



## **Task Force on the Future Direction of the Manitoba Health Libraries Association**

The Task Force is currently reviewing and collecting information and advice to assist with the development of goals and objectives that will provide direction for the initiation, maintenance and development of MHLA programs and services. As discussed at the Fall meeting of the Manitoba Health Libraries Association in Fargo, North Dakota, the Task Force will be focusing on the following areas:

i) Automation - While participation in the BRIDGE system would provide an excellent means to network, share resources, and gain access to an integrated library system, to date, cost proposals and administrative structure seem to preclude this as a viable option for most MHLA members. The Task Force hopes to draft a position statement on Bridge participation to provide guidelines for MHLA members. The Task Force will also be investigating other options of facilitating computerization in health libraries through networking or group purchasing. Cataloguing and literature search functions have been identified as the highest priorities in this regard.

ii) Continuing Education/Professional Development - While many MHLA activities focus on projects that benefit the libraries rather than individual library staff,

there is no doubt that more opportunities for professional development for MHLA members are required. This is becoming increasingly important as hospital funding for staff development becomes even more limited. The Task Force will be exploring methods of providing these opportunities locally. This may include the development of a funding base to keep the costs to members as reasonable as possible and support quality programs and instructors, as well as working cooperatively to develop programs with other Manitoba library associations.

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## From the President

Greg Wilton

Since the last newsletter the meeting in Fargo and the MHO conference have taken place. The adventurous people who made the trek to Fargo made the meeting a success and were able to attend a good conference put on by the NDLA. And apparently some treks taken to Fargo were more adventurous than others.

Thanks go to Sharon Allentuck for welcoming Joanne Marshall and again to Sharon and Bev Brown for arranging an excellent MHO session. This session was of particular interest to Hospital Libraries. If anyone in the membership has any ideas for the next MHLA session at MHO in 1993 please contact any member of the executive.

On the agenda of the February 23 winter meeting is the Task Force on the Future Direction of MHLA. What are your ideas for MHLA? Something else to start thinking about are the nominations for the 1993/94 MHLA executive.

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### MANITOBA LIBRARY WEEK'93 FEBRUARY 20-27

#### INDIGENOUS VOICES OF CANADA

As part of MLW'93, the Manitoba Library Association will be presenting COLLECTION BOOSTER AWARDS to four libraries, one to each type (school, public, special, post-secondary). These funds (\$500 per award) will be used to enhance library collections in the subject area of MLW'93 Indigenous Voices of Canada. (by this MLA refers to the native peoples of Canada, Indian and Inuit peoples.) Bookplates will be presented to the four winning libraries to commemorate this MLA'93 program.

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**CALENDAR**

February - April 1993

University of Toronto, Continuing Education, Faculty of Library and Information Science, is offering the following courses. For more information, contact Continuing Education, Faculty of Library and Information Science, University of Toronto, 140 St. George Street, TORONTO, Ont. M5S 1A1, or call Marcia Chen (416) 978-7111 or FAX (416) 971-1399.

**Feb 5**

MARC Bibliographic Format Integration

**Feb 12**

Interpersonal Skills for Library Staff

**Feb 18 & 19**

How to Automate Your Records Management Program

**Feb 19**

Open meeting on "Guidelines for Description of Interactive Media" - Contact Jean Weihs at (416) 925-2037, FAX (416) 925-4704

**Feb 23**

Online Information Retrieval: An Introduction (Level 1)

**March 5**

Teen Collections and Services

**March 12**

Legal Research Materials: New and/or Specialized Materials and Resources

**March 12**

Computer File Storage Considerations

**March 26**

Copyright

**April 2**

Introduction to Business Literature

**April 16**

Strategic Technology Planning and Leadership: Becoming an Early Adopter

**April 16**

To Understand and Be Understood: A First Exploration in Intercultural Communication

**April 23**

The MARC Holdings Format: History, Design, and Current Use

**April 23**

Improving Work Practices

**April 30****Simplified Cataloguing****CLA SEMINARS**

Contact CLA for further information: Canadian Library Association, 200 Elgin St., Suite 602, Ottawa, Ont. K2P 1L5, (613) 232-9625, FAX (613) 563-9895, ENVOY 100: CLA.PROF.DEV

Preservation Microfilming

March 10, Vancouver

**Feb. 15**

CASLIS Ottawa will have a program: Dialog Tips and Tricks on Searching European Databases. For more information, contact Elizabeth Reicker at (613) 564-2324, 238-2583 or 731-4334.

**Feb. 20-27**

Manitoba Library Week, with the theme Indigenous Voices of Canada.

**Feb. 22-24**

The National Federation of Abstracting and Information Services (NFAIS) annual conference at the Washington Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC. The theme is "If Change is Inevitable, Why Aren't We Changing? - Or Are We?" Contact NFAIS at (215) 563-2406 for further information.

**March 5**

McGill University Colloquium Session: J. Andrew Large, director of the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies will speak on the "Multimedia and Information Acquisition" at McGill University. For more information, contact the Graduate School at 3459 McTavish St., Montreal, Que., H3A 1Y1 (514) 398-4204, FAX (514) 398-7193.

**May 27-29, 1993**

Manitoba Library Association's annual spring conference to be held in Winnipeg at the International Inn. Look for full details later on in of this issue of the "News".

Sept. 21-23

The 4th Annual CIL Canada '93 (Computers in Libraries), Sheraton Centre, Toronto, in association with the First Annual Document Delivery Canada™'93, the First Annual Internet Canada™'93 and the First Annual Database Searching Canada™'93; Canada's largest information technology conference and exhibition for business, legal, medical, computer and library information professionals.

Contact 11 Ferry Lane West, Westport, CT 06880 USA; Tel (800) 635-5537 or (203) 226-6967, FAX (203) 454-5840

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### *An Autobiography*

By Mary Lynne East

Hi, I'm the new Manager, Library Services at the Health Sciences Centre. I'll be working out of the location at the School of Nursing building for the next few months with occasional forays to my office on the third floor. My phone number is 787-1954 and that should reach me most of the time.

I come to this job with a variety of library and health science-related library experience. I've done reference and collection development in the university setting for schools of nursing and social work, worked at Health and Welfare Canada, taught MEDLINE out of CISTI and developed a hospital library for a new hospital in the Maritimes. I've also run a small-town public library, a community college library, worked as a consultant and bureaucrat for Manitoba Provincial Library Services and done a stint on the reference desk at Dafoe. Library automation and user education are of particular interest to me.

I look forward to working closely with all members of MHLA in the future and thank those of you who have called to welcome me to the fold.

## 1993 EDITION OF THE UNION LIST OF SELECTED SERIALS OF THE MANITOBA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

Bev Brown  
Chair, Union List Committee

The Union List Committee is preparing for the publication of a new edition of the serials union list to be distributed in June 1993. Workshops will be organized in mid-March to review with contributors procedures for reporting new titles, deletions and changes to holdings. We will be asking that corrections be returned by the third week in April to allow enough lead time for a publication date of the end of June. Greg Wilton has agreed to produce the union list, plus a final copy of the titles and holdings of each institution.

A production budget and proposed selling prices will be brought forward to the membership for approval at the AGM.

Work has not started on mounting the union list onto Bridge due to a delay in creating an institution code for MHLA. Once this is done we can begin the work on entering records

### **PLEASE NOTE**

The Union List Committee requests that you check your address, phone number and fax number in the 1991 Union List of Selected Serials. If there are any changes please report them to Hussein Davoodifar at the Medical Library for inclusion in the 1993 edition of the Union List of Selected Serials.

## MANITOBA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 1993 SPRING CONFERENCE MAY 27-29, 1993

Sponsored by MLA, MALT, MSLAVA, MHLA and CASLIS MANITOBA

May 27 through 29, 1993, are the dates for the Manitoba Library Association's annual spring conference to be held in Winnipeg at the International Inn. This year's event will be jointly sponsored by the Manitoba Association of Library Technicians, the Manitoba School Library Audio Visual Association, The Manitoba Health Libraries Association and the Manitoba Chapter of the Canadian Association of Special Libraries and Information Services.

The theme of the conference is **"Library Evaluation in the 90's: Everyone's Job One"**. The main session, on Friday, May 28, will be given by Dr. Charles McClure, Professor, School of Information Studies, Syracuse, New York. McClure has co-authored three books on this subject, Output Measures for Public Libraries (2nd ed., ALA, 1987); Evaluation and Library Decision Making (ABLEX, 1990); and Measuring Academic Library Performance: a Practical Approach (ALA, 1990). This session is designed for all types of libraries and is directed at all library personnel. The session will be a mixture of formal presentations and small group discussions. To get the most out of this session, you may want to read Dr. McClure's books which will be stocked by the University of Winnipeg Bookstore (204-786-9706).

Thursday will offer a potpourri of pre-conference sessions including Internet; CD-ROM's; and whole language resources. Library staff doing projects which have provincial applicability should contact the Conference Chair as soon as possible with proposals for presentation on the Thursday. Publishers, producers and other library companies will be displaying on Thursday and Friday. On Saturday there will be workshops on evaluating library services in specific types of libraries.

The MALT, MSLAVA, MHLA and CASLIS Manitoba AGM's will be held during the conference. A Library Associations' dinner will be

held on Friday evening, followed by a guest speaker and MLA's AGM.

Special room rates at the International Inn have been negotiated.

Specific details of the conference, annual meetings, displays and registration will be mailed in early February. We look forward to seeing you!

For more information, contact: John Tooth, Chair, MLA Conference Committee, (204) 945-7833

### CASLIS MANITOBA AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LIBRARY SERVICES

The objective of this award is to recognize excellence in special library services and contributions to the special library community. Nominations are being sought from librarians and library management, as well as from management from the private and public sectors where appropriate. A nominee should demonstrate qualities and contributions such as: high service ethics; commitment to continuing education; contributions to networking/resource sharing; service to CASLIS or other specialized library association; innovation in library management or service delivery; commitment to promoting special libraries and developing awareness in the community or parent organization.

Please submit nomination by March 1, 1993 to:  
Louise Ayotte-Zaretski Room 260, Legislative  
Building, 450 Broadway, Winnipeg MB R3C 0V8  
(204) 945-4243 FAX: (204) 948-2167

To be eligible a nominee must be in good standing with CASLIS Manitoba

## **TWO-YEAR LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AT RED RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### **TO COMMENCE IN SEPTEMBER, 1993**

Workers of the future will require superior communication, numeracy and computer skills. They must also possess a commitment to customer service and satisfaction.

To properly prepare Library Technician students for these future expectations and to train them in library and information technology-related skills and techniques, the Library Technician Program at Red River Community College has been expanded to two years commencing September, 1993. Students will initially be accepted into the program every two years. Graduates will receive a Diploma in Library and Information Technology.

The two-year program will provide students with a solid generalist background. All types of libraries will be covered in most courses and students will be able to pursue a specialized area of study in the Special Library Topics course offered during the last term in the second year of the program.

The generalist background encourages graduate Library Technicians to be flexible in their choices

of library employment and to adapt to work environments in any type of library in their future careers.

Some new courses included in the curriculum are: Business Communications, Organizational Behaviour, Reference Theory and Effects of Automation, Derivative Cataloguing and MARC coding, On-line searching, Marketing the Library and Information Services, and Paraprofessional Management. Academic courses have been chosen to expose students to economic theory, Canadian political science, children's and Canadian literature, and cross-cultural interaction.

Should you wish to receive more information regarding the two-year curriculum, please contact Jo Ann Brewster, Paula Noyes or Pat Routledge at 632-2450.

Please note that, with a two-year program, Library Technician students will be eligible for summer employment through the STEP and other similar programs beginning in July, 1994. Start planning your special projects now!

### **LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY COURSES**

April 24 - June 26

Advanced Reference : Social Sciences and the Humanities.

Saturdays 9:00 to 1:00

If you have any question about course being offered you can contact Paula or Joanne at 632-2450.

## INTRODUCING ...

**IN-CITES**

Found a citation that's particularly informative humorous or unusual? We hope to make "in-cites" a regular feature of the *News*, but we need your contributions to make it successful. This issue's citations of note were submitted by the J. W. Crane Memorial Library.

Ronai-CR. Managing aging in young adulthood : the "Aging" Table Dancer. Journal of Aging Studies 1992; 6(4): 307-317.

AB: Using the case of the "table-dancer", a kind of strip-tease dancer, the process of aging is examined.

Adler-AI; Altman-J. An outbreak of mud-wrestling-induced pustular dermatitis in college students: dermatitis palaestrae limosae. Journal of the American Medical Association 1993 Jan 27; 269(4): 502-504.

AB: To investigate an outbreak of gram-negative folliculitis in relation to a common exposure, mud wrestling, and identify risk factors for dermatitis among those who mud wrestled. Increased time spent wrestling was associated with increased risk. Skin trauma during wrestling or immersion in the mud increased the risk of infection.

Please send your contribution for future issues of In-Cites to Christine Shaw-Daigle, Editor MHLA News, J.W. Crane Memorial Library, Deer Lodge Centre, 2109 Portage Ave, Winnipeg MB R3J 0L3 or FAX (204) 888-1805

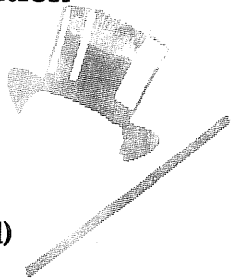
**PEOPLE ...**

MHLA welcomes **Mary Lynne East**. Mary Lynne is the new Manager of Library Services at the Health Sciences Centre. See Mary Lynne's autobiography in this issue of the *news*.

**The Manitoba Library Association**  
presents

**A CABARET NIGHT**

at the  
**Norwood Hotel**  
112 Marion St. (parking at Hotel)  
on  
**Saturday, Feb. 27, 1993**



Come to the Cabaret!

MHLA members should not miss the MLA Cabaret. On Saturday, February 27th the Manitoba Library Association is presenting a Cabaret Night. A gourmet dinner will be served and entertainment will be provided by members of the library community. Dale Nelson, known to MHLA members from his days as Extension Librarian at the U of M Medical Library, will be the Master of Ceremonies. Our own Marilyn Brooke will start the entertainment with a piano routine prepared especially for the evening. More homegrown entertainment will follow.

This is MLA's fundraising event of the year. Instead of begging people to buy Entertainment Books or work at Bingos, the fundraising committee, chaired by Dallas Bagby, planned a social evening that will double as the annual fundraiser. The tickets are priced to cover the cost of an excellent dinner and include a \$20.00 charitable donation for which the purchaser will receive a tax donation receipt. Not only that, but we have priced the tickets so that couples get a special break. A ticket for one will be \$50.00 (which includes the \$20.00 donation); a ticket for 2 people costs \$80.00 (which includes one \$20.00 donation). Tickets may be purchased from Dallas Bagby, Marilyn Brooke, all other MLA Board Members, or by calling the MLA office directly. (943-4567).

Submitted by  
Dallas Bagby

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Another possible area of investigation might be the establishment of recommended standards for professional development to encourage hospitals to support and encourage staff participation in these activities.

iii) Group Purchasing - There seems to be a distinct possibility that the development of group purchasing programs for MHLA member libraries could result in some substantial cost savings. The Task Force will be looking at potential items that could be handled through a group purchase arrangement, and examining the costs, feasibility and workload that would be involved in an initiative of this type.

iv) Resource Sharing - The Task Force will be looking at ways of enhancing and improving resource sharing among MHLA member libraries. This may include looking at ways of automating the Union Book Catalogue, as well as an inventory of the existing resource base, interlibrary loan and delivery systems, and fax policies and procedures. The Task Force will also continue to liaise with the Manitoba Library Consortium and continue to lobby for the inclusion of small special libraries in its initiatives.

v) Liason with other provincial associations - Liason with other provincial library associations has to date been fairly informal. As resources become more and more limited it seems important to focus on some of the common concerns and issues which all libraries face, as well as those specific to health librarianship. The Task Force will explore some of the opportunities that might be developed through more formalized liason, communication, and joint ventures with other Manitoba library organizations.

In order to develop recommendations that are responsive to your needs the Task Force needs your input. Please review the draft initiative above, and forward your questions, comments and concerns to either Judy Inglis or Laurie Blanchard prior to April 15, 1993. If there is enough interest in a particular area, it is possible that a subcommittee could be formed to discuss

and investigate it in more detail than it would be feasible for us to do on our own.

As a first step in gathering some baseline information, we would also ask that you complete and return the survey on the last pages of this issue of the News. While this information has been made available in other formats, we feel that it will be helpful to consolidate it into one directory which we hope to publish as a supplement to the spring issue of the News. Thank you for your assistance with this initiative. We look forward to hearing from you.

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## MHINET

The main event for MHINET in the past few months has been the acquisition of a computer workstation, complete with internal CD-ROM drive and laser printer. As some capital was left in the budget after two years of operations, the MHINET board decided to commit the funds to the purchase of computer equipment, Wordperfect software, and SilverPlatter subscriptions to CINAHL and HealthPlan. We were fortunate to buy at the same time as a site-wide conversion by the Health Sciences Centre and thus make the purchase at a savings.

The equipment is 'stand-alone' in more than one sense. It is housed in a small room apart from the din of the library, so searching, report-writing and bibliographic compilations can be done in relative quiet, with few interruptions, and without jostling in line for the terminal. A dramatic change from former conditions.

MHINET's situation is no more certain than it has been since its inception, although the number and strength of voices supporting the service are certainly now better known--which for the moment provides a fair sense of security. This, and the knowledge that MARN's funding is in place at least until the end of 1993

Jan Johnson, MHINET Coordinator



**Task Force on the Future Direction of the MHLA****Library Directory**

Library Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

Staffing: \_\_\_\_\_ EFTs

Staff name and area of responsibility: \_\_\_\_\_

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Collection Size: \_\_\_\_\_ books \_\_\_\_\_ current journal subscriptions

Other formats: \_\_\_\_\_ audiovisual \_\_\_\_\_ microforms \_\_\_\_\_ CAI

\_\_\_\_\_ other (please specify)

Collection Scope: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Populations Served:**

(Please circle the appropriate code where F = full services, A = may consult materials in-library only, no lending privileges, I = access only via interlibrary loan)

Hospital Staff/Students:                      F        A        I

Students from other institutions:            F        A        I

General Public:                                F        A        I

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Interlibrary Loan Services:**

☐ Available to MHLA member libraries only

☐ Interlibrary loan services available to other libraries                      ILL charges \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Holdings listed in MHLA Union List of Selected Serials

☐ Holdings listed in MLA Finding List

Participation in other reciprocal lending agreements and union lists: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you pass ILL charges on to your users? \_\_\_\_\_ On what basis? \_\_\_\_\_

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**FAX Policy:**

FAX machine available:    ☐ in library            ☐ within institution            ☐ not available

Will provide local lending requests to MHLA members by FAX:

☐ as required      ☐ in cases of extreme urgency      ☐ will not provide

other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Search Services:**

- ☐ on-line  
☐ CD-ROM  
☐ manual searches

Databases available for searching: \_\_\_\_\_

End-user training provided:

☐ yes

☐ no

Search Services available to:

- ☐ staff charges: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ students within institution charges: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ students from other institutions charges: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ general public charges: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Automated Library Systems:**

Functions Automated:

System Used:

- ☐ Cataloguing  
☐ Public Access Catalogue  
☐ Acquisitons

- ☐ Serials Control
- ☐ Circulation
- ☐ Audiovisual Booking

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Should you require any clarification or assistance please contact Judy Inglis or Laurie Blanchard at 831-2152. Please fax or mail the completed survey to:

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