

Connecticut Association of Health Sciences Librarians Goals & Objectives 2005-2006

The purpose of this Association shall be to stimulate interest in and strengthen health sciences librarianship and libraries in Connecticut. This will be accomplished by:

Promoting an understanding of the health sciences librarian's role and unique abilities in the management of knowledge-based information and eliciting strong support within Connecticut's health care system for the mission of health sciences libraries:

- Position CAHSL as a creative and responsive host for the NAHSL '06 meeting in Hartford, CT.
- Continue to promote health sciences librarianship through CHA.
 - Explore possibilities of a new partnership via CAHSL liaison to CHA, serving on CHA committees, presentations to other Conferences, etc.
- Approach library schools and offer to partner; e.g.,
 - Offer internship opportunities for their students
 - Offer to serve as instructors for health sciences and hospital libraries programs.
 - Encourage CAHSL members to offer tours and internship opportunities to library school students.
- Work with the CSMS to continue to ensure that MLA Standards for Hospital Libraries are met by all Connecticut hospitals.

Continually developing and strengthening the knowledge and skills needed by member librarians to meet the patient care, research, and educational needs of Connecticut's health care providers. This will be done by providing programs of continuing education and professional development.

- Provide regular educational programs to practicing health sciences librarians.
- Provide at least one MLA-accredited continuing education course.
- Continue to notify members of educational and mentoring opportunities within and beyond the Association.
- Encourage and assist members in membership to AHIP.
- Participate in shared programs with other organizations.

Fostering and strengthening the Association's current system of information exchange and shared resources, both among Association members and within the larger consortia and organizations of which CAHSL is a part.

- Convert paper historical documents to digitized format for CAHSL e-archive. Confidential documents could be scanned and passed along to the Archive Committee chair to keep current.
- Use the CAHSL-L and the CAHSL Web site to promote meetings, programs, classes, and news.
- Create a list-moderator position to encourage the exchange of resources, research, articles, and announcements of professional accomplishments.
- Promote NN/LM's role in information exchange, shared resources, and institutional support.
- Pursue group purchases of electronic resources.

Continue to expand the resources and wealth of opportunities that CAHSL can extend to its membership.

- Develop CAHSL e-archive
- Use CAHSL-L as a resource sharing and professional development tool.
- Develop AHIP database of resources and contacts within the CAHSL community.