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MAHSLIN Network News

A Message from the President

Meaghan Muir, MAHSLIN President



It's almost [MAHSLIN Annual Meeting](#) time! I look forward to the Annual Meeting for many reasons, but my top two are because it's always a valuable day of education, and that it's a sure sign of Spring when the Annual Meeting arrives!

MAHSLIN president-elect and program chair Meredith Solomon and her planning committee have planned a wonderful day of networking with colleagues and learning about User eXperience design. I admit, I am new to what user experience design really means so I am a particularly excited about the theme of this year's meeting.

Pete Coco, Web Services Librarian at the Boston Public Library, will give us an overview of user research methods, best practices, and some user experience problems common to libraries. In the hands-on workshop that follows, we'll get started on the practical steps to bringing user experience design home to your library.

Back by popular demand is the "Pull Up a Chair" panel featuring Brandy King as moderator. And, of course, there will be the business meeting, awards, lunch, and plenty of time to visit with vendors, friends and meet new people.

Please join us on Friday April 8, 2016 from 8am-3pm at the Massachusetts Medical Society in Waltham MA. The registration fee is the same as last year and early bird rates end on March 23 so [register here](#) today!

Member Spotlight – Hilary Kraus



I'm Hilary Kraus, and I joined the Claire T. Carney Library at UMass Dartmouth in the summer of 2014. As the Associate Librarian for Nursing & Health, I primarily serve the College of Nursing and the departments of medical laboratory science and psychology, although I also work extensively with the first-year English program.

Although my academic background is in literature, my professional library career began at the Science Library at Loyola University Chicago, with liaison responsibilities to the School of Nursing. That period instilled in me a love of health science librarianship, and after leaving Loyola I spent several years working with the department (now school) of nursing at DePaul University. A Chicago native, I relocated to Providence in 2008. I worked part-time at Bryant University before starting a full-time position at Johnson & Wales University, where I was liaison to the science department and to the Center for Physician Assistant Studies.



I hold a Bachelor of Arts in English from Northwestern University, where I first discovered my passion for librarianship as a student assistant at the reference desk. I earned my Master of Science in Information from the University of Michigan. Although I miss Chicago, I love Providence, and I am enjoying collaborating with my New England colleagues. I hope to meet more of them through my membership in MAHSLIN.

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Anne Fladger from the Medical Library at Brigham and Women's Hospital is happy to announce that Meredith Solomon has joined the staff as Associate Librarian. She can be reached at msolomon1@partners.org or 617-525-9234. Meredith is active in both MAHSLIN and NAHSL. She is the president elect for MAHSLIN 2016-7 and the credentialing liaison for NAHSL.

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TechnoTool Corner

One of the services supplied by my library is assistance with the bibliographic portion of CV's, especially during the promotions process when I use Web of Science to report citation impact.



Searching for authors with a common name can be grueling (look up Y Chen sometime). Add to that the problems that occur because of name changes, an author not having or consistently using a middle initial, or a last name containing multiple words (falling prey to the whims of database entry -- how many permutations can you make from Ludwig Mies van der Rohe?) and I can spend many hours sorting it out.

Enter ORCID (started as Open Researcher Contributor Identification Initiative). After a quick online sign-up to receive a unique ID number, authors can list and/or import their whole body of work to this record. At this time there are about 2 million authors registered. Here's an example (permission granted by my daughter):



Most major publishers sponsor ORCID and provide a place for an author to self-identify using their ID. In January 2016, eight publishers (including Science and PLOS) committed to requiring all authors submitting to their journals to include an ORCID ID. The Wellcome Trust requires it for all funding applications. And PubMed has expressed an interest in eventually creating a field for ORCID in their records.

There are so many advantages to this system aside from the obvious. If you want to know more go to <http://orcid.org/> or read a great explanation of the benefits at <http://blog.impactstory.org/ten-things-you-need-to-know-about-orcid-right-now/>.

Encourage all your authors to sign up now!

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