



# CHRONICLE

CINCINNATI AREA HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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## President's Page

It's hard to believe that our membership year is coming to a close. It's been an interesting time on a lot of fronts. We all lived through a couple of amazing snow storms, experienced a very early spring quickly followed by some of the coldest temperatures all year. I heard that it was 17 degrees colder on Easter Sunday than it had been on Christmas Day. Our ability to be flexible, accommodating, and good-humored when dealing with the weather are the same characteristics that we demonstrate on a daily basis in our various libraries with patrons, work-flow, budgets and technology.

I would like to thank our Program Committee for an excellent array of educational and informative sessions this year -- plus some really good food and time spent with colleagues. The program at the Hope House was my personal favorite. Not only were the surroundings amazing, but their mission and outreach is so needed.

I also want to thank those individuals who have agreed to fill leadership positions in CAHSLA for the next year. I firmly believe that this organization occupies a unique position in our professional lives. Where else can we go and discuss "library stuff" with friends who truly understand and help think of alternatives. How Cool!

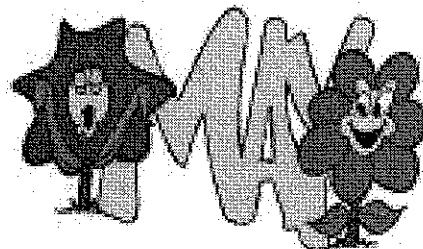
Our final event of this year will be a picnic at French Park in Amberly Village on June 6. Look for a flyer with details regarding time and exact location. I look forward to our continued growth and development as

an organization and as individuals. Thanks for a great year (and I finally have mastered writing 2007).

*Sharon Bressert-Purtee*

## CAHSLA and SWON

A few CAHSLA members are also members of Southwest Ohio and Neighboring Libraries (formerly known as GCLC), which has about 75 member libraries in southwest Ohio and northern Kentucky. One possible benefit of being part of a network with central administration and staff such as SWON is its ability to negotiate advantageous contracts with vendors for its members. CAHSLA/SWON members have recently had a preliminary discussion with Anne Abate, Director of SWON, to begin exploring such a joint contract with Ovid or other vendors. If you are interested in joining such a venture, contact Don Smith at 859-344-2248 or [dsmith@stelizabeth.com](mailto:dsmith@stelizabeth.com)



## CAHSLA Members Tour Drake Center

April 17, 2007 was one of those fine Cincinnati spring days that we all dream about in late January when the sky has been gray for an interminable time period. It was the perfect day for CAHSLA members to visit the Drake Center in Hartwell. The Drake Center sits on a lovely campus with a lot of green space and some of the most fragrant lilac bushes ever encountered.

Kathleen Greer, RN from Drake's marking department led the tour. For those who have not been to Drake in many years, the transformation to a bright contemporary space was a pleasant surprise. The mission of the Drake has changed to emphasize rehabilitation and long-term care of medically complex patients. The warm water pool for rehabilitation and wellness exercise is just one example of the Center's state-of-the-art facility. Drake also collaborates with Children's Hospital Medical Center to provide physical therapy and rehabilitation services for children at the site. It was wonderful to learn that Drake offers many wellness programs, including the pool and land-based exercise, for a fee to anyone from the community. Ms. Greer explained the history of the Drake to CAHSLA members who peppered her with questions. We were shown the patient and family information center and the Drake Archives as well.

Following the tour we had our business meeting and social with refreshments in one of the smaller conference rooms in Drake's conference center area. President Sharon Bressert facilitated the business meeting including the report from the Nomination Committee on the slate of officers for 2007-2008. Treasurer Cathy Constance provided an update on the organization's finances. The invitation was extended to attend the final meeting of the 06-07-association year at French Park. After a lively "round robin" of catching up with everyone's news, the meeting came to a close at 7:00 p.m.

*Lisa McCormick*

## CAHSLA Meeting Minutes April 17, 2007

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday April 17 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, in absentia  
Secretary



## OHSLA Spring Meeting

The Ohio Health Sciences Libraries Association held its spring meeting and continuing education class on April 20 at Ohio State University in Columbus. Lisa McCormick and Barbarie Hill were the only CAHSLA members at the meeting.

Dale Prince, Technology Coordinator for the Southeast regional office, presented a lively, hands-on class titled "Geeks Bearing Gifts: New Technology Trends." We learned about web 2.0 and how it isn't strictly a new invention but a continuum of new ways to make use of the web's many possibilities for user interactions. We tried out sharing photos with Flickr, storing and sharing bookmarks with Del.icio.us, and creating and sharing documents with docs.Google.com. We saw examples of wikis, blogs, RSS feeds, podcasts, and social networking and imagined ways they could be used to communicate with our library users. So many new things, so little time to explore them all!

During the luncheon business meeting, results of the recent election were announced. The new officers for the coming year are:

Marlene Porter, President elect/Program  
Susie Miller, Treasurer/Membership  
Shirley Lewis, RAC representative

Carol Powell continues as Secretary and Ximena Chrisagis is Past President.

The group also agreed formally to host the 2009 Midwest Chapter/MLA annual conference. Marlene Porter and Bette Sydelko will be co-chairs. The meeting will be held Oct. 3-6, 2009 at the Hyatt at Capitol Square in Columbus. Committees will be forming soon, and volunteers will be needed from around the state. The Midwest Chapter/MLA Board is now handling all finances through the chapter treasurer, and they have engaged a professional meeting planning organization to negotiate with the hotel. That makes the local host's job a little easier than it was when CAHSLA hosted in 2000. Still there will be plenty of jobs to go around.

*Barbarie Hill*



## CAHSLA End of the Association Year Picnic

Date: June 6, 2007

Time: 5:30'ish

Place: French Park  
Shelter

You must RSVP to Lisa McCormick (686-5418) and select your box lunch by June 4

## **PDQuotient / Please wait**

*The Plain Dealer*

April 8, 2007

267 -- Number of hours a year the average American spends waiting.

17 -- Number of hours a year the average adult spends waiting for someone to answer the telephone.

6\* -- Number of days each year that the average American spends waiting in line.

6 -- Number of months the average American will spend waiting for traffic lights over the course of a lifetime.

2.75 -- Number of years in foster care the average foster child waits before getting adopted.

Nearly 4 years -- Average wait time for a donated kidney.

6 minutes -- Average wait time to get through security at the Akron-Canton Airport.

More than 5 years -- Average wait time for a U.S. green card.

17.5 minutes -- Average time airline passengers wait to retrieve their luggage.

3.3 hours -- Average wait time for emergency-room patients in Ohio.

3.7 hours -- Average wait time for emergency-room patients nationwide.

44 -- Percent of men who want to have sex on the first date -- and therefore do not want to wait.

23 -- Percent of women who are interested in having sex on the first date.

Sources: Atlanta Journal-Constitution, The (London) Independent, Baltimore Sun, Calgary Herald, Akron Beacon Journal, Chicago Daily Herald, Orlando Sentinel, Press Ganey Associates.

## CAHSLA COLLEAGUES

### **Kudos**

We extend hearty congratulations to Amy Koshoffer and Barbara Slavinsky on the completion of their library school degrees in spring '07.

Lisa McCormick (Jewish Hospital) was a finalist in the 2007 Business Courier's Health Care Heroes Award in the manager category. Lisa was nominated by four nurses at the hospital for her work in providing information for evidence based care, assisting the students in the RN to BSN onsite education program, and for "championing the literacy needs of our patients."

### **Misc.**

Our colleagues at the VA Medical Center write "A Kent State University School of Library and Information Sciences student, Judy Wells, recently did her practicum at the VA Medical Center Medical Library. She spent 140 hours with us. Some of the major tasks we had her work on were inventorying, correcting, and updating the shelf list for the Prevention and Education Resource Center (our patient education library), developing a Medical Library Pathfinder to materials on coaching, mentoring and delegating, and learning serials control with the VA's online serials software."

Congratulations to Nonnie Klein (retired UC HSL) who reports that she will be a grandmother in 2007. Nonnie, who spends much of her time commuting to her Carolina beach retreat will be adding a new route to make frequent visits to her first grandchild in the Boston area.

News from Dorothy Gilroy (retired CCDD): "Have been traveling, which I see as my duty to set an example for you working librarians (just so you'll know what to do when you retire!) Went to Costa Rica in February. Leave for Iowa Sunday and then join my two sisters for our annual sisters' trip – destination NYC. In May Maury and I are going to the Middle Atlantic States. Then we'll stay home until July when we plan to go camping to Alaska. When at home I continue to volunteer in school libraries and the Friends group at the local public library. I am on a committee which has selected the title for a "What if everyone read the same book?" project in Redmond. We have selected *The Work of Wolves* by Kent Meyers." Dorothy fails to mention in this note that she and Maury moved in January to a retirement community in the same area where they had been living, so they're still near their sons and grandchildren.

Maggie Heran wants us to know that the Lloyd Library and Museum is hosting the annual meeting of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries (CBHL) June 5 through June 9, 2007. The conference theme is "Eclectic Cincinnati: Legacies, Legends, and the Lloyds."



## In the Literature and On the Web

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The Wired Campus March 8, 2007

### Scanning for the Future

In the eyes of most librarians and archivists, digitizing books is an important and timely task. Unfortunately, it is also a tedious one, as the Tri-Valley Herald [San Francisco area] points out. The Herald stopped by the University of California's Northern Regional Library Facility and found about 12 young men and women, each wearing headphones and "sitting under black tents that keep out extraneous light," quietly scanning page upon page. Building the library of the future is not a glamorous task, says Scott Miller, the facility's operations manager: "We kind of think of it as a 21st-century Industrial Revolution type of job." --Brock Read

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To: MEDLIB-L@LISTSERV.BUFFALO.EDU

Subject: CHAT: **And you thought you knew librarians!**

Date: Thu, 5 Apr 2007 14:42:24 -0500

OK, turnabout is fair play I guess, but had you folks heard that the Texas Library Association (ahh, my home state comes through again) with a calendar of male TLA librarians--some in a state of undress. Hey! if TLA could do this, maybe MLA could too. Its for a good cause--for library disaster relief.

<http://www.txla.org/temp/TLAmen.html>

Joy Kennedy, MLS, Northwest  
Community Hospital, Arlington Heights, IL

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*Chronicle of Higher Education*

**Are Reference Desks Dying Out?** Librarians struggle to redefine — and in some cases eliminate — the venerable institution

"With more librarians ... using mobile technologies, the reference desk certainly isn't what it used to be. In fact, some librarians are wondering whether reference desks are needed at all."

"... Since the advent of the Internet, traffic at reference desks has dropped off considerably, as much as 48 percent since 1991, according to the Association of Research Libraries. Questions that were the stock in trade of reference librarians decades ago — like, "How can I find information about the population and GDP of Uzbekistan?" — can now be answered through a simple Google search..."

"... Efforts to get away from the reference desk and enter the world of students aren't purely high-tech. Eric Frierson, a young librarian at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, uses instant messaging, e-mail, blogs, and Facebook for reference services, but he also participates in a service called "Librarian With a Latte." With a laptop and a wireless connection, he sets aside time to sit at a table at a popular Ann Arbor coffee shop and invites students to drop by for help. Dozens of students showed up for one of his recent sessions ... Students can get a lot out of online reference services, he says, but face-to-face consultations are easier. "An interaction that would take half an hour online takes five minutes in person," he says." Scott Carlson

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### What Goes Around

... I should have been well aware of what a precious thing free or cheap interlibrary lending is for virtually every student, scholar, and recreational reader in the United States. But, like most academics, it had never occurred to me. If anything, interlibrary loan was always a necessity I faced with irritation, hating the prospect of filling out more forms.

I have since learned that interlibrary lending isn't free at all but a gift paid for by every American taxpayer. The average American probably doesn't know it, but .... The national average seems to be about \$22 to borrow a book and \$12 to lend one, according to statistics from the Association of Research Libraries. That adds up to a transaction cost of well over \$30 for each volume. Even when patrons at private or public libraries in the United States are asked to pay for the service, the charge is usually minimal and doesn't go far toward actually offsetting the true cost of the practice. For the most part, libraries silently eat the costs. The significance of that sacrifice goes largely unnoticed. It isn't the sexiest line on a library budget. But there is something profoundly democratic, surprisingly compassionate, and deeply civic in sharing our national resources in this manner...

Susanna Ashton

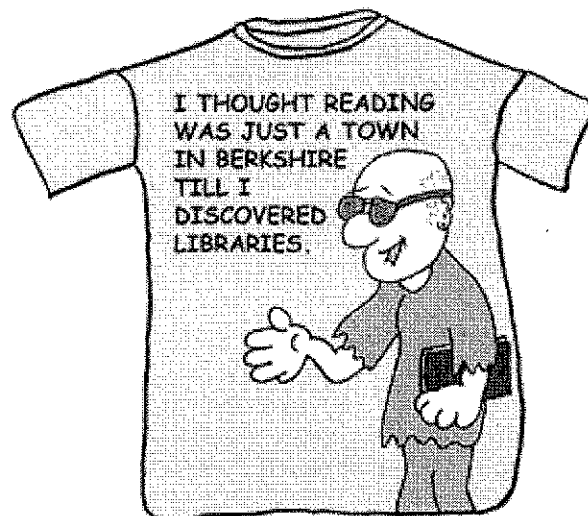
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The Scientist

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### The "hostile environment" at EPA libraries

The libraries of the Environmental Protection Agency have become "a hostile environment" for information as administrators of the federal agency have allowed documents to be disposed of or warehoused into obscurity, writes Glenn McGee, a professor of medicine at Albany Medical College... librarians and location- or specialty-specific repositories are important to the EPA" and to the researchers who depend on its information, he writes. In 2006, however, the Bush administration proposed an 80-percent reduction in the agency's \$2.5-million budget for libraries. While that amount was "but a blip against the \$8-billion EPA budget," Mr. McGee writes, it represented a huge cut to the libraries." What's worse, he says, the EPA did not wait for the budget to be approved before it began "decimating libraries and trashing materials." ...



## CALENDAR

- May 6-10 4th International Evidence Based Library & Information Practice Conference. Chapel Hill-Durham, NC.
- May 18-23 MLA Annual Meeting. Information Revolution: Change is in the Air. Philadelphia, PA.
- June 3-6 SLA Annual Conference. Denver, CO.
- June 6 CAHSLA year-end picnic at French Park shelter. 5:30ish

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