

SENYLRC Matters

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October is NMLM

By Patricia Carroll-Mathes

If you have to ask, you may not know that the Medical Library Association created this annual observation, National Medical Librarians Month, to raise awareness of the important role of the health information professional. Patients and those in the health care community need the specialized services that medical librarians provide; now, more than ever before.

During the past 5 years I have found many occasions to inform friends, and yes, even colleagues, about the important role medical libraries and librarians play in providing quality information for improved health. As I am learning about hospital challenges and the role of evidence-based care, I have come to admire the expert research skills, the timely delivery of critical information, the ability to juggle administrative tasks, and leadership provided by the medical librarians in our region. And they do it as one-person librarians! The strong level of personal and professional commitment required continues to impress me. In fact, I have come to understand that excellence in the library really supports excellence in health care. It was not a surprise to me that one of our regional medical library leaders just happens to work at the local hospital recently recognized as a top hospital in the country by the Leapfrog Hospital Quality and Hospital Survey. Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie was one of 41 hospitals named to the 2007 Top Hospitals list. Mary Jo Russell, SENYLRC Board member and Manager of Medical Research Services at VBMC, has also worked with me to bring professional medical librarian services to all the hospitals in the HealthQuest System and last year chaired the Medical Information Services Task Force which helped set the direction for improving medical information services for all libraries in the region. Look for more about this initiative in future issues.

For more information on the vital role medical librarians play, see the new MLA web site (www.mlanet.org/) which is appearing this week. Medical librarians are actively working with nurses and others in the shift to a research and evidence-based culture in hospitals. For a succinct description of what medical librarians do, see

Module 1 "What is a Medical Librarian?" in the brief (and excellent) tutorial **Medical Information on the Internet: A Guide for Health Reporters and Consumers**

http://www.mlanet.org/resources/hlth_tutorial/module1.html

A revealing biographical look (in 3 pages) of the current MLA President Mark E. Funk, Weill Cornell Medical College's Medical Library, will give more insight into the multi-talented librarians whose contributions are celebrated this month. <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/picrender.fcgi?artid=1924955&blobtype=pdf>

SENYLRC Committees

Many people volunteer their time to serve on SENYLRC committees. These committees are vital to plan cooperative activities that benefit our members. The 2007-08 fiscal year is underway with meetings and online discussions. SENYLRC welcomes new and returning committee members.

Committee Chairs for 2007-08 are:

Continuing Education (CE) – Vivian Milczarski, Mount St. Mary College

Digital Advisory Committee (DAC) – Helene Tieger, Bard College

Hospital Library Services Program (HLSP) – Frank Appell, Jr., Good Samaritan Hospital

Regional Interlibrary Loan (RIC) – Corinne Nyquist, SUNY New Paltz

Technology Review and Advisory Committee (TRAC) – Anne McCarthy Kennedy, Newburgh Free Library

New committee members for 2007-08 are:

CE – Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Mid-Hudson Library System; Kristy Lee, Orange-Ulster School Library System; Sunya Notley, Nyack College and Amy Raff, Woodstock Library

DAC – James Cosgrove, Marlboro Free Library; Morgan Gwenwald, SUNY New Paltz and Clifton Patrick, Chester Historical Society

HLSP – Elaine Goldman, Nyack Hospital

RIC – No new members

TRAC – Elaine Goldman, Nyack Hospital and Matt Smith, Sullivan County Community College

What's Happening at Southeastern

By Pamela Wolven



Southeastern was able to expand and upgrade our parking area over the summer with the help of a \$10,000 Special Legislative Grant from Senator William J. Larkin, Jr. This work has increased the number of spaces for events and has created a smooth and beautiful entrance to Southeastern.



We are still beautifying the building landscape with the help of the Department of Correctional Services Facility Inmate Work Crew. We applied to have a work crew from the Beacon Correctional Facility visit Southeastern to do some landscape cleanup including mulching all the planting beds. When Southeastern first acquired our new building, all the painting in the building was done with their work crews. They do very good work and by using their services we help the inmates obtain the necessary number of community service hours required before they are paroled. The Correctional Facility is always looking for new applications for work projects that fall within their work radius. If you are interested in getting contact information for a project you may have, you can give us a call and ask for Pamela Wolven (845/883-9065 x 11).

The Conrad N. Hilton Library of The Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, New York

By Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer, Information Services Librarian

Many people are surprised to learn that The Culinary Institute of America is an accredited, four-year college, offering both Associates and Bachelors degrees. At both levels, students study not only culinary and baking arts, but foreign languages, history (food history, but also world history), management, mathematics, psychology, purchasing, restaurant law, writing, and other subjects.

Therefore, the second surprise for many people is to learn that the ca. 76,000 volumes in our library include not only cookbooks, but a well-rounded collection of books to aid students researching and writing on a wide variety of topics.

The library also subscribes to about 280 periodicals; most of these are related to food, restaurants, and business. We supplement them with subscriptions to databases from EBSCO (including its Hospitality and Tourism Index), Hoovers, InfoTrac, and ProQuest.

The library maintains several special collections. One collection includes about 30,000 menus from restaurants in every US state, over 80 foreign countries, and ships, planes, and trains. Most of these menus are from the 1950s and later, but there are older ones, dating back to 1855. Examples of research in these menus include doctoral research for a history of airline travel in the US (airline menus) and for a study of ethnic restaurants in Germany and the US.

A collection of over 1000 rare books includes cookbooks and books on food history, wine, beer, wine making, beer making, etc. This is complemented by a collection of historical recipe pamphlets from food and appliance manufacturers.

The special collections are accessible to anyone by appointment; the main book collection is available to the public at any time when the library is open. In addition, the Information Services Librarian takes reference questions from not just students and CIA staff, but from CIA alumni and people with no connection to the CIA. Only CIA students and employees may borrow books directly from the library, but all circulating books are available for interlibrary loan. For more information, contact the CIA's reference desk at c_crawfo@culinary.edu or (845) 451-1322. Learn more about The World's Premier Culinary College at www.ciachef.edu.

Basic Cataloging Workshop

Do you need a refresher on MARC standards and fields or to learn how to find and copy a bibliographic record for an item you are adding to your library's catalog? If so, Denise Garofalo, Astor Home for Children, will teach **Basic Cataloging** at Southeastern. Part 1 will be held on November 7, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and Part 2 on November 14, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. This is a repeat of a class held in 2003 at Southeastern. Welcome back, Denise! People were very enthusiastic about this excellent class. Here is what they said:

- ✓ Very useful
- ✓ Made MARC understandable and interesting
- ✓ Denise is very knowledgeable and enthusiastic – and explains things very clearly
- ✓ “Quality instructor yields quality instruction” – very apt in this workshop.

Register online at www.senylrc.org/reg/.

NN/LM MAR Expands Online Classes October-December

It's time to head back to school with the Regional Medical Library! Join the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Middle Atlantic Region (NN/LM MAR) staff and network members for 11 different online classes from October through December—all you need is an Internet-connected computer and a telephone. **Classes are FREE for NN/LM members.** For complete information about all of the classes and registration, or to join or renew your free membership, visit the NYU based Middle Atlantic Regional Medical Library at: <http://nnlm.gov/mar/services/>.

1) **NEW! Clever Evaluation**

Evaluating programs and projects with Cindy Olney, evaluation specialist for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Outreach Evaluation Resource Center (OERC). A 90-minute session on evaluation methods that are quick, resourceful, and useful. Her strategies include using existing data, combining evaluation with other project activities, and enlisting the help of others in data collection. October 9, 10:00 – 11:30am.

2) **NEW! PubMed for Academic Librarians**

This ninety-minute class is targeted to academic librarians who are new PubMed users. If your library supports programs in nursing, allied health, complementary therapies, or other biomedical sciences, learn how to use the power of PubMed to locate scholarly journal articles.

Thursday, December 6, 10:00am – 11:30am

3) **NEW! Copyright and ILL**

Thursday, November 29, 11:00am – 12:00pm

4) **NEW! Using Wikis in Education**

Wikis are gaining in use and acceptance in corporate and healthcare environments as quickly as they are in academia. Health sciences librarians with formal or informal responsibility for user education can learn more about wikis in this 90-minute class, taught by Marcy Brown, a clinical medical librarian. Note: Class size limited to 25 participants.

Monday, November 5, 9:30 – 11:00am

5) **NEW! Consumer Health Information at the Public Library**

Monday, October 8, 10:00 – 11:00am, Monday, November 12, 1:00 – 2:00pm

6) **NEW! Consumer Health Funding for Public Libraries**

The class will review the existing awards from the NN/LM Middle Atlantic Region, review how awards are created and eligibility in applying for the awards. The class will also discuss options for public libraries to supplement awards with training, promotional items and other assistance from NN/LM MAR staff.

Thursday, October 4, 2:00 – 3:00pm, Tuesday, November 6, 10:00 – 11:00am

State Library Offers Free College of DuPage Teleconferences for 2007-08

From Nylne

State Librarian Janet M. Welch announced October 1, 2007 that the New York State Library's Division of Library Development has, for the third year, arranged a statewide license with the College of DuPage to provide five new professional development teleconferences for library staff and trustees. The New York State Library has arranged this license on behalf of New York's 7,000 libraries and library systems. The DuPage teleconferences bring discussions of vital topics in librarianship, led by leaders in the field, to library facilities across the state.

There is no cost to local libraries and systems. Viewers can see these live teleconferences on desktop computers via video streaming or via satellite downlink.

The first broadcast this year, titled “Finding the Trends That Matter: Get Your Environmental Scan On” is scheduled for October 26, 2007.

For further information about the content of each teleconference and information on how to register, visit the State Library's web site at:

<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/dupage.htm>

Research Tip for Libraries Seeking Public Health and Health Policy Materials

Looking for hard-to-find materials in health and science policy, public health, health of minorities and special populations (i.e. children, women, uninsured, elderly) and related research materials?

Through its Grey Literature Collection, The New York Academic of Medicine collects and makes available in PDF format, materials published by government agencies, non-profit non-governmental organizations, universities, independent research centers, and international organizations. In 1999, The New York Academy of Medicine began collecting grey literature in an effort to better meet the needs of internal research staff. This project developed into the *Grey Literature Report*, http://www.nyam.org/library/pages/grey_literature_report, an online report published bi-monthly by the Academy Library, which now serves a community of over 800 subscribers.

Health Policy Picks:

http://www.kaiseredu.org/picks/health_policy_picks.aspx is a monthly selection of recent publications, such as technical reports, conference proceedings, and other material produced by organizations and government agencies that conduct health care policy analysis and research. Health Policy Picks is a partnership between KaiserEDU.org and the New York Academy of Medicine Library's Grey Literature Collection.

Fall Conferences in New York State

- Upstate NY/Ontario Chapter of the Medical Library Association's (UNYOC) Annual Meeting will be held October 10 – 12, 2007 in Alexandria Bay, NY. www.unyoc.mlanet.org/index.shtml
- New York Library Association (NYLA) 2007 Conference will be held in Buffalo, October 17 – 20. www.nyla.org
- Association of Mental Health Librarians (AMHL) 2007 Conference will be held October 26 – 28, based at the Nathan Kline Institute in Orangeburg, NY. <http://mhlib.org/annualmeeting.htm>

- Academic Libraries 2007 will take place November 1 – 2 in Saratoga Springs. <http://ny3rs.org/AL2007/>

MEMORIAM

Leon Karpel passed away on August 11, 2007. He was the Director of the Mid-Hudson Library System and retired in 1976. During his time as Director of MHLS, Leon was instrumental in the establishment and chartering of the Southeastern New York Library Resources Council. He assisted with the creation of the founding By-Laws and was on the first Southeastern Board of Trustees which was formed as part of the requirement to apply to the Regents of The University of the State of New York for a provisional charter that was approved April 1965. Over the years he served additional terms including President of the Board. Until his retirement from MHLS, Leon continued to be supportive, involved and a great partner in Southeastern's mission. His expertise and helpful manner will always be remembered.

People and Libraries in the News

Adriance Memorial Library is now closed for renovation until 2009. Renovations will include adding handicapped access, an elevator and an extension that will more than double the space for patrons and collections. The collection is being moved to the former YWCA building off Bancroft Road in Poughkeepsie. That site will open October 29.

2007 County Executive's Arts Awards in Dutchess County on October 18 will honor **Joanne Rein** and her husband Sam Rein. The Individual Patron Award which they share, recognizes their many contributions both artistic and as supporters of The Barrett House, Hudson Valley Philharmonic and many other arts and music organizations. Joanne spent many years in the library at SUNY New Paltz, served several terms as a SENYLRC Board Member and a term as President of the Board of Trustees.

Stay Tuned ...

Southeastern will be holding a series of various level training workshops in the use of Microsoft Office software.

