



## MISERICORDIA GENERAL HOSPITAL LIBRARY

The Misericordia General Hospital Library was established in its present location in July 1974. It should be noted that the Misericordia General Hospital will celebrate its Centennial next year. Sharon Allentuck, Hospital Librarian has seen many changes since she began working at the Misericordia 24 years ago. These changes include the way people access information and seeing the changes in the library itself like: library computerization, access to the Internet, CD-ROM, e-mail. Health care reform has also had an effect on library services.

In June of this year a chapter closed in the history of the Misericordia General Hospital. The last class of the School of Nursing graduated after over 60 years. Over 3500 nurses graduated for MGH and the library played a vital role in the education of the students. Sharon began working at the "Misery" in 1973 and in the School of Nursing Library which was located in the School of Nursing residence on Wolseley Avenue. The administration and the Board of Directors of the hospital wanted all hospital employees, medical staff as well as students to have access to a library within the hospital. After a year of planning and construction the library moved from the School to its present location.

Sharon has seen many changes over the years. Physicians and surgeons used to come to the library and read their favourite journals - now there doesn't seem to be time in their busy schedules to take 30 minutes to read. Most reference questions are received using the

telephone or voice mail or in the hall of cafeteria. Articles or literature searches are often faxed from the library computer directly to the office of the doctor. Hospital staff have learned to use today's technology in accessing the Library and its services.

The questions asked by hospital staff have also changed. The library staff are asked the usual questions about various diseases, drugs, etc. but more questions are asked about health care reform, downsizing, various types of programs that would fit into the hospital's vision. Misericordia Hospital is changing and will see

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## From the President

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. Now that Fall is here, it's time to get our association into action for another year.

The executive met mid-August to consider the issues and challenges that lie ahead in the coming year. Our agenda was quite full, but we managed to get through it in 2 hours. Our first order of the day was to set a date for the Fall AGM. The AGM will take place the evening of Wednesday, October 15, 1997. It will once again be a dinner meeting. The location has not yet been determined, but I'm sure that Sharon and Donna will find us a place that will tantalize our taste buds.

The committee on the position paper on Access to Health Information in Manitoba is still working on putting some finishing touches on the document. Judy Inglis presented the paper to the CHLA executive while in Vancouver, and was well received by the members. There are some new issues that the task force is looking into regarding access to health information in Canada. There will be a report on the position paper at the AGM in October.

Decline is still at the forefront of everyone's minds. Concerns about the efficiency of getting our holdings in Serhold have not been ignored. In this issue of the MHLA News, you will find a copy of a letter written by Susan Murray, to Paul Ward, expressing our concerns about this matter. An update on the Manitoba situation can be found in this issue.

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The MLA will be holding a conference in the Spring of 1998. I attended a conference committee meeting on August 14th, and was brought up to speed on what was is being planned. It looks as if this will be an interesting and worthwhile event. The MHLA executive discussed the possibility of holding an MHLA conference in conjunction with the MLA event, as has been the case in past years. However, a concern was raised over the fact that MHLA does not recover any expenses or profit from sessions it hosts. It was then decided that a general vote at the AGM should decide whether or not our association will participate in hosting presenters and/or workshops in conjunction with the MLA conference, or arrange such events throughout the year, on our own, much like the EBM workshop that was held earlier this year. I look forward to your thoughts.

The Web site committee is still plugging along. We have uncovered a couple of issues that we feel should be discussed amongst all the members at the upcoming AGM. Look for the details in this issue of the news.

On a related note, Norma Godivari and Carol Cooke have been busy setting up an MHLA listserv.

Finally, the executive is taking a critical look at some of our associations long standing committees. In particular, the Union List of Serials committee, and the A/V Union List committee. We are looking for volunteers that would be willing to take on some of the issues surrounding these committees. In particular, with the advent of Docline, we need to determine if a union list of serial is really necessary; if it is necessary, could Paul Ward provide the data for us to generate a union list; would it be a printed list; should we put it on our Web site? Similarly

with the A/V list, do our libraries have sufficient control over materials to make a union list feasible? And, last but not least, are there any other areas within our association that could benefit from the careful attention of a dedicated committee? Perhaps a continuing education committee or an advocacy/marketing committee? Who knows. Please bring your ideas and comments to the AGM. See you in October!

Vera Keown



## PEOPLE

The editors of BMC and the CHLA/ABSC Board are pleased to announce the appointment of **Anna Gagliardi** as the Assistant Editor of BMC for 1997/98. Anna is employed at the Health Information Unit, McMaster University. For the past year, she was co-ordinator of Internet Information for the Ontario Health Care Evaluation Network. Among other activities, Anna contributes an Internet column to the Ontario Hospital Library Association newsletter. Anna's Internet expertise will be beneficial as BMC explores a WWW presence in the near future. We welcome Anna to the BMC team!

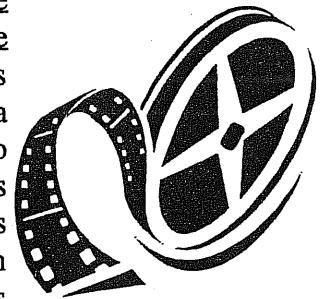
We welcome **Hal Loewen** to the MHLA. Hal currently holds the position of Vice President on the MHLA executive and works at both the Victoria General Hospital Library and at Ducks Unlimited. Hal replaced **Lynne Hardy** who left the Vic in November 1996. Hal works every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and every second Saturday at the Vic. Tuesday and Thursdays are spent working as the librarian at the Institute of Wetlands and Waterfowl Research, a research arm of Ducks Unlimited.

**Sharon Roddy** from Seven Oaks General Hospital Library has taken a position with the St. James School Division. Currently, she is working for both the St. James School Division and the Seven Oaks Hospital until a replacement is found for her at Seven Oaks. Good Luck Sharon!

**Tania Gottschalk** has joined the staff at Neil John MacLean Library. Tania has recently moved to Winnipeg and has extensive experience working as a librarian in academic libraries in the United States. Currently, Tania is working on organizing a collection of materials on Aboriginal health for the Neil John Maclean Library.

## HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE VIDEO

The Educational Resources Department at the Grace General Hospital has produced a kit (video and folder) entitled Health Care Directive :Your way to have a say.. The video discusses how to write and change a Directive, illustrates how to choose a proxy, suggests ways in which to discuss this sensitive issue with loved ones and suggests information to seek from one's physician. The folder contains answers to commonly asked questions and sample completed Directives. The Health Care Directive Kit can be borrowed free of charge from the Grace Hospital Library or can be purchased for a cost of \$25. Speakers are available to answer questions by phone or to attend community showings of the video. For more information, please call the Grace Hospital Library at 837-0127.



## DOCLINE News

### DOCLINE in Canada Newsletter from CISTI July 1997

#### What's Inside

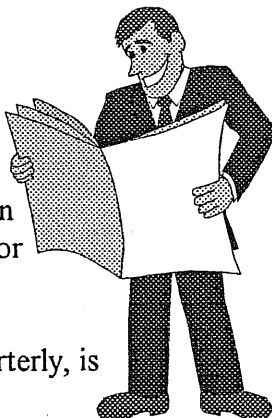
- \*New DOCLINE Libraries
- \*CISTI SERHOLD Tape
- \*CISTI Service to Add, Delete or Revise SERHOLD Records
- \*More on Telnet Connections
- \* Last Edition of Canadian Locations of Journals Indexed for MEDLINE

\*\*\*this newsletter, published quarterly, is available only electronically; it may be freely reproduced. The French version follows the English.

From January to March 1997 over 25,800 DOCLINE requests were generated by Canadian libraries. There are now 106 libraries in Canada participating in DOCLINE.

#### New DOCLINE Libraries:

Addictions Foundation of Manitoba (Winnipeg Man.) F17030/DDT  
 Centenary Health Centre (Toronto, Ont.) F41003/CRY  
 Deer Lodge Centre (Winnipeg, Man.) F30176/DRG  
 Grace General Hospital (Winnipeg, Man.) F17028/GEC  
 Manitoba Health (Winnipeg, Man.) F10405/MTB  
 Ottawa General Hospital (Ottawa, Ont.) F10220/TAW  
 Peel Memorial Hospital (Toronto, Ont.) F30094/PPE  
 Red River Community College (Winnipeg, Man.)



F30225/REC

St. Boniface General Hospital (Winnipeg, Man.)

F00393/BFC

Saskatchewan Health (Regina, Sask.)

F00472/SKA

#### \* CISTI SERHOLD Tape

The last CISTI SERHOLD tape based on AMICUS data was sent to NLM on May 1 and loaded on May 15. This tape contained holdings for 28 libraries. Based on a printout sent by NLM, CISTI staff are now manually converting the Level X holdings for these libraries to SERHOLD Level 3 format. This conversion is important because DOCLINE routing is imprecise when holdings are in non-standard format (Level X). With standard Level 3 format, requests will route on exact volume or year. The completion of this project by September 1997 will mean that DOCLINE will work better for everyone.

#### \* CISTI Service to Add, Delete or Revise SERHOLD Records

A fact sheet on CISTI's new online SERHOLD service is now available. Working from either a paper or electronic version of your holdings, CISTI will enter new holdings or revise your library's existing holdings in SERHOLD.

SERHOLD codes are also available for libraries wanting to update SERHOLD directly. You will need a Telnet 3270 connection to access the online SERHOLD system. For copies of the fact sheet, or for more information on SERHOLD updating, please contact the Coordinator.

#### \* More on Telnet Connections

At the recent NLM Regional Medical Library Meeting in Seattle, NLM staff announced that they had tested various telnet software with DOCLINE and highly recommended NetTerm. It is inexpensive shareware (\$20.00 Am.) and can be down loaded from the address <http://cws.internet.com>. Choose the 16 bit (for Windows 3.x) or 32 bit (Windows95

or Windows NT), click on Index of Apps and then choose NetTerm. The NLM address appears in the NetTerm Phone Directory. More information on Telnet software that works well with DOCLINE is available at NLM's page [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/psd/cas/docline/doc\\_telnet.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/psd/cas/docline/doc_telnet.html).

#### Canadian Locations of Journals Indexed for MEDLINE

The 25th edition contains over 4,000 health-related titles held in Canadian libraries. Included are current titles and titles that have ceased within the last 5 years. To order, use the form at <http://www.nrc.ca/cisti/irm/medloc.html> or phone 1-800-668-1222. The cost is \$130.00 plus GST. This will be the last edition of Canadian Locations.

The next newsletter will be published in October. By then, DOCLINE information will be available on CISTI's homepage.

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#### **Susan Murray's Letter to Paul Ward**

*Dear Chapter Presidents:*

*The Task Force on Resource Sharing advised the Board about difficulties in having SERHOLD records reported via Paul Ward. Several Development Fund projects have been virtually on hold due to delays in working with Paul.*

*Therefore, the Task Force drafted the following letter that was sent to Paul on June 10th with my signature.*

*Paul Ward  
M.A. Ward & Associates  
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*Dear Paul:*

*As you know, the CHLA/ABSC Board has been working with its members to encourage the implementation of DOCLINE across Canada. We have awarded development funds to several chapters to support their efforts to create SERHOLD records. The success of DOCLINE in Canada is dependent on the timely creation and reporting of SERHOLD records.*

*CHLA/ABSC appreciates your early involvement with DOCLINE and the efforts you have made to report SERHOLD records. We are, however, concerned about missed deadlines, delays in reporting SERHOLD records from CHLA/ABSC chapters and misleading price structures.*

*It is an advantage to be able to offer our members various SERHOLD reporting options and, to this end, we are pleased that CISTI has announced a SERHOLD reporting service. We will be promoting this service to our members as an option and are hopeful that this will assist you in meeting your current clients' deadlines.*

*The CHLA/ABSC Board is disappointed to hear that your discussions with Faxon are not continuing. Please let me know if there is any change.*

*Sincerely,*

*Susan Murray  
CHLA/ABSC Past-President*

## MH LA DOCLINE UPDATE

The DOCLINE Committee met at the end of August to review the participation status of member libraries in the DOCLINE implementation project. To date, 14 of 16 libraries have LIB ID's and 8 of 14 have submitted routing tables to CISTI. The committee encourages libraries who have yet to submit their routing tables to do so as soon as possible. At the fall meeting, the committee will propose a deadline of January 1, 1998 for all local loans to be transacted using DOCLINE. If anyone has questions regarding routing tables or other matters about DOCLINE, don't hesitate to contact the committee members or Bev Brown at CISTI (1-800-668-1222).

The holdings submitted by MH LA libraries have been uploaded into SERHOLD. We are currently waiting for our holdings to be returned to us on disk from Paul Ward. Included with the disk will be instructions for updating our holdings.

Concern has been expressed regarding the timeliness of obtaining our holdings for updating. The committee has decided to wait for Paul Ward to send us our holdings on disk and then review his services. CISTI has recently announced a SERHOLD updating service which provides us with another option for maintaining our holdings. These matters, the production of an updated union list, and full implementation of DOCLINE for local loans will be discussed at our fall meeting.

Bill Poluha  
Chair, DOCLINE Committee

## FREE Medline!

On June 26, 1997 NLM announced that the Medline database may be accessed free of charge on the World Wide Web through two of its products: Internet Grateful Med and PubMed.

Access to Medlars databases through Internet Grateful Med (IGM) and PubMed is offered free of charge to Canadians, and a User ID and password are no longer required. In addition to MEDLINE, Healthstar, PREMEDLINE and AIDSLINE, this version of Grateful Med offers free access to AIDS DRUGS, AIDSTRIALS, DIRLINE, HISTLINE, HSRPROJ, OLD MEDLINE, SDILINE. A User ID and password are still required for ordering documents through Loansome Doc.

Internet Grateful Med at : <http://igm.nlm.gov>  
PubMed at : <http://www4.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/>

## NOYES AWARD NOMINATIONS.

### Call for nominations:

The Medical Library Association Awards Committee is seeking nominations for the 1998 Marcia C. Noyes Award. The deadline for nominations is Nov, 1, 1997. The Noyes Award is the association's highest award for an individual who has made lasting and significant contributions in the field of health sciences librarianship. The nomination form may be obtained from: Beth Ruddy - [mlapd@mlahq.org](mailto:mlapd@mlahq.org) or phone: 312-419-9094.

## MHLA WEBSITE UPDATE

Well, we've been meeting, formatting, and coding our hearts out, only to run into a few snags. As we burrowed deeper into the proposed content of our association Web site, we uncovered issues that we felt should be discussed with all members at the AGM. We would like your input on the following issues:

ii) Should we include a text copy of the MHLA newsletter on-line?

► **Pros:** a reduction in mailing costs, as members can opt to view the issue on-line. Also, this would be a central place to archive back issues of the news.

► **Cons:** would this reduce incentive for individuals to become members of the MHLA?:

ii). Should we consider corporate sponsorship of our Web site?

► **Pros:** a permanent (and free) place for our web site on a company's server. This would make the site accessible to all those responsible for it's maintenance. The current test web resides in the personal space of Carol Cooke, on the University of Manitoba server. The disadvantage to this is that only Carol has access privileges.

► **Cons:** What would corporate sponsors expect in exchange? A large company logo? A subtle link to their site? What will the association consider a reasonable offer?

iii) If there continues to be an MHLA Union List of Serials, should it be accessible through the web site.

► **Pros:** Convenient on-line access; easily up-dateable; cost-effective.

► **Cons:** Decreased revenue for the association through the sale of the printed union list.

The committee would like to resolve these issues at the AGM, before publicly announcing the site. Please give some thought to these issues, and bring your comments and opinions to the AGM. Also, for your reference, below is a list of other items that the committee intends to include on the Web site. If you feel strongly against including any of these items, please let us know. Thanks.

Introduction

History of MHLA

Constitution and Bylaws

Membership information and applications

Executive Member contact information

Committee Information

Health Libraries in Manitoba Directory

Calendar of Events

Related Sites

From: What the doctor wrote.....quotes from actual medical records as dictated by physicians

"By the time he was admitted, his rapid heartbeat has stopped and he was feeling better."

or

"While in the ER, she was examined, X-rated and sent home"



## WEB NEWS

### Medical Reference Works in CyberStacks(sm)

**[http://www.public.iastate.edu/~CYBERS TACKS/hybrow\\_r.htm](http://www.public.iastate.edu/~CYBERS TACKS/hybrow_r.htm)**

This collection includes significant directories, dictionaries, encyclopedias, glossaries, handbooks, databases, and gateways. CyberStacks(sm) was recently awarded a MDLink Approved designation by the Maclean Hunter Publishing & Communications Group

### Strictly Canadian Sites

**<http://whatsnew.canadasearch.com/>>**

Those of us in Canada know how difficult it is to find new Canadian sites... You may have heard about us in recent news reports, talking about the new site. CanadaSearch! What's New In Canada!

### US News Online: America's Best Hospitals 1997

**<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/nycu/hos phigh.htm>**

As a companion to a US News and World Report article on the best hospitals in the US (July 28, 1997), the US News Online site provides rankings of 134 American hospitals. Users can browse hospitals alphabetically, by region, metro area, or any of seventeen specialties.

### Consumer Health USA

**<http://www.medscape.com/ORYX/CHUSA/public/journal.CHUSA.html>**

Consumer Health USA is an electronic version of the print publication of the same title. The purpose of Consumer Health USA is to bring together in one convenient location 151 consumer health information documents currently available on topics of most concern to the general

### Canadian Physicians Directory

**<http://www.eis.ca/SouthamMedicalLists/>** Medlib-L members may be interested in accessing this directory for listings of Canadian Physicians searchable by various query fields. This may be a time limited offer but you can log on as a visitor for now following the instructions provided.

### Canadian Information by Subject

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

Part of the National Library's World Wide Web service, Canadian Information By Subject serves as a gateway to information about Canada by providing links to a wide variety of Internet sites which are arranged by subject for easy access.

### Sapient Health Network

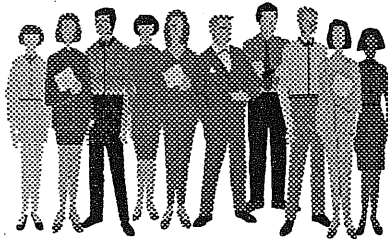
**<http://www.shn.net>**

Provides latest information and a place to talk to others with like diseases. A good patient education site.

## CHLA CONFERENCE

### C H L A Conference: The First Time

By Hal Loewen  
Librarian,  
Victoria General Hospital



Being a neophyte health librarian I am anxious to learn as much as I can about the field of health librarianship. One obvious way to do this was to attend the CHLA conference in Vancouver this past May.

I began the Conference by taking the continuing education course, "Discover and Integrate Internet Information Into Your Medical Library Practice". Rita Vine, the Marketing and Instruction Coordinator at the University of Toronto and author of "Bibliotheca Medica Canadiana's" "Cyberpulse" was the instructor for this course. Rita specializes in integrating Internet information into health information searching and proved to be an excellent instructor for this course.

Before I started the course I was sceptical and cautious about using the Internet to find health information. I have always found the Internet difficult to navigate and have always questioned the validity and accuracy of information found on the 'Net.

After spending a day discussing and searching various WWW sites I became convinced that the Internet is an excellent and important source of health information. I learned how to navigate the 'Net more easily and saw many useful health related

sites. These sites are maintained by professionals in the health field and offer information not available on MEDLINE, CINAHL, or any of the other standard medical database.

Anyone interested in receiving an annotated list of just a few of these sites (these were given to us as a part of the session) can send me an email to [hloewen@vgh.winnipeg.mb.ca](mailto:hloewen@vgh.winnipeg.mb.ca) and I will forward this information to you.

After I had a day off to explore Vancouver the regular session began and I started my first conference related to health librarians. The conference was smaller than other library conferences I have attended with only one session offered in each time slot. I was concerned about not having a choice of which session to attend, but quickly found that the sessions were balanced, interesting, and educational. Some presentations were stronger than others but, on the whole all sessions proved to be very informative.

The sessions that stood out the most for me were the session presented by Gina Dingwell on alternative medicines and the session presented by Dr. Judy Palmer on the changes facing today's health librarians.

Gina Dingwell discussed the importance that alternative medicines play in the healing process. She spoke convincingly about the role that librarians can play in educating the traditional Western medical establishment of the importance of alternative and complementary medicines.

Dr. Palmer spoke about challenges facing librarians in this age of health care change, the Internet, and evidenced-based medicine. She inspired us to adapt to these changes and to learn the new skills needed to face these new changes.

I was very thankful for the opportunity to meet new

colleagues in the field of health information at the CHLA Conference. It is my belief that it is through discussion with our colleagues that health librarians learn the most about our profession. The CHLA Conference gave me the opportunity to meet and expand the base of colleagues with whom I can have these discussions.

The last thing I would like to say about attending the CHLA Conference is that I encourage everyone to attend a future CHLA conference. It gives you the opportunity to attend continuing education courses, hear excellent presentations such as those given by Gina Dingwell and Dr. Palmer, and to meet new colleagues. Most of all it gives you the opportunity to grow and develop as a health librarian.

Hal Loewen, Librarian

## **Z39.50 NEWS**

For anyone interested in the issue of Z39.50 and holdings, Carrol Lunau of the National Library of Canada has collected a few related documents at this Web site:

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/iso/z3950/>

The National Library of Canada has created a separate (official) page for Z39.50 Application Issues. Here you will find links and references to documents that discuss and/or try to resolve issues identified in library projects relating to the use of Z39.50 to create a network of distributed systems, such as the virtual Canadian Union Catalogue project, CIC, MODELS, etc.

It can be found at:

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/resource/vcuc/z3950ap.htm>

The site is still sparse. We are looking for additional documents so that the site can be used to facilitate the exchange of information about issues and concerns faced by Z39.50 library networking projects.

Please send references to: [carrol.lunau@nlc-bnc.ca](mailto:carrol.lunau@nlc-bnc.ca)

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/resource/vcuc/index.htm>.

The page now provides access to a newly created site for the discussion of Z39.50 issues from the perspective of users and librarians who are implementing systems and services based on the standard. Projects from Canada, the United States and Europe are included.

A gateway to provide access to more than 20 Z39.50 servers in Canadian libraries is being tested for vCuc and will be linked to the page when available.

A handy summary written by Fay Turner at NLC, can be found at:

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/pubs/netnotes/notes8.htm>

Happy surfing! Task Force on Resource Sharing

## NATIONAL LIBRARY NEWS

- A document outlining the changes to the CAN/MARC bibliographic and authority formats as a result of harmonization with USMARC is available at:

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/marc/eharmon.htm>

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Internet: [canmarc@nlc-bnc.ca](mailto:canmarc@nlc-bnc.ca)

- Check out the new home page for the virtual Canadian union catalogue (**vCuc**) project

<http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/resource/vcuc/index.htm>.

- Please note that the Production Release of **resAnet**, the Web-based interface to the National Library Catalogue is now available. The new release includes an Advanced Search function with Boolean search capability and the ability to limit searches by language, place of publication, date, and material type.

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

<http://www.amicus.nlc-bnc.ca/resanet/>

## ALA STATEMENT

This statement was developed by the Intellectual Freedom Committee at the ALA annual conference.

STATEMENT ON LIBRARY USE OF  
FILTERING SOFTWARE AMERICAN LIBRARY  
ASSOCIATION/INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM  
COMMITTEE July 1, 1997

On June 26, 1997, the United States Supreme Court issued a sweeping re-affirmation of core First Amendment principles and held that communications over the Internet deserve the highest level of Constitutional protection.

The Court's most fundamental holding is that communications on the Internet deserve the same level of Constitutional protection as books, magazines, newspapers, and speakers on a street corner soapbox. The Court found that the Internet constitutes a vast platform from which to address and hear from a world-wide audience of millions of readers, viewers, researchers, and buyers, and that any person with a phone line can become a town crier with a voice that resonates farther than it could from any soapbox.

For libraries, the most critical holding of the Supreme Court is that libraries that make content available on the Internet can continue to do so with the same Constitutional protections that apply to the books on libraries' shelves. The Court's conclusion that the vast democratic fora of the Internet merit full constitutional protection will also serve to protect libraries that provide their patrons with access to the Internet.

The Court recognized the importance of enabling individuals to receive speech from the entire world and to speak to the entire world. Libraries provide those opportunities to many who would not otherwise have them. The Supreme Court's decision will protect that access.

The use in libraries of software filters which block Constitutionally protected speech is inconsistent with the United States Constitution and federal law and may lead to legal exposure for the library and its governing authorities. The American Library Association affirms that the use of filtering software abridges the Library Bill of Rights.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS TOPIC, CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM AT 800/545-2433, EXT. 4223, BY FAX AT (312) 280-4227, OR BY E-MAIL AT OIF@ALA.ORG.

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more changes in the near future and the staff is trying to anticipate and be proactive with regard to these changes.

Volunteers play an important role in the Library. Each day a volunteer comes into the library for 2-3 hours and performs various functions such as photocopying, shelving books etc. There are also two part time employees who work evening and weekends. They are Uldine Brown, who will be

retiring at the end of October after working at the MGH for 17 years, and Musharraf Fadharuddin who has worked in the library for 9 years. Musharraf also works at the University of Manitoba Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library.

Library hours are:

Monday to Thursday : 9:00am to 8:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday 10:30 to 2:30 pm

Telephone: 788-8109

Fax: 889-4174

For more information contact: Sharon Allentuck

## COPYRIGHT

A new copyright information site is available at:

<<http://www.slais.ubc.ca/copyright/>>

This site was developed with librarians and students in mind

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## DIGITAL LIBRARIES INITIATIVE

A new alliance of Canadian libraries interested in improving communication and coordination in the development of Canadian digital library resources has been formed. The Canadian Initiative on Digital Libraries (CIDL) will provide a forum for:

- \*sharing information and experience related to digital libraries,
- \*discussing best practices in areas such as digitization, metadata, encoding, rights management, etc.,
- \*defining roles and responsibilities for long-term archiving of Canadian digital resources,
- \*raising awareness of Canadian digital library activities both in Canada and internationally
- \*discussing many other issues including training, funding, interoperability, public access, etc.

CIDL will be directed by a steering committee elected in the Fall 1997 from member libraries, and there will be subgroups on specific issues. CIDL is open to all Canadian libraries.

For more information on CIDL--its mandate, objectives, proposed activities, how to become a member, etc.--and to find some other useful information on digital library development, please see our site at <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/cidl/>

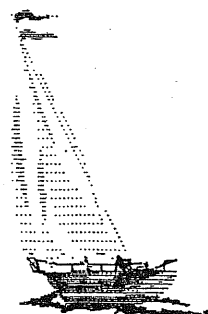
More from "What the doctor wrote..."

"The patient has been depressed ever since she started seeing me in 1983."

## CRUISING.....

### LIBRARIANS' CRUISE TO ALASKA

Sail aboard the S. S. Universe Explorer for 14 days, departing Vancouver, B.C. on July 21, 1998.



This will be a cruise that is open to the general public, but our group will place special emphasis on Alaskan libraries and the stories to be found in totem poles.

Library tours and special evening discussion sessions will make the cruising experience for our group unique. Ten library visits are planned.

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## CATTS OWNER ANNOUNCED

**News Release** - June 1997

A-G Canada LTD., a wholly owned subsidiary of Auto-Graphics Inc., today announced that A-G Canada is purchasing Canada's largest provider of online bibliographic information and interlibrary loan management software, as well as the creation of a new Canadian company to continue operations.

The purchase of the Library Information Services Division (LIS) of ISM makes Auto-Graphics one of the largest online bibliographic database service providers to libraries in North America.

A-G Canada will offer resource sharing, cataloguing services and proprietary database management with access to and from the database via both the Z39.50 search and retrieval protocol and World Wide Web facilities.

A-G Canada has also entered into an agreement whereby the National Library of Canada will acquire a copy of certain library files currently maintained as part of the ISM Canadian bibliographic database for use as part of the AMICUS database maintained by the NLC. As part of the agreement, the NLC has designated A-G Canada as a "node" on the NLC sponsored Virtual Canadian Union Catalogue.

### Background information:

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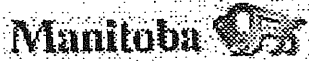
This is the background on Catss for any who are unfamiliar with its history.

UTLAS was established as the University of Toronto Library Automation System. The University quickly learned that it could not afford such a massive investment, and began to spread the cost by offering bibliographic utility services to other libraries. The system was sold to Thompson Publishing, the name changed to Utlas (standing for nothing). The on-line system was still Catss. For a time there was a consortium of Ontario and Quebec libraries (Unicat/Telecat) which shared records. They produced the earliest standards and coding manuals, which were also adopted by a British Columbia consortium (BCUC). Many older users continue those earlier, higher, standards.

The system was then sold to ISM, and the data base moved to Winnipeg. The Utla name was dropped, and the service renamed ISM/LIS (Library Information Services). The introductory screen was changed from Utlas to Catss.

The sale of Catss and Aviso (the acquisition system) to A-G Canada Ltd. was announced 19 June 1997. (I heard ISM retained the cataloguing unit, but A-G Canada offers its own reconversion service.) Headquarters are again in Etobicoke, Ontario, just outside Toronto. Their web site is <http://www.ag-canada.com>

## MB INFO HIGHWAY ADVISORY REPORT



August 1997

The Manitoba Information Highway Advisory Council, in a report received today by Glen Findlay, minister responsible for telecommunications policy, says the information highway will have great impact in the future and a co-ordinated effort is needed to derive its potential benefits for Manitobans.

The council was appointed in the fall of 1995 to advise government on policy matters relating to the information highway, to help set priorities among actions needed to meet the province's goals, and to promote leadership and partnerships among the various stakeholder who are building the information highway in Manitoba.

"We knew that the task given us would be complex and difficult, and in that sense, we received no surprises," Council Co-chair Charron Kerr said. "However, we found that there is a great need for Manitobans to learn more about the information highway."

The council held public meetings in six communities and received 37 written submissions. Conclusions in the report include:

Although government has a significant role to play in developing the information highway, the task is not solely the responsibility of government. A co-ordinated effort is needed if Manitoba is to derive the benefits of the information highway.

The information highway should be developed and maintained primarily by the private sector, in a competitive market.

Successful development and use of the information highway will be a determining factor in the health of Manitoba's economy, for the information highway can help to enable job creation, investment, lower cost government, and overall prosperity.

For Manitoba to succeed on the information highway, its citizens must be educated in the use of information technologies.

While many people are aware of the information highway, they may not realize that it is something that is already affecting their lives, and will have a greater impact in the future. Campaigns to increase understanding of the information highway and its applications should be undertaken.

Manitobans across the province need access to the information highway if Manitoba is to realize the benefits it offers. But access is not just an issue for Manitobans located outside of major centres. It is also necessary to ensure that those who do not have the means to afford information technology and services for their homes have access to the information highway.

In developing the information highway, the best regulation is the least regulation, but some rules are necessary to ensure that Manitobans have access, that security and privacy are protected, and that laws are upheld.

The report is available in both English and French by phoning 945-0670 or 945-3743.

The report of the Manitoba Information Highway Advisory Council is available electronically at: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/mihac>



## HEALTH PRIVACY LEGISLATION



### LEGISLATION PROPOSED TO PROTECT PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

Health Minister Darren Praznik introduced proposed legislation today to protect the privacy of personal health information for all Manitobans.

"The introduction of Bill 51, the Personal Health Information Act, fulfils the government's commitment made in this year's throne speech to protect the privacy of personal information, including the health information of all Manitobans," Praznik said.

Bill 51 is the result of extensive consultations with stakeholder groups. These include the Consumers Association of Canada, the Manitoba Association of Rights and Liberties, the Manitoba Society of Seniors, the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Manitoba Association of Registered Nurses and others.

The Personal Health Information Act would also reinforce the right of an individual to examine and receive a copy of his or her personal health information.

It also provides for the confidentiality of personal health information by setting limits on the collection,

use, disclosure or destruction of that information.

The proposed act would control the collection and use of the Personal Health Identification Number and prohibit the sale of personal health information.

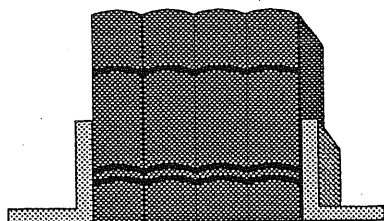
It deals with the confidentiality of personal health information by, among other things: requiring the person who collects the information to inform the individual of the purpose for collecting the information; ensuring that personal health information is accurate and up to date before using or disclosing it; requiring the adoption of reasonable administrative, technical and physical safeguards to ensure the confidentiality, security, accuracy and integrity of the information; and, governing the disclosure of information for purposes of health research including a requirement that a research proposal be approved by a Health Information Privacy Committee to be established by the minister to deal with requests for information held by government.

The province's ombudsman would be given the responsibility for overseeing the operation of the proposed act and for handling complaints from individuals concerning their rights of access and the collection, use and disclosure of their personal health information. The ombudsman's role would be the same as under the proposed Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

The proposed act defines the offences that can be prosecuted and sets a maximum fine of \$20,000 for an offence.

The proposed act will come into force on proclamation and will be reviewed within five years.

## BOOKS ETC.....



► For those with an interest in consumer health, Susan Murray of the Consumer Health Information Service at the Metro Toronto Reference Library, points us to the July 1997 issue of *Library Journal*: "Consumer Health Libraries: A New Diagnosis" (pages 36-38) by Kathleen A. Moeller.

► Take heart...

*Your Money*, vol 18, no 5, August/Sep 97, page 70 "Top careers for the 21st Century" by Clare La Plante Technology Expert.

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## CALENDAR..

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AGM -MHILA --Place and time to be announced.

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