

THE J. W. CRANE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

This is the first in a series of libraries the MHLA NEWS will be featuring over the course of the next few issues. The aim is to acquaint the membership on the uniqueness of each library, what they have to offer the medical community, and to meet the staff that work in each of these libraries. When the series is complete a booklet will be compiled and distributed to the membership. So, please, get your staff picture and a brief bio of your library together because the next feature library may be yours. (The editor)

The J.W. Crane Memorial Library is one of the country's best known special libraries in geriatrics, gerontology and long-term care. Located in the Deer Lodge Centre in sunny St. James, the Crane provides a full range of resources and services to Centre staff. A unique partnership agreement with the Riverview Health Centre extends the same service levels and resources to their staff using phone, fax and courier services for information requests and document delivery. The library also acts as a resource for long-term care providers throughout the province, and fields information requests from Victoria, B.C. to St. John's, Nfld. on a fee-for-service basis. A recent addition to the Crane, "The Reading Room" provides consumer-oriented health information resources for seniors and their friends and families.



Janice Saunders

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From the President

Last year MHLA embarked on some major initiatives. This is the year that we have to get down to business and see this tasks through. For that reason it promises to be an interesting year. Changes in the administration of local hospitals will undoubtedly affect some of our members, as will the new consolidation of health related library services at the University of Manitoba. Fortunately we already have a nascent framework for action on these fronts in the form of our Taskforce on Access to Health Care Information. The Taskforce will be meeting prior to our Fall meeting (probably on September 12) and I am sure that the Taskforce members would welcome any ideas, concerns, or suggestions from the MHLA membership.

Last month I toured the new Neil John Maclean Library. I was certainly impressed by the new consolidated facility and I was even more impressed by the composure of the NJM staff in the wake of the BIG MOVE. One of the highlights of our Fall General Meeting will be an "insider's" report on the move. I hope that we will gain some insight into how this impressive new centralized library service will affect each of us in our own institutions.

On the conference scene - MHLA will be sponsoring a session at the Manitoba Health Organization Conference in February 1997. It will be a panel discussion entitled Practical Applications of the Internet in the provision of health care and will feature four health care professionals discussing real ways that they use the Internet in the provision of health care. As for the Joint Conference of Manitoba Library and Information Associations, MLA has decided to take this spring off, partly to give future conference planners time to re-energize. Having spent time on the planning committee last year, I can only say that this is a much need prescription. Instead of having a massive spring conference they will be organizing smaller events and looking for ideas and collaborative opportunities involving other associations.

We still need volunteers to help out with MHLA's various committees, in particular we need someone to

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You're as young as your confidence and as old as your fear

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take over the Nominations responsibilities. Please consider taking on this essential role. Elsewhere in the *News* you will find details on the Fall Supper/General Meeting and also the agenda for the meeting. Please make an effort to attend. As you can see from the agenda, we will be covering some important issues at the meeting. As Bill Poluha put it in his final report to the membership last year, MHLA must "continue to lay the ground work for strengthening our resource sharing and promoting greater awareness of the necessity of access to quality health care information", and that is just what we will be doing on October 15th. And, of course, eating.

David Colborne
President, MHLA
NRC Information Centre Winnipeg

People

Pat Routledge, formerly Reference Librarian at the St. Boniface Hospital Library, has accepted a full-time teaching position with Red River Community College Library Technician Program. She began her new duties in September 1996.

Pat came to St. Boniface Hospital in December 1994, shortly after the creation of the amalgamated Carolyn Sifton-Helene Fuld Library. Through her commitment to quality improvement and active liaison with Hospital staff, faculty and students, she helped redefine

how library information services are delivered at the Hospital.

Pat was active in improving library orientation and instruction programs, promoting library services, and developing an expanded reference and literature search service.

For nearly two years Pat has made a significant contribution to the work of the SBGH Library. The library staff and Pat's many satisfied clients will miss her indeed.

Alfred Brandon, the co-author of the Brandon-Hill lists, recently died on July 4th. A July 9th MEDLIB posting detailed Mr. Brandon's illustrious career, including his various contributions to the Medical Library Association.

Janet Kochan has retired from the Grace Hospital Library. Janet has been employed at the Grace Hospital for the past 15 years. Over that period of time she has served in various volunteer capacities for the MHLA. Janet's contribution to the Grace Hospital Library will be missed. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

Jill Frith Harrington has been hired by the Grace Hospital on a one year contract to serve as a Library/Audiovisual Technician. Jill will divide her time between working in the library and providing supporting audiovisual service in the hospital.

Here's a real technology shocker: I just got my first student worker who has never used a typewriter. Even though she had used computers before, she was afraid to use the typewriter.

I knew it would come some day.

Barb Sedlock, Defiance College (Ohio)

CALENDAR

October 21-23, 1996 Toronto

The Internet Trends & Technology Convention. Keynote speaker is Jim Carroll, author of INTERNET ADVANTAGE. For more information, contact Sue Preece at (800) 954-8250 or in Toronto at (416) 240-8677

October 25-27, 1996 Amherst, NS

The Nova Scotia Library Association Conference. Keynote address will be delivered by Lorraine McQueen, university librarian at Acadia University. For further information, contact NSLA President, Fransis Newman at (902) 667-1767, or Program Convenor Beverly True at (902) 667-2135. Fax for the Library is (902) 667-1360; E-mail; insamc@rs6000.nshpl.library.ns.ca

November 7-8, 1996 Washington, DC

The Special Libraries Association presents the 1997 State-of-the-Art Institute, "The Virtual Workplace, One Size Doesn't Fit All," which will explore how the nature of work is changing, and how you can prepare your organization for the change.

To register or for more information, contact Gianna Renzulli, SLA Manager, Professional Development at 1/202/234-4700, ext. 649, or by e-mail at gianna@sla.org.

December 3-5, 1996 London, UK

The 20th International Online Meeting. For more information contact Conference Department, Learned Information Europe Ltd., +44 (0) 1865 730275; Fax +44 (0) 736354

December 9-20, 1996 Riken

3rd Internet World Congress on Biomedical Sciences to be held here on the WWW server (<http://www.3iwc.riken.go.jp>)

How to register and submit posters for the Congress. If you wish to present a poster at the Congress, please complete and submit ABSTRACT and REGISTRATION FORM (<http://www.3iwc.riken.go.jp/ANNO/ENT.html>) by September 30, 1996.

If you have any question freely ask Secretariat Internet World Congress on Biomedical Sciences (congress@inabis.org)

Feb 27 & 28., 1997 Winnipeg

MHO annual conference It has been rescheduled from November to February. MHLA is hosting a panel discussion on the Internet.

April 24-27, 1997 Jasper, AB

The Alberta Library Conference. For more information, contact Beth Barlow at (403) 260-2607

May 13-15, 1997 New York

National Online Meeting

The conference includes technical papers, product reviews and exhibits. For more detailed information or if you would like to submit a paper, please direct your browser to : <http://www.imi-ep.com/nom.html>

June, 1997 Ottawa

The CLA Annual Conference.

June 1998 Victoria, BC

The CLA Annual Conference

June 1999 Toronto

The CLA Annual Conference

News from CISTI

NLM's new PREMEDLINE file is now available. The file includes "in process" records for citations which will be added to Medline (and deleted from Premed) when indexing and processing are complete. Give it a try by typing "File Premed" at any user prompt. You can get Additional details and the unit record by entering "Sinfo premedl." Here is NLM's introductory information:

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DEFAULT IS TO THE TEXT WORD (TW) FIELD. BECAUSE THE FILE DOES NOT INCLUDE MESH HEADINGS, ALL SUBJECT SEARCHING IS PERFORMED AS TEXT WORD MATCHES AGAINST WORDS IN THE TITLE AND ABSTRACT.

The National Library of Medicine has recently signed an editing and data entry contract for MEDLINE citations and abstracts. The Library will shortly be able to keep up with current receipts of journals and is hopeful that the existing backlog will be reduced by the end of the calendar year. Thank you for your patience and support during this very difficult time.

CISTI CUTS NTIS COLLECTION

CISTI has discontinued its subscription for U.S. National Technical Information Service (NTIS) documents due to the high cost of acquiring, maintaining and servicing the NTIS collection, the relatively low demand for these documents, and the ready availability of NTIS documents from other sources. Clients can still order NTIS documents from CISTI by requesting the Obtain Service, or directly from NTIS. CISTI supplies a microfiche version unless a paper copy is specified.

When Obtain Service is requested, CISTI acquires the document from an outside supplier if it is not available from CISTI's collection. Documents in any subject area may be ordered through this service. Charges for

the Obtain Service are a minimum of \$50.00 per item. If the price will be higher, clients are contacted for authorization.

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YOUR INPUT NEEDED

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) has appointed an International Panel to assist with the Library's long range planning activities. This panel, the NLM Long Range Planning Panel on International Programs, will be meeting on September 30th and is soliciting information from various groups.

I contacted Bernard Dumouchel, Director of Operations at the National Research Council Canada/Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (NRC/CISTI), for background on CISTI'S position. I quote at length from his letter:

"CISTI, as the Canadian MEDLARS Centre, attended the International MEDLARS Centre Policy Advisory Group (IMPAG) Meeting at the National Library of Medicine March 26-27, 1996. Representing CISTI among the 18 participating national partners were Margot

Montgomery, Director General, CISTI, and Leo Grigaitis, Head, Electronic Services.

Featured in the program were NLM's Systems Reinvention Laboratory, the Internet Grateful Med, the Unified Medical Language System and MeSH Translations, Regional Bibliographies and Journal-related Activities, Outreach Initiatives, a briefing on the NLM Long Range Plan and the International Planning Panel, an issues panel on Document Delivery, a briefing on Biotechnology Information Activities, a demonstration of the Visual Human, and an issues panel on Telemedicine Applications.

NLM has established a Long Range Planning Panel on International Programs to review its bilateral agreements with its approximately twenty international MEDLARS Centres. The panel chaired by Dr. Donald Frederickson, will be examining a wide range of relevant issues concerning present policy, needed program initiatives and resources requirements. Discussion at the meeting indicated that though the needs and level of technological sophistication vary greatly among the International Centres, NLM has an important role in providing linkages to the world's health information.

Of particular and ongoing interest to CISTI are the development of Internet Grateful Med, DOCLINE and resources sharing initiatives, full text information resources and telemedicine projects. CISTI is currently addressing issues surrounding the Internet Grateful Med, fixed fee access and DOCLINE with NLM staff, and will be responding to long range planning issues as they affect Canadians."

The CHLA/ABSC Board would like your responses to the questions this Panel will be considering. Janet Fisher had previously sent these questions to the International Cooperation Section (ICS) of the Medical Library Association: with Janet's permission, I am posting an edited version.

1. Should NLM retain an International Program? If your answer is yes, what are the most important elements?
2. Should NLM focus its efforts on particular countries or regions? If your answer is yes, which ones?
3. Should NLM focus its efforts on a particular type or types of biomedical information? If so, which and for whom?
4. Are there particular communication methods or strategies, e.g. satellites, that should receive special attention? If so, which?

The Panel is interested in receiving specific examples of libraries and librarians, especially those in the health sciences, which might illustrate programs or services which NLM should emulate in its international programs.

Although NLM will welcome any and all suggestions, here are some examples of NLM's existing international activities:

1. Some broad areas of participation have been in the areas of training of librarians and information professionals from abroad publishing or exchange of publications, receiving international visitors and signing MEDLARS Center agreements with foreign countries and international organizations.

2. Examples of activities:

- A. Assistance to scientists in the former Soviet Union in obtaining access to American scientific information.

- B. Formal establishment of the Israel MEDLARS Center, one of the first to exclusively access the NLM databases via the Internet using the Grateful Med Software.

- C. Acceptance of international associates into the NLM Associates Training Program.

After considering your suggestions, the Board will send a response to Janet Fisher who will send it on to the NLM Long Range Planning Panel on International Programs.

Thank you for your participation.

Susan Murray
CHLA/ABSC President

DOCLINE INTERNET QUICKDOC

Here is a posting from Jay Daly, the author of QuickDOC, about using DOCLINE over the Internet, which is how we all have to do it in Canada. It is from the QuickDOC listserv.

The first version of a Frequently-Asked-Questions document for Internet Access to DOCLINE via the Internet. It's available by ftp from the NN/LM PNR ftp server, ftp.u.washington.edu. The URL is: [//ftp.u.washington.edu/public/nnlm/quickdoc/Internet.faq](ftp://ftp.u.washington.edu/public/nnlm/quickdoc/Internet.faq)

This version covers direct access only (dialup access to be added soon) and is quite lengthy (44 pages long), so you might not want to print out the entire FAQ. If you don't have ftp access, send me an email and I'll send the FAQ back to you as an email message (but don't forget, it's 44 pp of printout! 75K in size).

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Communique from Statistics Canada concerning changes to health information products and services:

On May 14, 1996, a letter was sent out from the Health Statistics Division to subscribers indicating that a number of publications were either being changed or discontinued. The following supplementary information will assist libraries in understanding the basis for the decisions and to adjust to the changes.

The total package of products and services from Statistics Canada is in a constant state of evolution as new surveys are launched, dissemination mediums are tested, client information needs evolve, and, as in the case of health information, some data collection activities are transferred from the Agency.

One of the major objectives of Statistics Canada is to improve the integration of topical statistics and analysis and develop products and services that package the information in a relevant and meaningful way. Much of the vital information currently reported in the annual publications 84-210, 84-212 and 84-213, has already been integrated in catalogue 91-209E, Report on the Demographic situation in Canada 1995. We want to continue and further improve this kind of integrated presentation of vital information which provides a broader and more comprehensive perspective.

Health Statistics Division is planning to develop a comprehensive report on the topic of death, including causes of death. This publication would combine much of the information now found in publications 84-209, 82-548 and 84-210, and include analysis as well as data. Although the dissemination medium has not yet been decided, the trend will be to provide detailed data tables in electronic format, and textual analysis either on paper or electronic.

In addition to looking to improve the content of our output, health statistics has also been impacted by the transfer of some data collection activities to the Canadian Institute for Health Information, a new non

government organization whose mission is to coordinate the development and maintenance of a comprehensive and integrated Health Information system for Canada.

Responsibility for the collection of six data series related to the health care system is being transferred from Statistics Canada to this new organization. Strategies for publishing and analysis are currently being discussed between the two organizations, however, as a result, publications catalogue numbers 82-218, 82-219, 83-241, 83-242, 82-216, 83-245 and 83-237 will no longer be produced.

Although the publishing plans of the new organization are not yet firm, Statistics Canada plans to provide as much information as possible in the quarterly publication Health Reports, catalogue number 82-003, through The Daily and on the Statistics Canada Internet Health Theme Site. The Statistics Canada Library will monitor the situation and attempt to link bibliographic records once CIHI's plans are made public. Linkage notes will be made available to libraries at this time.

The data collection activities surrounding tuberculosis statistics has been transferred to Health Canada. As a result, Statistics Canada's recent release of catalogue number 82-220 with 1994 data will be the last. Output plans from Health Canada are, as well, unknown at this time. Your comments and feedback help us to stay in tune with the information needs of Canadians so please feel free to contact us with your suggestions. Our website continues to grow so check us out from time to time at www.statcan.ca.

I trust this information is useful. Please contact Fred Baker, Statistics Canada Library, 951-0944 or Lorna Bailie, Health Division, 951-8552 for more information.

DID YOU KNOW THAT!!!!

July 13's Lancet journal has a supplement called "Guide to the Internet". It has 14 pages, with history, jargon, basic facilities, web watching, how to get connected, and books about Internet. It will be an excellent guide to use for Internet training classes. The guide can also be accessed on Web at:
<http://www.elsevier.com/locate/trendsguide>

FROM THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF CANADA

Canadian Inventory of Resource Sharing We, at National and International Programs/National Library of Canada, are undertaking the task of bringing the "Canadian Inventory of Resource Sharing" up to date and we would appreciate your help. If you know of any changes or updates to the Revised Edition of the Inventory, located at:
<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/resource/cirs95/esharing.htm>

We would also like to hear your suggestions on ways to improve the printed and/or electronic versions of the Inventory.

P.S. And please feel free to comment on the recent

documents added to the NLC Web site concerning Resource Sharing in Canada:
<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/resource/resha-e.htm>

Paper copies of those documents can be obtained by sending an email message to:
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WHAT'S NEW AT THE NLC*NET*BNC WWW SITE

National Library of Canada
URL: <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/>

* Access AMICUS demo.
<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/amicus/access/eamidemo.htm>

* Canadian libraries and library catalogues, Atlantic Region.
<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/canlib/ecanlib.htm>

* Canadian Government Information, a listing of prime federal and provincial government sites, useful federal government departments, key federal documents and international organizations.
<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/cangov/egovinfo.htm>

* Canadian Information By Subject.
with additional links to sites in the following
subject areas:

Agriculture, Language and languages,
literature, Manitoba, Military science,
Newfoundland, Newspapers, Nova Scotia,
Ontario, Postal service, Prince Edward Island,
Quebec, Religion, Saskatchewan, Theaters,
Transportation

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/caninfo/ecaninfo.htm>

* Canadiana Quick Reference, an information
service designed to provide answers to some of
the quick reference questions the National
Library receives regularly.

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/services/quickref/ecqrmenu.htm>

* Enhanced information on the Collections
and Services of the NLC

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/services/nlindex.htm>

* Services to Genealogists and Family
Historians

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/services/egnlogy.htm>

* Electronic Collection incorporates formally
published Canadian online books and journals.

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/eppp/e-coll-e.htm>

* EPPP: Summary of the Final Report.

This summary highlights some of the
findings and recommendations made by the
members of the Electronic Publications Pilot
Project (EPPP) team. The pilot project
studied how the National Library of Canada
(NLC) should interpret and apply its mandate

to the context of electronic technologies, and
how it can meet the challenges presented by
the emergence of electronic publications.

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/eppp/ereport.htm>

*Exhibition - "New Wave Canada: The Coach
House Press and the Small Press Movement
in English Canada in the 1960s"

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/events/coach/e-chp.htm>

* National Library Catalogue on the Internet, a
subset of the AMICUS database reflecting the
National Library's rich collections, is available
electronically to individuals and libraries
without charge.

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/catalog/ecat.htm>

* National Library News Readership Survey

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/nlnews/esurvey.htm>

*National Library News - June 1996, Vol. 28,
no. 6

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/nl-news/1996/june96e/june-96e.htm>

* Network Notes #29 - Free-Nets

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/pubs/netnotes/notes29.htm>

* Search Tools on the Web, a list of tools to
search for information on the Web.

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/search/esearch.htm>

If you have any comments regarding
NLC*NET*BNC, please send an e-mail to:

webadmin@nlc-bnc.ca

ACCESS AMICUS

Addition of LC records to AMICUS
LC records are added to the AMICUS database via tape on an as-received basis. For example, weekly tapes are loaded on a weekly basis. There is currently no ftp of LC records. This capability should be introduced in the first quarter of 1997.

CANMARC records

The AMICUS system is the data source for CANMARC products. The data is extracted and formatted from AMICUS and sent to subscribers including vendors such as OCLC and ISM. In early versions of CANMARC tapes from AMICUS we experienced problems with data elements being either improperly converted or omitted. These have been corrected and we have been distributing complete CANMARC records to subscribers since July.

During initial system setup, subscribers to Access AMICUS are defaulted to one of three available record displays: a MARC record, a Full record or a Brief record generally depending on whether their use of the system is in support of cataloguing, reference or interlibrary loan. During any given search, users may move from one display to another by selecting the appropriate record display command.

AMICUS Client Information Centre

*If you've done better than you thought you could,
then its victory.*

"BLIND" REFERENCES

When a patron follows the direction given in a cross reference, but then finds no entries at the referred-to heading, we call it a "blind reference."

What I wanted to know is, in these days of political-correctness, should we avoid using the pejorative word "blind"? And, if so, then what term should be used instead?

I suggested to the students in a Bibliographic Organization class the following possibilities:

- Visually-impaired reference
- Wild-goose-chase reference
- Non-productive reference (as in "non-productive cough")
- Liar, liar, pants-on-fire! reference

Here are some other proposals made by the students:

- Obsolete reference
- Dead reference
- Invalid reference
- Blank reference
- Red herring
- One-way to oblivion reference
- Nicholson Baker reference
- No-runs, no-hits, you're-out reference
- Better make a U-turn reference
- False reference
- Catch-me-if-you can reference
- Bermuda Triangle reference
- Blank reference
- Good-for-nothing reference
- What the @*#&! reference

Personally, I like the Bermuda Triangle and

the U-Turn ones. :-)

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A SMILE IMPROVES YOUR FACE VALUE

MEDSCAPE WEB SITE LAUNCHES NEW WOMEN'S HEALTH TOPIC AREA

Medscape, a medical Web site on the Internet with more than 35,000 registered users accessing more than 160,000 articles each month, has announced a dedicated topic area focusing on the unique clinical attributes of women's health. The Women's Health topic area, supported by an unrestricted educational grant by the U.S. Pharmaceutical Division of Pfizer, Inc., complements Medscape's growing list of content, which already covers AIDS, Infectious Disease, Oncology, Surgery, Urology, and Managed Care topic areas, plus daily health care news, online Continuing Medical Education, and interactive clinical learning centers, such as Pic Tours.

"The new Women's Health topic is a perfect fit for Medscape's editorial vision and the needs of our readers," said Steve Smith, Medscape's editorial director. "Member traffic in the first few weeks was excellent, already ranking Women's Health as the third most active topic area. The six articles launched were read by almost 2,000 users in the first five days." Growing recognition and research into the science of women's health, focusing on areas

where there are clear differences between men and women, such as heart disease, depression, arthritis, cancer, and hormonal therapy, emphasize the need for a comprehensive, readily available source of current information.

"The Internet can be of invaluable help to the clinician or the researcher interested in women's health," said Dr. Joseph Pastorek, professor and chief of the Section of Infectious Disease in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of the Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans, and acting editor for Medscape's Women's Health topic. "The World Wide Web offers almost unlimited potential for serving the information needs of clinicians, and Medscape's Women's Health is at the forefront of meeting this information need."

Medscape, which is growing by 1,700 new registered users each week and is projected to reach 100,000 registered users by summer, is stepping forward to meet this need by harnessing the power of the Internet to inform readers about new disease prevention and management strategies in women's health. Access to Medscape is free, but requires registration. Members can browse, download, and print all Medscape content for personal use. Anyone with a connection the Web can find Medscape at :
<http://www.medscape.com>. or by e-mail at :
webmaster@medscape.com.

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*IT'S AMAZING HOW A PAT ON THE
BACK CAN LIGHTEN YOUR FATIGUE*

SILVERPLATTER LAUNCHES PHYSICIANS' HOME PAGE

SilverPlatter, well known for its bibliographic databases, has launched an Internet service called Physicians' Home Page (PHP). A significant innovation of PHP is to deliver major medical databases such as MEDLINE, AIDSLINE, CancerLit, and the Drug Information Handbook to physicians' desktop through the World Wide Web. Any doctor with access to the Web can search these databases by title, author, word, or key-word term.

One advantage of accessing these databases on the Web is being able to link straight from the bibliographic citation to the original article if the publisher has made the original document available on the Web. When full documents are not available on the Web, PHP offers fax delivery of the article by a Web link to document delivery companies.

PHP has also invested in the creation of the MD Internet Library. This is a collection of medical resources on the Internet that has been organized into clinically relevant groups such as patient information, journals, practice parameters, CME, image resources, medical specialty groups, and classified advertising. This greatly helps physicians to find their way around today's chaotic Internet.

Physicians' Homepage is backed by an editorial board of physicians from Harvard University and other leading medical institutions. The editorial board is responsible for organizing a consensus discussion based on important medical institutions. The editorial

board is responsible for organizing a consensus discussion based on important medical questions (MD Opinions). Experts are invited by the board to submit their own opinions on each of the questions. In addition, users of the service can interactively submit their own opinions for evaluation by the board and publication as part of the PHP. The initial editorial focus is internal medicine, but specialty versions are planned.

Tony Alves, publisher at PHP said, "Offering access to MEDLINE and drug databases is only a starting point for Physicians' Home Page. Since the Web is open architecture, Physicians' Home Page offers an excellent collaborative platform for the development of new content in partnership with medical specialty groups and medical publishers." Dr. Michael Rees, Harvard Medical School, and Dr. Mark E. Deutchman, University of Colorado School of Medicine, are co-editors for the new service. "The World Wide Web allows for rapid dissemination of important knowledge," said Rees, "so that colleagues from around the world can improve patient care by communicating and learning from each other." A basic membership to PHP is \$19.95 per month (\$9.95 for residents), and the first month is free. To become a Physicians' Home Page Member, Physicians fill out an online form. The URL for Physicians' Home Page is : <http://www.silverplatter.com/physicians>. For more information, contact Physicians' Home Page, SilverPlatter Education, Norwood, MA, 800-343-0064 or 617-769-2599, Fax: 617-769-8763.

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INMAGIC RELEASES DB/TEXTWORKS LIBRARY GUIDE FOR WINDOWS

Inmagic, Inc., developer of Inmagic DB/TextWorks textbase software for library automation, has announced the release of its DB/TextWorks Library Guide. The guide is a collection of models designed to assist library professionals in all types of libraries with automating cataloging, serials management, circulation, and more using DB/Text Works on Windows-based PC's or networks.

The main elements of the guide include menu screens, which offer a shortcut method of opening a textbase and an opportunity to provide a customized textbase description and help file; eight textbase structures; query-by-example (QBE) search screens for each textbase; display and edit forms for each textbase; and report forms (catalog cards, overdue notices, etc.) for a number of library operations.

An accompanying booklet gives an overview of the guide's applications and introduces DB/TextWorks' new database linking and its use in libraries. An extensive online help file, which describes each textbase, search screen form, and menu screen, is central to the guide. Techniques and suggestions for handling both common and unusual needs of those working in libraries are outlined. The textbases, forms, and screens may be used as they are, tailored to individual requirements, or used simply as guides.

For more information, contact Inmagic, Inc., Woburn, MA, 617-938-4442, Fax: 617-938-6393, e-mail: inmagic@netcom.com.
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THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO BACK-IN-PRINT SERVICE

ISM Library Information Services is proud to be involved in an exciting and innovative project with the University of Toronto Library and the University of Toronto Press and Bookstores. The University of Toronto Back-in-Print Service provides facsimile reproductions of out-of-print books held in the University of Toronto Library collections for sale to interested parties.

The Service recognizes that more than 8 million volumes within the University of Toronto Library collections are faced with inexorable deterioration through the action of acid paper decay. Current digitization technologies offer a means of preserving deteriorating books through the creation of stored digital images and provide access to replicated copies of the original book.

Blemishes, such as paper stains and defacing marks, are removed in the reproduction process.

As a by-product of the digitization technology used to create the facsimile copy of the book, the University of Toronto Library stores a digitized image of the book for preservation purposes to ensure that the Library will continue to be able to provide the information contained in the reproduced volumes.

This service provides access to many books which are no longer available for purchase from any source. Either the University of Toronto Library's copy or some other library's copy would be the only means of access to the information in such books.

Please further information contact:
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READMORE ANNOUNCES READICAT

Readmore, Inc., is pleased to announce the availability of its new Internet database, ReadiCat (Readmore's Internet Catalog). ReadiCat is an expanded and more versatile World Wide Web version of the Readmore printed Catalog of serial titles. It includes bibliographic information for titles, publisher address and contact information and additional links for information supplied by some publishers. ReadiCat also lists CD-ROM and electronic journal titles. Continuation titles will soon be online as well.

ReadiCat is fully searchable by title, publisher, ISSN and Readmore title number. It has the most up-to-date price and frequency information available for each title. Users may search by keywords, search strings, exact words, partial words, etc. You may also specify terms located at the beginning or end of title and publisher fields, as well as, terms contained anywhere within the field. Issue status information and membership/combo data will be introduced shortly as part of phase 2 of the ReadiCat Project.

More information about ReadiCat is located on the Readmore Web

(<http://www.readmore.com>) where you can learn about login procedures, guest accounts and searching tips. We invite you all to try ReadiCat and send comments. For more information about ReadiCat, please contact Marilyn Geller, Internet Product Specialist, at 1-800-221-3306 x 383 (voice mail), 617-484-7379 (phone) or mgeller@readmore.com (e-mail); or Amira Aaron, Coordinator, Automation and Product Development at 1-800-221-3306 x 378 (voice mail), 617-860-7224, aaron@readmore.com (e-mail).

THLA/CONSORTIUM UNION LIST OF PERIODICALS AVAILABLE!

The 12th edition of the THLA/Consortium Union List of Periodicals was published in May 1996 and is now available for sale. It includes over 7,000 health science journal titles and represents the holdings of sixty-two hospitals and health science libraries in the Toronto area. A new addition to the list is the inclusion of dates in the holdings statements as well as volume numbers. The union list is a joint project of the Toronto Health Libraries Association and the Health Science Information Consortium of Toronto. The cost of the union list for non-THLA and non-Consortium libraries is \$85.00. All orders must be prepaid. To obtain an order form please contact Jeannie An, Consortium Office email: An@library.utoronto.ca or phone: (416) 978-1847 or fax: (416) 971-2637.

BEST WAY TO ESCAPE A PROBLEM IS TO SOLVE IT

MDS-BOOKS CANADA RESUMES

The Cataloging Distribution Service of the Library of Congress has recently received and is making available a backfile of records from the National Library of Canada via MDS-Books Canada. These files contain records created since the last distribution of MDS-Books Canada in June 1995. In an effort to catch up, CDS will release two backfile issues as part of the 1996 subscription. Volume 23, issue 1 of MDS-Books Canada will contain approximately 20,000 records created from July through December 1995. Volume 23, issue 2 will contain approximately 32,000 records created from January through July 1996. Resumption of MDS-Books Canada will continue on a monthly basis with issue 3 containing the records for August 1996.

We appreciate your patience and regret the delay with this service. Please contact CDS if you have questions about your account or about the MDS-Books Canada service.

For more information about LC's MARC Distribution Services, contact:

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Internet: cdsinfo@mail.loc.gov

OGDL2 PROCEEDINGS

The conference on organizing the Global Digital Library II took place at the Library of Congress on May 22, 1996, sponsored by the National Digital Library Federation, LC's National Digital Library Program, and the Corporation for National Research Initiatives. Full conference proceedings are now available on LC MARVEL and via the Library of Congress Cataloguing Directorate WWW Home page. The URL is:
gopher://marvel.loc.gov/00/loc/conf.meet/ogdl2

INTERNET WORLD FEATURES LIBRARIANS

The August 1996 issue of Internet World, page 28, "Look to the Librarians" does a great job of identifying librarians and libraries as THE sources for good information on and about the Internet. There are several librarians' sites singled out - two health-related ones singled out are Tom Flemming and Lee Davidson.

The article is written by Internet World's "cyberlibrarian" Cynthia N. James-Catalano.

Report From the Task Force on Access to Health Information

The Task Force's first meeting since spring is on September 12, 1996. The first draft of the position paper is currently in preparation. The proposed reorganization in Manitoba's

health care system will be taken into account in addition to the comments and recommendations brought forward at the annual general meeting. Any anecdotes regarding how information access contributed to a positive outcome or the lack of access to information resulted in difficulties in clinical decision making, would be appreciated. Please forward any such information to Bill Poluha. A report on the progress of the Task Force will be given at the fall meeting.

THE NEIL JOHN MACLEAN HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY

The Medical Library, Neilson Dental Library, Health Sciences Centre Main Library, and the Manitoba Health Information Network (MHINET), were physically and administratively merged into the Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library on June sixth of this year. The merger makes the NJMHSL the major health sciences information facility in the province and as such it will expand its role by providing health information to all health professionals in Manitoba.

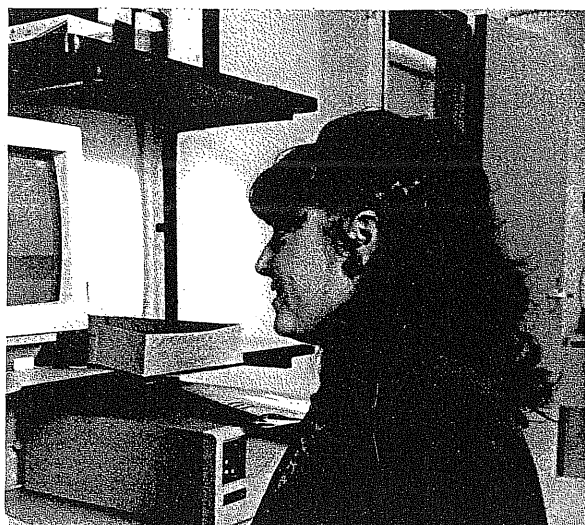
The move which consisted of: shifting approximately 160,000 volumes from six different locations, relocating Resource Development, Circulation, Document Delivery and Information Services areas was completed in only six days. This accomplishment was due to the tireless efforts of all the staff. The bulk

of the collection was placed into Phase I with storage items placed into the unfinished section in Phase II.

The library is visually stunning. On entering, one is looking at a magnificent spiral staircase (resembling the DNA structure) backlit by two story high windows in the Bearish Current Periodicals Reading Room. The library is bright, airy and is a wonderful combination of the old with the new. Two of the named rooms in the former Medical Library, the Robs Mitchell Rare Book Room and the Robs Learning Resource Centre, are also named rooms in the new library. The history of medicine collection will be housed in the newly named Erica and Arnold Rogers History of Medicine Room. The beautiful oak study tables and some study carrels from the original Medical Library were refinished to be used by future generations of health sciences students.

The official opening of the library will take place on November 25th. Eve Marie Lacroix from the National Library of Medicine is the invited speaker. We look forward to seeing you there. More information will be sent in the mail.

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Christine Shaw-Daigle

The Crane collection focus on the clinical, social and psychological aspects of aging; the administration, organization and operation of long term care systems; and the development of health promotion and community programs for seniors. A particular emphasis is placed on collecting Canadian materials, as well as materials to support and enhance inservice programming. The library's collection consists of approximately 7,000 monographic titles, 200 journal subscriptions, and 500 videos.

The Crane provides a full range of literature search services and subscribes to CINAHL, Healthstar and Ageline on CD-ROM. Other databases are accessed on a dial-in basis as needed. The library also subscribes to a number of unique print indexes in geriatrics and gerontology. The Internet has become an increasingly useful reference tool for us, and we now have a presence on the 'net through the generous assistance of the Seniors Computer Information Project. These pages

will soon be moved to our own site at <http://www.deerlodge.mb.ca>.

The library is automated using the Eloquent Librarian, a small microcomputer based integrated library system. As well as an OPAC, Eloquent provides serials, acquisitions and media management modules including an advance booking feature that we find particularly helpful given the heavy demands on our audiovisual collection. We are nearing the end of retrospective catalogue conversion and are now investigating ways of providing remote access to our catalogue. A new system upgrade, due in 1997, should greatly facilitate this.

The Library publishes two monthly literature alerting services - "Agelit" which provides a broad overview of articles of interest to those working with the aged, selected from the latest journals, and the "Special Bibliography Series" - selective topical bibliographies on subjects of interest to the long-term care community. These are distributed throughout both Centres, and are available on a subscription basis to external clients. Both of these publications, along with regular accessions lists, video catalogues, and book review in the Deer Lodge Centre Bulletin, are used to support the provision of proactive service to our clients and ensure awareness of the range of services and resources that we can provide.

Our staff are a hardy crew who not only manage heavy workloads and ever-increasing demands from our growing client base, but have in the last five years survived 3 major moves - the last two resulting from a flood that left the library knee deep in water, resulted in

substantial damage, a complete evacuation, and an ongoing recovery project! We are thankful not only for their excellent skills, but perhaps even more importantly, their great sense of humor in the face of adversity!

Library hours are 8:30 - 4:30 Monday - Friday. The library is open to members of the public at large who are welcome to consult materials on an in-house basis. Lending privileges are extended to the staff of other long-term care facilities (journals excepted). Photocopy services are available, or materials can be requested through interlibrary loan. The Centre is now a Medical Carrier Services client, and the library participates in the Manitoba Library Consortium's Library Express service, ensuring that materials required by other libraries can generally be provided within a 24-48 hour turnaround time. Serials holdings are listed in the MHLA Union List and on the National Library's Romulus system. Subject listings of materials in the Crane collection can be produced on request (but please don't ask for "geriatrics!"). An audiovisual catalogue is published on an annual basis and is available for a nominal fee. For further information about the Crane Library, feel free to give us a call at 831-2152 or e-mail us at inglis@mbnet.mb.ca.

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EM website	First-hand view of emergency room practice, covering essential diagnostic protocols and treatment	http://www.atcom.com/~matt/gist.htm
Canadian Association of Critical Care Nurses (CACCN)		http://mars.execulink.com/~caccn/
HospitalWeb	Patients, medical researchers, and physicians can access information on any hospital throughout the world	http://132.183.145.103/hospitalweb.html
The Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)	Presents valuable health data based on weekly reports to CDC by state health departments	gopher://cwis.usc.edu/11/The_Health_Sciences_Campus/Periodicals/mmwr http://www.cdc.gov/epo/mmwr/mmwr.html
Mental Health InfoSource	Designed for both professionals and consumers to access information on mental disorders and treatment	http://www.mhsource.com
HealthGate	Online access to biomedical databases, journals, textbooks, and related resources	http://www.healthgate.com
Pediatric Guide	Reference guide to childhood illnesses	http://www.icondata.com/health/pedbase/
Yahoo!Canada	Most comprehensive collection of Canadian content sites	http://www.yahoo.ca/
Cyberounds	Interactive ground rounds exclusively for physicians and medical students	http://www.cyberounds.com/
LC Classification Schedule	Pages created by Matthew Rosenberg. The pages are not affiliated with UC Davis or the library	http://www.geocities.com/Athena/8459/1c.html
Fun Site	Fun site for games, contests, and freebies	http://www.volition.com
International Medical Conference Database	Free on-line database of medical conferences to the year 2000	http://www.cyberplex.com/ses/

NEW LISTSERVS IN THE HEALTH SCIENCES

NAME	DESCRIPTION	ADDRESS TO SUBSCRIBE
Cleft-Talk	Cleft lip and palate discussion list	LISTPROC@MOTHER.COM
COLON	Colon cancer discussion list	LISTSERV@SJUVM.STIJOHNS.EDU
CPE-NET	discussion list dealing with clinical pastoral education	MAJORDOMO@INTERACCESS.COM
DIABETIC-MAX	Computer-mediated communication applications for diabetics	MAJORDOMO@RACHAEL.FRANKEN.DE
DOCDEL-L	Discussion list on document delivery trends	LISTPROC@WWW.EBSCODOC.COM
EPIWORLD	Computer applications in epidemiology discussion list	LISTSERVE@UNIVSCVM.CSD.SC.EDU
HTML-L	List for assistance on the creation of Web pages, CGI scripts, etc.	LISTSERVE@VM.EGE.EDU.TR
MACTCP	Discussions of current current apple events	MAJORDOMO@SCESCAPE.COM