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President's Page

It's so hard to believe that the summer is over and fall is here in earnest. While I certainly miss the warm days, kids playing ball in the neighborhood, and sunset late in the day, I admit there is a "flavor" to the fall that I enjoy. I think it's the crisp air, the leaves rustling in the back yard, and the remnants of the smell of dinner that I actually cooked! I like the fall too, because we get to connect with colleagues as the fall meetings of various organizations kick back into gear.

One of the ways to reconnect with library colleagues is through CAHSLA. We've already had our fall kick-off meeting hosted by Lisa McCormick and held at the Hope Lodge. We had a great turnout and thoroughly enjoyed the food, the tour, and most of all visiting with friends we haven't seen in a while. We also welcomed some new librarians to Cincinnati and hope they will join us this year.

The program committee has outlined a great year of meetings. They are looking into some opportunities for continuing education as well. I hope you will be able to make it to the offerings!

This is an important year for the organization. Last year, we were unable to identify a candidate for the position of Vice-President/President-Elect. The program committee duties are being capably handled by a committee, but our leadership past this year is in limbo. The Board will be discussing various options for CAHSLA over the course of the year. If anyone has suggestions or ideas, please contact me or any member of the Board. We'd love to hear from you.

I hope all of you have a great fall season, that your favorite team does well, and that you find a moment or two to enjoy the season of change.

**Many thanks to
Swets Information Services
and their local representative,
Jim Huenninger,
for providing the delicious meal
at our October meeting**

September Kick-off Meeting

On a sunny fall day, CAHSLA members and prospective members gathered for the kick off meeting of the 2006 - 2007 association year. In planning the annual kick-off meeting, the program committee searches for a unique setting or service that will pique the interest of the library community both in and outside of the health sciences setting. It is a time to re-connect with colleagues and introduce potential members to the value and benefits of the organization. The staff of the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge, a "home away from home," graciously hosted CAHSLA for adult cancer patients and their caregivers receiving cancer care in the Cincinnati Area. Located on Reading Road in the former Ursuline Academy building, the Hope Lodge provides comfortable and supportive accommodations at a time when cancer patients and families need them the most. Our tour guide, Assistant Director Bob Ange, showed off the spacious family kitchens, exercise facility, private rooms, state-of-the-art laundry facilities and stunning Victorian architecture of the building. With a grant from the American Cancer Society, the historic architectural integrity of the former Winslow Mansion/Ursuline Academy was maintained but updated to accommodate the mission of the Lodge. Of prime interest to CAHSLA members was the chapel which now serves as a reading room and information center for the guests of the Lodge. Many of those in attendance recalled the days when the chapel served as the medical library for Bethesda Hospital Oak Street. An entry was created off the chapel/reading room leading into an enclosed garden offering tranquility and a beautiful variety of plants.

Mr. Ange described the mission and services of the Lodge. He also described several volunteer opportunities including preparing a meal and decorating the facility for the upcoming winter holiday celebrations. We were extremely impressed by the meeting space that the Lodge offers to the healthcare community. As a gesture of gratitude for the use of the space, CAHSLA members brought books, videos and music CDs for the residents.

Additionally, CAHSLA will donate \$75 in gas and food gift cards for the benefit of Lodge families.

President Sharon Bressert-Purtee welcomed members and guests. Edith Starbuck gave an overview of the 2006 - 2007 programs. Membership chair Cathy Constance presented a report on the 2005 - 2006 membership, and invited those in attendance to renew their membership for the new association year. A challenging word puzzle of CAHSLA members engaged the attention of many. Members socialized and shared a variety of delicious refreshments.

Lisa McCormick, Program Committee

CAHSLA MEETING MINUTES September 21, 2006

The meeting was called to order on Thursday September 21st at the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge, 5:55 p.m. L. McCormick welcomed members and guests to the former Ursuline Academy for our fall membership kick off meeting.

Attendees were Sharon Bressert-Purtee, Cathy Constance, Michael Douglas, Peggy Frondorf, Regina Hartman, Jennifer Heffron, Barbarie Hill, Barbara Johnson, Alison Kissling, Amy Koshoffer, Sandy Mason, Lisa McCormick, Shelley Paden, Mary Piper, Valerie Purvis, Don Smith, Edith Starbuck, Jane Thompson, and Meredith Travis.

Future meetings were outlined. November's meeting will welcome the librarian, Regina Szente, of the Warren Correctional Inst. who will speak to us at SWON, formerly GCLC, in Blue Ash. December's holiday party will be held at Mary Piper's home. The annual book donations may be going to Hope Lodge. February's meeting invites Dr. Fleschman to speak on animals that have won the Nobel Prize. April's meeting is to be a tour of Drake Hospital. June's picnic meeting is to be held in French Park.

C. Constance reported the treasury has \$3,769.29 and that last year our membership was at 45 members. Today's meeting welcomed three guests. Please start or renew your membership by paying Cathy.

A tour of Hope Lodge was led by Directory Bob Ange.

After the tour, a drawing for the door prize was held and Jennifer Heffron of Bethesda Hospital was the winner.

E. Starbuck reported on the SWON meeting she attended. The meeting was for librarian students and the program was on the job of librarianship.

B. Hill announced that Bob Morrissey, OVID rep., will be demonstrating OVID's clinical resources at the Pratt Library tomorrow, Sept. 22nd at 1:30 p.m. All those interested are welcome to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Valerie Purvis, Secretary

Suggested Items for Hope Lodge

When CAHSLA had the pleasure of touring Hope Lodge for the kick-off meeting, Assistant Director Bob Ange shared an ongoing need of the Lodge's guests. Small, sample-size personal grooming items are always needed. Shelley Paden had a follow up suggestion: "In addition to getting hotel samples (shampoo, lotion, soap, etc.) for the Hope Lodge, you might consider other items. Many cosmetic companies have sales with samples (like the Clinique Bonus) several times a year. I usually don't use all the samples. In addition, dentists usually give out toothpaste, toothbrushes, and dental floss at appointments. These items might be useful for folks staying at the Hope Lodge." Just bring your donations to future CAHSLA meetings and Lisa McCormick will deliver them to the Hope Lodge.

CAHSLA Financial Report

9/28/2006

Checking Account

Balance as of 6/27/2006	\$ 952.21
Deposit	
Memberships – 19 full, 2 student	\$301.00
Withdrawals	
Sept meeting – food & door prize	\$111.41
Donation to Hope Lodge for Sept meeting	\$ 75.00
Balance as of 9/28/2006	\$1066.80

Savings Account

Balance as of 6/27/2006	\$2776.55
Deposits	
Interest – 3 mo.	\$ 10.40
Balance as of 9/28/2006	\$2786.95

Cash

Balance as of 6/27/2006	\$ 30.13
Balance as of 9/28/2006	\$ 30.13

Total Assets \$3883.88

Paid members: full 19, student 2; Life members: 5

Total members: 26

Submitted by: Cathy Constance, Treasurer

9/28/2006

CAHSLA Members

Puzzled? If your name is not on this list, you forgot to renew your CAHSLA membership in 2005. Don't be left out - renew your membership today!

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 Regina Hartman
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 Eva Colligan
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 Bette Sydelko
 Marsha Tomlin

CAHSLA Programs for 2006-07

As most of you already know, we are in the unusual position this year of not having a CAHSLA vice president and program chair. To ensure that CAHSLA had programs, Lisa McCormick and I volunteered to co-chair the committee this year. Jane Thompson, Alison Kissling and Rachel Colina are members of the committee as well.

We've planned the following meetings but are open to adding other programs of interest such as GMR or SLA videoconferences. Please let us know if there is a program or videoconference you'd like us to pursue. Contact Information: Edith Starbuck at 558-1433 or edith.starbuck@uc.edu and Lisa McCormick at 686-5422 or MccormLI@healthall.com.

Our membership meeting at the Hope Lodge was well attended by members and some prospective members. Touring Hope Lodge and learning about their mission was very interesting. For more information about that meeting, please see Lisa McCormick's article about it in this issue.

Our next program, "A Day in the Life of a Prison Librarian" is scheduled for October 25th. CAHSLA and the Southwestern Ohio and Neighboring (SWON) Libraries are co-sponsoring this event and to be held at SWON Libraries headquarters in Blue Ash. SWON Libraries, the former Greater Cincinnati Libraries Consortium (GCLC) has been expanded to include many more counties and libraries. Keep your eyes open for a flyer coming your way soon.

In December, Mary Piper has graciously offered to host the CAHSLA holiday party again this year. Come eat, drink and be merry with other CAHSLA members in Mary's inviting and comfortable home. Remember to bring a book for the book drive as well.

If you attended the membership meeting you know that we're thinking about collecting adult books for Hope Lodge instead of children's books this year. If you have any opinions about this, please contact

Sharon Bressert Purtee at 558-1019 or sharon.bressert@edu.

Dr. Fleischman, who gave a presentation on the history of the Hamilton County Public Library a few years ago, has been invited to come and speak to CAHSLA again in early February. His presentation is entitled: "Animals That Have Won the Nobel Prize." Come and find out what this presentation is all about. I am definitely intrigued. The program location is yet to be decided.

CAHSLA members will be touring Drake Hospital in April. During the tour we will get to see first hand what the Drake Hospital facility has to offer and to hear about their services. We will also hold a brief business meeting.

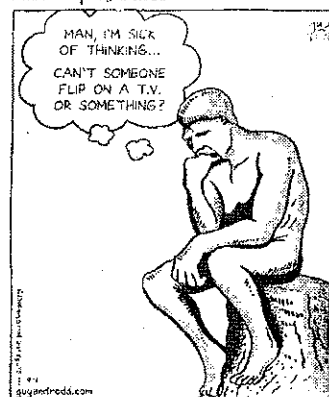
To finish out the year, we're planning a picnic in French Park some time in mid-June. According to the website at <http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cityparks/pages/-4706-/>:

French Park is not only a beautiful park but also historically significant. John Cleves Symmes bought the land originally from the U.S. Congress. It lay at that time along an old Indian trail leading from the settlement of Columbia at the Ohio River bank to a stockade in the hills (now Carthage). That trail is today's Ridge Road.

So be sure to come and check it out and celebrate the end of another CAHSLA program year.

Edith Starbuck

BREVITY | Guy & Ridd



"A Day in the Life of a Prison Librarian"

On October 25, CAHSLA members and guests gathered at the offices of SWON in Blue Ash for a very unique program, A Day in the Life of a Prison Librarian. SWON is probably less familiar to many of you than the Greater Cincinnati Library Consortium (GCLC) the multi-type library group that served northern Kentucky and the greater Cincinnati area. Executive Director of SWON, Anne Abate, welcomed us and gave a brief history of the organizations. Now serving a much broader geographic region, SWON is extending its services and educational opportunities to even more types of libraries. Jim Huenninger of SWETS, the generous sponsor of the program, briefly brought us up to date on the SWETS organization and its services. Thanks to Jim, we enjoyed a delicious light supper prior to our speaker.

Our prime reason for gathering was to hear the story of Regina Szente, prison librarian at the Warren Correctional Facility. Before becoming a prison librarian, Regina was trained as a corrections officer. She also had career experience working for the mental retardation board prior to becoming a corrections officer. In a very informal and highly interactive style, Regina told the audience of her daily experiences. The audience peppered Regina with questions: How large is your library? What kinds of books and periodicals do you purchase? What is your budget? Do you ever feel threatened? What are your hours of service? Regina had a fascinating response to every question! Some of the highlights of Regina's presentation: She has about eight men prisoners assisting her in the library. She does not carry a weapon, but has a device to get assistance. She has the same problems with retrieving missing books as other librarians. Due to the setting, Regina's library users do not have access to the Internet. The library's budget is lumped in with the "recreation" and "chaplain" services of the organization. Her collection development policy is shaped by the environment: books cannot be about gangs, drugs, etc. The hours the library is open is mandated by the state. A law library is available to

the inmates. Regina networks with other prison librarians.

According to Regina, one of her biggest challenges was automating the library. When she took the position in the library, she set about automating the catalog and circulation. One of the perks of working for the Warren Correctional Facility is that Regina has "doggy day care." Because the facility has a special program for inmates to work with service animals in training, Regina is able to bring her dog to work and have him cared for by an inmate. We were all impressed with Regina's mater-of-fact presentation of her working environment. To the majority of us in the audience, in spite of our fascination with the unique setting for the library, we were very much aware of the dangers such a setting presents. Regina generously offered to allow CAHSLA members tour her facility at a future date.

If anyone would like to donate paperback books to Regina, she is eager to receive them. Please be aware, though, that she will evaluate the books to meet the state mandated collection policy for the library. We hope to see Regina at future meetings of both SWON and CAHSLA.

OHSLA Fall Meeting

The Ohio Health Sciences Library Association held its fall meeting at the Nutter Center in Dayton on October 27th. The morning speaker was Jan Belcher, an Associate Professor at Wright State University and one of the appraisers for the Magnet Recognition Program. Her presentation focused on the role of evidence-based practice in achieving Magnet Recognition. After a box lunch and business meeting, there was a group discussion revolving around the ways that some of our members have been involved in their institutions' magnet status activities. Carol Powell moderated the sharing session during which many people commented on specific areas in which they are collaborating with nurses to provide materials, teach searching, and develop standards for evidence-based care and research.

Barbarie Hill

Midwest Chapter/MLA 2006

The Midwest Chapter annual meeting was held in Louisville, KY October 7-11. Several CAHSLA members attended. Below are reviews of some of the presentations.

A Different Point of View: Lunch with the Vendors at the Midwest Chapter Meeting

The planners for the 2006 Southern Exposure Midwest Chapter meeting achieved a major goal, in my opinion, of making the conference a warm and welcoming experience. Known for its charm and hospitality, the Louisville setting and the conference planners were the epitome of gracious hosts. At each conference, I plan to really 'mine' an event that previously may have held only a minor interest. This year, because the meeting planners did such an outstanding job of recruiting a wide variety of vendors, my event for 2006 was the lunch with the vendors. For a full hour, a vendor is available to explain their product and answer detailed questions. The luncheon setting allows the dialog with the vendor to naturally expand and cover a great deal of territory that can be specific to your library environment. This year the Jewish Hospital library staff has been evaluating the entire process of serials subscriptions management. For many years now I have periodically spoken with Steve Kochoff of Basch Subscriptions, Inc., and this year I had the pleasure of meeting Steve at the vendor luncheon. Not only did I learn more about Basch Subscriptions Inc., but I had the great fortune of learning that Steve is the current New York chapter president for the Special Libraries Association. The conversation with Steve turned to the universal challenge of engaging busy library professionals in their local library organization. One of Steve's roles in SLA has been program chair, and he shared a success story of increasing meeting attendance. Informal networking with colleagues can yield benefits on many levels as we know. To encourage information professionals in New York to take advantage of this venue, Steve and his program committee began to offer a monthly cocktail 'hour' in addition to the traditional SLA

program of the month. As the cocktail hour became more famous, it was drawing attendance equal to a traditional program and was reaching a wider audience of information professionals who had not previously attended an SLA meeting! The hour flew by with the lively and thought-provoking discussion. I feel that I had a very valuable experience on so many levels through the vendor luncheon. This is one event that I will continue to appreciate at future chapter meetings

Lisa McCormick

Their Perceptions, Our Reality - Libraries, Information Resources and Cognitive Dissonance

Alane Wilson, Sr. Library Market Consultant at OCLC, gave an entertaining and thought-provoking keynote address at this year's Midwest Chapter Medical Library Association meeting in Louisville. Most of Ms. Wilson's address focused on the results of a web-based survey OCLC commissioned in 2005. The publication resulting from the survey, *Perceptions of Libraries and Information Resources*, is available at <http://www.oclc.org/reports/2005perceptions.htm>.

Here are a few key points from Ms. Wilson's talk.

- Cognitive Dissonance - opposing the use of Google by searchers (patrons), but using Google ourselves
- Both Amazon and Google have had a significant impact on our users (the Amazoogole effect)
- 84% of those surveyed started an information searches with a search engine; 2% began an information search at a library web site
- 88% of those surveyed were satisfied with libraries; 89% were satisfied with search engines
- Only 2% of survey respondents listed librarian when responding to the question "Who or what is that trusted source [of information] you most typically use?"
- The library "brand" is books (this is how people overwhelmingly described libraries)

- 85% of survey respondents agreed with the statement that "The Library is a place to learn"
- Libraries need to spend more time framing, doing environmental scans, and forecasting

Claire Leibfarth posted her summary of this talk on the Midwest Conference Call blog at http://65.181.189.143/ConferenceCall/2006/10/their_perceptions_our_reality.html.

Leslie Schick

The final plenary session was the GMR Technology Forum featuring Bryan Vogh of the GMR, J. Dale Prince of the Southeastern Atlantic Region, and Max Anderson of Solinet. It was quickly obvious that these guys know a lot about current technologies, and they could quickly exceed my capacity to take in all they had to say.

Dale Prince began by talking about Web 2.0 which has no consistent definition. The term was trademarked by the O'Reilly company, but it is really a universal idea. It seems to signify the web as a platform to run applications and a place where users

add value or act as co-developers. There are continuous updates from users, as with Wikipedia. It features blogs, podcasts, folksonomies, etc. One example given was the site called del.icio.us which is social bookmarking, i.e. a user can store and share bookmarks on the web instead of inside a personal browser.

Max Anderson discussed podcasting which he defined as the method of distributing multimedia files, such as audio programs or music videos, over the Internet for playback on mobile devices and personal computers. You don't need an iPod to listen to these audio files; you can use your computer or your smart phone or your pda. Search for podcasts in <http://podcastalley.com> under libraries. Or create your own library podcast with upcoming events, news, tours, bibliographic instruction, interviews with local authors, anything else you can think of. It only requires a computer, internet connection, microphone, audio editor and server space.

Bryan Vogh gave a lot of good information on blogs and RSS. He distributed a two-page handout with a quick but thorough description that is duplicated here on the following pages.

Barbarie Hill

BETTY | Gary Delaney and Gerry Rasmussen



What is a blog?

A **weblog**, **web log** or simply a **blog**, is a web application which contains periodic time-stamped posts on a common webpage. These posts are often but not necessarily in reverse chronological order. Such a website would typically be accessible to any Internet user. "Weblog" is a portmanteau of "web" and "log". The term "blog" came into common use as a way of avoiding confusion with the term server log.
From <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blog>

What can you use it for in the library?

Log of new acquisitions

Log of journal cuts

Library events log – library week, training, other events held in the library, etc.

Log of new resources in specialty areas

Create feeds for researchers to monitor additions under given MeSH headings.

Opportunities to work with other departments to help them manage timely information

For example residents or specific groups that are good library users.

Medical Library Blogs

<http://acnmmlibrary.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.kraftylibrarian.blogspot.com/>

<http://libeducation.blogspot.com/>

<http://andyrffc.blogspot.com/>

<http://biohealthmatics.blogspot.com/>

<http://nelh.blogspot.com/>

<http://blog.lib.umn.edu/gruwel/publichealthliaison/>

<http://library.usask.ca/vetmed/blog.html>

<http://library.usask.ca/vetmed/blog.html>

<http://library.usask.ca/hsl/healthnews.html>

<http://spfson.blogspot.com/>

<http://tomroper.typepad.com/>

<http://www.medliblog.blogspot.com/>

<http://depts.washington.edu/hswork/phblog/phblog.html>

<http://nmlm.gov/scr/blog/>

Library Tech blogs

<http://librarywebchic.net/wordpress/>


Want to start a blog for your library? – Blogger will let you do it for free!

<http://www.blogger.com/start>

Tips if you are to start a blog

<http://blogs.law.harvard.edu/stepno/2004/01/26>

What is RSS?

RSS is used to provide items containing short descriptions of web content together with a link to the full version of the content. This information is delivered as an XML file called **RSS feed**, **RSS stream**, or **RSS channel**. An orange rectangle with the letters *XML* () is often used as a link to a site's RSS feed. **RSS feed** is a rather technical name. From a functional point of view it is better to talk about **web feed**.

From http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSS_%28file_format%29

An RSS feed is a type of XML document, but without a style sheet or HTML coding to make it look attractive in a browser. XML, Extensible Markup Language, is used to build special-purpose document markup systems.

What is XML?

The **Extensible Markup Language (XML)** is a W3C-recommended general-purpose markup language for creating special-purpose markup languages. It is a simplified subset of SGML, capable of describing many different kinds of data. Its primary purpose is to facilitate the sharing of structured text and information across the Internet. Languages

Feed reader or aggregator programs

<http://www.disobey.com/amphetadesk/> - Open source and Mac, PC, Linux - Free

<http://ranchero.com/netnewswire/> (Mac)

<http://www.sharpreader.net/> (Win)

<http://www.feedreader.com/> (Win 98 or higher)

You can also use the Firefox browser to view RSS feeds from the tool bar via "live bookmarks."

How do I find feeds that might be of interest to me?

<http://www.bloglines.com/>

<http://www.syndic8.com/>

<http://feedster.com/>

<http://www.technorati.com/>

Medical applications

<http://www.hubmed.org/>

<http://granite.medlib.iupui.edu/pda/>

What's the difference between blogs and RSS?

First: The *delivery* difference:

* You go to blogs.

* RSS "feeds" come to you.

Next, the *content* difference:

Weblogs/blogs (short definition) are just Web pages that are updated frequently, with the most recent item on top. No matter what you've heard, relatively few blogs are just "headlines and links." Bloggers put a lot of themselves into what they do.

RSS feeds are generated by blogs, but also by publishers like *The New York Times*, the BBC, *PC World* or Apple's iTunes website. They can deliver **headlines**, story **summaries**, or the **full contents** of an original source, along with links to the Web version.

Third, the *reader-tool* difference:

You read RSS feeds with an "**aggregator**" or "newsfeed reader," just as you read Web pages with a browser or e-mail with a mail client.

You don't "go to" RSS items any more than you "go to" e-mail. You *subscribe* to an RSS feed and it "comes to you" as often as your aggregator retrieves the updated contents. The aggregator can be an application on your desktop or a service of a website that does the aggregating for you.

From <http://blogs.law.harvard.edu/stepno/2004/01/26>

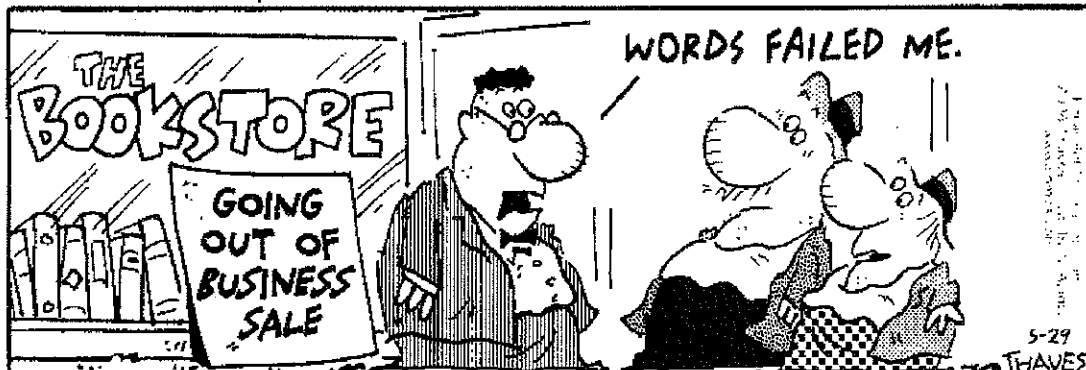
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The Washington Post "Neologism" Contest

Once again, the Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly contest in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words. The winners this year are:

1. **Coffee (n.):** the person upon whom one coughs.
2. **Flabbergasted (adj.):** appalled over how much weight you've gained.
3. **Abdicate (v.):** to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. **Esplanade (v.):** to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. **Negligent (adj.):** describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
6. **Lymph (v.):** to walk with a lisp.
7. **Balderdash (n.):** a rapidly receding hairline.
8. **Oyster (n.):** a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddish-isms.
9. **Frisbeetarianism (n.):** the belief that, when you die, your Soul flies onto the roof and gets stuck there.
10. **Circumvent (n.):** an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

FRANK AND ERNEST | *Bob Thaves*



CAHSLA COLLEAGUES

Farewell

Mary Ann Middendorf, St. Elizabeth, Edgewood, retired in the spring. We also hear that Mary Ann is facing some knee surgery. Get well soon, Mary Ann.

Welcome to ...

Jennifer Heffron, librarian at Tri-Health Bethesda Hospital. Jennifer recently joined the staff. She has a background in public libraries.

The James N. Gamble Library welcomes Emily Kean back to the library. You may remember that Emily left in August 2004 before moving to Chicago for about a year. According to library manager Regina Hartman, "We are really excited to have Emily back in her former position!"

Michelle Travis has joined the UC Health Sciences Library. Michelle is a recent library school graduate.

Travels

Barbarie Hill, Margee Lewis, Val Purvis,, Alison Kissling (Children's), Lisa McCormick (Jewish), Leslie Schick, Edith Starbuck, and Shelly Paden (UC Health Sciences) attended the Midwest Chapter meeting in Louisville in October. Barbarie Hill presented a poster describing a collaborative research project on evidence-based care terminology in the literature.

Jane Thompson recently returned from a week in NYC, and can report that spending time on your own and in the company of others is a very nice way to spend time. One of the highlights of her visit was the newly-renovated Pierpont Morgan Library, where she gazed in awe on many an incunabula, including two Gutenberg Bibles, among many gems. One of the most moving experiences can be had by visiting two museums that are not very far from each other: the Lower East Side Tenement Museum, and the Museum of the Chinese in America. Both draw on personal accounts of the hardships and excitement of beginning life again in the new world. Of course, shopping and eating are never-failing delights of a visit to Manhattan, and reading a real newspaper.

ETC.

Cecil Rahe was interviewed on the Channel 19 News on September 27, 2006 for a story concerning the cleanup of the Fluor Fernald uranium-processing site. Cecil is a former employee of Fluor. The site will be a natural green space and wetlands according the Channel 19 news story. Nice job, Cecil!

Major budget cuts in higher education across the state of Ohio will be felt on the local level. The University of Cincinnati library system will be taking a hard look at their purchases for the upcoming academic year, particularly in the area of journals.

Rumor has it that Rose Zajac (Tri-Health Good Samaritan) is STILL enjoying retirement. Check in with us now and then, Rose!

Thanks to all the members of CAHSLA for the beautiful planter with the cut flowers that was sent when my Mom passed away. Losing a parent is never easy, but the support from friends and colleagues has been so helpful in getting through day by day.
Sincerely, Sharon

In the Literature and on the 'Net

LearningExpress Library (<http://learningexpresslibrary.com>) is a comprehensive, interactive online learning platform of practice tests and tutorial course series designed to help patrons—students and adult learners—succeed on the academic or licensing tests they must pass. You'll get immediate scoring, complete answer explanations, and an individualized analysis of your results. Test preparation services are often very expensive, but people are willing to spend money to help prepare for the ACT, GRE, GED, real estate, and other assessments. LearningExpress provides free access to users.

Coverage & Access | Many Adults Seek Health Care Information Online, Poll Finds [Aug 02, 2006] Wall Street Journal Online, 7/31

Many U.S. adults with Internet access seek health care information online, according to a recent Harris Interactive survey, the Wall Street Journal Online reports. The telephone survey, conducted from July 5 to July 11, includes responses from 1,020 adults. According to the survey, 80% of respondents with Internet access said that they have sought health care information online, compared with 72% in 2005. In addition, 61% of respondents with Internet access said that they sought health care information online "sometimes or often," compared with 58% in 2005, the survey finds. About 25% of respondents who sought health care information online said that they considered the data "very reliable," compared with 37% in 2005, according to the survey.

A Face Is Exposed for AOL Searcher No. 4417749

By Michael Barbaro and Tom Zeller Jr.

Published: August 9, 2006

Buried in a list of 20 million Web search queries collected by AOL and recently released on the Internet is user No. 4417749. The number was assigned by the company to protect the searcher's anonymity, but it was not much of a shield ... No. 4417749 conducted hundreds of searches over a three-month period on topics ranging

from “numb fingers” to “60 single men” to “dog that urinates on everything.” And search by search, click by click, the identity of AOL user No. 4417749 became easier to discern ... It did not take much investigating to follow that data trail to Thelma Arnold, a 62-year-old widow who lives in Lilburn, Ga., frequently researches her friends’ medical ailments and loves her three dogs ... But the detailed records of searches conducted by Ms. Arnold and 657,000 other Americans, copies of which continue to circulate online, underscore how much people unintentionally reveal about themselves when they use search engines — and how risky it can be for companies like AOL, Google and Yahoo to compile such data ... But the unintended consequences of all that data being compiled, stored and cross-linked are what Marc Rotenberg, the executive director of the Electronic Privacy Information Center, a privacy rights group in Washington, called “a ticking privacy time bomb ...”

AOL keeps a record of each user’s search queries for one month ... This allows users to refer back to previous searches and is also used by AOL to improve the quality of its search technology. The three-month data that was released came from a special system meant for AOL’s internal researchers that does not record the users’ AOL screen names ... Ms. Arnold says she loves online research, but the disclosure of her searches has left her disillusioned. In response, she plans to drop her AOL subscription. “We all have a right to privacy,” she said. “Nobody should have found this all out.”

Thoughtful Design Keeps New Libraries Relevant

Not everything students want and need is online

By Scott Carlson

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... The Internet brought predictions of the demise of the library and, on some campuses, the marginalization of librarians themselves. But now librarians increasingly find that administrators, professors, and students see the library building as essential, a romanticized heart of the campus. At the same time, though, libraries have changed radically from the stodgy and stuffy repositories of years past. Some people wonder whether libraries have loosened up too much, and what libraries will look like in the future ...

Indeed, libraries today feature not only the cafes and lounge areas that have become so popular, but also classrooms, conference centers, group-study areas, high-end multimedia equipment, computers outfitted with advanced software, and areas designated for lessons in information literacy, along with the stacks of books. And some new libraries dispense with the stacks altogether ... librarians are abandoning circulation statistics, which are falling at some institutions, as the measure of success they show administrators and trustees. Instead, they cite library attendance -- which means, he says, that librarians are competing more and more with the conveniences and comforts of the dormitory suite and the buzz of the student center ... And some say that new, well-designed, and popular space can lead not only to increased use, but also to more support from administrations and legislatures ... the location of a library on a campus made little difference in its popularity among students. Library size did not matter, nor did the number of study rooms in a building or the availability of wireless access. “The presence of a cybercafe -- that was a wash ... More basic comforts rated highly: the quality of natural lighting, the quality of work spaces, the quality of the heating and air-conditioning system, and the overall ambiance of the building. Computer and Internet access -- such as the number of data ports, the quality of the telecommunication system, and the quality of the public-access workstations -- were also vital to the success of a building.

Insults with class - oldies but goodies

He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." Winston Churchill

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it." Moses Hadas

"He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know." Abraham Lincoln

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play, bring a friend... if you have one."
George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second...if there is one."
Winston Churchill, in reply

"I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." Stephen Bishop

"A modest little person, with much to be modest about." Winston Churchill (about Clement Atlee)

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary."
William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)

"Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words?" Ernest
Hemingway (about William Faulkner)

"He is not only dull himself; he is the cause of dullness in others." Samuel Johnson

"He had delusions of adequacy." Walter Kerr

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." Groucho Marx

"They never open their mouths without subtracting from the sum of human knowledge."
Thomas Brackett Reed

"He loves nature in spite of what it did to him." Forrest Tucker

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." Mark Twain

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." Mae West

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go." Oscar Wilde

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends." Oscar Wilde

CALENDAR

- December ?? CAHSLA holiday party at the home of Mary Piper.
- February ??, 2007 CAHSLA meeting with Dr. Fleischman for a presentation entitled "Animals That Have Won the Nobel Prize."
- April ??, 2007 CAHSLA tour of Drake Hospital and business meeting.
- May 18-23, 2007 MLA annual meeting in Philadelphia.
- June ??, 2007 CAHSLA year-end picnic at French Park.
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