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AVAILABLE

REFERENCE AND PUBLIC SERVICE II

MICROCOMPUTERS IN LIBRARIES

A collection of brochures advertising various commercial microcomputer based library applications is available free of charge by contacting Michael Tennenhouse at the University of Manitoba Medical Library, 7864342.

Red River Library Technician Course Reference and Public Service II (course number B05-L212) will be offered this fall at the Fort Gary Campus, University of Manitoba. Reference and Public Service I is a prerequisite to taking this course. The course will be taught on Wednesday evenings commencing September 12/84 - December 5/84 at 6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in registering or desire additional information, please contact Donna Howard at the University of Manitoba Library, Monday - Friday 9:00 - 5:00, Phone 474-9881.

HOW TO USE CINAHL AV

The much-awaited revision of CINAHL's 1977 how-to audiovisual is currently in production and will be available this summer.

Complete information on how to use CINAHL effectively is presented through the story of a student nurse seeking patient care information.

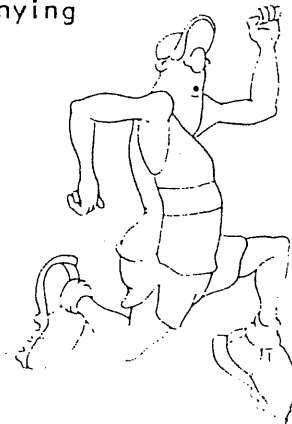
The slide/tape program discusses CINAHL's newly revised Subject Heading List and shows how to use the alphabetic subject list and the tree structures in CINAHL's "yellow pages."

The AV is being prepared in consultation with students, nurses, and librarians, and is geared to the beginning user. An accompanying how-to-booklet is planned.

NUTRITION AND FITNESS KIT: A SUMMARY OF RESEARCH AND RESOURCES.

By Donna MacDonald, Roxanne Buckle and Rosemary Bernardi. Nutrition Information Service, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute Library, Toronto, 1983. \$ 9.95 (\$9 prepaid).

This kit contains a summary review of nutrition research as it relates to athletics, fitness and lifestyle. Related organizations, periodicals, books and resources are also listed. In addition, samples of poster, booklets and educational aids, many of which are available in quantity, free of charge, are included in the kit.



"A HIGH TECH TIME: HIGH TECH IN HEALTH SCIENCE LIBRARIES"

Dateline: Toronto: 8th Annual Meeting of the CHLA/ABSC

June 3-6, 1984, Ramada Hotel

Reporter: Arthur Short

Fact: A western Canadian library person was looking for an excuse to revisit Toronto after almost eight years. A CHLA conference promised to be just the reason to return to a favorite place.

Fact: Toronto has become a friendlier city than in the late 70's. Even the weather was friendly. The CHLA librarians were helpful and quite well-organized.

Day One: Sunday June 3rd was devoted to two CE courses. These are reported elsewhere in this newsletter. After a day of Quality Assurance and Allied Health Literature Reference Sources, everyone needed a change of pace. Atop the Ramada, with a commanding view of Toronto, CHLA held an opening reception for delegates. The cocktail party offered a chance to meet library types from across Canada and to renew acquaintances from previous conferences.

Day Two: Monday June 4th began with CHLA outgoing President, Barbara Greeniaus welcoming everyone bilingually. Jan Greenwood greeted us on behalf of the Toronto Health Libraries Association.

Dr Sandy Macpherson, Medical Officer of Health for the City of Toronto reminded

us that people still matter in the world of high tech.

Gene Wilburn, Computer Systems Co-ordinator at the Royal Ontario Museum gave the key-note address on microcomputers. He told us that the second generation of micros only began in 1982. Costs have dropped dramatically. In 1978, 16-64k cost about \$500 (US). In 1984, 16-64k cost \$75 (CAN). Using micros, libraries can store large amounts of information. However, high tech will supplement, but not replace printed information.

Martin Lamb and Keith Thomas, both from the Faculty of Information and Library Science, University of Toronto spoke about buying micro hardware and software. Lamb's style was informal. Thomas was much too technical for the average CHLA member. Lamb mentioned the 4 types of computers: micros, minis, mainframes, and super-sized. Thomas spoke about personal contact via the computer changing the work environment.

Margret Taylor recommended Videotex for librarians to educate health professionals and students. Her paper is in BMC 6(1) 10-16, 1984.

Moday evening a banquet was held at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club

on Centre Island in Lake Ontario. There was good food, fine service and pleasant after-dinner singers.

Day Three: Tuesday June 5th had Joanne Marshall of the Dept. of Behavioural Science, Community Health, University of Toronto begin the program with a critical review of the Matheson/Cooper Study on the future role of health sciences librarians in biomedical information management. She emphasized that the report is aimed mainly at the medical community in academic health sciences centres. This American report has a social science slant. But it does say things that need to be said about the role of the librarian.

The rest of the morning saw Ann Manning of Dalhousie University Health Sciences Library moderating a panel discussion on health library applications of the micro computer. Each panel member gave a short address and answered questions.

Michael Tennhouse, President of the Manitoba Health Libraries Association spoke on the use of currently available software packages in the marketplace. Such packages are used at the University of Manitoba Medical Library for computer-assisted instruction. On-line searching is also done.

David Crawford, CHIA President and Bruna Ceccolini, both from Life Sciences Area Library, McGill University mentioned office automation in the health sciences library. Micros are used for annual reports and for payroll purposes.

Eva Gulbinowicz of the Centre for Forensic Sciences in Toronto gave a presentation on micros for A/V purposes. Her paper is in BMC 6(1) 21-24, 1984.

Irwin Rodin, Canadian Centre for Health and Safety in Hamilton discussed electronic publishing that is "the issuing of information in electronic form." His paper is in BMC 6(1) 17-20, 1984.

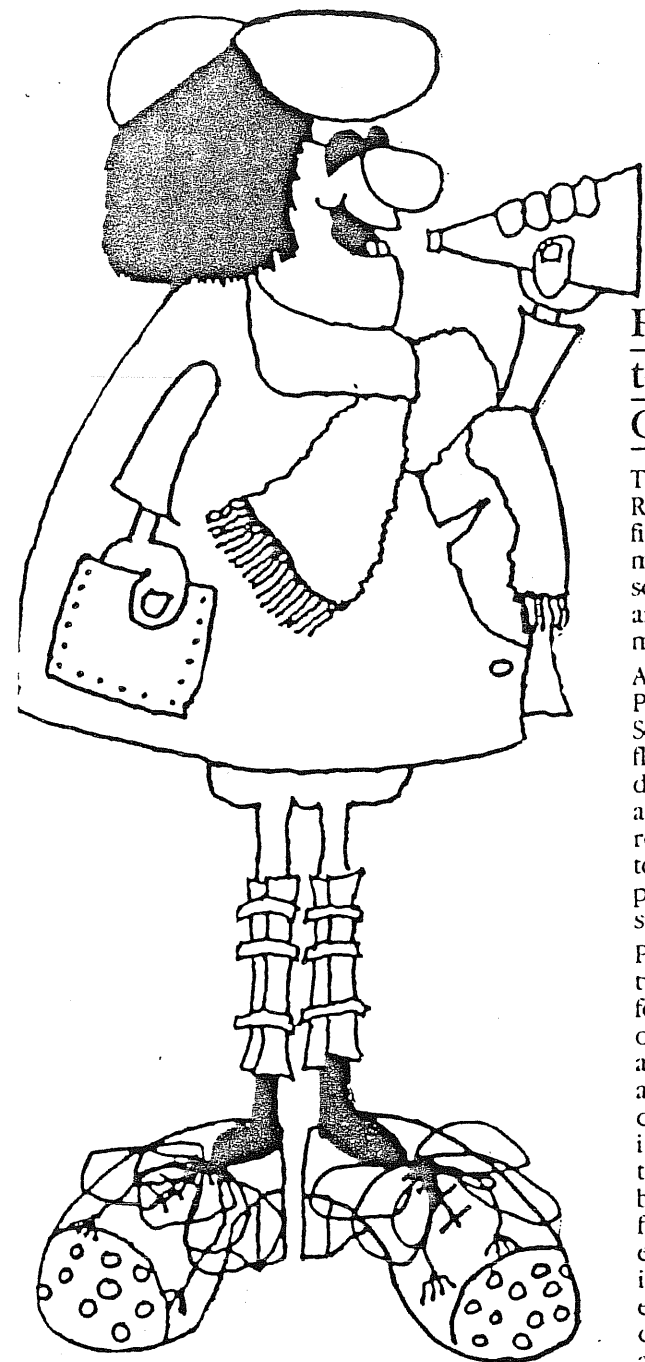
Jean Benson, the final morning speaker talked about her encounters with a database management system called DBase II. Database management is "the storage of information in a structured way".

Tuesday afternoon was devoted to the Annual General Meeting.

Day Four: Wednesday June 6th ended the conference with tours of the libraries at "Sick Kids" Hospital, University of Toronto Science and Medicine, and Centre of Forensic Sciences.

The CHIA Meeting was over for one more year.





Research Facility to be one of Canada's Finest

The St. Boniface General Hospital Research Facility will be one of Canada's finest fully integrated research environments. The Facility will provide medical scientists with the space, equipment and support systems needed to conduct modern research.

According to Mr. Jack Litvack, Vice-President, Planning and Professional Services at St. Boniface General Hospital, flexibility was a key requirement in designing the new building. "Every aspect of the Research Facility design reflects an emphasis on flexibility; to accommodate the diverse needs of the potential researchers in a cost- and space-effective manner."

Periodically, the researchers and the types of research projects located in the four-storey facility will change. In order to facilitate these changes as easily as possible and without committing actual space, an interstitial space principle of construction has been utilized in the building design. Each of the three upper level laboratory floors will be separated by a shallow service floor. These "interstitial" floors will enable all the necessary adjustments in services for new laboratories to be established above the laboratory ceiling, providing maximum flexibility and minimal disruption to other researchers and to their research projects.

Creating a pleasant atmosphere has also been a consideration in the planning of the Facility. In order to provide as much external lighting as possible to the research areas, a central atrium will extend the full height of the building. A courtyard at the base of the atrium, located halfway between the main and lower levels of the building, will serve as the lobby or central access to the Research Facility.

The main and lower levels will house two very important support functions for researchers, hospital staff and students. A 10,000 square foot medical research library, which will be named the Carolyn Sifton Library in honour of a donation

to support the scientific activities of the research staff. Current and accurate information is essential for advancement in medical research and for excellence in medical care. To efficiently monitor this ever-increasing general data base and to minimize the time spent in locating specific information, planning is underway to develop an automated system that will link the Carolyn Sifton Library with the University of Manitoba's library system and the Medical College Library.

The system will also provide automated sign-out and record keeping capabilities. The present library, located on the fourth floor of the Hospital, will convert from its manual system when the collection is transferred to the Research Facility.

Dallas Bagby, Medical Librarian at St. Boniface General Hospital, is enthusiastic about the benefits the new library will make available for both users and library staff. In addition to improvement and increases in space for study, storage, and staff work areas, the automated system will alleviate two major problems in the present library: security and library efficiency. "The new system will reduce loss of materials and increase accessibility for users," said Ms. Bagby. "It will enable us to spend less time doing menial tasks, leaving us with more time to assist users and perform library reference functions."

Directly across from the library will be the Samuel N. Cohen Auditorium, named in honour of Mr. Cohen's valuable contributions to the Research Foundation and the Hospital. The 200-seat auditorium will be equipped with the latest audio visual capabilities and connected by television link to the University of Manitoba and the Health Sciences Centre. The auditorium will provide a state of the art environment for teaching, conferences and public events. Included in the building plan is the allocation of the entrance area outside the auditorium to become a "Canadian Research Hall of Fame."

Administrative offices, security personnel, informal gathering space and eating area will also be located on the main floor.

Adjacent to the main structure will be 12,000 square foot animal holding facility and research annex, which will expand the present R.O. Burrell Laboratory.

The Research Facility will be connected to the main hospital complex by an underground tunnel, to facilitate the movement of researchers, staff and supplies.

The completed structure will be able to accommodate the projects and staff of approximately 40 senior researcher



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

REGINA GENERAL HOSPITAL

Requires A

HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIAN

Position available September, 1984. Our fully accredited, 500 bed hospital requires a highly motivated individual to supervise all of the functions of our Learning Resources Centre, currently housing 13,000 volumes.

The successful candidate will possess a Bachelor of Library Science degree with preference for a Masters Degree. Good human relations skills and previous experience are essential.

Please apply in confidence to:

Personnel Services
Regina General Hospital
Regina, Saskatchewan
S4P 0W5

POSITION VACANCY

Library Technician, Brandon General Hospital.

Available: Sept. 10, 1984

Qualifications: Library Technician Certificate

Duties: Assist in providing library, audiovisual and archive service to hospital staff and students (including school of nursing), medical staff and regional health facilities. Wide range of duties in a very busy library.

Experience: audiovisual circulation and minor audiovisual repair and production will be considered an asset. Experience with micro-computers (not programming) and on-line communication extremely desirable.

Salary: \$17124-18900, possibility of \$17340-19200.

Apply to:

Kathy Eagleton, Director of Library Services

Brandon General Hospital
150 McTavish Avenue East
BRANDON, Manitoba
R7A 2B3

Phone: 726-2256

Envoy: ILL.MBGH

Deadline: End of August

LITERATURE OF ALLIED HEALTH

Instructor: Tom Kosman, Librarian
Labouré Junior College
Boston, Massachusetts

Attendees of the course represented a wide variety of backgrounds and expertise. As a relative novice to allied health literature (except nursing, which was excluded), I identified my course objectives in the advance questionnaire in terms of:

Current print and AV resources (especially Canadian)

Familiarization with practitioner needs and collection development strategies applicable to my library mandate.

I felt that the course, as advertised, fell short of my objectives in two particular areas: Canadian supplementary materials and coverage of audiovisual materials. The syllabus includes some Canadian items, and the instructor included some Canadian publications for "hands-on" evaluation, but no supplementary Canadian bibliography or source guide was provided. Audiovisuals which the instructor identified as limited in allied health, were only discussed superficially, although several good handouts were provided.

The well-organized course syllabus (Second Edition c.1982) was not provided in advance. This is unfortunate considering the vast amount of materials to be presented, and the teaching format (primarily individual and group exercises), because more emphasis could have been placed on evaluation of audiovisuals and discussion of the supplementary handouts.

However, coverage of practitioner needs and of collection development strategies was thorough, and met my basic objective. The instructor's style encouraged and resulted in a great deal of participation and involvement, particularly regarding Canadian materials, which partially compensated for the lack of course content.

The syllabus and supplementary handouts are available for loan to any MHLA member. Please contact me at 945-8000.

-Marilyn J. Hernandez

QUALITY ASSURANCE IN HOSPITAL LIBRARIES

Since the publication of the new CCHA accreditation standards in 1983, hospital librarians across the country have been attempting to define, develop and implement quality assurance programs in their libraries CE6 "Quality Assurance in Hospital Libraries" provided a useful and informative introduction to this topic. In the morning session, Dr. Jack Williams of the University of Toronto's Health Care Research Unit reviewed the history and theory behind the concept of quality assurance. A variety of practical examples illustrated the need for, and impact of QA programs in a hospital setting, as well as highlighting some of the problems of design and definition in the various methods used. He noted that we are still very much at the trial and error stage in the development of workable QA programs in Canadian hospitals, and that the lack of specificity in the CCHA requirements reflects this to a large degree.

The afternoon session began with an overview of terminology, and a review of the aims and objectives of quality assurance by Sandra Duchow of the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal. This was most helpful to those of us attempting to fit all of the current "buzzwords" in this area into a library setting. The final participants, Susan Gillespie of University Hospital in London, Ont. and Linda McFarlane of Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto, discussed the specific quality assurance programs dos, don'ts, and how-tos based on their experiences. The discussion period at the end of the session provided a further opportunity for the exchange of ideas information and experiences with quality assurance, particularly from institutions who have recently had the opportunity to discuss their programs with CCHA accreditation teams.

The large attendance and active discussion at this workshop was indicative of the high level of interest in this topic, and I think that all of the workshop attendees found this a very timely, practical and interesting session.

Copies of a QA bibliography prepared by Sandra Duchow, and samples of the quality assurance forms used at University Hosp., London, can be obtained by contacting Judy Inglis at 786-4342.

- Judy Inglis

WINNIPEG HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK TRIAL

FALL HOURS

There will be a slight change in my schedule this fall. Beginning Tuesday, September 4th, I will be available as follows:

MON., WED., FRI., 8:00 - 1:00; 2:00 - 5:00

TUES. & THURS. 8:00 - 3:00

Union Book Catalogue assistance will continue to be available Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 5:00 through either me or Love Negrych.

Judy Inglis
WHINET Coordinator



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CBEC AGAIN ACCEPTS PUBLICATIONS FROM GENERAL LIBRARY COMMUNITY

Ottawa, August 2, 1984 - The National Librarian, Marianne Scott, has announced that the Canadian Book Exchange Centre will resume full operations. As of September 1, 1984, all Canadian libraries, cultural and educational institutions may again send their surplus library materials to the centre.

Libraries may continue to obtain publications from the centre's stock of two million serials, government publications and monographs. Participating libraries bear only the shipping costs; the publications themselves are free of charge.

During the last ten years, the Canadian Book Exchange Centre has distributed nearly six million publications to libraries in Canada - an example of cooperation and resource sharing.

Information: Richard Carver (613) 996-3945

ASSOCIATION NEWS...

NEXT MEETING

The fall meeting of the Manitoba Health Libraries Association will be held Friday, October 12th from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. at the Misericordia General Hospital

Doris Pritchard will be speaking about her research/study leave at the University of Tanta, Tanta, Egypt. Doris spent from March through May in Tanta advising the Dental Library there on the establishment of policies and procedures, and providing direction and guidance to the Library staff.

ELEANOR GOWERLUK is the proud grandmother of twin grandsons, Joshua and Jared, born on April 18, 1984. Joshua was born at 12:31 p.m. and weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz., followed by Jared at 12.48 p.m., who weighed 7 lbs. Mother and Grandmother are apparently doing just fine.



HÉLÈNE PROTEAU and Roger Tellier were married on June 9, 1984, in St. Norbert Catholic Church.

Following pictures at St. Vital park, a dinner and dance was held at Luigi's restaurant.

From the editor's pad »

Following the Annual General Meeting in June, Kathy Gaudes and Susan Rogers offered to help with the MHLA News. I am most grateful for their assistance with this edition of the News.

For future editions, feel free to send contributions to either

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St. Boniface General Hospital
431 Tache Avenue
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or

Susan Rogers
Manitoba Dept. of Health
Library
202 - 880 Portage Avenue
R3G 0P1

or myself

Jill Brown
Library Services
Health Sciences Centre
700 McDermot Avenue
R3E 0T2

WES/CAN ASIS 16TH ANNUAL MEETING

Programme

Thursday, September 27, 1984

8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Registration and No Host Bar

Friday, September 28, 1984

8:30 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:10 - 11:45 a.m. State-of-the-art Reports:

British Columbia,
Alberta, Saskatchewan,
Manitoba, CISTI

Short reports on specific projects.

To volunteer, contact Brenda Chawner,
11546 - 77 Avenue, Edmonton,
Alberta, T6G 0M1 (phone (403) 436
3098).1:15 - 4:15 p.m. User - Terminal
Interface Design

Alan Ball, ABALL Software, Regina,

Saskatchewan

Sandy Campbell and Kathleen Delong,
University of Alberta, Edmonton,

Alberta

Eric Clyde, Canada Institute for
Scientific and Technical Information,
Ottawa, Ontario4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Wes/Can ASIS Annual
General Meeting

Saturday, September 29, 1984

9:00 - 11:45 a.m. Ergonomics of
Terminal and Office
DesignProfessor Ronald Veitch, Faculty of
Architecture, University of Manitoba

(Other speakers to be announced)

1:15 - 4:15 p.m. People Problems of
AutomationGanga Dakshinamurti, Red River
Community College, Winnipeg,
Manitoba

(Other speakers to be announced)

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. No Host Bar

7:00 p.m. Banquet

Speaker: Dr. Jasper McKee, Professor
of Physics, University of Manitoba and
C.B.C. Science Commentator

1985 meeting in Banff, Alberta

REGISTRATION FORM

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Affiliation/Company: _____

Address: _____

Postal code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

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\$4!

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\$1!

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\$2!

Day registration, member

\$2!

Day registration, non-member

\$4!

Registration fee enclosed: \$ _____

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"Wes/Can ASIS" and mail with regist
form by August 27, 1984 to:

Liz Johnson

Wes/Can ASIS Treasurer

Energy Resources Conservati
Board Library

640 5 Avenue S.W.

Calgary, Alberta

T2P 3G4

Use the enclosed form to register w
the Holiday Inn.