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## From the Editors

Being our inaugural issue as co-editors, we weren't quite sure what to expect from the experience. What we've discovered is that working collaboratively—with each other and with members of the Board, as well as with other chapter members—has been an interesting, fulfilling and fun experience. We appreciate everyone's input and cooperation in putting this issue together.

This edition includes a recap of meetings past and future, the latest trends in technology and reference, as well as news and updates on national and local happenings. Two new columns make their debut as well. Chair-Elect Elaine Wells wrote "At Your Service," describing a personalized approach to reference service implemented at her library, and "From the Board," prepared by Nighat Ispahany, summarizes important developments from the Chapter's most recent Executive Board meeting on April 18, 2006.

We extend our congratulations to Elaine Wells on her recent appointment as Chair-Elect of the New York – New Jersey Chapter of MLA.

Chapter members are busy preparing for the national MLA meeting in Phoenix this month, as well as the local meeting in Hartford, CT, in October. The Chapter's annual spring dinner is fast approaching as well, in June.

Your colleagues are a wealth of information, as evidenced by the info in this issue—from podcasting basics to advocacy updates. Exciting things are happening in the world of medical librarianship—and each member of the NY-NJ Medical Library Association plays a part!

We encourage you to peruse this issue and take advantage of the opportunities available for continued professional development.

## *From the Chair*

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If any of us can think back as far as September 2005, it was a pleasure to see so many of you brave the vagaries of Amtrak, Jet Blue and automobiles to wend your way to beautiful Lake Placid. I think it is safe to say that was an experience none of us will ever forget. We have a tape of everyone with the Olympic Torch in hand, or up on skates, or curling, or playing hockey; probably good for a bit of blackmail (certainly so in my case!). We do hope that in the near future that tape will be available for the entire Chapter to see. As you all know, those meetings don't just fall into place. It takes a lot of work to look that effortless, and I want to take this opportunity to send my sincere appreciation to all the committee members who worked so hard to bring the meeting together: Andrea Markinson, Diana Cunningham, Elizabeth Taylor, Marie Ascher, Micki McIntyre, Barbara Reich, Tania Bardyn, Robb Mackes, Susan Jacobs, and Pat Stachiw.

I'm sitting in my office, staring at my copy of the 2006 Preliminary Program for MLA's Phoenix meeting. It is rather hard to get it into my head that we are already getting ready for a MAY meeting, but the time is going by rapidly, and before you know it, it will be October! It is not too early to pull out your calendars and "Save the Date" for our joint meeting in Hartford, Connecticut with the North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries (NAHSL): 15 to 17 October! Please visit <http://www.nahsl.org/2006/index.htm> to find out more about this meeting. My thanks to Patti May and Kerry O'Rourke for all the hard work they've already poured into this meeting.

We have not forgotten that many of our members prefer a local meeting; our 2007 meeting will be held "in Chapter." We're working on that now, and will have information for you by the date of our Annual Meeting. Thanks go to Elizabeth Taylor for taking on this responsibility.

I think the year is already promising to be an exciting one for the Chapter. Our many Chapter Chairs are hard at work preparing various activities for you throughout the year. CE is planning a series of programs; a Spring Dinner is in the offing, and the Web Team is planning a major overhaul of the website. There are many other people working to make this year one that will enhance, amuse and educate, but, as always, more hands make less work. If you are interested in joining this happy band, please do let me know via phone, mail, e-mail or carrier pigeon. Even if you are not able to leave your office, there is work to be done. And, I'm not above cajoling or even begging, so please, consider becoming an ACTIVE Chapter member.

## *Technology Review*

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### ▷ **Podcasting**

One of my favorite TV shows is PBS's *Washington Week*. Unfortunately, it is not aired at a convenient time for me. However, thanks to the free podcast service on PBS's web site <<http://www.pbs.org/podcasts/>>, each week's broadcast is automatically downloaded to my computer. Now I can now listen to Gwen Ifill and Company at my convenience.

Podcasting is a way to distribute audio and video content over the Internet. Played on computers or on portable devices (e.g. MP3 players, PDAs), all you need to listen to a podcast is software that can play MP3 files. Web sites that offer podcasts advertise them with a little orange button **POD**, similar to those which indicate RSS feeds. Listeners can subscribe to podcast feeds using aggregator software that periodically checks for new content and then downloads it automatically.

Two of the many podcast aggregators available are:

#### **Juice (formerly known as iPodder)**

A free podcast aggregator, Juice is available for Windows 2000 and XP, and Mac OS X 10.3 and higher. According to the Juice web site <<http://juicereceiver.sourceforge.net/index.php>>, a version for GNU/Linux is coming soon.

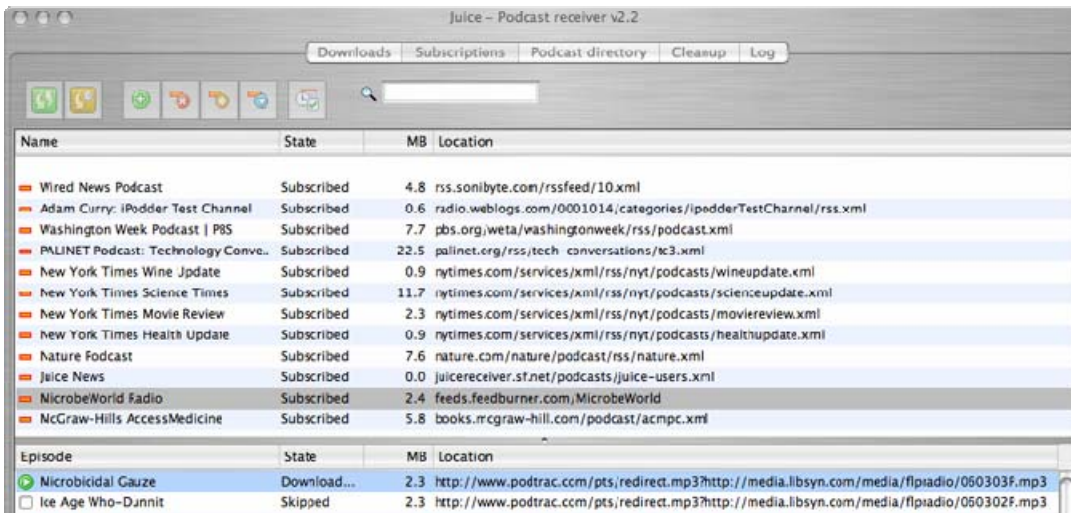
#### **Apple's popular iTunes**

Also functioning as an aggregator, iTunes is available for Windows 2000 and XP, and Mac OS X 10.2.8 and higher for free from <<http://www.apple.com/itunes/download/>>.

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## Juice podcast aggregator



## Podcasts on Apple's iTunes

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For additional information on podcasts, view "Four Minutes about Podcasting," a brief slideshow by Lisa Williams, which nicely sums up the basics of podcasting. It is available at <<http://www.cadence90.com/wp/index.php?p=3548>>, and requires RealPlayer <<http://www.realplayer.com>> to view it.

### Searching for Podcasts

Podcasting is becoming a very useful and versatile technology. Librarians can take advantage of it by subscribing to podcasts of interest and informing users of relevant podcasts. After installing the aggregator software, the next step is to search for podcasts. General interest sites that offer podcasts include:

*New York Times* <<http://www.nytimes.com/services/xml/rss/index.html>>  
*WNYC Radio* <<http://www.npr.org/rss/index.html>>  
*PALINET's Technology Conversations*, a podcast series of interviews with library technology leaders <<http://www.palinet.org/rss/tech-conversations>>  
*PBS* - <<http://www.pbs.org/podcasts/>>

Quite a few medical and scientific publishers and organizations have been bitten by the bug, and are now offering podcasts. Examples include:

### Medical

*AccessMedicine* <<http://books.mcgraw-hill.com/podcast/acm/>>  
*American Society of Microbiology*  
<<http://www.microbeworld.org/MWRpodcast.htm>>  
*JAMA* <<http://jama.ama-assn.org/misc/audiocommentary.dtl>>  
*Nature* <<http://www.nature.com/nature/podcast/index.html>>  
*New England Journal of Medicine*  
<<http://content.nejm.org/misc/podcast.shtml>>  
*New York Academy of Sciences* <<http://www.nyas.org/snc/podcasts.asp>>

Libraries are getting into the act as well, both by guiding their users to podcasts available on the Internet, and creating their own:

### Medical Libraries

*Arizona Health Sciences Library*  
<[http://www.ahsl.arizona.edu/weblinks/Medical\\_podcasts.cfm](http://www.ahsl.arizona.edu/weblinks/Medical_podcasts.cfm)>  
*University of Buffalo Health Sciences Library*  
<<http://ublib.buffalo.edu/hsl/ref/mp3/>>  
*University of Buffalo Law Library* <<http://cto.libsyn.com/>>

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University of Michigan Dental Library

<<http://www.lib.umich.edu/dentlib/resources/guides/podcast.html>>

University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library

<<http://uscm.med.sc.edu/podcasts.htm>>

### Creating Your Own Podcast

Creating a bare-bones podcast can be done on a budget and is fairly easy to do. All you need is a topic, a microphone, recording software, and software to convert your recording into an MP3 file.

An excellent overview of this process, including suggestions for equipment and software purchases, was presented at the METRO (Metropolitan New York Library Council) Virtual Reference and Web Special Interest Groups' meeting on January 13, 2006. An audio file of the session, the accompanying PowerPoint presentation, and two PDF handouts are available on METRO Virtual Reference SIG web page <<http://www.metro.org/SIGs/virtual.html>>.

### Additional Resources:

#### Articles:

Thomson Gale offers podcast feeds. *College & Research Libraries News* 2005; 66 (11):771-.

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Peek R. Web Publishing 2.0. *Information Today* 2005; 22 (10):17-8.

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Walton G, Childs S, Blenkinsopp E. Using mobile technologies to give health students access to learning resources in the UK community setting. *Health Information & Libraries Journal* 2005; 22:51-65.

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### **Web Sites:**

The Handheld Librarian blog has many recent podcasting-related postings.

<<http://handheldlib.blogspot.com>>

Metropolitan Library System, Chicago, IL  
Podcasting 101 Presentation, Oct. 18, 2005

<<http://www.mls.lib.il.us/cats.cfm?catid=200>>

NewsFactor Network - Tech Trends - 'Podcast' Named 2005 Word of the Year  
Dec 8, 2005

<[http://www.newsfactor.com/story.xhtml?story\\_id=39999](http://www.newsfactor.com/story.xhtml?story_id=39999)>

OPAL (Online Programming for All Libraries--and All Library Users)

<<http://opalpodcast.blogspot.com/>>

Podcasts from colleges and universities around the world compiled by Thompson Peterson's Guide.

<<http://directory.edufeds.com>>

<<http://syndicateblog.petersons.com/wordpress/index.php/non-classroom-college-and-university-podcasts/>>

University of Missouri - Columbia, School of Information Science and Learning Technologies  
LiS Webcasts

<<http://www.lisradio.missouri.edu/>>

## RML Update

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For those of you who couldn't make it to Lake Placid last October for the joint New York-New Jersey/Upstate New York and Ontario Chapter MLA meeting, I'm here to report that everyone seemed to have an extraordinarily good time. Even to the point that the RML Town Meeting, held at the unearthly hour of 7:30 a.m., garnered an excellent turnout. Was it the really nice gift basket we were raffling off that brought people out? Whatever it was, the feedback we received was extremely positive. Good questions were asked and we hope we responded in kind. We look forward to doing more of these in the future.

In December the RML held its first ever Resource Sharing meeting at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. This half-day program drew over 50 participants—most from Philadelphia and its surrounding suburbs. We plan to hold at least two more in the coming year in geographic locations that won't entail long-distance travel for too many potential participants.

Remember—the RML staff is eager to work with you to plan programs and training sessions. Our staff directory can be found at <<http://nmlm.gov/mar/marstaff.html>> and our training calendar is at <<http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm?curOrg=NNLMMAR&setRef=new>>. Staffers are always available to answer questions or help with problems.



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## ***At Your Service***

Being a service provider sometimes gets a bad rap...we think of the little "Ask Jeeves" guy on the Internet with his obsequious grin. However, we wouldn't be librarians if we weren't into service provision. And the fact is, we do it well, probably in a million ways we rarely even notice.

So I'm asking everyone to think about some of the ideas you come up with for making your patrons' (and maybe even your) life a little easier. It doesn't have to be anything big; just think about those things that you do that make your patrons say "Wow, that's great...thanks!" or "I don't know what I would do without the librarians, they really helped me with (fill in the blank), or my all-time favorite, "How did you do that?"

Sometimes it's the small touches that make the biggest impact. Here's the latest from my Library:

### ***Bringing the information home***

Recently, the Director of Clinical Sciences asked me to make a presentation about library services, focusing on electronic resources. I've done this dog and pony show before and though the clinicians seemed enthusiastic while I'm in the room, their interest quickly fades amidst thoughts of patients, paperwork, and the seeming impossibility of finding time to adapt all these online resources to their own needs.

This time, I decided to make it personal. Powerpoint presentation at the ready, I delivered a brief overview of electronic resources and services. Before their eyes were able to glaze from information overload, I told them how an individualized RSS feed would help them stay on top of their favorite journals, web sites, news services and PubMed searches. They were interested. Then I told them that this new service would deliver all of this information to their desktops. They were intrigued. Then I closed the deal. I offered to make "house calls," coming to their offices to set it all up for them. They were hooked! I started getting calls and emails. One clinician specifically asked for me to come to his office because he wanted to get "all the cool stuff that was going to make his professional life easier." I couldn't have said it better myself.

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### ***Scheduling the House Call***

I followed up the meeting by sending out a one-page mailer with a return coupon. Interested parties filled it out and sent it back, requesting a phone call from me. They loved the personal attention, and all it cost me was a few phone calls.

The house calls made my life easier too:

- By going to my patrons' offices, I could install just what they needed on their desktops and KNOW it was working before I even left, leading to fewer problem phone calls and less troubleshooting.
- It was easier for them to remember what journals they needed to follow and what services they wanted to get when they were in their own offices surrounded by their own materials.
- It was a level of personalized service not available in the Library, where every encounter is subject to phone calls and interruptions.

Were there risks? Sure. If everyone in the meeting had decided to ask for a "house call," I would have been overwhelmed. But I knew it wasn't likely to happen, at least not all at once.

- Finally, it was time for me to get out of the Library...I realized that when a student saw me on the clinic floor and said "Wow, I've never seen you out of the library before!"

Got an idea you'd like to share? Give me a little email summary ([ewells@sunyopt.edu](mailto:ewells@sunyopt.edu)) and I'll call you for the specifics.



## *Hospital Library Notes*

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### ▷ ***Pulling Teeth at the Checkout Counter!***

Consider the lowly date due slips. They sit in the circulation tray waiting their turn and yelling out "hey, take me," not knowing that they might wind up in the hands of a library fugitive! One day, a lucky date due slip hit the jackpot and landed in a book on implant dentistry. When the book was borrowed, the user was informed that it had to be returned or renewed on the date noted on the date due slip (two weeks), and that the overdue fee was .20 cents per day. When a borrower is registered, they sign their name under this statement on our registration form:

By signing this document, I agree to follow the circulation procedures of the library, including returning materials on the date due, and paying the fee of 20 cents per day for each overdue item.

Well, our little date due slip friend waited and waited and waited. He yearned to breathe free and finally return to his buddies in the circulation tray. Unfortunately the borrower, a dental resident, left the book in his car and when he finally returned it, the overdue fee was \$2.40. The resident refused to pay the library any money, and when I questioned him, he smirked and said "I'm too busy to pay." So, Dr. Tooth E. Grin has now been placed on our delinquent list and when he leaves our dental resident program in June, he will have to pay the library \$2.40 or we will not clear him of his financial obligation. I sometimes joke that not paying will affect your credit rating for the rest of their life.

Now the library does support the dental clinic by providing cavity-causing candy at various holidays, so why can't this dentist support the library by paying \$2.40? Although I do support starving house staff physicians/dentists, medical and nursing students, my philosophy on the science of circulation is: return the book on time, or you will owe the library dimes. Just call me the Dime Reaper.

My goal is not to create unhappy library campers and the funds collected are not enough to buy printer toner, but I hope to instill in users the importance of their financial obligation to our library, the support of libraries in general, and their obligation to others wishing to borrow the same book. Financial planning guru Suze Orman <<http://www.suzeorman.com>> would be proud of me for making them young, fabulous and broke!

## *Advocacy Update*

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This update highlights issues and activities MLA has addressed since December 2005.

### ▷ ***FY06 Labor, HHS Appropriations***

On December 30, 2005, President Bush signed [H.R. 3010](#), the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006. This act appropriates funds for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), including the National Library of Medicine (NLM). The measure provides:

- ▷ \$28.5 billion for the NIH, an increase of \$252 million (.8%) over FY05
- ▷ \$326.3 million for NLM, which is \$3 million (.9%) above FY05. Of the \$326.3 million, \$8.2 million is to be used for health care information technology research and related services
- ▷ \$142.5 billion in overall discretionary spending, a decrease of \$164 million from FY05
- ▷ \$474.1 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services, an increase of \$94.9 billion over FY05
- ▷ \$6.8 billion for the Health Resources and Services Administration, a decrease of \$78 million from FY05
- ▷ \$6.15 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an increase of \$1.37 million over FY05
- ▷ \$318.7 million for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the same as FY05
- ▷ \$249.6 million for the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which is \$31 million below FY05, and \$12.6 million below the FY06 president's budget request

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- ▷ \$993,000 for the National Commission on Libraries and Information Services, the same as FY05

These figures do not include the 1% across-the-board reduction imposed on all discretionary programs.

### **▷ *Patriot Act Section 215***

On March 7, 2006, the House of Representatives voted (280-138) to pass legislation reauthorizing the USA PATRIOT Act. It does, however, contain some reforms, including an explicit right to challenge a section 215 and 505 order and a requirement that the FBI Director (or Deputy Director) must personally approve any request for records from a library or bookstore. We are encouraged by the pledges of several Members of Congress to continue working on reforms to Section 215.

Following is a link to the list of House members who voted against the PATRIOT Act. If your representative is on this list, please call him or her and extend your thanks for their support of moderate reforms to sections of the PATRIOT Act:

[http://www.lifeandliberty.gov/subs/p\\_congress.htm](http://www.lifeandliberty.gov/subs/p_congress.htm)

### **▷ *President Bush's proposed budget, the U.S. EPA is slating to shut down its library network***

#### **Oppose Proposed Cuts to EPA Libraries**

The proposed budget for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) includes a \$2 million cut that will likely result in the closure of the EPA Headquarters Library as well as many of its 27 regional and laboratory libraries. This change will make it more difficult for the agency's policymakers and the public to leverage the extensive, accurate knowledge found in these libraries, and to make important decisions that affect the environment, thereby potentially compromising the public's health. Additionally, half of the FY 2006 serials budget, \$500,000 out of \$1 million, has been cut from the serials budget of the Office of Administration and Resources Management research libraries in Cincinnati, OH, and Research Triangle Park, NC. The total budget cut to the EPA libraries is \$2.5 million.

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If the budget cuts are implemented, they will severely weaken or eliminate public access to the EPA's scientific and technical information resources as well as the expertise of the information professionals who know how to identify and analyze them.

On February 28, 2006, MLA President M. J. Tooley, AHIP, and Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL) President Logan Ludwig jointly wrote to the chairs and ranking members of the House and Senate Subcommittees on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies stating their concern about the proposed budget cut and its effect on EPA's libraries. Tooley and Ludwig pointed out that "because librarians are central to the intellectual capital of the EPA, it is important that these key personnel not be lost through the closing of libraries."

The issue of library funding was not addressed in a March 2 hearing about the EPA. MLA will continue to monitor and address this issue. [Access MLA's letter on MLANET.](#)

### Action Needed:

Urge your member of Congress to restore the \$2.5 million needed for the EPA libraries to continue to operate at the same level in FY 2007 and to ensure continued public access to the collections and services of EPA Libraries.

For background information, visit the ALA website located at:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/WOissues/governmentinfo/laadmin.htm#epa>

For other things you can do, go to: \_

<http://vocusgr.vocus.com/grspace2/dotnet/WebPublish/Controller.aspx?SiteName=ALA&Definition=ViewIssue&IssueID=2250> (scroll down to the budget update)

## ▷ *Copyright Exceptions Hearing*

Former MLA Governmental Relations Committee Chair Logan Ludwig, AHIP, participated in the March 16 Public Roundtable on Copyright Exceptions for Libraries and Archives. In 2005, the Library of Congress convened a "[Section 108 Study Group](#)" to prepare findings and make recommendations to the Congressional librarian for new exemptions for libraries and archives in the digital environment. Ludwig addressed issues of access to digital copies made under subsections 108(b) and (c) of the copyright law, particularly as they relate to electronic access to digital preservation or replacement copies outside the premises of libraries and archives, and implications for distance education.

Worthy of note is that this study is creating definitions of 'library' and 'archive' for the Copyright Act and such definitions are not part of the current statute. For more information, see: Section 108 Study Group <http://www.loc.gov/section108/>. A final report will be issued by the Library of Congress at the end of the year.



## *The Future is Us: Highlights from the Coaching Information Champions Panel*

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Coaching is defined as “unblocking people’s potential and maximizing their own performance.” At the New York-New Jersey/UNYOC (Upstate New York and Ontario Chapter)’s joint chapter conference in Lake Placid in September 2005, “The Future is Us: Coaching Information Champions” panel addressed the issues of coaching and mentoring in medical librarianship and the medical information professions. Tania Bardyn of NYU Health Sciences Libraries facilitated the discussion with the three panelists, Karen Brewer of New York University Health Sciences Libraries, Amy Gische Lyons of the University of Buffalo Health Sciences Library, and Abigail Leah Plumb of Ovid Technologies.

Karen Brewer, Director of NYU Health Sciences Libraries, discussed how coaching plays into her experience as an administrator, her own personal coach, and the particular coaching needs of teams. Brewer urged medical librarians to use the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries’ *Building on Success: Charting the Future of Knowledge Management within the Academic Health Center* as a framework at their institutions. This document is relevant to academic medical center libraries to work with administrators and flexible to be adapted to work in hospital and research libraries in order to begin a discussion of the library as “institutional knowledge coach.”



Amy Lyons, panelist and Associate Director of the Health Sciences Library (HSL) at the University of Buffalo is pictured here, on far right, coaching librarians, from left to right: Shannon Kealey and Linda Lohr.

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Amy Lyons, an administrator at a large academic health sciences center in Upstate New York, described a successful coaching relationship and coaching librarians, administrators, and library school students from the University of Buffalo. Lyons observed that the initial process of coaching is like building any important relationship in that trust is the foundation of successful coaching experiences. At her organization, Amy spends time getting to know the librarians and library school students, showing them what she knows and how to do whatever it is they are trying to do, and building a sense of trust that allows clients to learn and grow.

Abigail Plumb discussed her experiences as a new member of the profession (she graduated from the University of Michigan School of Information in 2002) and the roles that different coaches have played in her professional development. She also discussed her participation in the AHIP (Academy of Health Information Professionals) mentoring program, and discussed the ways in which her relationship with her mentor, Diana Cunningham of New York Medical College, has been valuable to her career development.



from left to right: Stewart Brower & Amy Lyons in a coaching moment at the University of Buffalo Health Sciences Library

Other topics the panel addressed—and occasionally debated—include the usefulness of a coaching metaphor to describe or improve the librarian/library user relationship, and accepting coaching from someone younger or newer to the profession. In addition, the panel gave out a handout and the *Building on Success: Charting the Future of Knowledge Management within the Academic Health Center* brochure. These handouts listed the core values informed by the Medical Library Association “Code of Ethics” and adapted and augmented from “Our Enduring Values: Librarianship in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” (Gorman, American Library Association, 2000), and contained individual cards from a deck containing ideas relevant to a holistic approach to life coaching. While sports coaches have led the way to developing coaching techniques and strategies, others, including medical librarians, seem likely to follow as our institutional knowledge roles grow in academic health sciences, hospital, and research libraries.

## *From the Board*

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A summary of notable topics discussed at the Chapter's latest Board meeting, held in April:

- Barbara Reich, Immediate Past Chair, proposed editing a video tape (VHS) from the Chapter's Lake Placid meeting last September, converting it to a DVD/CD and selling it as a fund raiser for a Hurricane Katrina library
- Benchmarking: Report: Michelle Volesko-Brewer, Co-Chair, Governmental Relations Committee Liason, submitted the latest report. To view the report, login at: <http://www.mlanet.org/resources/bench05/>
- Archives: Patricia Gallagher, Chair, reported that the Chapter has started adding pictures to its archives database. Erich Meyerhoff of New York University's Ehrman Medical Library is overseeing this project.
- Credentialing Liason- Ross Ljungquist of SUNY Downstate Medical Center's Medical Research Library of Brooklyn, credentialing liason, will attend the Credentialing Committee Meeting in Phoenix, AZ on May 19. They will discuss awarding AHIP "points for blogging." Currently, there are no standards for blogging, since blogs have no peer review and vary in quality and usefulness.
- The next board meeting will take place from 3 to 5pm on Tuesday, June 6, prior to the chapter's Spring dinner. The dinner is being organized by Roberta Bronson-Fitzpatrick, Chapter Council Representative, and it is being held at Don Pepe Restaurant in Newark, NJ, from 6:30-9:30pm. E-mail Roberta at [fitzparb@umdnj.edu](mailto:fitzparb@umdnj.edu) for more information.

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## ***Kudos For Chapter Members***

### ***Congratulations to fellow Chapter members:***

The following members won Outstanding Achievement Awards at the Chapter Annual Meeting, Lake Placid, NY, September 28-30, 2005:

- **Lifetime Achievement:** Kathy Moeller, AHIP, FMLA, Health Sciences Library, Overlook Hospital, Summit, NJ
- **Outstanding Contribution by a New Member:** Nancy Panella, MLS, Bolling Memorial Library, St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center, New York, NY
- **Outstanding Contribution by a New Member:** Ken Riccardi, MPA, MLS, AHIP, Medical Library, North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, NY

**Diana J. Cunningham, AHIP**, Medical Sciences Library, New York Medical College, Valhalla, NY

Congratulations to Diana, who has been appointed to a 2-year term on the advisory board of the journal *Public Health Reports*. Her term runs from March 2006-February 2008.

**Patricia B. Regenber, AHIP**, Health Sciences Library, Overlook Hospital, Summit, NJ, and **Barbara S. Reich, AHIP**, Hackensack University Medical Center Library, Hackensack, NJ

Barbara and Patricia are both teaching "Essentials of Hospital Librarianship" at the MLA Annual Meeting in Phoenix this May.

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**Mark E. Funk, AHIP**, Samuel J. Wood Library, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY



Mark E. Funk, AHIP, Head of Collection Development of the Samuel J. Wood Library, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY, was elected President of the Medical Library Association (MLA) for the 2007/08 association year.

This is the fourth time Mark has been elected by his peers to serve the association on a national level. Twice elected to the MLA Nominating Committee, he also served on the MLA Board from 2000-2003 during which time he acted as MLA Board treasurer.

One of MLA's most active members and a Distinguished Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP), Mark has lent his talents to numerous MLA-affiliated chapters, sections, and committees. A leader in the field of collection development, he is currently a member of MLA's Scholarly Publishing Task Force. He previously served as a jury member for the Louise Darling Medal for Distinguished Achievement in Collection Development in the Health Sciences, chair of MLA's Research Section from 1992-1993, and chair of the Collection Development Section in 2004-2005.

Mark will assume the role of President-elect at the conclusion of the MLA Annual Meeting, May 19-24, 2006 in Phoenix, AZ. The MLA is a nonprofit, educational organization with more than 4,500 health sciences information professional members worldwide.

**Diana Delgado, MLS**, Samuel J. Wood Library, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY

Diana, Head of Access Services and Library webmaster, was selected to participate in the Website Redesign Workshop Series being offered by the Metropolitan New York Library Council (METRO). She was also promoted to Head of Access Services. In her new role, Diana oversees the services provided by the Circulation and Interlibrary Services. She will continue to serve as webmaster, teaching and providing consultations and expert searching. Congratulations Diana!



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### **Rich McGowan, MLS**

Samuel J. Wood Library, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY



The Samuel J. Wood Library of Weill Cornell Medical College welcomes Rich McGowan as Assistant Librarian in Information Services. He previously worked at the University of Illinois at Chicago Health Sciences Library and at Northwestern University's Galter Health Sciences Library.

### **Pattie Mongelia, CHIS**

Samuel J. Wood Library, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY

The Samuel J. Wood Library of Weill Cornell Medical College welcomes Pattie Mongelia as Assistant Librarian in Information Services. She previously worked at the New York Public Library's Health Information Center.



### **Ken Riccardi, MPA, MLS, AHIP**

Medical Library, North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, NY

Congratulations to Ken, whose webography, "Teaching Resources in Healthcare and Science," was published by the Long Island Library Resources Council earlier this year.

## **Congratulations to the Health Sciences Library Association of New Jersey (HSLANJ) Officers for 2006-2007:**

Robert T. Mackes, MLS – President, Union Hospital

*Nominating Committee:*

Keydi Boss, MLS, Holy Name Hospital

Micki McIntyre, MLS, UMDNJ Stratford

Patricia Reusing, AHIP, Bayshore Medical Center



## Save the Date

2006 Joint Annual Meeting of the New York-New Jersey Chapter of the Medical Library Association and NAHSL

DATES: **Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>-October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

PLACE: **The Hilton Hartford Hotel, Hartford, CT.**

<http://www.hilton.com/>

The Conference theme is "***The Evidence Is In,***" designed to cover topics that are cutting edge, as well as issues that are of burning interest. There will be opportunities to network with Librarians from all over the New England Region. It is also an opportunity to visit a city that has undergone an exciting revitalization. Visit the conference web page at:

<http://www.nahsl.org/2006/index.htm>

### Program to include:

- A number of scintillating CE's to be held on Sunday (probably 5) and possibly one on Tuesday after the official conference ends
- A variety of appealing keynote and plenary speakers on Monday and Tuesday.
- Breakout sessions to give attendees information on the latest issues.
- NN/LM; NLM; MLA; DocLine/EFTS updates.
- Lunch-time Business Meeting
- Welcome reception and networking on Sunday night to be held at the refurbished historic **Mark Twain House** (<http://www.marktwainhouse.org/>)
- Dinner and fun on Monday night at the Hilton Hartford.
- Nearby shopping, entertainment, and nature - we will be right next to the **Hartford Civic Center Mall** (another Hartford rejuvenation project), and steps away from the **Wadsworth Athenaeum** (<http://www.wadsworthatheneum.org/>) **Museum of Art** (America's oldest public art museum), and close by **Bushnell Park** (<http://www.bushnellpark.org/>) (America's oldest public park), as well as **Elizabeth Park Rose** (<http://www.elizabethpark.org/>) **Garden** (oldest rose garden in the US) - there's plenty of history here!

We would like as many NY-NJ people to stay for the entire conference, so room rates in the renovated Hilton are very reasonable (\$135 per night). As the time nears, we will be following the performing arts schedule for **The Bushnell** (<http://www.bushnell.org/>) for anyone that might want to come in on Saturday, and who may be looking for an evening's entertainment.

*Patricia May, MLA NY-NJ Chapter 2006 Annual Meeting Program Chair*  
*Janene Batten, NAHSL 2006 Chair*