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From the editor's pad »

Once again, its been a long time in the making, but then I did say I'd continue on the basis of do-it-when we can.

This issue will be the first one to be sent off to the Canadiana Acquisitions Division and Legal Deposit Office, National Library of Canada, where it will be placed on deposit and may be listed in Canadiana.

I'm off to Ottawa as your Advisor at the end of November. I've had no input, so it'll be my own ideas. There's still time to let me know!

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from Anna Enns

ASSOCIATION NEWS.

MHLA Committee Roster 1982/83

The following committees have been formed. If you would like to get involved, it is not too late. Phone Dallas Bagby (237-2808) or contact the chairman of the committee you are interested in serving.

Publications (Chair to be appointed)

Pat Calder
Kathy Eagleton (News Editor)
Marilyn Nugent
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Michael Tennenhouse, Chair
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Natalia Pohorecky
Sharon Allentuck, ex officio

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Arthur Short, Chair
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Current Awareness

Doris Pritchard

Health Manpower Report

Marilyn Hernandez

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Marilyn Hernandez, Chair
Sharon Allentuck
Barb Carstens
Barbara Greeniaus
Gursharan Bawa
Audrey Kerr
Doris Pritchard
Dallas Bagby, ex officio

SUBSCRIPTION CANCELLATIONS

The following titles have been cancelled by MBGH for 1983:

American Journal of Clinical
Biofeedback

American Journal of Obstetrics
and Gynecology

Archives of General Psychiatry

Omega; the journal of death and
dying

Psychiatric Clinics of North America

Psychology Today

Radiographics

Stain Technology



MHLA CONFERENCE

MHLA Fall Conference 1982

by Susan Rogers

The North Dakota Library Association held its Fall meeting from September 23-25, 1982 in Grand Forks, North Dakota. MHLA members were its guests.

John Berry, editor of LIBRARY JOURNAL, gave the key note address on Thursday evening September 23/82. He stated that it is the function of the library to provide the public with information that is easily accessible to them. While technology has better enabled the library staff to organize library functions, this same technology may confuse the user to such an extent that he will not be able to use the library resources as effectively as he would wish.

MHLA members attended the meeting of the Health Care Section of the North Dakota Library Association on Friday, September 24/82. This one hour session introduced MHLA members to the accomplishments of Health Care Section in consumer education, public planning, and continuing education. The Health Care Section is part of the North Dakota Library Association. Thus the constitution of NDLA governs the political structure and group membership.

John Berry spoke on the problems of book selection. He based his discussion on articles in the November 15/81 issue of LIBRARY JOURNAL. He differentiated between book selection in a book store and book selection in a library. Book store selection of materials depends on best seller lists and commercial selling techniques. It depends on what is current in the market. On the other hand, library book selection reflects the different functions of a library. The library is a public archive, research centre and educational institution. Library book selection should reflect these functions.

Creative library book selection requires critical judgment on the part of the librarian. This implies sound knowledge of the literature being examined. Mr. Berry warned the audience not to equate a library with a book store. Both have their place. However they serve the public differently.

Charles Bandy, Director of the University of Colorado Medical Centre Library spoke of the use of the microcomputer in his institution. He presented guidelines for the selection and acquisition of computer hardware and software. He dealt with problems encountered in setting up a computerized library system. He discussed generally the value of the computer in the organization and dissemination of information.

Book publishers displays attracted much attention at the conference. Between sessions, publishers reps met with librarians to sell their wares and answer questions on current print and audio-visual materials available from them. The attractively packaged displays afforded librarians the opportunity to acquire new material and meet new friends.

MHLA held its Fall meeting at the Steak and Stein Restaurant in Grand Forks. Minutes will be sent to the MHLA membership.

The three day session proved educational and entertaining. MHLA members met new people, shared new experiences and saw how our "neighbours to the South" handled library problems. The Fall Conference proved a valuable learning experience for us all.

NDLA Library Conference: a Flavorful Experience!

by Fran Keller, Evening Clerk
St. Boniface Medical Library

They came in every form, like candies; all colours, all sizes, all flavours, some very sweet and some not so pleasing to the palate, but all sharing one thing: A BELIEF IN WORKING TOGETHER FOR TOMORROW.

I'm speaking of the members who attended the North Dakota Library Association Convention on September 23, 24 and 25 at the Ramada Inn in Grand Forks, North Dakota. The Conference began by opening a box of goodies and tempting us to sample new flavors.

According to Resource Person: Mona Garvie, "THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN LIBRARIES." Mona conducted the Pre-conference on practical aspects of good library relations. With apparent ease, wit and wisdom, she stimulated our appetite for the sharp fruity tang of different programs which were to follow. Her demonstrations, showing "No-skill graphics," simple cartoons and informal approaches tailored to suit any type library were presented in an attractive package. We were given suggestions on how to create an awareness of a library. Purposes of library displays and exhibits with ideas on how to inform patrons of the resources and their locations were explained. Some helpful hints for ways of creating interest in your library were through news releases, surveys, library information sheets (particularly using cost saving figures or quotes). Had you thought of short humorous quizzes, library contests, FREE GIVEAWAYS or Gimmicks which we found interesting and entertaining? Actually, some were quite sweet.

WE were encouraged to increase Internal Communication through Public Relations contests or questionnaires to Departmental users as an effective way to determine the materials that would be beneficial to them.

Attractive Cartoon characters can be effective--even in Adult or Special Libraries and are adaptable to changes. Suggested materials such as Poster Board, map tacks and rubber cement were tools named as time savers when necessary to change information or items on bulleting boards.

In the afternoon, participants had an opportunity to create their own ideas in different ways. We received materials to inspire us to accept the assignments and use this education to improve any library to our individual taste.

If you were unable to attend, you missed a flavorful experience.

LOST & FOUND REPORT from Grand Forks

Sharon Allentuck FOUND the best deal on handiwrap at Piggly-Wiggly.

Gursharan Bawa and her husband FOUND the Econ-O-Tel took Canadian \$ at par.

Peggy Brown LOST a filling. That's when she FOUND that Doris Pritchard could not get her a special deal at the Dental College.

Leone Banks FOUND the bus was the long way to travel on Friday night. She left Grand Forks at 7:30 p.m. and arrived in Winnipeg at 3:30 a.m. Sat. morning. It seems the bus had an illegal passenger whom they had to return to Grand Forks before they could cross the border.

Arthur Short FOUND he doesn't like Seafood Crepes the way Steak & Stein prepares them.

Susan Rogers LOST any enthusiasm she ever had for computers after Charles Bandy's talk. (Susan never did think much of computers.)

Marilyn Hernandez and her husband FOUND that driving a rented car means you are more likely to get stopped at Customs.

Jill Brown was glad she FOUND the chance to come at all.

Helen Wheeler FOUND "Red Eye" the special drink offered at Lorraine Ettl's party.

One new member, Connie Voth got LOST it seems, and never made it to the meeting. Sorry Conny, hope we meet you next time!

Meanwhile, another new member, Dale Nelson, FOUND that MHLA is quite an interesting group of people!

Michael Tennenhouse FOUND you can travel with your family to a Library Conference and survive. That's because Judy and the kids FOUND all the parks in Grand Forks.

Everybody FOUND "Happy Harry's" for duty free shopping.

And Dallas Bagby FOUND nothing better to do one afternoon than write this. Obviously she LOST her mind in Grand Forks.

by Marla Mailman

MLA CONFERENCE

BRANDON, SEPTEMBER 25, 1982

Martha Colquhoun, Staff Development Officer with the Manitoba Teachers' Society conducted a very informative and interesting workshop on time management. She suggested keeping a time log for a period of time to see how we are spending our time and encouraged us to make lists of the jobs we planned to do each day. We received many helpful tips on planning our day and eliminating unnecessary work.

Effects of the Eighties... On Automation

by Kathy Eagleton

Dr Gerry Neufield of the Brandon University Faculty of Education Microcomputer programme gave an overview of the very rapid advances in micros and the pleasing drop in prices, giving quite reasonable value-for-the-dollar as opposed to even 2-3 years ago. He dealt with 8 bit v. 16 bit, short v. long-term storage, VDTs, general online info. databases (e.g. The Source), software availability, intelligent terminals & future directions such as voice synthesizers and video discs.

In the afternoon we were able to see demonstration cataloguing using a Commodore PET by Roy Bailey, School Principal, of Winnipeg. Though interesting, this was at a school library level.

Other speakers were Bob Thomas from MTS. describing the ENVOY 100 electronic mailing system being marketed by them and being tried out by U of M Libraries; also, Gary Enns of Infomart, who brought us up to date on their rural Telidon programme, Project Grassroots, in operation in S.W. Manitoba now for some time. At present, health-related information is limited, but expected to grow in the future. Both speakers demo'd their equipment in the afternoon.

And for those exotics who are "On-line", Eric Marshall showed them how to "do it better".

Effects of the Eighties...On Outreach/Extension Services

by Marla Mailman

The Outreach/Extension Services workshop explained the various services provided by the Age and Opportunities Centre, Contact Community Information, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and the Winnipeg Public Library.

The Age and Opportunities Centre provides various services and activities designed to support independence and encourage involvement to the older people in the community.

The CNIB have a cassette program of talking books which can be played on any regular cassette machine. The talking book program may be beneficial to many of the elderly and physically handicapped. Catalogues are available from CNIB.

Contact Community Information is a referral service which directs people where to go to receive the information or help they need. They update their information twice a year and may be useful in providing up to date addresses.

The Winnipeg Public Library delivers library materials to shut-ins and sends deposits of books to many nursing homes within Winnipeg.

HEALTH PUBS...

By June Dutka

The purpose of the Directory of Made in Canada Health Care Products is to facilitate sourcing of made in Canada health care products for the domestic and export markets. It contains information on about 300 companies and approximately 1,500 products. This Directory can be obtained free from: Business Opportunities Sourcing System (BOSS) (97/1), Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, 235 Queen Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0H5.

A series of bilingual fact sheets Canadian Health Facts are now available from: Health Services and Promotion Branch, Health and Welfare Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 1B4. Nutrition behaviors of Canadians, Smoking behavior and alcohol consumption in Canada are examples of some of the areas covered.

A 1982 listing of Guidelines for health services is available for general distribution from: Institutional and Professional Services Division, Health Services Directorate, Department of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 1B4.

Orders for the second edition of Health Sciences Information in Canada: Libraries, a directory of health sciences libraries in Canada, prepared by the Health Sciences Resource Centre should be addressed to: Publications Section, CISTI/NRC, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0S2. The cost of the publication is \$15.00.

The Manitoba/Canada Home Care Study -- an overview of the results compares the cost of home care to the cost of alternative institutional care. Individuals wishing to receive copies should contact: Information Dissemination Unit, Policy, Planning and Information Branch, Department of National Health and Welfare, Brooke Claxton Building, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0K9.

Bibliography on Smoking and Health, 1981, 610p. \$11.00. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This Bibliography cumulates annually the abstracts of current literature which appear every 8 weeks in the Smoking and Health Bulletin. This current edition has 2,055 abstracts and contains an author and subject index. For information regarding the availability of earlier editions 1968 through 1980 can be obtained from: Technical Information Centre, Office on Smoking and Health, Park Building, Room 116, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland, 20857.

Better health for our children: a national strategy, 1981, 4 volumes, \$37.00. U.S. Public Health Service. For sale by the United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. "The recommendations reflect an analysis of serious unmet needs in child and maternal health, a recognition of past successes and future opportunities for effectively meeting these needs."

Health -- United States, 1981, 251p. \$8.50. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. For sale by the United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. "This report is the sixth such report and, like its predecessors, contains statistics about contemporary trends in American health status. Contains a glossary and a section listing sources and limitations of data. Because the subject matter of the analytical essays varies from year to year, it is desirable to have a complete set of the reports."

The Health Consequences of Smoking; Cancer -- a report of the Surgeon General, 1982. 322p. \$7.00. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. For sale by the United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. The 1982 report presents a comprehensive evaluation of the relationship between cigarette smoking and cancer. Each chapter is followed by numerous references -- a detailed index appears as well.

AVAILABLE

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CLA Fall Publication

MICROCOMPUTERS IN LIBRARIES - How Useful are They?

Edited by Jane Beaumont and Donald Krueger

Workshop papers from the 1982 CLA Conference, exploring the state of the art in microcomputers.

Contributors to the publication are as follows:

Introduction

Donald R. Krueger

Microcomputers in Libraries: How Useful are They?

Howard Fosdick

Some Uses of Microcomputers in Special Libraries

Roy E. Metcalfe

Microcomputers and Professional Development

Gene Wilburn and Marion Wilburn

Microcomputers as a Management Tool

Ken Frost

Application Software for Microcomputers in Libraries

Jane Beaumont

Data Base Management Systems

Jane Beaumont

Microcomputers in Library Research

Timothy C. Craven

Microcomputer-based Bulletin Board Systems

Gene Wilburn and Marion Wilburn

This publication will be available soon,
at a cost of \$12.00, from:

Canadian Library Association,
151 Sparks St.
Ottawa, Ontario,
K1P 5F3

The appearance of *Health Science Books 1876-1982* affords practitioners, researchers, and students an unparalleled research tool. This work makes it possible, for the first time, to retrieve practically the entire body of United States medical literature printed in book form. It represents yet another major health science reference work published by the Bowker Company, and is an important complement to *Medical Books and Serials in Print*. A comprehensive four volume work, this new publication incorporates the vast and complex world of health and health related books published since the last quarter of the nineteenth century and extends to those printed in the last quarter of the twentieth century. It is unique in that it permits both current and retrospective subject approaches and ranges in scope far beyond the health sciences to such disciplines as biology, psychology, toxicology, bioengineering, physical sciences and the social sciences. The wealth of information which this work contains will satisfy every user concerned with the literature of the health sciences and related subjects.

This reference work will serve as a source for librarians verifying citations for acquisitions and interlibrary loans as well as for bibliographers and scholars. In addition, because each entry contains Library of Congress cataloging information such as LC Number, Dewey Decimal number, ISBN, LC card number, subject and added entries tracings catalogers in small libraries will appreciate its format and organization. Appendices containing equivalents of the National Library of Medicine Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) enable those familiar with one authority to consult the other. One is a "Guide to MeSH/LC Equivalents in Health Science Books." The other is a "Guide to LC/MeSH Equivalents in Health Science Books." This feature contributes in a meaningful way to the enhancement of the work.

METHOD USED TO PROVIDE MeSH EQUIVALENTS TO LC SUBJECT HEADINGS

Computer printouts with the Library of Congress subject headings appearing in *Health Science Books 1876-1982* and class numbers corresponding to each Library of Congress subject were used as the source of information for the Library of Congress headings. These headings correspond to those in use at the time of publication of each title and were not changed to conform to the most recent authority. The National Library of Medicine *Medical Subject Headings* 1982 was used as the authority to provide equivalents to the Library of Congress subject headings. In several instances, more than one MeSH heading is used to interpret the Library

of Congress heading more precisely. No effort was made to supply medical subject headings for geographical names, personal names and form sub-headings.

SCOPE OF WORK

Bowker's decision to publish *Health Science Books 1876-1982* resulted from extensive research among professional librarians and others in health science information work. A survey was taken of over 1000 users of other Bowker publications in the field, and a large number of them provided suggestions which were incorporated in the final design.

Once the scope of the publication was defined a title by title review of potential entries selected from Bowker's close to two million entry database of cataloged titles was done by editors trained in this subject field.

These four volumes contain over 132,000 titles classified under some 28,000 Library of Congress subject headings. Each bibliographic entry in the subject index is a complete Library of Congress cataloged record. Author and title indexes are provided which refer the reader to the main entry in the subject index.

A unique feature of *Health Science Books 1876-1982* is that, where possible, equivalent National Library of Medicine MeSH subject headings have been provided for the Library of Congress subject headings appearing in *Health Science Books 1876-1982*. In the subject index, Library of Congress headings that are the same as National Library of Medicine subject headings are followed by the symbol (MeSH). In addition, cross references are provided which refer the user from a MeSH heading to an equivalent Library of Congress subject heading.

The book's scope and systematic treatment will benefit hospital libraries, public libraries, school libraries, and all institutions which deal with health science literature. It should prove extremely useful to those libraries unable to subscribe to the *National Union Catalog* and/or the *National Library of Medicine Current Catalog*. In summary, specialists and laymen alike can profit from the wealth and scope of information contained in these volumes.

BOWKER, 1982
U.S. \$175.00

Dr. Vera Ortynsky,
Head, Medical Cataloging Section,
Columbia University Health Sciences
Library



PEOPLE

3 August 1982

CISTI ANNOUNCEMENT

The Director of the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information, Mr. E.V. Smith, is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Marilyn Schafer to the position of Head, Health Sciences Resource Centre, effective today.

Ms. Schafer has had extensive experience in management, marketing, and operations of a variety of information services in both the public and private sectors. She joined CISTI from Infomart where she has been Manager, Eastern Canada, Database Services since 1979. From 1974 to 1979 she was Head, Public Services, of the International Development Research Centre. Prior to that she worked as a librarian in the Multilingual Services Division, Translation Bureau, Secretary of State Department; and as Head, Centennial Branch, Nepean Public Library following two years in British Columbia where she worked as a librarian in the Coquitlam School and at the British Columbia Power and Hydro Authority. From 1966 to 1968 she was employed by Etobicoke Public Library.

Ms. Schafer is a graduate of the University of Toronto where she obtained her undergraduate and Bachelor of Library Science degrees.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Please check availability
with them

Films and Talking Books.

Some samples.....

TERRY FOX: I HAD A DREAM: General,
colour, 30 minutes.

The Marathon of Hope from the east coast to Thunder Bay is sensitively portrayed in this inspirational record of Terry Fox's achievements. A warm wonderful film about a truly Canadian hero.

EYES AT MY FEET.

After an active life as a teacher, the author began losing her sight. It was only by the introduction of Prudence, the guide dog, that Miss Hickford was able to leave her house-bound existence and once again lead an active lifestyle.

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PSYCHOACTIVE: Secondary-Adult, 30 minutes.

Using information gathered through research and practical experience at a San Francisco Drug Detoxification and Rehabilitation project, this film surveys the effects of psychoactive drugs on the nine systems of the human body. The five categories of psychoactive drugs covered in the film are sedative hypnotics (valium), opiates and opiods (heroin), stimulants (amphetamines), psychedelics (L.S.D., marijuana) and alcohol.

ODDS 'N SODS

Computer link to U.S doctors starts; Canada to get service

Reuter-Staff

The most extensive medical information network ever devised will provide doctors with instant data ranging from what drugs to prescribe to how to manage their practices.

The computerized network operated by the American Medical Association will eventually be linked to cities in Canada, but initially it is available in only four U.S. cities. Physicians can tap into the network through any computer terminal to get up-to-date medical information and news.

For instance, AMA officials in Chicago say the network could be used to flash alerts to doctors when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announces recall of a drug, or when medical problems suddenly emerge that require quick public notice.

"It is indeed the first major step toward the physician's office of the future," said Dr. James Sammons, AMA executive vice-president, at a news conference announcing the network. He said the system, which will cost doctors from \$25 to \$27 an hour to

use, plus an initial subscription fee of \$100, will "help make the delivery of health-care services more cost-effective than they are today."

GTE Corp. will operate the system, utilizing the AMA's data resources. Dr. Sammons said the AMA is the largest compiler and communicator of medical and health-related information in the world.

Officials of AMA's Canadian equivalent, the Canadian Medical Association, were told of the network a few months ago, but there is no timetable for connecting it to Canadian cities. "It's a fairly big project," a CMA spokesman in Ottawa said yesterday. "They have to make some modifications to the data banks, because drug names and controls on their use differ between the two countries."

The information in the network will include Canadian and Mexican medical terminology.

The network will begin serving Chicago, Washington, Los Angeles, and Houston and surrounding areas starting Oct. 1. The AMA said four more cities

would be added in 1983 and eventually, the network will link all of North America.

Dr. Sammons also said access to the network is not limited to doctors or other health professionals, although non-experts probably would not benefit much from it because of the technical nature of the information.

The drug information part of the system describes in detail more than 1,500 individual drug preparations marketed under 5,000 trade names in the three countries.

There are also data banks on disease and diagnostic information and on business and other non-medical aspects of health care. And there is an electronic mail system which will enable users to do everything from making a hotel reservation in another town to ordering documents from the AMA library.

Dr. Sammons said the system can deliver a citation from medical literature faster than the doctor could walk to a library to look it up, or even pick up the telephone to check with a librarian.

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ONTARIO HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, REGION # 9

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOSPITAL LIBRARIES

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE
ON SALARIES OF LIBRARY STAFF

21 OCTOBER 1982

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FROM THE EDITOR.

CANTEL - Something for Everyone

Information at your Fingertips

Looking for a job? Tourist information across Canada? Metric facts and figures? Background material for a school project on the environment? Addresses and phone numbers of local Government of Canada offices? Facts on Small Business Loans?

People across Canada are finding the answers to these and many other questions from CANTEL.

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What is CANTEL?

CANTEL is the name of the government of Canada Telidon Information Bank. Developed by the Task Force on Service to

the Public, CANTEL contains information on most programs and services available to the public from the federal government. Using Telidon, the world's leading videotex system developed by the Department of Communications, CANTEL makes this information available to the public through a network of terminals across Canada.

The Task Force on Service to the Public has set up Telidon terminals in kiosks in easily-accessible locations such as shopping malls and libraries, as well as in 15 Canada Service Bureaux, the Task Force's walk-in referral centres. Other Telidon pilot projects are also underway across Canada, providing ever-broadening access to CANTEL.

As Easy as 1, 2, 3

Using CANTEL is as simple as using a touch-telephone. The index page provides you with several options for quick access to whichever part of the data base you want to consult, including:

- a table of contents
- a list of highlights
- an alphabetical list of subjects
- a city or town directory

For example, if you want to find your local Health and Welfare office, simply look under the city and town directory. Or use the department directory to find the pages

listing Health and Welfare, then check the list of office locations to find the one in your area.

CINAHL Goes Online

"CINAHL will soon be available online," says Eugenie Prime, CINAHL's President. "Beginning with the January/February 1983 bimonthly, all indexed material will be in machine-readable form that will allow online access."

"Although the selection of vendors currently is underway," she says, "exactly when the data base will be available through the vendors is still undetermined. Whether CINAHL will be accessed through one, two, or three vendors is dependent primarily on our subscribers' needs."

"We're also considering providing backfiles for retrospective searching. Having access to past years will add a great wealth of material."

"Feedback from you, our subscribers, both to the vendors and to CINAHL, is crucial in making these decisions. Our subscribers will determine CINAHL's online access and services."

To facilitate online searching, CINAHL's thesaurus is being revised using the structural framework of the National Library of Medicine's system of medical subject headings (MeSH).

The revised thesaurus will appear in both alphabetic and hierarchical formats.

Editor DeLauna Lockwood says: "MeSH is not new to CINAHL. For a number of years, we've been evaluating new subject headings in terms of MeSH, and where appropriate, we've used MeSH."

"Although we are basing subject headings on MeSH, we are retaining the unique features that have always made CINAHL the one index that meets the distinctive needs of nurses and allied health professionals. CINAHL's timeliness, quick responsiveness to significant changes in the literature, and special focus on helping users locate materials efficiently will remain an important part of our

Nurse-Librarian Team

A committee of medical librarians is working with the CINAHL staff on the thesaurus revision, a cooperative project that reflects CINAHL's longstanding commitment to the nurse-librarian team. Eugenie Prime, DeLauna Lockwood, and CINAHL indexers Maxine Issa and Emma Goffar are participating, as are Ann Gupta, Carolyn Fishel, and Donna Greer, librarians at the Glendale Adventist Medical Center, and Elaine Graham, Head, Consulting and Training Section, Pacific Southwest Regional Medical Library, UCLA. At the 1982 Medical Library Association

in Anaheim, Calif., leaders in medical librarianship discussed the revision. In July, a group of librarians and nurses met in Glendale, Calif., to review a draft of the thesaurus. Participants included two representatives of the Nursing Information Consortium of Orange County (NICOC)—Joyce Loepprich (University of California, Irvine) and Julie Smith (St. Joseph Hospital, Orange, Calif.); Ann Ryan (Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Van Nuys, Calif.); Jane Binger (Stanford University, Co-author, LIPPINCOTT'S GUIDE TO NURSING LITERATURE); Jean Vincent (VA Wadsworth Medical Center, Los Angeles; board member and secretary, Region 6, California Nurses' Association); Terri Forshee and Mary Canobio (UCLA School of Nursing faculty); Marcia Grant (Assistant Director, Nursing Research, City of Hope National Medical Center, Duarte, Calif.); L. Frances Pride (Associate Dean and Director of Graduate Program in Nursing, Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, Calif.); and Mildred Grandbois, CINAHL's Co-founder.

Suggestions from representatives of allied health disciplines covered by CINAHL are also being solicited.

