



NOTES FROM THE HILL

Denis and I drove out of Winnipeg on July 31 under an intensely blue Manitoba sky. Our decision to move had been long considered - mainly proximity to family a desire for a more bilingual environment - but leaving was not simple or easy. I think often of the Medical Library and of friends and colleagues in the city. Our car still proudly bears Manitoba licence plates.

Now that we have arrived in the nation's capital, life has entered a transitional phase. As I wait to begin studies at the University of Ottawa - I'm starting year 3 of a four year B.A. program in translation - I find my life swaying between that of a housewife and a tourist.

I see Denis off to work each morning (civil servant briefcase in hand), tidy the kitchen, then face that day's bureaucratic challenges: address changes, new bank accounts, health and auto insurance and driver's licences. As for recent firsthand moving advice, I would offer the following: 1. have hospitable friends in the city you are moving to (in our case, the moving van arrived three days late); 2. ask for a claims history from Autopac before you leave the province, so that you avoid having to phone Autopac, long distance.

To be honest, though, I have spent most of my time exploring the walks, gardens and public buildings that are part of what is now our city. A favourite route is along

Wellington St., past the Supreme Court, the Parliament buildings and the Chateau Laurier - glancing down in crossing the Rideau Canal to see if any boats are passing through the locks - past the painted murals to Byward Market, where fresh local produce is at its best. Further on is the National Gallery, a beautiful glass and steel building renowned for its Canadian paintings and where entrance to the permanent collection and daily tours are free (merci).

My wanderings have also taken me - where? - into bookstores and libraries. I happened upon the Prospero Book Co. on Bank St. where armchairs are provided for those with time on their hands and no shame. The National Library and Archives building is

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From the President

With the departure of Bev Brown, I have found myself taking on the presidency sooner than usual. Bev has been a valued member of MHLA as well as a good friend to many of us. Bev's departure had created an opening in the president-elect/ vice-president position. The Executive decided by acclamation to have David Colborne fill this position. We felt that nominating candidates and calling an election over the summer would not be a productive undertaking. Also, David's experience in health librarianship will provide MHLA with sound leadership in the future.

Several excellent programs are planned for this fall. On September 22, MHLA is hosting a free DOCLINE workshop. We are fortunate to have received a grant from CHLA/ABSC to cover the costs of this workshop. DOCLINE is a very important development in automating ILL and facilitating resource sharing. I encourage all members involved with ILL to attend.

Our fall meeting will be held at the Cooking Studio in Winnipeg on October 18. The owner, Marisa, has received formal training from chef schools in Paris, New York and Vancouver. She has a delicious buffet planned for us that will certainly get our meeting off to a great start.

On November 1 and 2, the Manitoba Health Organization's annual conference will be held at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. This year's theme is "achieving a healthy balance." MHLA will participate as an exhibitor. A demonstration of a variety of CD-ROM products is planned that will fit in nicely with the conference theme. We will need volunteers to staff our booth. Anyone interested in participating should contact me at 789-3465 by September 25. Training will be provided.

Bill Poluha

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When people are wrapped up in themselves, the result is a pretty small package.

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a scant three blocks from our corner. I was warmly greeted by the security guard and encouraged to tour the displays (one on science fiction books and the other on Second World War victory bonds). The main branch of the Ottawa Public Library is a ten minute walk in the other direction. I liked the online catalogue; it is very functional and very plain. Not even a cute name, just a sign overhead that reads "Computerized catalogue."

There are more libraries, galleries and walks to be explored in the coming months. And as the temperatures drop and snowflakes do the sky, the "winter is to be enjoyed", mentality that we learned in Manitoba which will serve us well and will remind us of our friends.

Bev Brown

CALENDAR

Sept. 22, 1995

DOCLINE/RESOURCE SHARING WORKSHOP
Co-sponsored by CHLA and MHLA, presented by Jim Henderson College of Physicians and Surgeons of British Columbia. Located at University of Manitoba, Basic Medical Sciences Building, Theatre C, 730 William Avenue. All MHLA members are encouraged to attend. 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM.

Jim will present another workshop in Saskatoon Sept. 25, 1995, co-sponsored by CHLA and SHLA.

October 18, 1995

MHLA Fall General Meeting. The Cooking Studio, 3200 Roblin Blvd. 6:30 P.M.

October 23-24, 1995

Chicago, Illinois

INTERNET MEDICINE

Using the Information Superhighway
as a healthcare Tool

This two-day conference examines how healthcare professionals can use the Internet to communicate with colleagues around the world, tap into the latest treatment information, interact with clients, search through distant databases, transmit images, and stay on top of the latest changes in their fields. This conference is a fast and convenient way to become well-versed in how the Internet is impacting the healthcare field.

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Or by calling 1-800-882-8684 and speaking with Beverly Grady at extension 5165.

October 30-November 1, 1995

Online '95 CD-ROM Conference and Exposition.
Palmer House Hilton,
Chicago. Contact (800) 248-8466 or (203) 761-1466 for a program.

November 1-3, 1995

Manitoba Health Organization annual conference.
Convention Centre.

LIBRARY ON THE MOVE

Further to the move of Manitoba Health Library Services, their mailing address is Box 925, 599 Empress Street, Winnipeg, MB, R3C 2T6. Telephone numbers are:

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Gail Kohut	786-7198
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PEOPLE

The Medical Library bid farewell to Bev Brown, who has moved to Ottawa. Bev's husband was transferred. Bev will be kept busy for the next 2 years taking a translation course at the University

of Ottawa. If you would like Bev's address, contact Pam Green, 789-3466.

Congratulations to Ada Ducas, the new Head of the Neil John Maclean Library. Ada assumed her new position September 5. Ada's telephone number is: 789-3821.

Michael Tennenhouse will continue to be Acting Head of the Medical Library until December 31, 1995, at which time Ada will take over.

The Medical Library also welcomes Vera Armann. Vera has a term position until February 1996 working on InfoRx. She received her MLS from McGill in the spring.

The Health Science Centre welcomes Diane Yakaimovich. Diane will be in charge of the circulation desk and all the hundred and one exceptions that go with the position. She is a recent graduate from the Library and Information Technology at RRCC. Before taking the course, Diane worked at Eastwood Elementary in Thompson, MB.

Seven Oaks Hospital welcomes Sharon Roddy, who started her position this past July. Sharon was previously at Health Science Centre in circulation. Sharon's hours are: Tuesday to Thursday 12-5 P.M. and Friday 8-4 P.M.

The Carolyn Sifton/Helene Fuld Library at St. Boniface Hospital welcomes Leanore Finlay. Leanore is a recent graduate from the Library and Information Technology program at RRCC. Leanore also started in July and will working Saturday and Sunday and one evening per week.

Michele Coutts from Carolyn Sifton/Helene Fuld Library has moved to a full time position with the Library. Michele's new duties will consist of Serials control and monograph acquisitions.

Deer Lodge welcomes Sonia Yaskiw. Sonia joins the staff at the Crane Library for a six month position, working on record conversion.

Kathie Gaudes has left the Carolyn Sifton/Helene Fuld Library after 15 years. She is now working part-time for the Calgary General Hospital Peter Lougheed Research Centre. Everyone at St. B wishes her the best of luck.

TELEMEDICINE CANADA

The Fall/Winter schedule of Telemedicine Canada includes 5 Health Library programs. Each is on a Monday 3:30-4:15 EST.

1. *Improving your presentation skills: designing an effective presentation using audiovisual aids.*

Speaker: Lois Wyndham - Sept. 11 Code 09005

2. *Introducing evidence-based medicine: implications for the hospital library.*

Speaker: Jessie McGowan - Oct. 2 Code 10005

3. *Literature attached to the patient chart (latch): the impact on quality of care and implications for the electronic medical record.*

Speaker: Michele Klein - Oct. 23 Code 10080

4. *Teaching the Internet: an introduction to the design and delivery of Internet training programs in the health sciences.*

Speaker: Jennifer Reisswig - Dec. 4 Code 12010

5. *Pediatric resources for the hospital library.*

Speaker: Elizabeth Vleryk - Jan. 22 Code 01055

For further information and registration, call (416) 599-1234, or write to Telemedicine Canada, 90 Gerrard St. W. Toronto, ON M5G 1J6.

RESOURCES ...

Elsevier Science's *Immunology Today* is now available electronically as *Immunology Today Online* through OCLC's Electronic Journals Online system. A World Wide Web version is to be launched late summer 1995, providing access with a WWW browser. Contact OCLC for more info.

from OCLC Reference News Spring 1995

PapersFirst and ProceedingsFirst, two new reference files based on the British Library Document Supply Centre's (BLDSC) Inside Conferences database, are now available on both the FirstSearch and EPIC services. Both services describe conferences, symposia, workshops and professional meetings worldwide and the papers presented at them. The database contains data received since October 1993. Contact OCLC for more info.

from OCLC Reference News Springer 1995

ACQUISITIONS INFO

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CONSUMER HEALTH BOOKS

Core Bibliography of Consumer Health Reference Books has been published by the Lyman Maynard Stowe Library at the University of Connecticut Health Center, P.O. Box 4003, Farmington, CT 06034-4003. Telephone (203) 679-4055.

The second volume of the MLA series, *Current Practice in Health Sciences Librarianship* has been published: *Educational services in health sciences libraries*, edited by Francesca Allegri. It is co-published by MLA and Scarecrow Press. Although Scarecrow Press was recently acquired by University Press of America (UPA), MLA members can still receive a 20% discount on all MLA/Association Publishers books. Order by calling (301) 459-3366 and quote your membership ID number. Be sure to ask for the discount. UPA's FAX number is (301) 459-2118.

NEW MLA DOCKITS AVAILABLE

Dockit #5: Descriptive floor plans of library computer centers. \$22.00 U.S. for MLA members; \$28.00 U.S. for nonmembers.

Dockit #6: Library logos, bookmarks, guides, business cards, mastheads and letterheads. \$19.00 U.S. for MLA members; \$25.00 U.S. for nonmembers.

Order both Dockits from MLA at (312) 419-9094.

OOPS

In the spring issue, the editors forgot to mention that the Health Science Centre catalogue is included in BISON.

Originality is the product of something old worked over by a fresh mind.

Men and women can fail many times, but they aren't failures until they begin to blame someone else.

MHLA UNION LIST OF SELECTED SERIALS

With the publication of the new MHLA Union List of Selected Serials, please be advised that the holdings in BISON DO NOT reflect current holdings status, as does the printed List. No decision has been made on when updates in BISON will be done.

CURRENT LITERATURE

Crichton A, Hsu D, Tsang S. Canada's health care system: its funding and organization. Rev. ed. Ottawa: CHA Press, 1994. ISBN 0-919100-91-0. 375 p.

Richardson WS, Detsky AS. "Users' guides to the medical literature: VII. How to use a clinical decision analysis: A. Are the results of the study valid?" 1995. JAMA. v.273(16): 1292-

Ziegler MG, Lew P, Singer BC. "The accuracy of drug information from pharmaceutical sales representatives." 1995. JAMA. v.273(16): 1296-

Frisse ME, (et al.). "Informatics and medical libraries: changing needs and changing roles." 1995. Academic Medicine. v.70(1): 30-5.

Berliner MA. "Leadership and vision: the library's role." 1993. Emphasis-Nurs. v.4(2): 15-20.

MORE PUBLISHING QUIRKS

Pat Routledge sent this:
The American Federation for Clinical Research made some changes in the publication of their journal "Clinical Research". It was a quarterly publication. V.42 issues 1-3 were published. V.42, issue 4 was published as "Journal of Inves-

tigative Medicine". It was paged in with the first 3 issues of v.42, but with a new title, and a new ISSN! Binding this volume is a challenge. To add insult to injury, the new title comes out 6 times a year instead of 4.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD OF BC ON THE INTERNET

The WCB of BC have put their catalogue on the Internet. Their collection covers workers' compensation and occupational safety & health. To access the catalogue: Telnet ils.ca

Login: wcb1

Password: nicishteni

There are a few introductory screens followed by the Sydney PLUS login screen: Sydney PLUS ID: public (restricted to search module only)
SydneyPLUS PW: No password ... just press <ENTER> key.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE CATALOGUE

The Smithsonian Institute catalogue can be accessed using TELNET. The address is: SIRIS.SI.EDU - both VT100 and TN3270 are available, but TN3270 is better. The numeric address will changing shortly, so it isn't available right now. There are four catalogues available on SIRIS:

LIB: The Smithsonian Library Catalogue

ARI: The Art Inventories Catalogue

ARC: The Archives and Manuscripts Catalogue

BIB: The Research/Bibliographies Catalogue

For more information, contact: George Bowman, Arts & Industries 2310, 900 Jefferson Dr., SW, Washington DC 20560. irmge010@sivm.bitnet - or -irmge010@sivm.si.edu (202) 357-4238, FAX (202) 786-2687.

MHLA Union List of Selected Serials

MHLA Audio Visual List

The Manitoba Health Libraries Association announces the availability of the 1995 editions of its serials list and audio visual union list.

The **Union List of Selected Serials** lists over 1500 serials titles held in eighteen health libraries in the province.

The **Audio Visual List** provides a title and subject index to the videocassette collections in fourteen health libraries and resource centres in Manitoba.

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ISBN 0-9692171-4-5; soft cover; publication date: June 1995

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NEW LISTSERVS IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES

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NANOSNET	neuro-ophthalmology internet mail group	LISTSERV@LISTSERV.NET
OPHTHAL	for ophthalmology residents, faculty, clinicians, researchers, physicians, & medical students	LISTSERV@UBVM.CC.BUFFALO.EDU
NNLM-SEA	s.e. atlantic region medical libraries discussion list. Has internet help sheets available on listserv	LISTPROC@LIST.AB.UMD.EDU
INTERNET-ADDICTION-SUPPORT-GROUP	just as it says, a support group for internet addiction	LISTSERV@NETCOM.COM
GFULMED	discussion mailing list for users of grateful med software	LISTSERV@VM1.NODAK.EDU
AGELIS-L	deals with literature, networks, & other resources in gerontology & geriatrics	MAJORDOMO@SFU.CA
BACKSERV	listserv for the informal exchange of materials available or wanted by libraries	LISTSERV@SUN.READMORE.COM
CANCERLIB	MLA Cancer Librarians Section listserv	LISTSERV@MULE.FHCRC.ORG
MARS	machine-assisted reference section of the ALA	LISTSERVER@LISTSERVER.LIB.MUOHIO.EDU

Remembering things that never happened, is the one thing worse than forgetfulness.

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.



WORLD WIDE WEB NEWS

Help in HTML language - used to create WWW documents is available at the following locations:

<http://www.utirc.utoronto.ca/HTMLdocs/NewHTML/intor.html>

<http://www.access.digex.net/~werbach/home.html>

<http://union.ncsa.uiuc.edu/HyperNews/get/www/html/editors.html>

<http://salazar.aa.psu.edu/courses/art122w/LearningHTML.html>

<http://turnbull.sk.tsukuba.ac.jp/html-primer.html>

http://www.ncw.net/create_home_age.html

There is also some sort of web browser and creator of WWW documents for use with WordPerfect Win 6.1. It is available on the Web for downloading at:

<http://wp.novell.com>

(the editor has it but has not installed and tried it yet!)

CAS OFFERS SCIENTISTS ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC-ONLY DOCUMENTS

CAS, a provider of chemical and related scientific information, has begun capturing scientific information from cyber-space in what the company calls the first comprehensive effort to abstract and index journals and papers available only electronically on the Internet.

As a result of new communications technology and the growth of the Internet, CAS will become an archival source of access to electronic-only documents as it begins covering this medium. Electronic documents, which include journals, conferences where researchers are invited to submit papers, and individually posted papers, will be abstracted and indexed in the same manner that CAS abstracts and indexes printed documents.

The address for the CAS Web Server is:
<http://www.cas.org>.

from Information Today 1995 June

WORLD WIDE WEB SITES		
NAME	DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS
POPULATION INDEX ON-LINE	currently 2 vols. of the quarterly bibliography Population Index available on-line (1993-1994)	http://opr.princeton.edu/pi/pindex.htm
BIOMEDICINE AND HEALTH IN THE NEWS	from the home page of the Lyman Maynard Stowe Library, University of Connecticut Health Center.	http://cortex.uchc.edu/~libweb/libpg1.html
UNCOVER DATABASE	table of contents indexing of nearly 17,000 journals worldwide	http://www.carl.org/uncover/unhome.html
BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL	full text articles are not up yet, but will be soon	http://www.bmj.com/bmj/
HEALTHWEB	facilitates access to health-related electronic information resources on the internet	http://www/lib.umich.edu/tml/nursing.html
CROHN'S DISEASE	covers crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, inflammatory bowel disease	http://qurlyjoe.bu.edu/cduhome.html
HEALTH CARE INFORMATION RESOURCES	Tom Flemming's homepage on health care info on the Hamilton-Wentworth Freenet	http://www.freenet.hamilton.on.ca/~ac404/Profile.html
ISSN INTERNATIONAL CENTRE	provides basic info about the ISSN assignment	http://www.well.com/www/issnic
CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION	the CMA's homepage	http://hpb1.hwc.ca:8400/
INTERNET RESOURCES NEWSLETTER	provides info on the Internet and its resources	http://www.hw.ac.uk/libWWW/irn/irn.html
ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA	an online version, with hotlinks to other locations	http://www.pathfinder.com
HOMEOPATHY REMEDIES	an alternative medicine homepage	http://www.pitt.edu/~cbw/altm.html

CURRENT AWARENESS

Laurie Blanchard
J. W. Crane Memorial Library

Duff AS. Bibliographic instruction for student nurses: a programme outline. Nurse Education Today 1994 Aug; 14(4): 322-5.

Bibliographic instruction (BI) is the formal teaching of bibliographic skills by professional librarians. This paper describes the aims and content of a programme for RSCN students. Outlines of three extant BI sessions are provided. The future of BI in the nursing context is considered.

Fuller SS. Internet connectivity for hospitals and hospital libraries: strategies. Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 1995 Jan; 83(1): 32-6.

Access to Internet resources and communications has rapidly become a necessity in many hospitals nationally. The results of a Pacific Northwest pilot Internet connections project provides important evidence of the value of librarians in establishing such connections in their institutions. The pilot project has resulted in a wealth of information regarding approaches to promoting the utility of the Internet to health professionals in hospitals. Roles that librarians are playing in support of such connections include facilitator, negotiator, provider, publisher, integrator, and educator.

Haynes RB; Walker CJ; McKibbin KA; Johnston E; Willan AR. Performances of 27 MEDLINE systems tested by searches with clinical questions. Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association. 1994 May-Jun; 1(3): 285-95.

To compare the performances of online and compact-disc (CD-ROM) versions of the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) MEDLINE database. DESIGN: Analytic survey. INTERVENTION: Clinical questions were drawn from 18 searches originally conducted spontaneously by clinicians from wards and clinics who had used Grateful Med Version 4.0. Clinicians' search strategies were translated to meet the specific requirements of 13 online and 14 CD-ROM MEDLINE systems. A senior librarian and vendors' representatives constructed independent searches from the clinicians' questions. The librarian and clinician searches were run through each system, in command mode for the librarian and menu mode for clinicians, when available. Vendor searches were run through the vendors' own systems only. MAIN MEASUREMENTS: Numbers of relevant and irrelevant citations retrieved, cost (for online systems only), and time. RESULTS: Systems varied substantially for all searches, and for librarian and clinician searches separately, with respect to the numbers of relevant and irrelevant citations retrieved ($p < 0.001$ for both) and the cost per relevant citation ($p = 0.012$), but not with respect to the time per search. Based on combined rankings for the highest number of relevant and the lowest number of irrelevant citations retrieved, the SilverPlatter CD-ROM MEDLINE clinical journal subset performed best for librarian searches, while the PaperChase online system worked best for clinician searches. For cost per relevant citation retrieved, Dialog's Knowledge Index performed best for both librarian and clinician searches. CONCLUSIONS: There were substantial differences in the performances of competing MEDLINE systems, and performance was affected by search strategy, which was conceived by a librarian or by clinicians.

Haynes RB; Walker CJ; McKibbin KA; Johnston E; Willan AR. The organization of the digital library. Academic Medicine 1995 Apr; 70(4): 286-91

As digital information proliferates and the difficulties of managing it threaten to overwhelm traditional publication and information delivery processes, new visions of a digital library are forming. Exactly what a digital library is and how it is to be organized have not yet been determined, and bibliographic organization of digital information has not been sufficiently addressed. Bibliography is the systematic description or classification of writings or publications considered as material objects. In today's digital world, such material objects may no longer be relevant, but the need for systematic description remains. The important issue is not whether digital bibliography is needed but, instead, whether or not existing bibliographic techniques are appropriate for this new media. A second issue is the location of the responsibility for a new digital bibliography. Does it rest with medical informaticians, often the producers of this new digital information, or with librarians, traditionally the classifiers of information? Developments in both medical informatics and medical librarianship indicate a need for greater collaboration between these specialties in order to achieve their common purpose--the creation, classification, and dissemination of scholarly information.

Hollander SM; Lanier D. Orientation to the Internet for primary care health professionals. Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 1995 Jan; 83(1): 96-8.

Johnson M. The library as a resource for decision making in mental health care. Psychiatric Services. 1995 46(5) : 493.

Kirkpatrick J; Kuipers J. Negotiating two electronic resources for nursing. Nursing Management 1995 26(7) :68-72.

The five primary knowledge resource databases available at the Virginia Henderson International Library are reviewed and other menu items are discussed including library services currently under development. This article guides nurse managers to access the library on their own computer. In addition, the opportunities and advantages of the new On-line Journals of Knowledge Synthesis for Nursing are related and requirements for accessing the journal are outlined.

Lindberg DA; Humphreys BL. Computers in medicine JAMA. 1995 Jun 7; 273(21): 1667-8.

A growing group of institutions and individuals use Internet connections to reach information sources. Large health care organizations now see electronic records as essential to providing cost-effective health care. The Visible Human Project represents the entire three-dimensional anatomy of a cadaver.

McCormick KA; Lang N; Zielstorff R; Milholland DK; Saba V; Jacox A. Toward standard classification schemes for nursing language: recommendations of the American Nurses Association Steering Committee on Databases to Support Clinical Nursing Practice. Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association. 1994 Nov-Dec; 1(6): 421-7.

The American Nurses Association (ANA) Cabinet on Nursing Practice mandated the formation of the Steering Committee on Databases to Support Clinical Nursing Practice. The Committee has established

the process and the criteria by which to review and recommend nursing classification schemes based on the ANA Nursing Process Standards and elements contained in the Nursing Minimum Data Set (NMDS) for inclusion of nursing data elements in national databases. Four classification schemes have been recognized by the Committee for use in national databases. These classification schemes have been forwarded to the National Library of Medicine (NLM) for inclusion in the Unified Medical Language System (UMLS) and to the International Council of Nurses for the development of a proposed International Classification of Nursing Practice.

Royle JA; Blythe J; Potvin C; Oolup P; Chan IM. Literature search and retrieval in the workplace. Computers in Nursing 1995 Jan-Feb; 13(1): 25-31

Nurses do not adequately access and use information to enhance knowledge-based practice. A computerized literature search and retrieval system was installed on a selected hospital unit to evaluate its utility in a work setting. Thirty-three nurses were taught how to use six CD-ROM bibliographic and full-text databases, electronically request articles from the librarian, and to critique the literature. The training program was evaluated by questionnaire and subsequent use of the system. Qualitative data regarding the perceived impact were collected using focus groups. The Michigan Organizational Assessment Questionnaire was administered before and after the intervention. Following training, nurses used the system to successfully answer questions related to patient care, general health issues, and education courses.

Tietze MF; Huber JT. Electronic information retrieval in nursing. Nursing Management 1995 26(7) : 36-42.

Electronic information networks are explored in terms of the political and economic impact of such concepts as the National Information Infrastructure. The relevancy of electronic information retrieval to nursing is discussed as it applies to current health-care information management. Electronic information sources applicable to nursing are described along with examples of how they may be utilized. Network functions, such as bulletin boards, Freenets, and literature searches, are explained and the implications for evolution of health-care delivery are summarized.

Wood EH. MEDLINE: the options for health professionals. Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association. 1994 Sep-Oct; 1(5): 372-80

The bibliographic database MEDLINE, produced by the National Library of Medicine (NLM), is a computerized index to the world's biomedical literature. The database can be searched back to 1966 and contains 6.8 million records. The various means of access are divided, for the purposes of this article, into three categories: logging onto a remote host computer by telephone and modem or by the Internet; subscribing to part or all of the database on compact disc (CD-ROM); and leasing the data on a transport medium such as magnetic tape or CDs for loading on a local host computer. Decisions about which method is preferable in a given situation depend on cost, availability of hardware and software, local expertise, and the size of the intended user population. Trends include increased access to the Internet by health professionals, increased network speed, links from MEDLINE records to full-text databases or online journals, and integration of MEDLINE into wider health information systems.