



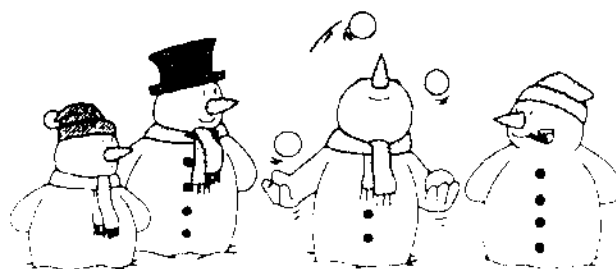
President's Page

What is the forecast for 2004? A good reference librarian would stop me right here and ask for more details. What are you forecasting? The weather, the economy, health trends, the winner of the Oscar for best picture? There are any number of areas to which we might turn our attention. The holiday season is upon us, and the forecast for many will be an endless series of activities that may leave the wallet and the spirit depleted. When the New Year has commenced, will we begin the year with a sense of enthusiasm or with a feeling that we are just putting in time and going through the motions? Will we anticipate or dread the new challenges and opportunities we are presented? I came across an excerpt from chapter one of the Richard Carlson book, *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff for Men*. He writes, "It seems that many of us have lost that sense of wonder and awe for the incredible gift of life itself. We've become lost in the multitude of responsibilities, ambitions, drive, and commitments." So many events that have touched our lives this year have given us the opportunity to reflect on the incredible gift of life. Sometimes the

loss of a dear colleague or that of a family member or the birth of a child or grandchild brings to the forefront how precious and short is this unique adventure called life.

Carlson continues, "The solution to all of this is to have an affair with life. The idea is to reignite your passion for living, and to see the extraordinary in the ordinary. Remind yourself how precious and short this adventure really is." Children are our best teachers when we want to re-learn awe and wonder. How marvelous is the CAHSLA tradition of gathering our most favorite books so that we might pass them along to a new generation to enjoy. We also have the opportunity to reignite our joy for living by taking time to celebrate the holiday season with our CAHSLA colleagues. I hope that you find the extraordinary in the ordinary and that your burdens will be lightened by a renewed sense of awe and wonder. Thank you for sharing your adventure with me. Happy holidays!

Lisa McCormick



2003-2004 Program Year

The program year has been progressing nicely thanks to the efforts of the program committee: Mary Piper, Jane Thompson, Shelley Paden, and Nonnie Klein.

The PubMed Expert Searching workshop, conducted by Beth Carlin, Education and Outreach Coordinator of the Midwest Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, was held in the University of Cincinnati AIT&L electronic classroom on October 10. There was a good turn out for this useful workshop and we all learned something more about PubMed.

The October 27 meeting, co-sponsored by GCLC and supported by Rittenhouse Book Distributors, was a talk by John Fleischman about his new book, "Free & Public" Being the Unlikely But True Story of How Cincinnati Helped Invent the Modern Public Library 150 Years Ago! Mr. Fleischman entertained us with slides and stories about the founding and development of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. His talk was full of historic pictures, interesting tales about the directors, board members and descriptions of the library in its various stages. Cincinnati was truly at the forefront in establishing the modern public library as we know it today. We met at the beautifully restored historic Carnegie Corryville branch of the PLCHC.

The next program, co-sponsored by SLA, is a presentation by Cindy Meisner entitled "Beyond Science Fiction: Medical Technology for the 21st Century." Ms. Meisner will talk about the recent advances in biomaterials, tissue engineering, robotics and nanotechnology and how they have enabled medical researchers to develop innovative products and surgical techniques. She will also talk about what specialized information resources are required to support these research areas and the role of the

information professional in these companies. The date for this program has not been set but watch for it in March 2004.

Other upcoming programs include a possible tour of University Pointe in April 2004, a talk by local historian J. Morra in May 2004 and our end of the year meeting in June 2004 which will be at the Civic Garden Center. We look forward to seeing you!

*Edith Starbuck,
Program Committee
Chair*

**CAHSLA thanks
Rittenhouse Book Distributors
for their generous support
of the "Free and Public"
program.**

Minutes of CAHSLA Workshop

The CAHSLA Workshop, "PubMed Expert Searching: Using PubMed to Get Advanced Results", was held on Thursday, October 16, 2002, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in the Electronic Classroom of the Health Sciences Library.

Present: Stephanie Ballard, Michele Broffi, Eva Colligan, Mike Douglas, Nonnie Klein, Carol Mayor, Angela Myatt, Shelley Paden, Mary Piper, Leslie Schick, Edith Starbuck, and Jane Thompson.

The workshop was conducted by Beth Carlin of NN/NLM, and topics such as the online MESH tools and Cubby use were covered.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Piper, Secretary

Holiday Celebration

The Lloyd Library's Maggie Heran hosted the annual holiday celebration on December 9. With the help of the "elves" from the program committee, CAHSLA members enjoyed a delicious variety of sandwiches, hors d'oeuvres,

drinks (also known as potions), and desserts. Jane Thompson taught the fine art of pomander making. Others in the crowd tried their hands at kirigami, the fine art of making elaborate paper cut-outs. Seasonal music and the fragrance of cloves and citrus created a cheery atmosphere for catching up with old friends.

The committee promised fun and frolic, and they delivered on their promise! Those in attendance once again demonstrated their generosity by bringing children's books to be donated to the Visions Center at Taft High School.

Congratulations!

CAHSLA offered a special incentive to members who joined or renewed their membership by December 1. At the holiday party on December 9, Stephanie Ballard won a gift certificate to Joseph-Beth Booksellers for becoming a new member. Long-time member Sandra Mason won a

CAHSLA Financial Report 12/4/2003

Checking Account

Balance as of 9/4/2003	\$2684.02
Deposits	
Dues	\$450.00
Rittenhouse sponsorship	\$150.00
Majors sponsorship	\$300.00
MLA teleconference	\$120.00
PubMed class	\$180.00
GCLC - Susanne Phelps class on clutter	\$193.00
Total	\$1393.00

Withdrawals

Service charges - 4 months	\$ 42.00
MLA teleconference	\$ 55.90
PubMed class	\$148.52
Corryville Library meeting - honorarium	\$100.00
Total	\$ 346.42

Balance as of 12/4/2003	\$3730.60
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Cash

Balance as of 9/4/2003	\$ 47.33
Postage stamps	\$ 41.10
Balance as of 12/4/2003	\$ 36.23

Total Assets	\$3766.83
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Current paid and life memberships	33
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Submitted by Cathy Constance, Treasurer

A Unique Holiday Gift

Introducing the new Bio-Optic Organized Knowledge device, commonly called a BOOK.

BOOK is a revolutionary breakthrough in technology: no wires, no electric circuits, no batteries, nothing to be connected or switched on. It's so easy to use even a child can operate it.

Compact and portable, it can be used anywhere, even sitting in an armchair by the fire, yet it is powerful enough to hold as much information as a CD-ROM disc.

Here is how it works:

BOOK is constructed of sequentially numbered sheets, called pages, of recyclable paper, each capable of holding thousands of bits of information.

The pages are locked together with a custom-fit device called a binder, which keeps the sheets in their correct sequence.

Opaque Paper Technology (OPT) allows manufacturers to use both sides of the sheet, doubling the information density and cutting costs by 1/2. Each sheet is scanned optically, registering information directly into your brain. A flick of your finger takes you to the next sheet. BOOK may be taken up at any time and used merely by simply opening it.

BOOK never crashes or requires rebooting.

The Browse feature allows you to move instantly to any sheet, and move forward or backward as you wish. Many come with an Index feature, which pinpoints the exact location of any selected information for instant retrieval.

An optional BOOKMARK accessory allows you to open BOOK to the exact place you left it in a previous session, even if the BOOK is closed. BOOKMARKS fit universal design standards; thus,

a single BOOKMARK can be used in BOOKS by various manufacturers. Conversely, numerous BOOKMARKS can be used in a single BOOK if the user wants to store numerous views at once. The number is limited by the number of pages in the BOOK.

You can also make personal notes next to BOOK text entries with an optional programming tool, named: Portable Erasable Nib Cryptic Intercommunication Language Stylus: PENCILS for short.

Portable, durable and affordable, the BOOK is being hailed as the precursor of a huge entertainment wave. BOOK'S appeal seems so certain that thousands of content-creators have committed to this platform and investors are reportedly flocking to the new phenomenon.

Look for a flood of new titles soon.

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley when he spotted a world-famous heart surgeon in his shop. The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey Doc can I ask you a question?" The surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So Doc, look at this engine. I open it, take valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in, and when I finish, it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic... "Try doing it with the engine running."

Ohio Calendar for Continuing Education

The Regional Library Systems of Ohio have developed an online, statewide calendar for library continuing education. The calendar currently lists events sponsored by the Regionals (including GCLC).

The online calendar is located at the following URL: <http://www.CEOhio.org>

Site visitors can view events by location, category, or by date. A "Hot Topics" section is also being developed.

Additional library organizations will also eventually list their events on the CEOhio.org site.

Increase Your Attention Span

Do you fall asleep in meetings & seminars? Here's a way to change all that:

1. Before (or during) your next meeting, seminar, or conference call, prepare for the meeting by drawing a square. A good size is 5" x 5".
2. Divide the square into columns, five across and five down. That will give you 25 one-inch blocks.
3. In each block, write one of the following words/phrases:
 - synergy
 - strategic fit
 - core competencies
 - best practice
 - bottom line
 - revisit
 - take that off-line
 - 24/7
 - out of the loop
 - benchmark
 - value added
 - proactive
 - win-win
 - think outside the box
 - fast track

result-driven
empowerment
knowledge base
at the end of the day
touch base
mindset
client focused
ballpark
game plan
leverage

4. Whenever you hear one of those words/phrases during the meeting, check off the appropriate block.
5. When you get five blocks horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, stand up and shout "BULLSHIT!"

These are testimonials from satisfied "Bullshit Bingo" players:

"I had been in the meeting for only five minutes when I won." --Jack W., Boston.

"My attention span at meetings has improved drastically." --David D., Miami

"What a gas! Meetings will never be the same for me after my first win." --Sue S., NYC

"The atmosphere was tense in our last process meeting as 14 of us waited for the fifth box." --Joseph R., St.Louis

MD Consult Update

The group of libraries interested in a joint contract with MD Consult have reached a working agreement and are awaiting finalization of the contract with MD Consult. The CAHSLA libraries were unable to find Dayton or other outlying institutions who were interested in joining the group, so the agreement will cost each participant \$5000 annually for a share of 11 concurrent users. Others would still be welcome to join in the future to lower costs and raise the number of user licenses.

The New JCAHO Standard IM.5.10

Talk to a hospital librarian and use the term "IM.9" and she/he would know instantly that this isn't the code name for a secret organization for which "Bond, James Bond" works. No, this is the shorthand we use to identify the standards we address for JCAHO surveys. All that is changing! The new accreditation process is called *Shared Visions - New Pathways*. The preparation – always a mammoth undertaking – has been totally revised. Organizations have new and revised standards to evaluate within the context of a *Periodic Performance Review* format. This is a self-assessment process. When the surveyors arrive, they will be using another new process: *Tracer Methodology*. And the management of information section that addresses libraries is now IM.5.10.

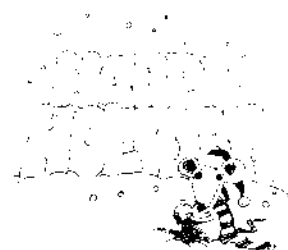
The MEDLIB-L listserv has been humming of late with discussion on the implications of the IM.5.10 standards for libraries. IM.5.10.5 reads, "The hospital has a plan to provide for access to information during times when electronic systems are unavailable." In the hospital environment the majority of us are dependent upon the systems established by our IS departments. Hospital libraries are "on the network" and live and die by firewalls. No more dial up Medline! Many of us have transitioned from subscribing to database services that arrived on multiple cd-roms to Internet access only services. We have MDCConsult; StatRef; EBSCOHost, etc. all accessible only through the Internet providing access to journals and textbooks. We made the decision to cancel and purge our runs of Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature, Index Medicus, and other paper indexes. We live in fear that the network will

be down, and we won't be able to access our resources. Our library colleagues on the east coast lived through a terrible black-out this past summer. Once they could access MEDLIB-L, they told us of their attempts to keep things operational. Now, JCAHO is asking that we have a plan to provide back-up information services when electronic systems are down.

In one post, Jeannine Gluck who was the former liaison and member of the IM Work Group wrote, "For the IM chapter as a whole, there was an expectation that there be a decent system for access to patient information when electronic systems were down. I made sure this was explicitly included in the KBI-related section as well. This, we hope, increases the realization that a commercial electronic system isn't a substitute for a library or a librarian. It also serves to do exactly what it says – to make sure that there's some info available during down times."

One suggestion to arise from the discussion is to establish formal arrangements with other libraries that you can contact in case of emergency. It would seem that your back-up network of live libraries would need to cast a wide-area net (no pun intended) to compensate for systems that might be down in your local geographic area. It has been suggested that a future "COCLS" meeting be devoted to discussing this standard and initiating back up partners for those who might be interested. We will keep you posted!

Lisa McCormick & Don Smith



CAHSLA COLLEAGUES

Welcome to...

Maggie Heran (formerly Yax) is the new director of The Lloyd Library and Museum. Maggie joined the Lloyd in September. Maggie was formerly the Sabin Archivist for the Cincinnati Medical Heritage Center. In 2000, Maggie was the recipient of the Murray Gottlieb Prize for "War as Laboratory: Albert B. Sabin's Military Service and Its Influence on His Poliomyelitis Research and Development of the Oral Poliovirus Vaccine"

Also new to the Lloyd staff is Kimberley Wissemeyer. Kimberley, formerly of the LaSalle High School Library, joined the Lloyd in December as a library assistant.

Cathy Tenore, Library Aide, Tri-Health Good Samaritan. Cathy is a part-time library aide who attends Xavier and is working on an MA in English.

Condolences

A Personal Message from Cathy Constance ...

Cathy is very grateful for the warm and thoughtful expressions of concern, support, and sympathy she received after the sudden death of her mother. Your kind words and hugs have been a great comfort.

CAHSLA Colleagues send our sincere regrets and sympathy to Nonnie Klein on the loss of her mother.

Kudos

Roger Guard, assistant senior vice president for Academic Information Technology & Libraries, and associate dean, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, is president of the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL). Roger was elected last year as the vice-president/president-elect and assumed his role as president in November. The AAHSL has a forthcoming publication, *Building on Success: Charting the Future of Knowledge Management within the Academic Health Center*.

Steve Marine, AIT&L, presented information on finding credible information on the 'net at the Conference on Closing the Health Gap at the Greater Cincinnati Convention Center in November.

Shelley Paden, UC Medical Center Libraries, presented a poster at the Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association meeting in Indianapolis in September. Shelley and Mary Congleton (Southern Kentucky AHC) presented "LoansomeDoc in the Midwest: Preliminary Results from a Survey of Libraries and End Users." The poster shows the number of libraries that offer Loansome Doc and how they are implementing the service. Usage of Loansome Doc by end-users was examined as well as their satisfaction with the service. The project was supported in part by a grant from the Medical Library Association.

Leslie Schick, Director of Library Services, UC Medical Center Libraries, AIT&L, was the moderator of the GMR Technology Forum at the Midwest Chapter Meeting.

Lisa McCormick (The Jewish Hospital) was recently asked to be the team facilitator for the hospital's inter-disciplinary Wholistic Team. The charge of the team is to provide education to a core group of health care leaders in wholisitic/integrative therapies and to develop a plan for wholistic therapies to become part of the care inpatients receive. Lisa was also asked to become the co-chair of the hospital's Diversity Advisory Committee.

Etc.

Tri-Health is introducing a RN to BSN on-site program. Thirty nurses at Good Samaritan and thirty nurses from Bethesda North will take advantage of this tuition free program and upon completion will receive their degree from the College of Mt. St. Joseph. Penny Philpot, Mike Douglas and Rose Zajac presented orientation to the Libraries and its services on September 17 and 18. In addition to Tri-Health Library databases, they provided information and handouts on accessing information from both Mt. St. Joseph College Library and the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Libraries.

The Lloyd library is presenting a unique exhibit to showcase some of its treasures in a special series. The following information is from the Lloyd website: We are excited to present Mining the Lloyd: Book Artists Reveal Secrets and Treasures from the Lloyd Library and Museum. This exhibition will feature book works by contemporary artists of national and regional reputation. Each of the eighteen artists was invited to explore the Lloyd's holdings and select a book to investigate and use as inspiration for creating a new book. The artists' book works will be featured along with the Lloyd texts. Partly funded by the Lloyd with matching funds by an Ohio Arts Council Artists Project Grant, this show will be on view December 1, 2003 - February 28, 2004.

Travels

Mary Ann Hausfeld (St. Elizabeth) made it a family adventure when, along with her husband and some of her sisters, took a twelve-day trip to Venice, Florence, Sienna, and Rome. After a 24-hour (!) flight to Venice via Chicago, Miami, & Munich, Mary Ann arrived in the beautiful city of Venice. The tour was with a great group of people and was at just the right pace. A highlight of the adventure was a visit to a winery in Tuscany where they enjoyed a wine tasting. Mary Ann says that the guides made the trip especially worthwhile because of their knowledge of the history, art, and culture. The group enjoyed many sumptuous dinners. The flight home was a lot shorter!

In the Literature

Academic libraries restricting public access to online research journals

By Byron Spice, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Science Editor

Monday, September 15, 2003 <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/03258/222044.stm>

This well-researched and balanced article discusses why academic libraries must restrict the use of online journals by the general public, as evidenced by the Falk Library of the Health Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh. It delves into the economics of scientific publishing and outlines some of the efforts to promote open access as an alternative. "“They know we have limited resources,’ [Pitt’s Deborah Lordi Silverman] said. “Their business is changing, our business is changing.” The biggest change is electronic publishing, which not only is changing how journals are published, but how people use libraries.” ... Security of networks and copyright issues also contribute to the need to limit access to online journals. “These changes are occurring as

public interest in medical literature, in particular, has been rising. So when the Falk library started restricting access to electronic journals, "we were prepared for an onslaught of complaints -- and they didn't come," Silverman said. [Barbara Epstein, Falk interim director] said that's because the items of most public interest are still available in print. Also, the library has established a consumer health Web page that is one of its most heavily used sites. "We really do everything that's within our ability to make the information available," Epstein said. "A healthy community," Silverman added, "is in our best interest."

Journal subscribers gain stock-trading advantage

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By Ransdell Pierson

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Subscribers to the Journal of the American Medical Association may have been among the few investors in Esperion Therapeutics Inc. who were not baffled by a 26 percent drop in the stock on Monday.

For everyone else, it all became clear after the close of trading on Tuesday.

By then, JAMA subscribers were already armed with long-awaited data from a trial of Esperion's experimental drug, called FTC-216, to clear clogged arteries. While the drug worked, its effect may have fallen short of some expectations.

Trial results for the drug, reported in this week's edition of JAMA, one of the nation's most respected medical journals, became officially available to the public at precisely 4 p.m. EST on Tuesday.

Although a strict JAMA "embargo" forbade journalists from telling the public about the clinical data until then, 350,000 printed copies of the journal had already been shipped to subscribing doctors and medical professionals five days earlier from a printing plant in New Jersey.

"By Saturday, maybe 10,000 doctors have put it in their offices, maybe more ... and patients are reading this stuff," Dr. Catherine DeAngelis, editor-in-chief of the prestigious journal, told Reuters. ...

Worst drivers: Teens, doctors, lawyers

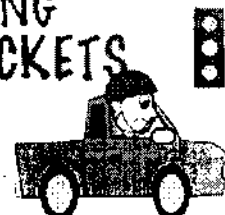
Steer clear of architects, too. Insurance data reveals occupations with most tickets and accidents. By Peter Valdes-Dapena, CNN/Money Staff Writer - October 30, 2003; 4:26 PM EST
http://money.cnn.com/2003/10/30/pf/autos/bad_drivers/index.htm?enn=yes

The Librarian's World and Welcome to It

By DENNIS DILLON, ass't dir. collections and information resources, General Libraries, University of Texas at Austin
Chronicle of Higher Education 9/19/2003

SPEEDING TICKETS

1. Students
2. Entertainers
3. Military
4. Manual laborers
5. Politicians
6. Academics



7. Professors
8. Librarians
9. Lawyers
10. Politicians
11. Academics

9:11 Professor Jones of the engineering department called. He wanted the library to subscribe to the Journal of Abnormal Train Locomotion. It was, he said, "a critical journal in the field," and it was "a crime that the library does not subscribe." He had already talked to the library bibliographer for engineering, and she had said that the library couldn't afford a subscription unless the department could agree to cancel another journal that cost the same \$1,800 annually. He was now appealing to a higher authority -- me.

9:15 I called the bibliographer, who confirmed the story. She added that Professor Jones is a heavy library user and generally a reasonable person. She also said that his wife had recently taken a teaching job at another university 2,000 miles away, that he looked like he was under a bit of stress lately, and that she believed that he occasionally covered abnormal train locomotion in a course he taught every couple of years.

9:30 I thanked the bibliographer and looked up the Journal of Abnormal Train Locomotion in a few databases. It was held by 47 libraries, three of which were at major research universities. It was published by Megabucks Press, and one of the holding libraries was Coastal University. I sent an e-mail message to Lorraine, my counterpart at Coastal, asking what she knew about the publication. Further research on the title suggested that it was a run-of-the-mill, second- or third-tier academic journal.

9:50 The biology librarian called to report that we'd lost access to the electronic publication Journal of Underwater Sleeping Cell Mutations. Unfortunately, we didn't subscribe to the journal; we had access to it through our membership in the Southwestern Academic Library Consortium. Mountain University was the institution that paid for the journal. I sent a message to Brian at Mountain, asking him what was up.

10:30 A message arrived from Lorraine at Coastal. She said the Journal of Abnormal Train Locomotion was a dog. According to her, Coastal subscribed because the editor was an assistant provost at Coastal, and as long as he was on the campus they would have to subscribe, because if they didn't, he might not approve the library's equipment requests. She also said that the journal had started as the publication of a small academic society that wanted to get its members' research into print, but that it had been purchased by Middling Press several years ago and had expanded its focus. The journal had recently moved to Megabucks. She couldn't imagine why Megabucks would have bought it. I thanked her and said I'd give Sylvia Horowitz at Megabucks a call.

11:00 Brian called and said Mountain University had had a major financial crisis and was in the middle of layoffs. The person in charge of renewing the Journal of Underwater Sleeping-Cell Mutations had lost her job, and Mountain had accidentally let the subscription lapse. Now Mountain was out of money and couldn't start the subscription again even with enough staff time to do the work. Brian asked if we'd like to subscribe on behalf of the consortium. I declined.

2:30 p.m. Sylvia returned my call. "What can you tell me about the Journal of Abnormal Train Locomotion?" I asked. "I've got a faculty member who is interested."

"We acquired it last year as a throw-in when we purchased the Journal of Mathematical Cellular Modeling," said Sylvia. "Middling Press wanted to unload it, and we're probably going to combine it with the Journal of Twisted Aerodynamics and bring in a new editor from Belgium. Are you interested in subscribing?"

"Could be. I'm not sure whether the faculty member wants it to keep up with current research, or if he wants a run of several years for student use."

"Well, let me know. And don't forget about the Journal of Mathematical Cellular Modeling. That really is a title you should be subscribing to."

2:45 I put the phone down and logged into the accounting system to check our budget. It looked as if we could find the money for a one-year subscription to the Journal of Abnormal Train Locomotion if we canceled an order for The Encyclopedia of Railroad Systems Engineering that the reference department wanted. That would at least be a start.

2:50 I called the bibliographer and told her to look into our monographic holdings and circulation records having to do with abnormal train locomotion, and to see if we had had any interlibrary-loan requests for the journal over the past five years. I asked if she could find out why Professor Jones was interested in the journal, and whether he was making a serious request or just having a bad day. She said that Jones had been grumbling a lot over the past couple of months, and that he had caused a reserves clerk at the library to quit in tears earlier in the semester; she'd talk to some of his colleagues and try to find out more.

3:00 Turning back to my computer, I saw a message from the library director with the subject line "Jones." It was a copy of a message that Professor Jones had sent to his dean. The dean had forwarded the message without comment to the library director, who in turn had forwarded it without comment to me. The gist of the message was that the library did not have an extremely critical journal that was vital for Jones's research, a journal that every self-respecting library in the world had, and that something needed to be done.

Uhh-oh, I thought. The standard response to that type of tactic is form letter C-10 in which the library promises to put the journal on its want list, and to consult with the department to reprioritize the journal subscriptions in the field. The letter then goes into details of the particular case, listing the journal's cost, which universities subscribe to it, the use of related books and journals at our institution, and so on. Librarians can collect facts like those faster than freshmen can find the pizza place closest to their dorms. But although a heavy dose of facts will quell most cases of journal turmoil, it does not remove any lingering faculty perception that the library is not up to snuff.

3:10 A student worker in the library filed a report that the online version of the Journal of Mathematical Theories in Dirigible Science is not working; I automatically get copies of such reports.

3:20 The serials librarian followed up with a message saying that the Journal of Mathematical Theories in Dirigible Science has ceased publication, although the publisher did not notify subscribers. That is why our online access is not working.

4:30 Jones's bibliographer reported that we have 12 books on abnormal train locomotion. The newest title, bought a year ago, has never been checked out. The interlibrary-loan office told her that we have borrowed 17 articles from the Journal of Abnormal Train Locomotion over the past two years, paying \$330 in fees to the Copyright Clearance Center in the process, and that we reimbursed the lending libraries \$350 in photocopying charges. The bibliographer added that Jones's departmental secretary reported that he had been short-tempered with everyone all semester, but that he still seemed to be generally reasonable. Also, an even-tempered colleague noted that Jones had talked about needing the journal several times over the past couple of years.

4:45 Professor Smith of the art department called, saying we needed to subscribe to the Journal of Early Islamic Pottery, which was critical for next semester's art-history program. He believed the cost to be around \$5,000 a year. All of the information on the subscription contract and accompanying license is in Arabic, so he wasn't certain. He wondered if we had a staff member who could negotiate a contract in Arabic.

Next day, 8:15 a.m. The engineering bibliographer reported that she would be able to free up \$1,500 in subscription costs from the cessation of the Journal of Mathematical Theories in Dirigible Science. She said she was willing to permanently transfer \$300 of her yearly allocation for book purchases to come up with the \$1,800 needed to subscribe to the Journal of Abnormal Train Locomotion.

8:30 I sent an e-mail message to the library director and Jones's dean, saying that we had found the money to subscribe to the journal Jones wanted, and that the bibliographer would be getting in touch with him later in the day.

9:00 Professor Franklin of the art department called to say that the library needed to subscribe to the Journal of Russian Icons and American Cowboy Art. It was much more important than the Journal of Early Islamic Pottery, which he had heard the library was considering.

9:15 In a letter posted on the university's Web site, the president said that because of budget problems, all departments must submit a plan to reduce expenditures by 10 percent.

11:00 Professor Jones called. He wanted to say thanks for taking care of the Journal of Abnormal Train Locomotion, and to let me know that he had thought of another journal the library should subscribe to.

CALENDAR

- March 2004 Cindy Meisner, "Beyond Science Fiction: Medical Technology for the 21st Century"
- April 2004 CAHSLA meeting at University Pointe campus in Mason. Time and date TBA.
- May 2004 CAHSLA presents J. Morra speaking on the writing process and his new book on Albert Sabin and Jonas Salk. Time and date TBA.
- May 21-26 MLA annual meeting, Washington, D.C.
- June 2004 End of the year CAHSLA meeting
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