglas, Regina Hartman, Barbarie Hill, Emily Kean, Alison Kissling, Amy Koshoffer, Margee Lewis, Meredith Orłowski, Shelley Paden, Akram Pari, Mary Piper, Valerie Purvis, Cecil Rahe, Emily Rahe, Barb Slavinski, Don Smith, Edith Starbuck, and Jane Thompson.

Everyone gathered at Mary Piper's house for the annual CAHSLA Holiday Party. The party was catered by the remarkable cooking skills of CAHSLA members. Everyone brought something sweet or savory, making it a delicious spread of varying food.

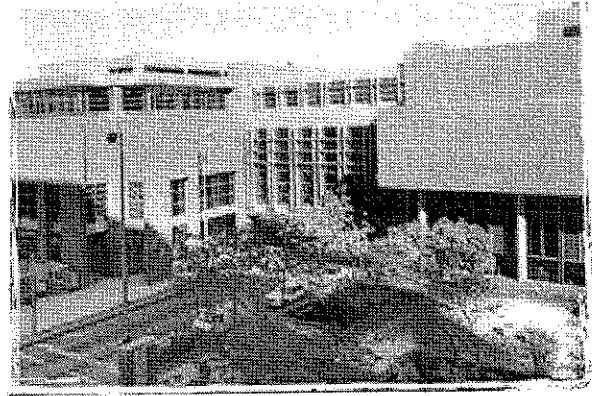
Following with tradition, children's books were collected. This year, the books were donated to a classroom in the Hamilton County Head Start Early Learning Initiative Program. In total, about thirty three books were donated. The Head Start ELI Program is aimed for children ages three through five and provides quality early childhood education.

Lastly, of course there were Christmas Carols to be sung. Edith Starbuck provided everyone with sheet music and away we went. Our talent is truly amazing!

Adjourned: 7:45pm  
Submitted by Meredith Orłowski, Secretary

## **CAHSLA at the Public Library**

**What: Spring CAHSLA meeting**  
**When: April 1st, 2008**  
**Time: 5:30 p.m.**



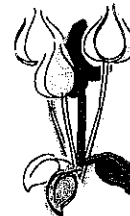
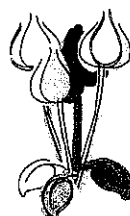
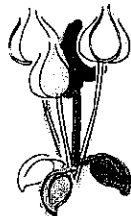
**Place: Public Library of Cincinnati  
& Hamilton County**  
**Main library**  
**Meeting Room 3A**

Meeting Room 3A is located on the 3rd floor. Take the elevator to 3, turn left, go to the most southern corner of the building.

800 Vine Street    513-369-6900  
<http://www.cincinnati.library.org/news/2007/ml21.html>

A brief business meeting will be followed by a private tour of the library.

Those who care to (at your own expense) will have dinner together at Buddakhan after the tour.



**CAHSLA  
Financial Report  
3/6/2008**

Checking Account  
Balance as of 7/30/2007 \$ 829.23

Deposits  
Dues – regular (33) \$495.00  
Donation \$ 5.00

Withdrawals  
President's gift 2006-07 \$ 50.00  
Oct meeting – American Sign Museum \$100.00  
- food and supplies \$177.63  
Sympathy gift \$ 31.79  
Dec meeting – supplies \$ 10.78

Balance as of 3/6/2008 \$ 959.03

Savings Account  
Balance as of 7/30/2007 \$2822.16

Deposits  
Interest – 7 mo. \$ 21.55

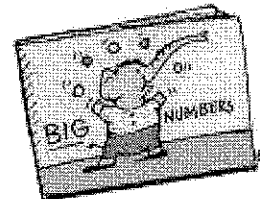
Balance as of 3/6/2008 \$2843.71

Cash  
Balance as of 7/30/2007 \$ 46.26

Balance as of 3/6/2008 \$ 46.26

Total Assets \$3849.00

Paid members - full 33  
Life members 6  
Total 39



Submitted by Cathy Constance, Treasurer

## OHSLA Spring Meeting

The spring meeting of the Ohio Health Sciences Libraries Association will be held Friday, April 4th, 2008 at the Medical Heritage Center, Prior Health Sciences Library, The Ohio State University. "Health Literacy: Start Spreading the News" will be presented by Janet Petty, MLIS, AHIP, Associate Librarian, Craig Memorial Library, Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, OH and Sandra Cornett, PhD, RN, Director, The Ohio State University AHEC Health Literacy Program, Columbus OH.

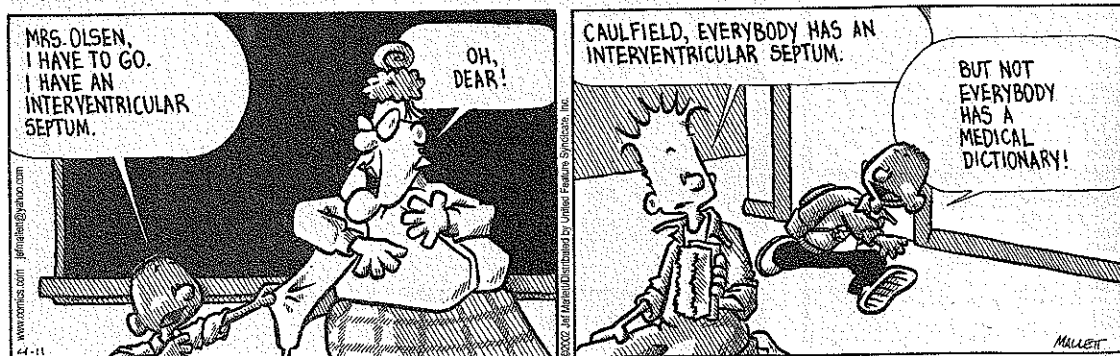
The focus of this workshop will give participants:

- an overview of the low health literacy issues, implications, and barriers faced by people who interface with the health care system

- insight into the struggles and barriers people with low literacy encounter in the health care system
- principles to use when communicating with clients
- organizational strategies to promote health literacy
- plain language agenda and legislation
- plain language criteria for selecting or writing health materials that are easy-to-read
- how to do a Fry readability test on materials
- a brief overview of eHealth Literacy
- how to promote health literacy as a librarian

A registration form is on the OHSLA web site at <http://www.ohslanet.org>. Registration deadline is Friday, March 28.

FRAZZ / Jef Mallett



## CAHSLA COLLEAGUES

### Miscellaneous

Several CAHSLA members are hard at work on the planning committee for the Midwest Chapter/MLA annual conference to be held in Columbus in 2009. **Bette Sydelko (Wright State)** is co-chair of the Conference Planning Committee, **Leslie Schick (UC)** is co-chair of the Program Committee with **Lisa McCormick (Jewish)** as a committee member, **Mike Douglas (TriHealth)** is chair of the Finance & Budget Committee, **Barbarie Hill (Children's)** is chair of the Publicity Committee with **Shelley Paden (UC)** as a committee member and **Edith Starbuck (UC)** as webmaster, and **Mary Piper (UC)** is chair of the Exhibit/Sponsor Committee.

From our retired colleague **Nonnie Klein**: "As the incoming president of OAMH, I want to let CAHSLA members know of the upcoming meeting. On Saturday, April 5, the Ohio Academy of Medical History will convene in Cleveland at the Dittrick Medical History Center located in The Allen Memorial Medical Library. For more information on registration, the program, and other events, go to the website <http://www.case.edu/orgs/oamh/annual.htm>. It's always interesting presentations and a great lunch, and of course, excellent company. I'm enjoying retirement, and am willing to take on part-time contract work. I plan to be at the meeting in April, looking forward to seeing everyone."

From **Sharon Bressert-Purtee (UC HSL)**: "I guess my only news is that I am back to being a military spouse. Jeff left Cincinnati on Feb 18 and will head to Kuwait for his second tour of duty around the end of March. Right now, it looks like he'll be gone a year."

From our retired colleague **Dorothy Gilroy**: "Maury and I were in Florida recently and spent an afternoon with Bob and Irene Johnson who had a house for the month of Feb. What fun to gab about our times together! I want you to know how much I enjoyed the get-togethers our little group had. After several days in Florida we proceeded to Texas where two of my brothers (Iowans) have the sense to go in winter. The weather reports indicate all the Midwest has had a severe winter and Rich and Rob and wives were pleased with their decision to escape. Our next trip is to Panama in April; then England in June. Retirement is an easy adjustment!"



## In the Literature and on the 'Net

### Report seeks one-stop source for health info by Julie Steenhuisen

Last Updated: 2008-01-25 12:15:11 -0400 (Reuters Health)

CHICAGO (Reuters) - ... a new report issued on Thursday by U.S. Institute of Medicine ... recommends that Congress establish a single national resource of health information. The goal would be to make it clear what is known about the effectiveness of a drug or treatment, and what is not ... "Patients deserve to know not only what medical treatments work, but which treatments work best," Karen Ignagni, president of America's Health Insurance Plans, said in a statement. "With new treatments and technologies introduced each day, providers need a dependable and trusted source of information that provides useful guidance on treatment options available."

The Institute proposal recommends that Congress direct the Department of Health and Human Services to establish and fund a program that evaluates clinical services and conducts systematic reviews of research studies. "If conducted properly, the systematic review should make obvious the gap between what is known about the effectiveness of a particular service and what clinicians and patients want to know," the report said. This program also would be charged with setting clinical practice standards and guidelines, a step that might limit the use of questionable treatments and steer patients to treatments that are likely to provide the most benefit ...

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From Connie Schardt, Medical Center Library, Duke University on Medlib-L:

**Here's an excellent example of the usefulness of Medical library blogs.** David Rothman has created a custom Google search engine that searches across Medical School Libraries. You can use this to find handouts and other teaching materials from a wide variety of academic medical libraries. Try searching "MDCConsult" and you will find several useful links to handouts. The Medical Library Search Engine is at: <http://davidrothman.net/medical-library-search-engine/> And while you are there look at some of the other interesting and relevant posts from David's blog --davidrothman.net. Better yet add his blog to your feed reader and you'll never miss another post.

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From *BMJ* (find the full text at: <http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/335/7633/1285>)

### **Accuracy of comparing bone quality to chocolate bars for patient information purposes:**

**observational study** Phil Jones, *consultant physician*, Sarah Jones, *research nurse*, Debbie Stone, osteoporosis specialist nurse, Bronglais General Hospital, Aberystwyth SY23 1ER

**Objective:** To test whether standard information for patients using Crunchie and Aero chocolate bars to explain bone health and risk of fracture is robust.

**Design:** Observational study.

**Setting:** Domestic kitchen in rural west Wales.

**Participants:** 10 Crunchie bars and 10 Aero bars.

**Main outcome measure:** Fracture after falls from varying heights.

**Results:** Both Crunchie and Aero bars exhibited the same T and Z scores for bone density. Crunchie bars had a lower chocolate mass index than the Aero bars. Crunchie bars are more liable to fracture.

**Conclusions:** Using Crunchie and Aero chocolate bars to explain bone structure to patients may be visually attractive but oversimplifies the situation.

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January 2, 2008

### **Generation Y Reports Greater Library Use Than Older Groups** by Hurley Goodall

Students may not be abandoning libraries for the Internet, as some people have worried. The Pew Internet & American Life Project released a report Sunday that says Generation Y (18- to 30-year-olds, in particular) is more likely to turn to libraries to ferret out information than their older counterparts are. Adults do use the Internet to gain information more than any other source, including government agencies and experts, according to the report. However, 18- to 30-year-olds said they used library resources – mostly computers – more than older groups ... the Pew report concludes that libraries should work to better understand why information seekers might or might not use them. It could be, however, that rather than the Internet replacing libraries, it creates a new niche for them to fill.

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### **Pioneering research shows 'Google Generation' is a myth**

16 January 2008

- \* All age groups revealed to share so-called 'Google Generation' traits
- \* New study argues that libraries will have to adapt to the digital mindset
- \* Young people seemingly lacking in information skills; strong message to the government and society

A new study overturns the common assumption that the 'Google Generation' – youngsters born or brought up in the Internet age – is the most web-literate. The first ever virtual longitudinal study carried out by the CIBER research team at University College London claims that, although young people demonstrate an apparent ease and familiarity with computers, they rely heavily on search engines, view rather than read and do not possess the critical and analytical skills to assess the information that they find on the web.

The report *Information Behaviour of the Researcher of the Future* (PDF format; 1.67MB; <http://www.bl.uk/news/pdf/googlegen.pdf>) also shows that research-behaviour traits that are commonly associated with younger users – impatience in search and navigation, and zero tolerance for any delay in satisfying their information needs – are now becoming the norm for all age-groups, from younger pupils and undergraduates through to professors ...

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### **An Upstart Web Catalog Challenges an Academic-Library Giant**

By Andrea L. Foster

At only 21, Aaron Swartz is attempting to turn the library world upside down. He is taking on the subscription-based [OCLC] WorldCat, the largest bibliographic database on the planet, by building a free online book catalog that anyone can update ... The new catalog project, Open Library, is set to go live in early March with records on 20 million books. The goal is to create a comprehensive Web page about any book ever published. Each page will include not just author, title, and publisher but also links that direct users to the nearest library with a copy and to related books. Other links will allow users to buy a book online or write a review of it. The pages will be created or updated by anyone, in the style of the online encyclopedia Wikipedia. Some Web pages will also connect to the full text when its copyright has expired. Or users will be able to pay about 10 cents a page to have an unscanned out-of-copyright book at a college library digitized ...

Demo/guided tour at <http://demo.openlibrary.org/tour>

## CALENDAR

- April 1 CAHSLA meeting at the downtown branch of Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County.
- April 4 OHSLA spring meeting on health literacy at Prior Health Sciences Library, The Ohio State University
- May 16-21 Medical Library Association annual meeting in Chicago
- June ?? CAHLSA year-end picnic TBA
- Oct 17-21 Midwest Chapter/MLA annual conference in Troy, MI at the Troy Detroit Troy Marriott
- Oct 3-6, 2009 Midwest Chapter/MLA annual conference in Columbus, OH, Hyatt on Capitol Square
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