

MAHSLIN Network News

A Message from the President Meaghan Muir, MAHSLIN President



It sure feels like 2015 is flying by, so I wanted to share some of what the MAHSLIN Board has been working on before we embark on a new year.

Wild Apricot

MAHSLIN will soon be transitioning to a new membership management system called Wild Apricot. If you are a NAHSL member, you have already used Wild Apricot! This will allow us to more easily manage our membership database, members will be able to renew, access membership profile information online as well as pay for the MAHSLIN Annual Conference. Stay tuned for more information in early 2016.

Professional Development

Part of MAHSLIN's mission is to promote the professional development of health sciences librarians through education, information, and peer interaction. The Board is working on offering professional development funding to help MAHSLIN members attend educational events, near and far. Professional Development is such an important part of what we do as an organization and we want to enhance the value of our membership with funding such as this. We will have more details to share at the Annual Meeting in April 2016.

Jay Daly Information Technology Grant

The Jay Daly Information Technology grant was awarded to the Howe Library at Mass Eye and Ear to purchase ZoomText, a magnification and screen-reading software for the visually impaired. The software is installed on one of the library's public access computers, allowing patients and/or patient's families to use the product. Do you have a technology-related project you would like to get started on? Technology grant funds are available on a rolling basis for:

- Attendance at technology-related educational programs or courses and are applicable only to registration fees (hotel/meals/travel expenses are not included).
- Purchase of emerging technology-related hardware or software excluding basic office equipment or electronic subscriptions previously purchased. Funds cannot be used for professional memberships or to compensate staff time.

For more information, please visit the MAHSLIN web site.

Don't forget that the **MAHSLIN Annual Meeting** will be on Friday, April 8 at the Massachusetts Medical Society conference center. Our focus this year will be on User Experience. More to come soon!

What have you been up to? Please share your activities with us on the MAHSLIN listserv or on our <u>Facebook</u> page.

Member Spotlight - Melissa Theroux

My name is Melissa Theroux, and I am a Reader and Information Services Librarian at the Boston Public Library's Central Library in Copley Square. I'm also a new member of MAHSLIN.

Although I'm fairly new to public libraries, I've been working in academic libraries since my college workstudy job at Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts. Shortly after graduating, I started my library career as a library assistant at Boston University's Science and Engineering Library. Several years later, as I enrolled at Simmons College's Graduate School of Library and Information Science, I began working at Tufts University's Hirsh Health Sciences Library as the Evening Library Coordinator. I had wonderful experiences working with the students and staff at these two universities, and I learned a great deal from my supportive colleagues. However, I had been interested in exploring public library work for some time, and when a position at the Boston Public Library became available shortly after graduating from Simmons, I jumped at the opportunity.

As a public librarian, I routinely encounter patrons looking for health information. In addition to the one-on-one

guidance my colleagues and I provide our patrons at the we offer computer classes to help introduce patrons to information sources online. We're also developing a LibGuides to help provide reference instruction and share our online patrons. As a new MAHSLIN member, I'm of a professional network where I can expand my health resources and share this information with my patrons.

I look forward to meeting my fellow MAHSLIN members events and workshops.

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at upcoming

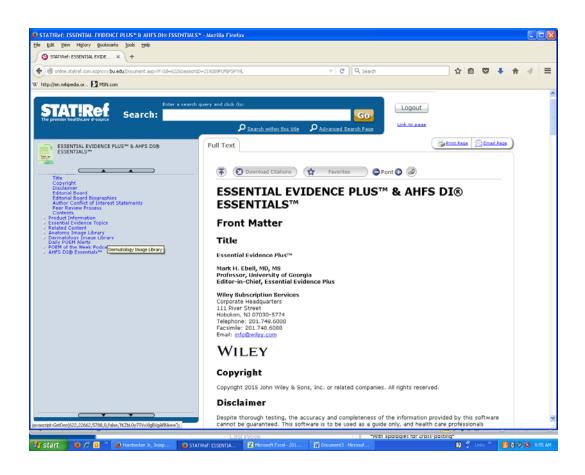
TechnoTool Corner

In the summer of 2015 the MAHSLIN STAT!ref consortial members chose to add Essential Evidence Plus and AHFS DI Essentials (2015) Author: Ebell, MHPublisher: Wiley, 2015, to its subscription.

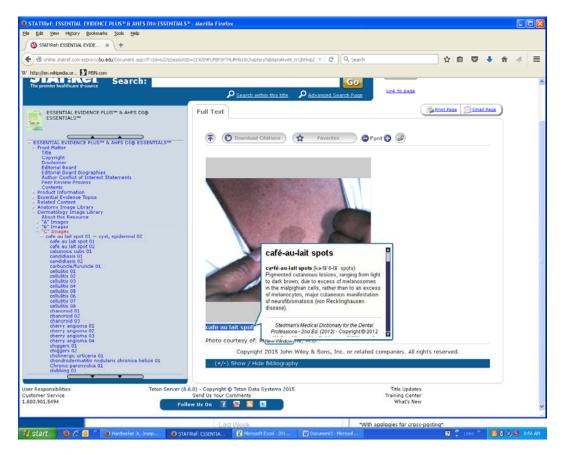
The resource contains current and peer expert reviewed information for POC needs. I've chosen to highlight the Dermatology Library within this resource with a few images to quickly find information and image of the café au lait skin spot. Also included is a definition on the skin spot from Stedman's.

Yes, one may certainly find images on Google, Wikipedia, and even MedlinePlus, but this resource pulls together current clinical information quickly. The resource has so far proven an important choice for the MAHSLIN STAT!ref consortial subscription.

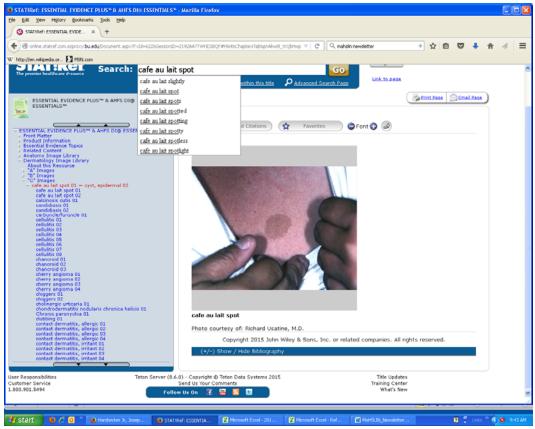
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