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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

**A**s Chair, I have the privilege of submitting MAC's mid-year report to MLA Headquarters. This report (which was kindly pulled together by Melanie Norton before turning over the gavel) illustrates our activities over the past year, and what a list it is! Everything from asking MAC members what they want, through tools like the Needs Assessment, to delivering through wonderful events like our Annual Meeting in Baltimore. Reading the finished report, I realized that our many accomplishments were only made possible by the dedicated work of dozens of MAC members who take on MAC responsibilities in addition to their "real" jobs. So pat yourself – and your MAC colleagues—on the back for a job well done!

Speaking of hard-working MAC members, isn't it great that we have several ways to recognize

them! First, take a moment to send your state reporter news about your accomplishments. Don't be shy! Continue to make "News From the States" one of my favorite parts of MAC Messages!

While you're thinking of achievements, it's not too soon to be thinking of our MAC Awards. The call for applications for One-Person Library Recognition Award, Marguerite Abel Service Recognition Award, and the MAC Librarian of the Year Award will soon go out. We had a record number of nominations last year, so why not top it this year!

While we're talking about records, how about another MAC member as MLA President! Congratulations to Connie Schardt, AHIP, now MLA President-elect. And, we have another long-time MAC

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## MAC 2008

### MORE HIGHLIGHTS AND AREA ATTRACTIONS!

MAC ANNUAL MEETING IN  
MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA  
OCTOBER 19-22, 2008

Join the fun as we kick off the MAC 2008 Annual Meeting with a Welcome Reception to be held the evening of October 20th at the beautiful, new

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member receiving national recognition: Beverly Murphy, AHIP, was elected to the MLA Board of Directors. What wonderful achievements for both Connie and Beverly.

Not quite ready for service on the national level? Why not begin with MAC? Service on a MAC committee is a wonderful way to meet other librarians and to “get involved”. When you pay your dues for 2008 (through an easy to use online form at <http://www.acteva.com/go/MACMembership/>) you can indicate which committee you’d like to be a part of. That will guarantee you have a front row seat for our exciting activities in the years to come!

So, what is in store for 2008? A highlight of being Chair is that I get a sneak preview of the Annual Meeting events and classes, and it looks like an-

other great meeting is ahead!

MAC will also continue to address an issue that is important to all of us: MAC’s financial health. A Financial Planning Special Committee, led by Ann Duesing, will examine trends in MAC’s income and spending, and work to ensure that MAC continues to wisely use our funds to best serve YOU!

What else would you like to see MAC up to in 2008? I’d love to hear from you – send me an email or give me a call and let me know!

**Andrea Horne**  
2007/2008 MAC Chair  
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## Deadline!

Send April/May/June articles  
to be published June 1 to  
[macmessages@gmail.com](mailto:macmessages@gmail.com)  
until May 15, 2008.



## Become a Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals Today

Join over 1,100 academy members and discover what medical librarians are saying...

**"Before AHIP, I was like a fish out of water - now I am swimming!"**

—Vanina Chavarrri, AHIP, Library Director, Health Resources Center  
Medical Library, Alpena General Hospital, Alpena, Michigan

**"The AHIP program allows me to continue my personal journey in service, and—  
learning in my personal and professional development."**

—Peter Droese, AHIP, MassHealth Health Policy Library, Executive Office of  
Health & Human Services, Commonwealth of Massachusetts-Boston

**"As a new medical librarian, having an AHIP mentor to guide me in all aspects of  
professional development has been invaluable."**

—Danielle Carlock, AHIP, Polytechnic Campus Library, Arizona State  
University-Polytechnic-Mesa



Further information and an application can be accessed at [www.mlanet.org/academy/](http://www.mlanet.org/academy/)  
or contact Lisa C. Fried, MLA, at 312.419.9094 x28 or email [mlapd2@mlahq.org](mailto:mlapd2@mlahq.org).

*MLA: Professionals providing quality information for improved health*

*Please plan to attend MLA '08, Chicago, IL, May 16-21, 2008*

## MAC 2008, CONT.

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[Health Sciences Library/Learning Center](#) on the campus of [West Virginia University!](#)



A Personal Rapid Transit system - gold and blue computer driven vehicles which move along an [elevated guideway](#) - connects the Library/Learning Center and other locations on the WVU campus to downtown Morgantown where we will be staying in the Wharf District. The [Waterfront Place Hotel](#), situated on the Monongehela River, is also conveniently located near the [Rail-Trails](#), a great feature of Morgantown that consists of over 50 miles of paved surface alongside the Monongehela River and Decker's Creek.



On Tuesday afternoon, October the 21st, invited speaker **Craig Haynes**, head of the Medical Center Library at the University of California at San Diego, will give us a presentation on "**Getting it Together: Electronic Health Records and Digital Libraries Making it Work!**" As Craig notes, "the idea and practice of providing contextual, knowledge-based research at the point of the medical record is not new . . . but certain fundamental

and unresolved practical and technical issues remain . . . providing a textbook opportunity for the librarian to take the lead in a specific institutional endeavor that will bring value to the organization and to the library."



Time to start thinking about what *you* are going to present, too! A call for abstracts for papers and posters is included in this issue of MAC Messages on page 4. If you have little or no experience in preparing posters or presenting papers, never fear! A **Mentoring Program** for MAC members is prepared to help! Experienced mentors will be assigned to assist in:

- preparing and submitting the paper or poster abstract
- providing advice on poster content, design, graphics, and printing
- helping with paper content, organization, and presentation

Go to the MAC Annual Meetings Website for more information at: <http://www.cbil.vcu.edu/mac/events/2008/meeting.html>

**Karen Crowell**  
**Meredith Solomon**  
 Co-Chairs, 2008 Annual Meeting  
 Mac 2008 Publicity Committee

## CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

You are invited to submit proposals for contributed papers and posters for the MAC/MLA 2008 Annual Meeting in Morgantown, WV on October 20 - 22. The meeting's theme is "Almost Heaven: Exploring New Vistas." The 2008 Planning Committee invites MAC members to submit proposals related to:

- How High & How Far? - Share what your library is doing to keep your staff and users happy. What changes in service, operation, or building have been implemented?
- Looking to the Horizon - How are you planning for the future? How have you been able to create opportunities?
- A Little Closer to Heaven - How are you collaborating with other libraries, health professionals, agencies or others? What strategies have you found in creating successful partnerships?
- Totally New Vistas - What new technologies have you experimented with or introduced at your library?

Have other ideas? We'd love to hear them! Please share your research and ideas with your colleagues.

Submit two copies of the abstract (300 word maximum). Proposals must be submitted in the format of structured abstracts. For more information see <http://www.scmla.org/abformat.htm> or <http://research.mlanet.org/>. Include a list of authors, their institutional affiliations, email addresses, and telephone numbers with the first copy of the abstract. The second copy will be used in a blind review process and should not



include any specific information that would identify either the authors or their institutions. Abstracts will be evaluated on originality, innovation, organization and clarity of presentation, as well as relevance to improving service or practice. The primary author will be notified of the committee's decision in August. Additional information (i.e. time, location, setup instructions, etc.) will be sent with acceptance notification. **Note:** Those

presenting in Morgantown must be registered for the meeting.

**Contributed Papers:** Email abstracts to Susan Simpson at [simpsons@ecu.edu](mailto:simpsons@ecu.edu) using a Word attachment.

**Posters:** Presenters should plan to be available to staff posters during a 45 minute poster session. Each presenter's area will be provided with a poster board (4' x 8'). Electrical connections will not be available. Email abstracts to Brandi Tuttle at [brandi.tuttle@duke.edu](mailto:brandi.tuttle@duke.edu) using a Word attachment.

To ensure that MAC members are able to make the most of the annual meeting experience, MAC has established a mentoring program to support members with little or no experience in preparing posters or presenting papers. For more information about working with or serving as a mentor, see [http://www.cbil.vcu.edu/mac/pd/poster\\_paper\\_mentor.html](http://www.cbil.vcu.edu/mac/pd/poster_paper_mentor.html). To help you get started now with posters, see the Jan. 2007 NN/LM SE/A presentation on creating posters using PowerPoint at <http://nmlm.gov/sea/services/webconf/Jan2007/jan092007.html>

**The deadline for submitting abstracts is June 16, 2008.**

## NEWS FROM THE STATES

## GO LOCAL

The District of Columbia's *Go Local* proposal was accepted by the National Library of Medicine at the end of November. The project, called *Healthy DC - Go Local*, can help improve the health of the citizens of DC through the wide and easy availability of quality consumer health information.

**Elaine Sullo** of the Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library at George Washington University Medical Center and **Jeanne Larsen** of the Dahlgren Memorial Library at Georgetown University Medical Center are the Co-Project Managers. The process of selecting content will begin soon. Anyone interested in volunteering for this worthy project should contact Elaine or Jeanne.

## NATIONAL SUDDEN INFANT DEATH RESOURCE CENTER

Georgetown University has been awarded a three-year cooperative agreement for the National Sudden Infant Death Resource Center. The center, co-located with the Maternal and Child Health Library at the National Center for Education in Maternal and Child Health (NCEMCH), provides access to the latest professional and consumer information, including research, training materials, and sources of help for families affected by Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, miscarriage, stillbirth, and other infant death. The center's Website is located at <http://www.sidscenter.org>. The toll free information line is 1.866.866.7437.

The Maternal and Child Health Library at Georgetown University has posted approximately 450 documents published by the U.S. Children's Bureau between the years of 1912, when the Children's Bureau was established, and 1969, when the Bureau's functions were divided up among several agencies. These publications, available electronically for the first time, give an historical perspective on such topics as child health, infant mortality, child labor,

and public health services for mothers and children, including services for children with physical and cognitive disabilities.

This collection is available at <http://www.mchlibrary.info/history/childrensbureau.html>.

In addition to this historical collection, the MCH Library provides up-to-date information on MCH research and publications in its MCH Alert, a weekly electronic newsletter available at no charge. The library also offers access to state-of-the-art distance-learning curricula on well-child care and Medicaid's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Program (EPSDT), oral health, healthy mental development, and other topics. These resources can be found at <http://www.mchlibrary.info>.

## PERSONNEL NEWS

In November 2007, **Doug Varner** joined Georgetown's Dahlgren Memorial Library as Associate Director/Chief Biomedical Informationist. Doug will focus on program development, strategic planning and liaison efforts integrating library operations into informatics and informationist initiatives at Georgetown. Doug recently completed a two year Clinical Informationist Fellowship at the Welch Medical Library, Johns Hopkins University. Prior to his work at Hopkins, he was the Library Director at a large teaching/research hospital in San Francisco, CA.

**Marian Taliaferro**, MSLS, Manager of the Association of American Medical Colleges Reference Center and Archives, has achieved Senior member status in AHIP. Congratulations, Marian!



District of Columbia

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## NEWS FROM THE STATES, CONT.

NEWS FROM UNC -  
CHAPEL HILLVISITING SCHOLAR  
FROM SPAIN: MEET  
ARANTXA  
ITURBIDE

**Arantxa Iturbide** is a visiting scholar and librarian from the University of Navarra in Pamplona, Spain. Her spring semester 2008 visit is co-sponsored by the UNC Health Sciences Library (HSL) and the School of Information and Library Science (SILS). Ms. Iturbide will sit in on library science courses, learn and conduct projects at the HSL, and visit area science libraries as part of her program. At the University of Navarra, Ms. Iturbide is the Science Librarian and teaches students and researchers in the Pharmacy Department; Food Science, Physiology and Toxicology Department, and in the Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Technology Department about databases and other electronic products used for research. If you would like to meet with Ms. Iturbide during her visit, please contact Fran Allegri at [allegri@unc.edu](mailto:allegri@unc.edu) or 919.966.0945.

LEADERSHIP  
FELLOW: NEVILLE  
PRENDERGAST

During 2008, **Carol Jenkins**, Library Director, will serve as mentor to **Neville Prendergast**, Associate Director of Communications and Outreach at the Becker Medical Library, Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Mr. Prendergast has over 20 years experience in health sciences libraries. The competitive Leadership Fellows Program, jointly funded by the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL) and the National Library of Medicine, selects five pairs of mentors and fellows who participate in an online learning community and visits to other academic health sciences libraries. Ms. Jenkins has co-chaired the AAHSL Leadership Committee since 2003

and also served as a mentor in 2001. In addition to the year-long mentor relationship with Jenkins, Mr. Prendergast plans two week-long visits to the HSL, each for one week. The first is scheduled for Jan 27-Feb 2.

PUBLIC  
TELEVISION  
VOLUNTEER:  
LYNN EADES

**Lynn Eades**, HSL's Web Development Librarian, was recently presented a volunteer services award from UNC-TV. The award was presented by Roy Underhill, host of PBS's Woodwright Shop. In 2007 Lynn worked over 100 hours as a production assistant. Gloria Howell, UNC-TV's Volunteer Services Director, said "Lynn is very dependable, reliable and a true joy to be around!"

We agree! Thank you, Lynn.

MCLENDON NAMED  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR  
AT FLORIDA

**Wallace McLendon**, UNC-HSL's Deputy Director, has accepted the position of Director of the Health Sciences Center Library, University of Florida in Gainesville. (<http://www.library.health.ufl.edu/>) Mr. McLendon has been at HSL since 2001, as Associate Director for Library Services and later as Deputy Director. He has had a strong hand in helping UNC-HSL be a premier health sciences library and a creative and effective team. He has also played many leadership roles on campus, in the Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN) and nationally. Please wish Wallace well on this move ([wallace\\_mclendon@unc.edu](mailto:wallace_mclendon@unc.edu)). He will begin his new duties in Gainesville on March 3.



*North Carolina*

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## FIVE NEW STAFF JOIN THE HSL

Three librarian positions in the Resources Management Services department and one each in the User Services and Library Business Services departments are now filled by the following five

new HSL employees. They are:

**Daniel Smith, JD**, Special Collections Librarian, joined the HSL in October. With a background as an antiquarian, curator, reference librarian, publisher, and consultant, Daniel has worked extensively in the areas of rare books and archives, digital libraries, and scholarly communications. He will work with faculty, library staff, donors and dealers to further build and strengthen the HSL's history of the health sciences and other special collections, as well as support the work of the Bullitt History of Medicine Club, provide reference and research support on demand, and expand access to content in special collections, particularly content in digital formats. Contact Daniel at 919.966.1776 or [dsmith@unc.edu](mailto:dsmith@unc.edu)

**Lee Richardson, MLIS**, Cataloging and Metadata Coordinator, joined the HSL in January. Since 2000 she was the Music Cataloger at the Carpenter Library at the University of North Florida where she helped test, develop documentation and trained staff when the library migrated to a new online catalog system. In her new post at the HSL she will catalog a diverse range of materials using appropriate metadata and levels of description and work to improve users' success locating the content they need via the catalog and other finding aids. Contact Lee at 919.966.0941 or [richarlm@email.unc.edu](mailto:richarlm@email.unc.edu)

**Susan Swogger, MLIS**, Collection Development Librarian, also joined the HSL in January. In her previous position as Director of Library Services for Argosy University in Phoenix, Arizona, she

was responsible for collection development, acquisitions, electronic resource management, and administration in a specialized academic library focused on clinical psychology and education. Susan will lead an innovative program of print and digital collections and scholarly support services that meet new and emerging clinical, teaching, and research needs within the UNC community. Contact Susan at 919.966.0777 or [sswogger@email.unc.edu](mailto:sswogger@email.unc.edu)

**Andrea Wood**, Support Services Process Analyst, joined the HSL's User Services staff in November. She previously worked at UNC-Chapel Hill's Davis Library in circulation and later at the Undergraduate Library as Fines and Billing Manager, Copyright Manager and Circulation Supervisor. Her primary duties at the HSL include assisting users at the User Services Desk, by phone and online chat. She is also responsible for updating content on several library web pages and monitoring the suggestion box. Contact Andrea at 919.962.0801 or [andrew@email.unc.edu](mailto:andrew@email.unc.edu)

**Lynn Gunter**, Room Reservation Coordinator, is the most recent addition to the Library Business Services staff. She has worked at UNC-Chapel Hill since 1988 in a variety of administrative posts and has eight years of room reservations experience. She fills the newly created Room Reservation Coordinator position and will also provide administrative support. She is the primary contact for faculty, staff and students who reserve rooms within the Library using the online form. Contact Lynn at 919.966.6256 or [gunter@email.unc.edu](mailto:gunter@email.unc.edu)

## KUDOS TO AUTHORS: HAYES AND EADES

**Barrie Hayes** and **Lynn Eades** wrote the chapter on *Blogs, wikis, RSS and podcasting (tools for online collaboration)* which appears in the recently published book Teaching with Technology: An Academic Librarian's Guide

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<[http://www.amazon.com/Teaching-Technology-Librarians-Information-Professional/dp/1843341727/ref=pd\\_bbs\\_4?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1200428722&sr=8-4](http://www.amazon.com/Teaching-Technology-Librarians-Information-Professional/dp/1843341727/ref=pd_bbs_4?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1200428722&sr=8-4)>/

edited by Joe Williams and Susan Goodwin. The book is available for sale using the link above or can be borrowed from SILS library on the UNC campus <<http://webcat.lib.unc.edu/search?/teaching+with+technology/teaching+with+technology/1%2C6%2C8%2CB/frame-set&FF=teaching+with+technology+an+academic+librarians+guide&1%2C1%2C>>



*N.C.*  
Hattie

IN MEMORIAM:  
DEBRA KENT

The UNC Health Sciences Library staff and friends mourn the passing of our friend and colleague **Debra Kent**, who succumbed December 21, 2007, to the ovarian cancer she had battled for almost two years. Debra joined the staff of the Library in June 2005 as Director of Development and Communications. She brought a wealth of experience raising funds in the nonprofit sector, including being a pioneer fundraiser for HIV/AIDS in the San Francisco area. She quickly adopted the Library as her new passion, and reinvigorated us with the energy and vitality she brought to her job. Read the [full tribute](#).

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

**Pamela Lovera** is the new Medical Librarian/CME Coordinator for Prince William Hospital in Manassas, VA. She is a second career librarian who recently completed an MLIS from the University of Pittsburgh. Prior to moving to Manassas, she worked in Phoenix, Arizona doing medical device research. In addition, she is an experienced genetic counselor. **Timmi Johnson**, the former librarian, is now the Department Chair for the Library at St. Luke's College in Sioux City, Iowa.

HISTORICAL EXHIBIT  
AT THE CLAUDE MOORE  
HEALTH SCIENCES  
LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY  
OF VIRGINIA

"Too Close for Comfort: Corsets and Other Customs to Reshape the Body" is the title for the Historical Collections current exhibit in the Library. The exhibit displays corsets and other historical materials. Other forms of body constriction will also be on display, in particular the Chinese custom of female footbinding. This exhibit will run through March 21. For more information, please contact Joan Klein at 434-924-0055 or [jre@virginia.edu](mailto:jre@virginia.edu).

A NEW  
NAME FOR  
THE UNOS  
LIBRARY

In November 2007, the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) renamed its headquarters library the **Hume-Kauffman Transplantation Library and Archives**

to honor H. Myron Kauffman, Jr., M.D., FACS, who died in June 2007. Dr. Kauffman, who had been UNOS' Medical Director and Senior Scientist, frequently depended upon the library in his research activities. The change aligns the names of two internationally acclaimed transplant visionaries. David M. Hume, M.D., was a pioneer in transplant surgery in the 1950s. Dr. Kauffman was Dr. Hume's first Transplantation Research Fellow at the Medical College of Virginia (MCV) in the 1960s and they remained close friends and colleagues until Hume's death in 1973.

The Hume-Kauffman Transplantation Library and Archives was originally named the National Transplantation Resource Center when it was established in 1987. This special research library and archives focuses on informational resources for, and the history of, organ and tissue donation and transplanta-



Virginia

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reports, posters and educational resources from many health care organizations are also included, as well as an extensive collection of reference materials in many formats on transplant-related subjects. The Library subscribes to online research databases and journals that point to significant findings and clinical evidence in the field. UNOS employs a full-time health sciences librarian to provide reference assistance to staff and external users, and to act as a resource to researchers and authors to help them in finding content in UNOS publications and other published sources. The Library also participates as a full member in the National

tion. The collection includes books, audiovisuals, journals and newsletters generated by the scientific and clinical transplant community. Brochures,

Network of Medical Libraries (NN/LM) to further extend sharing of authoritative health information held by over 3500 libraries. For many years, Dr. Kauffman made frequent use of the service of interlibrary loan provided through this network while conducting his research. He also made suggestions for some content for an extensive bibliography about organ transplantation that was compiled by UNOS' librarian and published by the Medical Library Association.

Dr. Kauffman contributed some of the first items to UNOS' transplantation archives, including early surgical and medical textbooks and a 1950-vintage kidney dialysis machine prototype (one of the world's first). Upon her husband's death, Dr. Kauffman's wife generously donated more papers and materials from Dr. Kauffman's extensive personal library. More information about the Hume-Kauffman Transplantation Library and Archives and its namesakes can be found on UNOS' Website at <http://www.unos.org/resources/libraryServices.asp>

## NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

**Meredith Solomon**, Outreach Librarian, has joined the Health Sciences and Human Services Library staff. Meredith's work is supporting the Library in its mission to meet the health information needs of our diverse constituents throughout the state. She comes to us from the National Library of Medicine, where she participated in the Associate Fellowship program.

**Eric Rector** has been promoted to Head, Collections Management at the Health Sciences and Human Services Library. In his new position, Eric is responsible for leading and overseeing the selection, acquisitions, processing and maintenance activities of the Library's collections in all formats.

**Steven Douglas** has been appointed Acquisitions Librarian at the Health Sciences and Human Services Library. He manages the ordering, processing and maintenance activities of all monographs and serials acquisitions and collaborates with the Digital Resources Librarian to acquire all electronic resources.

We welcome new cataloging librarian, **Maria Fernandez** at the Health Sciences and Human Ser-

*Maryland*

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vices Library, Her previous work includes a cataloging position at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez.

**A R E Y O U  
C O N N E C T . E D ?**

The Health Sciences and Human Services Library has received funding from the NNLM/SE/A (contract # N01-LM-6-3502) to host a Social Networking Symposium.

Please join us in an exploration of social networking. *Are you connect.ed?* is a day long, community-wide symposium bringing together experts on technologies such as Facebook, YouTube, and Connotea.

The April 10, 2008 symposium will feature a morning session with a keynote speaker followed by a panel of experts. Panelists will discuss practical applications of Social Networking tools for collaborating, teaching & learning. The afternoon will feature hands-on sessions that allow time for experimentation in an informal setting.

For more information visit <http://www.hshsl.umaryland.edu/areyouconnected/>

**A W A R D S**

Paula Raimondo, Head, Outreach & Liaisons Services was named Librarian of the Year by the Medical Library Association's Mid-Atlantic Chapter (MAC) in October 2006 - September 2007.



*Maryland, cont.*  
Alexa Mayo  
State Reporter

This award is presented to a MAC member for outstanding contributions in health sciences librarianship. Criteria for the award include, but are not limited to: leadership in the profession, scholarship/publications/research, teaching/training/mentoring, professional activity, and service to the health profession.



*West Virginia*

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**W E S T  
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**W I S E R ,  
H E A L T H I E R  
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V I R G I N I A N S**

Americans, especially those in rural areas without easy access to medical libraries, are turning to the Internet for health information. Many, however, fear that they won't be able to find reliable health information. The Western Maryland Health Education Center (WMAHEC) and its partners designed West Virginia Outreach II (subcontract #N01-LM-6-

3502) to train high school and college students, teachers, librarians, and parish nurses in Northern and Central West Virginia to use the National Library of Medicine's (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/>) free databases to find the high quality and reliable health information they need to make sound health care choices.

West Virginia Outreach II was the second project sponsored by the National Network/Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern/Atlantic Region. It continued the first project and expanded the audience and geographic area covered by West Virginia Outreach I. In order to reach a broader range of West Virginians, WMAHEC partnered with the Health Sciences and Technology Academy (HSTA) of West Virginia University, the Nurse Program of the West Virginia University School of Nursing, the West Virginia Library Commission (WVLC), the Northern

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West Virginia Rural Health Education Center (NWRHEC), the Northern West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnerships (NWRHEP), and the West Virginia University Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP).

**Susan Stewart**, WMAHEC's Executive Director, directed the project. **D. Michele Beaulieu**, WMAHEC's Program Coordinator, coordinated the training and traveled throughout West Virginia presenting workshops in Farmington, Flatwoods, Grantsville, Kingwood, Morgantown, Mt. Zion, and Spencer. An additional workshop was held in Cumberland, MD for students in the WMAHEC Exploring Careers in Health Occupations (ECHO) program.

The goals of the project were to teach individual West Virginians to locate and use reliable health information when making medical decisions and to train professionals so that they can train their students, library patrons, and patients in the future.

Each workshop lasted two hours and involved hands on use of computers. Each participant received an information package with an agenda, a pre-test, a post-test, handouts on basic Internet terms and each of the databases. Trainees searched the Medline/PubMed, MedlinePlus, and ClinicalTrials.gov databases. They also searched the NIHSeniorHealth.gov, Genetics Home Reference, and GoLocal databases.

The results of the pre/post tests and evaluations were overwhelmingly positive. While the range of each group's pre/post test scores varied, they invariably improved for each group. One HSTA group average improved from 38% on the pre-test to 80% on the post-test. The evaluations and comments were also extremely positive. Some sample comments:

- "I thought this was a very good tool for the future."



West  
Virginia Bender  
State Reporter

- "Wonderful presentation. Can't wait to share with coworkers and patrons."

- "The program was very helpful and has given me information I

was not aware of. I have learned to be more careful when using search engines."

One measure of the success of the project is that the West Virginia Library Association (WVLA) workshop had standing room only and WMAHEC has been invited to present the workshop again at the next WVLA Spring Fling in 2008. Another is that the instructors in the HSTA program were pleased that the flexibility of the workshop design allowed it to mesh with their student's individual research projects.

For more information about West Virginia Outreach II or WMAHEC, please contact WMAHEC at Columbia Building, 11 Columbia Street, Cumberland, MD 21502 or (301) 777-9150.

Websites for the groups/programs mentioned:

Western Maryland AHEC

<http://ahc.allconet.org/>

National Library of Medicine

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/>

National Network/Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern/Atlantic Region

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