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Executive Committee Biographies

Chris Childs



Chair for the Iowa Health Sciences Library Association for 2011

Hello Everyone,

I've been an Education and Outreach Librarian for the University of Iowa's Hardin Library for the Health Sciences for the past three years. My liaison responsibilities include the College of Public Health and the Department of Health and Human Physiology. I am also the Community Outreach Librarian, which means that I'm responsible for all state-wide outreach projects that the library is involved with.

Jen does a wonderful job summarizing our liaison duties in her biography, so I thought that I would talk about my role as Hardin's Community Outreach Librarian. A lot of the time, I'm traveling to hospitals, rural clinics, and public libraries to give training sessions on free clinical, evidence based medicine, and patient education resources that can be

accessed either through the Internet, or by signing up for a library card through the State Library of Iowa. In addition to providing training sessions, I also exhibit at various venues throughout the year, (including ILA). I've also worked on specific outreach projects. When I first started working at Hardin, I became the project coordinator for Iowa Go Local and was responsible for all training and promotion, and I recently completed a two year project with our CTSA community engagement program, which involved installing information kiosks in four clinics across the state. A LibGuide (website) was created for each information kiosk that patients could use to find information on specific health topics and/or prescription medication.

I've really enjoyed my role as the Community Outreach Librarian for Hardin. I get to travel the state and introduce people to free resources that they'll use to look up information for the patients, patrons, or themselves. This is definitely the most meaningful and enjoyable part of my job at the library and one that I feel extremely fortunate to have.

Jen DeBerg



Vice Chair for the Iowa Health Sciences Library Association for 2011

I am a clinical education librarian at the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences. I have been at Hardin for about three years now and has been acting as liaison librarian to a number of academic and clinical departments. At present, subjects include Family Medicine, Nursing, Physical Therapy, Pediatrics, and Orthopedics.

As a liaison librarian, I strive to connect with faculty, clinicians and students for my assigned subjects, in order to learn more about their information needs and develop valuable instruction sessions and services. I regularly teach individual and group sessions on access and use of all of Hardin Library resources to students, residents, and faculty. Teaching clinicians and students about ways to use resources to support evidence-based practice is one of my favorite aspects of the position. Another favorite role is conducting literature searches in collaboration with clinicians and faculty. Other responsibilities include maintaining and improving subject guides for all of my assigned departments, serving on University Library task forces and committees, participating in academic and clinical committees, staffing our reference desk as needed, and contributing to Hardin Library developed services, programs, and projects.

Prior to my career as a health sciences librarian, I worked as an occupational therapist for 15 years in Utah, Colorado, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. I graduated from Emporia State University in 2008 with an MLS degree. I completed library school while living in Salt Lake City, and had the tremendous opportunity to do an internship at the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, University of Utah.

I have 2 young boys, aged 3 and 5, who occupy most of my "spare" time. For fun, our family enjoys doing just about anything outdoors,

except during oppressive Iowa summers (I miss the mountains of CO and UT just a bit!)

Eileen Hansen



Secretary/ Treasurer for the Iowa Health Sciences Library Association for 2011

Hello,

I'm Eileen Hansen, Director of Library and Media Services at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines. I oversee collection development, reference services, information literacy instruction and audiovisual services for our faculty and more than 800 students. Working with students and helping them find the information they need is the part of my job that I like the most, whether it's in person or online for our distance education students.

When I started my position at Mercy College, I had no medical background and was grateful for the collaboration, advice and assistance of other medical librarians. Ten years later, I'm still learning new things from them! That is the great thing about our health science library group.

In the News

ILA

The 121st Iowa Library Association Conference is being held in Council Bluffs this year. The conference begins on Wednesday, October 12th and ends on Friday, October 14th. You can find information on registering, programming, lodging and more at <http://iowalibraryassociation.org/displayconvention.cfm>

The Iowa Health Sciences Library Association is sponsoring the following concurrent sessions:

Session Title: Adult Health Literacy: Focus on Seniors

Presented by: Ruth Holst and Chris Childs.

Day/Time: Thursday, 13 October, from 11:05-11:55AM

One sentence description:

Learn about health literacy, related issues/principles and how it affects your library's patrons, and about some resources that you can use to find consumer health information for seniors.

Session Title: Books Build Better Brains

Presented by: Dr. Navsaria

Day/Time: Friday, 14 October, from 11:20AM-12:10PM

One sentence description:

Learn how libraries can play a meaningful role in helping to build children's brains. Dr. Navsaria will cover broad principles of early brain development, policy implications of new findings in this area, and how to apply these

ideas in successful reading programs, such as Reach Out and Read

The Iowa Health Sciences Library Association is presenting the following awards:

Iowa Health Sciences Library Association Citation of Merit Award

Presented to: Lenetta Atkins for completing her 50th year as Librarian at the Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines

Presented by: Chris Childs

When: During the ILA Luncheon

Iowa Health Sciences Library Association Conference Scholarship Award

Presented to: Pam Rees, Medical Librarian at the State Library of Iowa

Presented by: Chris Childs

When: During our Business Meeting

Iowa Health Sciences Library Association Subdivision Business Meeting

Our Business Meeting is from 4:30pm – 5:15pm on Thursday, Oct. 13. The exact location of our meeting can be found in the final conference program.

ILA Fall Retreat

The ILA Fall Retreat is in Urbandale on Friday, Nov. 4th. This is an all-day event, where all session planning for the following year takes place. So, if you have any ideas for future concurrent, or keynote session for ILA 2012, or have some ideas for our next subdivision

meeting, please let us know during our business meeting.

Member News

Governor Branstad has appointed Larry Marquardt to a four year term on the Iowa Commission on Libraries.

Congratulations!!!

We Want to Hear From You

We plan on sending out this newsletter on a quarterly basis, but this will not be possible without some information from all of you.

This is what we are looking for:

Member Biographies

Updates/News on you and/or your Libraries

Information on upcoming events in your area

Anything else that you would like to share

Thank you,

Jen DeBerg