

Hey MCMLAers!

As we transition from summer to fall, and school starts up again (however tentatively in these halcyon days of Covid) I know I'm busier than ever, and expect you are all too. This issue of the Express is small, but mighty, like our membership!

Shandra, our fearless Chair, [kicks off this issue](#) with a reminder of how we work best when we work in teams. It can be tough trying to do this at a distance, but we are most successful when we work together.

Our Finance Committee, headed up by our fabulous treasurer Jackie Hittner, continues their [series of articles](#) on MCMLA finances and how they work. This quarter's installment discusses how we spend our money, so check it out!

Advocacy has been on a roll, and we all know how important it can be to keep our libraries healthy and open. Read about the [winning projects](#) of the second and third advocacy challenges in this Express. And, if you haven't, Advocacy has some great resources online at the [MCMLA website](#), so take a look.

As you can see from the gorgeous graphic, it's time to register for MCMLA's Annual Meeting. This year it's virtual—luckily, it was planned that way pre-Covid, so good job Annual Meeting Committee!—so [check out the announcement](#) and register! This year it will be a joint meeting with our Midwest colleagues, and at only \$25 to register, with some great keynote speakers, papers, and posters lined up, it's a bargain.

Thinking about hosting a NLM Fellow? Cecelia Vetter, a second year NLM Fellow, [writes about her experience](#) working the Strauss Health Sciences Library on the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. She writes about her work, her projects, and what she is up to now. Find out if hosting a Fellow could be right for your institution.

Finally, check out all the neat stuff our MCMLA colleagues are doing across the region in [MCMLA Congratulates!](#) I'm headed for a week-long stay-cation (is there any other kind these days?) so I'll wish you a great long weekend and fall.

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Notes from the Chair

By Shandra Knight, MCMLA Chair; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Ready, HIKE!

Dog sledding is both an individual endeavor and team effort. Each member has to be on point or the whole thing turns into a tangled mess. An experienced guide is dedicated to skillful instruction, and to keeping everyone safe. Sled drivers must be diligent to steer the sled on the right path, and to keep the team from crashing into obstacles. The husky team must work well together to break trail and stay the course. Each member has to pull his or her weight to be successful. Once and while team you stop and assess the well-being of the team. You check the compass and make adjustments. Then once again, the team faces in the right direction and forges ahead.

It's the same with volunteer organizations. I am happy to report that MCMLA is working as a team to keep our sights on the path ahead. With expert knowledge, leadership and committed committee members, we foster member engagement and professional community building, leadership development, and continuing education.



Our Diversity & Inclusion Task Force has begun the work of elaborating the values of our organization and surveying the membership for needs and interests.

We work toward clearer annual meeting goals and procedures to continue providing a great meeting experience for members and sponsors. We have updated our payment system to Affinipay for processing financial transactions and look for ways to collaborate more efficiently.

With the launch of a new podcast, Advocacy hopes reach a wider audience with interesting stories and interviews that affect our profession.

It takes the whole team, facing in the right direction, to be the best organization we can be. Thank you to everyone who has jumped in to break new trail and keep us moving forward. And as they say when you want to pick up the pace.. ready, HIKE!

MCMLA Finances, Part 5: Chapter Expenses

By MCMLA Finance Committee; edited by Jerry Carlson

How does the chapter spend its money? The biggest expense is for recognizing you the chapter members. Our chapter members excel in doing research and are exceptional librarians in hospital and academic environments. Each year the chapter receives excellent nominations for our three named awards and award winners receive \$350 for winning a named award plus a certificate or plaque. At our annual meeting, the chapter gives an award for the best paper and for the best poster presented at the meeting. These awards are \$250 each, and an additional \$125 award is given for the best of show research which is determined by meeting attendees. The chapter has a travel award that helps members attend in person meetings. Other awards recognize members who apply for AHIP status, who are STARS, and who donate to the endowment fund.



Our annual meeting receives funding from the chapter. Seed money is given to the meeting planners so they can get the meeting up and running. The hope is that the seed money will be paid back by the proceeds of the annual meeting. The chapter also budgets funds for a speaker at the annual meeting. These funds are not paid back to the chapter.

There are ongoing yearly charges, over \$1,150, for services the chapter uses. These include charges for a virtual meeting platform that is used for monthly executive meetings and committee meetings, website charges, and a PO Box.

The chapter pays MLA for general insurance, professional insurance, and filing our 990 form with the IRS. These charges come to \$500.

From time to time the chapter receives requests to help fund a cause that benefits health science librarians. One such request came from MLA to help fund the MLA Research Training Institute. The MLA Research Training Institute for Health Sciences Librarians (RTI) was developed to provide practicing health sciences librarians with an opportunity to immerse themselves in instruction and focused activities related to scholarly research, inquiry, and publishing. Some of our chapter members have participated in this institute.

The final part of this series on MCMLA Finances will appear in the next Express.

Reflections of an NLM Fellow

By Cecelia Vetter, AHIP, NLM Fellow; edited by Jerry Carlson

I spent the last year at the Strauss Health Sciences Library on the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus as a National Library of Medicine 2nd Year Fellow. As part of the NLM Associate Fellowship, health sciences libraries can submit an offer to host a graduating fellow for a year to continue their learning experience.

I accepted the Strauss Library as my host institution and was placed within the Education and Reference Department at Strauss Library as a full-time faculty librarian. I worked on projects including designing course material for Pharmacy students, teaching the library class Introduction to EndNote, updating video tutorials, and maintaining the COVID-19 LibGuide. I also managed a year-long project designing and implementing assessment surveys to gather student feedback from the department's instructional service points: reference transactions, consultations, and classes.

Through this work at Strauss Library, I got to partner with numerous librarians and learn from their expertise in the field. I got to participate in professional development opportunities, including working on the planning committee for the 2020 Kraemer Copyright Conference and collaborating on two papers presented at the 2020 MLA virtual conference.



I am extremely grateful for my experience at Strauss Health Sciences Library and am continuing my health sciences librarianship career at Concordia University, St. Paul as the liaison to the College of Health and Sciences.

This research was supported in part by an appointment to the NLM Associate Fellowship Program. This program is administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education through an interagency agreement between the U.S. Department of Energy and the National Library of Medicine.

Announcing the MCMLA 2020 Virtual Meeting!

By the MCMLA 2020 Annual Meeting Coordinators; edited by Jerry Carlson

HERE I COME TO SAVE THE DATE!



Join the Midcontinental and Midwest chapters of MLA for the 2020 joint Annual Conference. Conference highlights include keynote speaker Dr. Jan Gunter (an internationally bestselling author, obstetrician and gynecologist), an opportunity for CE credit included with the registration fee, and two expert panels. The first panel is intended for library students and those new to the profession and will be an open conversation with 3-4 librarians from different health science library environments discussing their career. The second panel will discuss health disparities within different populations and how librarians can be part of the solution. The conference will be conducted synchronously using Zoom. Registered attendees will receive links and detailed login directions in advance of the meeting.

- **Dates:** October 14-16, 2020
- **Theme:** **Becoming a Health Literacy Superhero**
- **Registration cost:** \$25 for all attendees. Midwest/MLA will be offering several scholarships for those experiencing financial hardship. Details are forthcoming.
- **CE: Librarian to the rescue!** Serving your emergency management team information needs before, during and after a disaster, with instructor Teri Hartman
- **Website:** <http://midwestmla.org/virtual2020/>

MCMLA Needs YOU!

MCMLA members:

Now is the time to volunteer to serve on an MCMLA committee! Bring your ideas and leadership to the table and help MCMLA meet member needs.

You can learn about MCMLA Committees on the MCMLA [webpage](#) or by contacting current committee chairs.

Please fill out the [volunteer form](#) and indicate which committees you would be interested in serving on. Members will be appointed in September and will officially start serving on committees after the MCMLA 2020 virtual meeting.

Thanks for your help!

Questions? Contact [Melissa Desantis](#), Incoming MCMLA Chair

Announcing the 2020 Virtual Research Reproducibility Conference



We are excited to announce that the [Research Reproducibility Conference](#) has been confirmed to be hosted in a **virtual format** for **December 2-3, 2020!**

The conference will still focus on the **reproducibility** and **replicability** of **research on our campuses** through a **dynamic 2 day virtual event** that will bring together experts and novices, researchers and educators, and students and administrators from multiple disciplines and institutions to explore best practices, innovations, and new ideas for education around reproducibility and replicability.

Our **Keynote Speaker**, [Brian Nosek](#), is the co-founder and Executive Director of the Center for Open Science (COS). He and the COS team are pioneers and leaders in discussing and teaching open, reproducible, and transparent practices in research. In addition, Brian is a Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Virginia, where he mentors his students in reproducible, transparent methods.

Our **panelists** will also still represent a **range of disciplines and educational techniques and roles**, from linguistics to biomedical informatics and undergraduate educators conducting replication studies with their students to those leading national efforts to provide training. Their experiences and expertise will help set the stage for our conversations and learning each day of the conference.

We'd also like to feature you! The virtual event will also **feature submitted papers, poster sessions, and opportunities for in-depth discussion** at roundtables on topics submitted by our attendees. The paper and poster [submission portal](#) is currently open and accepting submissions until **October 15th!**

Registration is also open, so make sure to secure your spot today!

Follow this link to Register: https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bfQINxMN11fXiZL

This conference is funded by the Office of Research Integrity, Department of Health and Human Services, under grant ORIIR190046.



*Thank you for your contribution to the
MCMLA Endowment Fund*

A big **THANK YOU** to **David Brown** who donated to the endowment fund when paying his 2020 dues. For donating to the endowment fund, he will automatically become a MCMLA STAR and will be eligible for the MCMLA STAR drawing at the 2020 annual business meeting.

Can we count on you to help fatten the piggy during the virtual annual meeting? Look for details announced on MCMLA-L.

Advocacy Challenge Winners!

By the MCMLA Advocacy Committee; edited by Nina McHale



Hello wonderful Advocators!

It is my pleasure to congratulate **Prasanna Vaduvathiriyen, from KU libraries**. She is the second quarter's advocacy winner for her work conducting online teaching sessions and consultations using Skype & Adobe connect to support students and faculty during the pandemic. Additionally she recorded video sessions to deliver to

students. Congrats Prasanna!

Entries for the second quarter challenge ranged from developing best practices & guidelines for hospitals (Diane Johnson), to developing a continually evolving LibGuide (Abbey Griffith), and creating remote accommodations for instructing students from afar (Alissa Fial). Kudos for your good work.

The third quarter's Advocacy Challenge winners were Shawn Steidinger, Nena Schvaneveldt, and members of the Eccles Health Sciences Library's IDEA Committee at the University of Utah. Here is their winning entry:

"In 2017, the Eccles Health Sciences Library established a librarian position focused on access and inclusion and took on the challenge of becoming a designated BRAVE/BOLD/SAFE Space. We cemented our commitment to equity within the health sciences and academics by partnering with the Office of Health Equity Diversity and Inclusion, Black Cultural Center, LGBTQ Resource Center, Dream Center, Women in Medicine and Health Sciences, and many other campus departments and groups that push for better representation, accountability and equity across the University of Utah campus and within our local community.

We've held monthly events like book discussions, film screenings, art shows, and interactive exhibits, all an effort to give voice to the diverse voices and experiences of clinicians, patients, and humans normally left out of conversations surrounding medicine. For example, our "Community Read" event is a book discussion where we have chosen titles such as "Waking Up White & Finding Myself in the Story of Race" and "Battling Over Birth: Black Women and the Maternal Health Care Crisis".

We've learned that partnering with campus organizations and departments leads to better understanding, unlearn-

ing, and cultural visibility within our administration, our campus and our community. We've presented at MCMLA and MLA about hosting awareness events during campus crises (see p. 20 of the MLA20 program, "Breaking the Silence: Hosting Awareness Events on Campus during Crisis") where we shared our experience about creating space and opportunities for our community to have critical discussions about Intimate Partner Violence.

We have recently formed an antiracist committee, which we call: IDEA (which stands for Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Antiracism). We are firming up our charge statement now, to solidify our commitment to use an antiracism lens to audit and rewrite our library policies, inform our entire strategic plan, improve our hiring and retention practices, and provide information resources, services and education for our campus community.

We would be happy to share details with other MCMLA members who have questions about how they can proceed at their own institutions."

Thank you to everyone who had a chance to submit entries for this quarter's contest. Rest assured that these entries will enter the pool for our larger prize to be awarded at the end of the year (*more to come on that*).

And let's not forget *all of you*-the unsung heroes doing the work to keep your libraries going every day. You are all amazing!

Look for the next quarter challenge to be released shortly.

This Would Be a GREAT Time to Go AHIP!

By Shawn Steidinger, MCMLA Credentialing Liaison; edited by Nina McHale

Thinking about applying for membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals, aka [AHIP](#)? Or maybe it's time to renew at a higher level? MCMLA has your back! We have \$650 available to fund first-time, successful AHIP applications, as well as those who qualify to renew at a higher level—Provisional --> Member, or Member --> Senior Member.

Find the funding announcement and application details here:

https://www.mcmla.org/resources/Documents/AHIPAwards_announcement_2020.pdf

Apply by December 1, 2020.

If you have any questions about this award, or the AHIP process in general, please feel free to reach out to [me](#)!

MCMLA Congratulates

By Amanda Sprochi, MCMLA Editor

Rachel Vukas, Assistant Director of Research & Learning, A.R. Dykes Library, University of Kansas Medical Center, who has retired. Many good wishes from MCMLA.

Cecelia Vetter, NLM Fellow, on the completion of her second year. You can read about her experiences in [this quarter's Express](#). Great job, Cecelia.

Prasanna Vaduvathiriyen and Shawn Steidinger, Nena Schvaneveldt and their team for winning the second and third Advocacy Challenges. [Check out their work!](#)

Christi Piper and **Nina McHale**, who received word that they qualified for AHIP Senior Level Membership. Well done!

Kristen DeSanto, for her promotion to Associate Professor at the University of Colorado. Well deserved!

Jessica Gerber, for planning the University of Colorado Libraries Summit in May and keeping Zoom and all the sessions on track, as well as presenting on Alma/Primo and user experience. Whew! Great work.

Kudos also to **Christi Piper** and **Sam Kennefick** for presenting at the Colorado Summit.

Ellie Svoboda, for having her OER "Recipe" (book chapter) accepted for publication in the ALA Scholarly Communications Cookbook. Congratulations!

Wlad Labeikovskiy and his team for approval to submit a full U19 grant proposal to NIH, meaning it has a good chance of being funded. Excellent news.

Sam Kennefick for her article on the Covid LibGuide she has put together with colleagues at the Strauss Library in MLA Connect. Good job!

And finally, also to **Sam** who married her fiancé **Nate Wilairat** in July. Their wedding, planned in Oregon with a honeymoon to follow in Ireland, was cancelled because of the pandemic. However, they still got married on their original date! They hiked up to Ice Lake in San Juan County, camped overnight, and married themselves at 6 am. Mazel tov!



The Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) is the peer-reviewed, accomplishment/portfolio-based certification and career development program for health information professionals. Academy membership indicates that your peers have certified that you have met a standard of professional education, experience, and accomplishment and demonstrates that you are committed to career development. AHIP is also a membership organization in which members are entitled to career development, planning, and mentoring resources and member discounts.

Joining the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) has never been easier. A new system has been launched allowing you to download fill-in AHIP forms, upload or email the completed portfolio, and pay online.

For an introduction to how the online forms work click on go to the [Professional Accomplishments Points Index](#) webpage.

Currently there are roughly 1100 AHIP members who participate in the academy at 5 levels of membership. Why don't you join us?

Visit the [Academy of Health Information Professionals \(AHIP\)](#) for more information

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