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Iowa Library Association October Conference News

IHLSA is sponsoring four speakers at the October 16-18 ILA Conference at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, Coralville:

Mindy Egeland: "Health Literacy for Librarians" - breakout session - Thursday at 11:05am-11:55am

Ruth Holst: "Prescription for Success: Drug Information on the Web" - breakout session - Thursday at 3:30pm-4:20pm

Marianette Miller-Meeks:

"Healthiest State Initiative Update" -Keynote speech - Friday at 8:30am -10:00am

"Blue Zone Communities Panel Discussion" (Dr. Miller-Meeks Moderator) - Friday at 10:05am-10:55am

Ann Mansfield: "Food, Fitness, and Libraries" / Blue Zone Panel - breakout session - Friday at 11:20am -12:10pm

See page 4 for an announcement on our Subdivision Meeting!



Library Exchange

- ◇ **Larry Marquardt** retired as Library Director and Assistant Professor at Des Moines University on June 30, compiling 37 years of service to DMU: 26-plus of those as director of the medical library. He has been an IHLSA officer many times over. Larry is currently serving on the Iowa Commission of Libraries.
- ◇ **Joyce Lindstrom**, Des Moines University Library Educational and Electronic Resources Librarian retired this year. Joyce most recently served as the IHLSA representative to the GMR Regional Advisory Council from 2010 through 2012.
- ◇ **Elaine Hughes**, Library Director, Broadlawn Medical Center Health Sciences Library retired in May 2013. Elaine is a longtime IHLSA member, leader, and a conference regular, as have been all of this year's retirees.

Did You Know?

The libraries on the three campuses of Palmer College of Chiropractic (Davenport, IA, San Jose, CA and Port Orange, FL) comprise the largest collection of chiropractic material in the world. **Chabha Hocine Tepe** has been appointed Senior Director of Library Services at the David H. Palmer Health Sciences Library, Davenport Campus. Chabha comes to the library from Logan College of Chiropractic Library in St. Louis.

Member Profile: Priya Shenoy, Drake University Cowles Library**Q. You have dual degrees. Tell us a bit about your educational background.**

I received my BSN (Bachelor's of Science in Nursing) from the University of Pennsylvania in 2007. I then worked for a hospital and an outpatient clinic in Washington DC. During my time as a nurse, I realized that I wanted to do something more with my degree, and so I decided to look for different options that were available to me. In the Spring of 2009, I happened to stumble upon the US New and World Report Best Jobs of 2009. In this 2009 edition, the job description of a librarian was listed. After reading this piece I did some further research into the profession. I shadowed at my local public library, at the George Washington Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library, and was also lucky to shadow at National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland. Additionally, I completed an internship at Georgetown's Dahlgren Memorial Library, which was a health science library that primarily served Georgetown's Medical School. This was a great experience that really taught me about the role of an academic health science librarian. After the internship and the aforementioned shadowing experiences, as well as after some further research, I applied to different library schools. I decided to accept The University of Pittsburgh for my MLIS, because they gave me an internship position at HSLs, the Health Science Library System at the University of Pittsburgh. So I started my part time internship and took full time classes towards my masters in the Fall of 2010.

Q. What was your first professional position?

My first professional position (even though it was a part time internship) was at HSLs the Health Science Library System at the University of Pittsburgh. HSLs is currently the Mid Atlantic Chapters NNLM resource Library. It has some wonderful librarians who are still great resources for me when I have questions.

Q. When did you assume your current job at Drake University? What is the position title?

I started at Drake University in June of 2012 with the position title of Pharmacy and Science Librarian. I primarily serve the Pharm D program, the undergraduate Health Sciences program, and the hard sciences.

Q. How does your nursing background contribute to your expertise in Pharmacy and to medical librarianship in general?

I think my nursing background has helped me to comprehend the medical lingo and jargon as well as to help me understand the questions my patrons ask me. I also know a lot about the culture of medicine and how it plays out in the real world, which can be beneficial when teaching Pharm D students about the reality and application of their drug information searching skills.

Q. You are currently Chair of IHSLA. What was it like to host the Spring Conference at Drake Cowles Library this year?

I found it to be very rewarding. We had a great speaker, Samanthi Hewakapuge, and because of her I think many people were able to get a lot out of the program. It was also nice to meet so many other health science librarians and public librarians from throughout the state.



Q. The ILA Annual Conference is coming up in October. As your last public event as Chair, what are your thoughts on the lineup? I'm pretty excited about it actually. I think we have some fantastic speakers who are very knowledgeable and have much to offer our ILA librarians. Our line-up includes Dr Miller-Meeks, who is the keynote speaker for our ILA "Healthy Libraries build Healthy Communities" theme for this year.

Statewide Outreach: the Affordable Care Act and Public Libraries

submitted by Chris Childs

The open enrollment period for health care insurance under the Affordable Care Act began on October 1, 2013. Many libraries will receive requests from their customers for information about the Affordable Care Act and their options as health care consumers. While librarians are not being asked to promote the Affordable Care Act nor to make decisions on behalf of customers – they are likely to receive requests from customers for information to aid them in their personal decision-making.

Chris Childs, Education & Outreach Librarian, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences has partnered with the State Library of Iowa on webinars to give public librarians statewide an overview of the information that they need to know on how best to assist patrons on accessing the Health Insurance Marketplace website to sign up for open enrollment, as well find additional resources to answer any questions that consumers might have. A second focal point of the webinars was establishing partnerships with local and regional agencies and organizations to assist public libraries in providing community outreach to their patrons. These webinars went live during August, and again on October 1-2.

Face-to-face sessions were offered in September featuring Chris and Angel Robinson, the Consumer Advocate for the Iowa Insurance Division. There were morning and afternoon sessions at each location: the Johnston Public Library and the Coralville Public Library. Mary Wegner, Pam Rees and Jay Peterson from the State Library all participated in this timely and successful project.

- ◆ The [Library Guide](#) for this project is entitled **Public Libraries, Affordable Care Act & Health Insurance Marketplace**. Bookmark the site at: <http://guides.lib.uiowa.edu/aca>
- ◆ The ACA website is: <https://www.healthcare.gov/>

News in Brief



- ◆ University of Iowa Hardin Health Sciences Library Director, **Linda Walton**, is Chair Elect of the Medical Library Association.
- ◆ **MLA Scholarship for Minority Students:** A scholarship of up to \$5,000 will be granted to a minority student entering an American Library Association-accredited library school or to a student with at least one-half of the requirements of the program remaining to complete in the year following the granting of the scholarship. African American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, and Pacific Islander individuals who wish to study medical librarianship are eligible. Jury chair: Lisa Huang (lisa.huang1@gmail.com) Application Deadline: December 1, 2013. Visit www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/ for more information on MLA grants and scholarships and for downloadable application forms, or email grants@mlahq.org.
- ◆ Due to the changes in technology and how people research and access information, St. Luke's, Cedar Rapids, made the decision to close its Health Science Library on Monday, May 6, 2013.

Iowa Health Science Library Association Subdivision Business Meeting Set for Coralville

At the conclusion of Thursday session programming for the Iowa Library Association 2013 Conference, the Health Sciences group will meet in the Marriott Hotel's Oakdale Room IV for our Fall Business Meeting. The October 17 gathering will convene at 4:30 p.m. All members, potential new members and interested guests are urged to attend.

If you cannot attend the business meeting, please join the IHSLA officers for an informal meeting, 2:00–2:50, at the Edgewater Grille in the Marriott.

The Visioning Season is Upon Us

Submitted by Mary Hubbard

ILA urges its subdivisions to start discussions now about activities that we envision for 2014, as well as conference strands that we would like to present at the 2014 ILA Fall Conference in Cedar Rapids, which will take place at the brand new U.S. Cellular Center! At our ILA subdivision meeting at the Coralville Marriott – 4:30 on October 17 – we can make some inroads on these goals. For those who are not attending the ILA conference, please feel free to share your thoughts with any of your IHSLA officers regarding:

- What would make IHSLA a stronger organization?
- How can we recruit new members from outside the I-80 East/Central, I-380, I-35 North corridors?
- Who would be an ideal IHSLA Spring Conference presenter?
- ILA 2014: What can we offer the state at next year's ILA?

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IHSLA Spring Conference

The April 19 Spring Meeting of IHSLA at Cowles Library, Drake University in Des Moines, was a great experience. Priya Shenoy hosted the event, presenting Samanthi Hewakapuge, Consumer Health Coordinator for the NN/LM Greater Midwest Region, for our main program entitled “From Beyond our Borders: Providing Health Information to Refugee Populations.”

Members and guest librarians attending the meeting were from Drake, UnityPoint Health Iowa Methodist, Palmer College of Chiropractic, Mercy Iowa City, Iowa Library Services/State Library of Iowa, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, UIHC Patient's Library, the Disability Resource Library, and West Des Moines Public Library. Pam Rees, Iowa Heritage Digital Collections Coordinator, wrote an excellent summary of the meeting for the May/June 2013 *ILA Catalyst*: http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/images/catalyst/2013/ILA_Newsletter_May_2013_ILA.pdf.