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From the editor's pad »

As you will quickly note, this edition is very much a "summer edition" and lacks some of the regular features. It will, at best, let you know that the editor remains the same for the 1982/83 year and welcomes contributions at the usual address.

If you would like to see your library represented in the "Focus on..." series, please write it up and send it along. It need only be brief; if you have a decent photograph, include it too.

I hope your summer has been refreshing. As the demands continue to overshoot the resources in the health library field it will take all our available energy and expertise to cope. Welcome back to the fight.



AVAILABLE

The first volume of the 4th edition of Handbook of Medical Library Practice published by the Medical Library Assoc. Volume I entitled Public Services in Health Sciences Libraries. Volume II (Technical Services) and Volume III (Administration and Health Science Librarianship) to be published early 1983. Volume I U.S. \$22.50 prepaid from:

M.L.A.
919 North Michigan Ave., Ste. 3208
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Source: MLA News, May 1982.

Finally, a toll free number of the Winnipeg office of Statistics Canada for provincial callers;
1 - 800 - 282-8006 !
Office hours are weekdays
0830 to 1630

A new Extension Librarian at the University of Manitoba Medical Library! Mr. Dale Nelson takes up the cudgels on August 23rd. Welcome, Dale. We've been waiting for you.

CHLA/ABSC UPDATE

CHLA '83 is going to be a marvellous experience, if I do say so myself!

The members of the CHLA '83 Conference Planning Committee are as follows:

Marilyn Hernandez	- Conf. Coordinator
Barbara Greeniaus	- Prog. Committee (Chair)
Audrey Kerr	- Prog. Committee
Dallas Bagby	- Prog. Committee
Gursharan Bawa	- Finance Committee (Chair)
Doris Pritchard	- Publicity Comm. (Chair)
Sharon Allentuck	- Local Arrangements Comm. (Chair)
Barb Carstens	- Report Committee/ Secretary

In addition, there is a Continuing Education Committee which decides on the two CE courses to be offered. We arrange their meeting rooms and equipment.

The dates for the conference are June 12-15, 1983. Tentative scheduling is as follows:

Sunday,	June 12	- Board Meeting (eve)
Monday	June 13	- CE courses
Tuesday	June 14	- Programme
Wednesday	June 15	- Programme in a.m.; Board Meeting (eve)
[Thursday	June 16	- Local health library tours]

We are also planning social events. The conference theme has been chosen, and all sessions planned will relate to that theme. We have accomplished a great deal in a very short time, and we are looking forward to our "target date" of Oct. 2nd, when Barbara Greeniaus will present our final programme and budget information for approval by the CHLA Board.

To say more at this time would "let the cat out of the bag." But if you want to "get in the bag with the cat," as Dallas Bagby put it, we need more recruits! Committee chairpersons may be holding separate meetings of their committees for the first time soon.

BE A VOLUNTEER—IT IS CHALLENGING
AND EDUCATIONAL!

Marilyn Hernandez

STOP PRESS!!

Keynote speaker for CHLA will be
Daniel Letouzé, Vice President,
Canadian Hospital Association.

AND AGAIN

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That was the logo for the Grace General Hospital Library awareness week March 22-26.

To draw attention to this event we created large vivid posters and displayed them throughout the hospital. We drew up brochures listing our resources and services culminating in the reminder: "Remember--your library staff is always ready and willing to help you." It occurred to us that were we a fair bit younger we might have been tempted to break off the last three words, but as it is...oh well.

We sent invitations to all departments and even other institutions. Guests signed the visitor's book and then could work through a self-learning package on library usage; browse through some twelve book/journal/pamphlet displays on such topics as: "aged and aging" or "know yourself"; watch a slide/tape presentation on how to use CINAHL; and then relax in our lounging corner with coffee and cookies.

Staff response was enthusiastic. We had some surprises such as the number of book reserves placed by house-keeping staff and we saw some people who heretofore hardly knew we existed. We collected a fair share of compliments--and what librarian is immune to those--and for a week we had coffee cups on our desk.

Consensus evaluation says it was great, let's do it again sometime; but for the moment, let's get caught up on the nitty gritty of everyday tasks.

Rena Kroeker
Librarian

MHLA and NORTH DAKOTA MEETING, Sept. 23-24, 1982

Despite the fact that a preliminary count of interest was requested by September 1st, it is still possible for you to attend, even at the last minute.

It looks like an interesting session, and an excellent chance to meet our neighbours. Mona Garvey's presentation on P.R. will be a practical and fun day. If P.R. is what you need (and recent results indicate we all need it) then this session is for you! Cost is U.S.\$25.00.

And how about microcomputers? Charles Bandy's morning presentation will focus on the place of micros, some applications in libraries, and implications for the future.

The afternoon session will give participants a chance to become familiar with terminals, floppy disk drives and printers.

There will also be exhibits, open both days.

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ARE YOU INTERESTED?

1. In correspondence courses for rural library workers. In case members missed receiving the following letter, it is reproduced for your information.

June 4, 1982

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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL
AFFAIRS AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES

Public Library Services
139 Hamelin Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
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To: All Rural Members of MHLA

As you well know, the availability of Red River Community College library technician courses is limited in rural Manitoba. Dave Williamson, Chairman of the Applied Arts Section at Red River, has expressed a willingness to work towards developing correspondence courses in the library technician program. However, the College cannot proceed without some idea of the number of individuals across the province who would enrol in a correspondence course.

The first courses to be developed would most likely be the cataloguing series. Such courses would be for credit, and would have costs comparable to Red River's regular fees. If you would be interested in a cataloguing course by correspondence, please send a letter expressing that interest to:

Dave Williamson
Chairman
Applied Arts Section
Room D101C
Red River Community College
2055 Notre Dame Avenue
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0J9

You may also wish to indicate other courses of interest to you.

This letter is also being sent to all rural schools and all rural public libraries. Please contact anyone else in your community who you think might be interested, as the course will not be developed if there is no interest expressed.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours truly,

Karen Adams

Karen Adams

2. In a repeat of the "Working in a health Library" course at Red River Community College. The College is prepared to mount this programme again IF enough interest is shown. It will not likely be available as a correspondence course at present. Please contact:

Margaret Ann Fowler, Coordinator
Library Technician Programmes at
the College
2055 Notre Dame Ave.
Winnipeg

(632-2450)

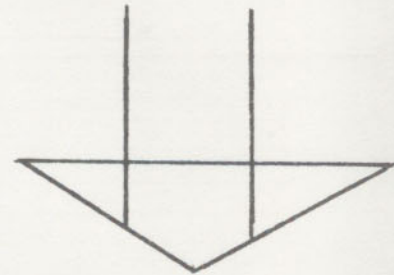
for information or expression of
interest.

It has been said "The difference
between a career and a job is about
twenty or more hours a week."

PEOPLE

A New Film Librarian at the Dept. of
Health.

Robyn Kocis is a Library Technician
who previously worked at Red River
Community College for five years.



NEEDED!!

Volunteers for 2 MHLA Committees --
Programme Committee and Membership/
Nominations Committee. Please
volunteer to Dallas Bagby,
St. Boniface Medical Library.

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