



## MHLA-MHO CONFERENCE GREAT SUCCESS

Tuesday, October 30, MHLA met at the Winnipeg Convention Centre for the 11th Manitoba Health Conference, sponsored by Manitoba Health Organizations. The conference theme was "Shared Services Meet the Challenge of Fiscal Restraint: Health Library Consortia and Networking in Manitoba". Beatrix Robinow, Health Sciences Librarian from McMaster University shared some her experiences in networking in the Hamilton-Wentworth area. This was followed by a panel discussion of consortia at the local and provincial levels in Manitoba. Members of the panel which was moderated by Barbara Henwood, were Mrs. Robinow, Audrey Kerr, University of Manitoba Medical Library, Richard Paterson, Administrative Assistant, Vice-President - Medical, Health Sciences Centre, Renata Kroeker, Library Consultant, and Mrs. Judy Roik, Meadow Manor Personal Care Home. A lively discussion took place, but unfortunately our time was limited and few questions were fielded from the audience.

The afternoon session's theme was "Professional effectiveness through personal development: Communication skills" which was led by J. Robert Gaul, Communications Consultant. With a standing room only group everyone participated in this thought provoking session.

The attendance at both sessions was very encouraging. Morning session - 35 and Afternoon session - 47.

The following is the evaluation of the conference from those in attendance:

### Library - returned evaluations - 12

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor
A. Speakers Presentation:	7	3	1	0	0
B. Moderator/Chairman:	3	5	2	0	0
C. Panelists (if any):	5	3	0	0	0
D. Appropriateness of Session:	5	3	1	0	0
E. Consistency of General Theme:	3	5	1	0	0
F. Educational Value Gained:	4	5	2	0	0
G. Direct Application of Knowledge Gained:	3	4	2	0	0
H. Opportunities for Registrants Participation:	1	1	1	6	0

### Best feature:

- panel discussion - 3
- Bob Gaul - 2
- interaction - 2
- excellent knowledge - 1
- good planning - 1
- expertise of Mrs. Robinow -

### Worst feature:

- crowded room - 4
- difficult to hear moderator at back of room - 1
- session too short - 2

### MHLA CONSTITUTION REVISION

If you have any comments to make about the revised version of the MHLA Constitution (distributed with the agenda for the September meeting; changes distributed with the minutes of the September meeting) please make them in writing to Kathy Eagleton before December 31, 1979.

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### MEETINGS ATTENDED

Kathy Eagleton, President of MHLA, attended the 15th Annual Meeting of the Upstate New York and Ontario Regional Group, Medical Library Association in Syracuse, New York, October 11-13, 1979. The Theme of the conference was Health Information and the Consumer.

Two interesting speakers were Jean Schultheis, Director, Syracuse Consumer Affairs Office and Lynn Yellott, Reference Department, Onondaga County Public Library, in Syracuse. Ms. Schultheis spoke about her active role on behalf of the consumer and some projects undertaken. For example a study of aspirin-value and efficacy of various brands, percentage of profit going into advertising, etc. Other projects included choosing a dentist and access to medical records.

Ms. Yellott had a dynamic programme of providing health information to the general public. She stressed the necessity of discussing the ethics of providing such information, but since they have a large demand, they feel that the needs of the public must be responded to. She suggested a Consumer Health Consortia - a core council of public, hospital and university libraries and the need to link in with voluntary associations.

Barbara Henwood and P.J. Fawcett attended the Executive Committee meeting of the CHLA in Ottawa, October 13, 1979.

Audrey Kerr chaired the 12th Annual Meeting of the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges Special Resource Committee on Medical School Libraries in Ottawa, October 14. Also attending were P.J. Fawcett and Barbara Henwood.

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### ARTHUR SHORT, LIBRARIAN, VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL

At the request of the medical staff, Mrs. Nan Colegrave, Director of Educational Services, and Arthur Short addressed a clinical luncheon on the topic: Hospital Library Services. They explained the history of the library at the Vic, the services available, the journals and books in the system and the access to other medical, nursing and health care libraries in the province. The luncheon took place Friday, October 26 with approximately 25 doctors in attendance.

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Mrs. Marjorie (Madge) McFee, Medical Library, University of Manitoba, retired November 30, 1979 after 14 years of service. Madge worked in the Elizabeth Dafoe Library prior to assuming her position as Circulation Supervisor in the Medical Library in 1969.

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#### A NEW AND USEFUL DICTIONARY

If you have \$22.60 to spend and would like to acquire a new dictionary for your library consider Melloni's Illustrated Medical Dictionary. The preface of this new publication states that it "...was developed especially for students of the health sciences.....it will also be useful as a reference book for the general public interested in a brief and 'to the point' explanation of medical terms."

The definitions are straightforward and printed in readable type. Excellent, well-labeled illustrations appear on every page. Although not a replacement for Dorland's or Steadman's dictionaries this publication would be a useful adjunct to a health library collection.

I. Dox, B.J. Melloni, G.M. Eisner. Melloni's Illustrated Medical Dictionary. Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins, 1979.

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#### SELECTED BOOKS & JOURNALS FOR MANITOBA HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

As of December 4, 1979, M.H.L.A. has distributed the following "Selected Books....":

Sales to Date	64	(64 X \$5.00 = \$320. )
Gifts	<u>23</u>	
Total	87	

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#### THANK YOU JOYCE WOODS

Thanks to the willingness of Joyce Woods from the Tri-Lake Health Centre, acting as distributor, a number of duplicate books and journals have been made available to rural hospitals in south west Manitoba from the Brandon General Hospital collection. Joyce is using the Directors of Nursing group as a vehicle for distribution. This involved a considerable amount of her time and muscle to achieve.

--- Kathy Eagleton

Earlier this year at an MHLA meeting we had the opportunity of hearing a guest speaker from McMaster University explaining her work as a Clinical Librarian. I was intrigued to discover that some her duties in this new area of librarianship have actually been part of my own work here. Several years ago I was asked to sit in on a weekly Head and Neck Clinic where difficult cases were seen and discussed. The idea was that I would be advised in advance of the cases to be presented, and would then have available during the discussion of each case any review articles dealing with prognosis on the basis of varying treatment protocols. Over the years a considerable file of literature has been built up, upon which we constantly draw.

Consideration was given to accompanying this same group on Ward Rounds, listening to the discussions and then searching the literature for pertinent articles. However, because of pressure of other duties I have not as yet been able to follow up on this.

In another area, but which seems also to be within the confines of this new role of clinical librarianship, there has been a growing need for patients to have access to information about their disease and in a form which they can understand. Doctors may be so busy that they either neglect or are not aware of the need to cover many of the questions which arise in the mind of the patient. Sometimes the individual just wishes to be better informed. In any case, every now and then a patient appears in the library asking for information on a particular type of cancer. Since most our books are written for the professional, the lay person is left floundering in a sea of unintelligible words. This is where the Patient Information Library made its debut.

Having obtained approval from the Foundation I approached the Board of the Manitoba Division of the Canadian Cancer Society who agreed to fund the project with monies donated to them by the British Wives' Club of Winnipeg. This new venture got off the ground a few months ago and the small grouping of books is maintained in a lounge area easily accessible to patients and their families.

The Patient Information Library has been patterned after a similar pilot project in British Columbia, where the screening of the material was carried out by medical staff. It includes books written by cancer patients, others written for patients and their families, describing the nature of cancer and types of treatment available; nutrition and diet (with recipes) while undergoing treatment; problems and emotional factors confronting them; and still others on counselling and spiritual support. Holdings are small at present but these will be increased as suitable titles come to hand, and it is planned to obtain more copies of those books which are most frequently read. The response has been quite remarkable, and more than encouraging.

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HEALTH MANPOWER PROVINCIAL REPORT

On behalf of the MHLA, I submitted the results of our 1979 survey of health library personnel on September 3, 1979 to Betty Havens, Director of Research, Dept. of Health and Community Services.

The results of the survey were as follows:

Librarians	10.5 full-time equivalent positions
Technicians	15    "    "    "    "
Other	37    "    "    "    "

The "other" category included a great variety of professional and semi-professional expertise in non-library fields. As you can see by the numbers, they are the "backbone" of health libraries in Manitoba.

I have made recommendations to the President of MHLA re future surveys. The date for submission is August 1st of each year. A follow-up will have to be made a few days before this deadline to ascertain why outstanding forms have not been submitted, or to clarify responses. Slight changes in the wording and instructions should avoid most of the problems experienced this year.

It is very important that the MHLA continues to furnish these statistics, and hopefully, as our membership grows, our submission will reflect province-wide status of health library personnel.

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HAVE YOU READ

Alfred N. Brandon and Dorothy R. Hill. Selected list of nursing books and journals. Nursing Outlook p. 672-680, October 1979.

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NEXT MHLA GENERAL MEETING

The next MHLA meeting will be held on February 21, 1980 at 1:30 P.M. in the Deer Lodge Hospital Medical Library. After a short business meeting "Shared Library Services" will be discussed under the following headings: Audio visual materials, joint journal purchase/cancellation, van delivery service, personal care home services ~~for~~ rural hospitals and an area coordinator. Please come prepared to discuss this topic with other MHLA members.

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### LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

In recent months Sandra Langlands has given two full day library development workshops outside Winnipeg. The first was held on October 19, 1979 at Dauphin General Hospital and hosted by David Law, Head, Medical Records Department. The workshop was attended by eight people representing Dauphin General Hospital, Neepawa District Memorial Hospital, Flin Flon General Hospital, Seven Regions Health Centre (Gladstone), Shoal Lake District Hospital, and Winnipegosis General Hospital.

Topics covered during the workshop were reference services, library administration in a small hospital, book and journal selection, ordering and organization. One of the highlights of the day was an impromptu exercise session led by Ella Kinley of Gladstone!

The second workshop, which covered much the same information as the first, was held at Tri-Lake Health Centre in Killarney on December 6, 1979. It was hosted by Joyce Woods, Health Educator at Tri-Lake Health Centre and attended by representatives of Cartwright and District Hospital, Lorne Memorial Hospital (Swan Lake), Wawanesa Medical Nursing Unit, Melita Health Centre, Souris District Hospital, Tiger Hills Health District (Treherne, Glenboro, Baldur), and Tri-Lake Health Centre.

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# Season's Greetings

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