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### Name our IHSLA Newsletter!

At our Iowa Health Sciences Libraries Association spring meeting, there was some discussion about coming up with a new name for our newsletter, previously titled *The Beep*. We put out a call for title suggestions, and have collected a list of potential titles.

Take our 2-minute online survey and place your vote for your favorite title. It's fast and fun! Find the survey here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/B5763KQ>.

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### Sponsored Sessions at ILA 2012

The Iowa Library Association's annual conference will be held October 10-12th in beautiful Dubuque, Iowa. The IHSLA will be sponsoring two sessions at the conference this year:

**From A(norexia) to Z(its): Providing Health Information to Teens**—Samanthi Hewakapuge, consumer health coordinator at the NN/LM GMR, will be presenting this session at 10:20 a.m. on Friday, October 12th.

**The Healthiest State Initiative**—Dr. Miller-Meeks from the Iowa Dept of Health will be presenting this session at 11:20 a.m. on Friday, October 12th.

**The IHSLA subdivision meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11th from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.**

Get more details about the conference on the ILA website: <http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/>

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### Deadlines Approaching for IHSLA Awards!

**Midwest Chapter Conference Award** - This award is given to a member to promote attendance at the Midwest Chapter Annual meeting and encourage membership in ILA for health science librarians. The award will be used toward the conference registration fee and travel, hotel, and meal expenses, or any combination of these. Scholarship winners will be reimbursed up to \$1200 for scholarship expenses after the conference. Applicants must be members of ILA/Health Science Library Association, working in an Iowa health science library or in an Iowa academic library in a college or university with at least one health science program. To apply, please complete an essay of 500 words or fewer about your interest and how it will benefit your development. Please submit your application to Jennifer DeBerg at [jennifer-deberg@uiowa.edu](mailto:jennifer-deberg@uiowa.edu) by August.

**Iowa Library Association (ILA) Award** - This award is given to anyone currently working in an Iowa health sciences library to promote attendance at the ILA annual conference. This award of \$500 will be used toward conference registration fee and travel, hotel, and meal expenses. Nominate a health sciences librarian or yourself! Please submit your nomination to Jennifer DeBerg at [jennifer-deberg@uiowa.edu](mailto:jennifer-deberg@uiowa.edu) by August 1st for consideration. Our executive committee will draw a name from among applicants, the winner will be notified after August 15th.



### Important Dates 2012

*Midwest MLA Annual Meeting: Rochester, MN - October 6-9*

*ILA 2012 Annual Conference: Dubuque - October 10-12*

### IHSLA Officers 2012

*Jennifer DeBerg, Chair, Librarian at Hardin Library, Iowa City*

*Sarah Andrews, Secretary/  
Treasurer, Access Services Supervisor at Hardin Library, Iowa City*

*Megan Conley, Vice Chair, Scientific Literacy Librarian at Wartburg College, Waverly*



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## Other Awards Available

**Susan Lerdal Grant** - The Iowa Library Association Foundation will be awarding two \$250 grants to attend the Iowa Library Association's conference this fall. Applicants must meet one of the following criteria: attending their first ILA conference, have worked at an Iowa library fewer than three years, and/or be a library or library science student. The deadline for application is September 1st and more information can be found [online here](#).

**Jean Williams Sayre Innovation Award** - The Midwest Chapter/MLA Jean Williams Sayre Innovation Award recognizes individuals, groups, libraries, or organizations for their creative approaches to the delivery and management of health information. The winner receives a certificate of recognition and \$500. The deadline for application is September 9th and more information can be found [online here](#).

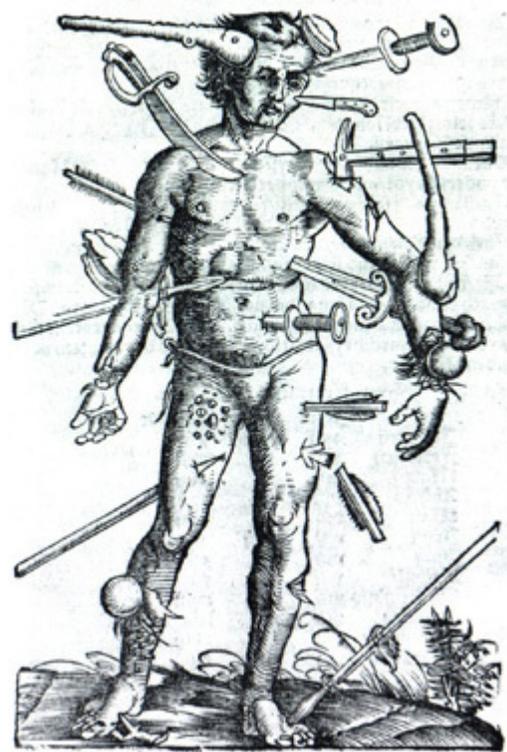
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## IHSLA Spring Meeting

The IHSLA spring meeting was held on Friday, April 27th at the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences in Iowa City. In case you missed it, we're providing a brief summary here in our newsletter.

- A task force was developed to investigate options for educational programming during the year. This group will be sending out a survey to IHSLA members to determine interests and needs, as well as where and when to hold programming.
- The citation of merit award was presented to Ellen Bergeron, who has provided over 16 years of service to the Des Moines University.
- Max Anderson, the Technology Coordinator for the NN/LM GMR presented a continuing education session titled, "Information Anywhere: Mobile Technologies, Libraries and Health." This was a fantastic session on mobile technology!
- Tours were given of the John Martin Rare Book Room.

This was a successful meeting, with about 25 of our members in attendance. Our board aims to increase participation of new and long-time members, in order to develop programs, awards, and education that meets the ever-changing needs of our members.



*This image comes from Hans von Gersdorff's, [Feldtbuch der Wunderartzney](#), which is part of the collection of the John Martin Rare Book Room.*

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### **Certificate of Merit: Meet Ellen Bergerson**

Ellen Bergerson began her employment with Des Moines University as the Assistant Librarian, Interlibrary Loan and Reference in 1995.

She had many years of library experience prior to joining DMU. Shortly after she started, we met with the Chair of the Department of Surgery who is now the Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine in order to plan for more training in Medline and other database searching for the Osteopathic Medical Students.

Ellen maintained the lead role in library instruction until we were able to hire an Education Librarian in 2007.

Faculty, students, and other Librarians have always told us that they appreciated Ellen's persistence in finding articles and her prompt turnaround time for Interlibrary Loan.

In recent years, Ellen was able to complete her education by earning her MLIS from the University of Iowa through their online program.



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