MAHSLIN Network News

A Message from the President
Jane Ichord, MAHSLIN President

One of the most wonderful things about being the President of MAHSLIN is that even after you pass on the role to someone else, you get to sit on the board for one more year. I suppose this feature is built into the system for enhancing the continuity of the organization and so that the new president has some extra support. For me, personally, it's just plain great!

It has been both a pleasure and an honor to be a part of the MAHSLIN leadership team. (For a list of all of the members with whom I have served, click here.) They are a smart, thoughtful, hardworking group of individuals who volunteer their time to advocate for our profession. In addition to keeping abreast of the Annual Meeting planning, which is in full swing this time of year, we've committed to two endeavors that I believe will have a positive impact on our membership.

First, we have begun to coordinate educational programs with the state library consortia groups. This means that, in addition to our annual meeting, we will join forces with consortia to plan and execute two educational programs per year for our members. The program on Mobile Technologies, which was canceled due to inclement weather, was to be the first of these programs. (Luckily, this program has been rescheduled for the fall – stay tuned for specifics!)

Second, we have joined the Massachusetts Health Council, an organization that provides a forum for health care leaders to work together to improve health. I believe that we, as information professionals, have a lot to contribute to the conversation about improving health and health care. I look forward to seeing our role in this organization evolve.

But the most important MAHSLIN contribution to consider this time of year is the Annual Meeting. I always look forward to being an attendee at the meeting, and hope that you will respond to Cara's call to participate. If you haven't ever attended one of our meetings before, I urge you to get this one on your calendar ASAP. Cara has organized a great day that includes, great speakers, a birthday celebration (did you know that MAHSLIN is turning 30?!), and a CE course.

Looking forward to seeing you in April –

Jane

Member Spotlight – Stephanie Friree

What is your current position?

I am the Outreach Coordinator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, New England Region. The position involves planning and overseeing outreach programs within the New England region. My time is spent on focused outreach efforts, helping network members, providing PubMed training and support, along with other resources as needed, working with a community of interest (healthcare workforce), exhibiting at national, state, and regional conferences, serve on national committees, and coordinate evaluation on programs. Another part of my role involves work on the PHIA (Public Health Information Access) project. This goal of this project is to work in partnership with selected Public Health Departments and health science libraries to create a digital Library for the selected Public Health Departments.

How long have you been there? I started in October 2012. Just in time to attend NAHSL.

What's the best thing you get to do at your job?

Everything is fun! I can't even choose one part as the best thing I get to do. I love the interaction with the network members, the ability to go out and meet with members of the community, sharing knowledge about our resources, and being able to provide funding for interesting and innovative projects in the community! The ability to keep learning every day from my colleagues, network members, and the community is another really enjoyable part of this position.

What is the most challenging aspect of your job?

Staying organized and trying to get everything done throughout the day! There is so much more I'd love to do if I had the time. That seems to be the general consensus among librarians everywhere.

Any exciting upcoming projects you can tell us about?

We have an upcoming MLA Webcast: Partnering to Prevent Diagnostic Error: Librarians on the Inside Track, several PubMed Searching Support sessions, and Supporting Systematic Reviews. For other upcoming programs, stay tuned to our training calendar for more.

How did you get into libraries and what did you do before you became a librarian?

I was in sales for the last fifteen years prior to a career change. A significant part of that was selling medical supplies. I have always wanted to be a librarian since I was a child and created my first "library" at five years old. I didn't know DDC yet, but I already knew how to alphabetize my books by author! The opportunity finally came up to go for my MLIS. As part of that program I was fortunate to get an internship at the Lamar Soutter Library at UMASS Medical School. That internship led to a part time position and I then learned about the Outreach Coordinator position at the NN/LM NER.

What do you do for fun?

I think what you might find most surprising is that I love to read! I'm kidding, of course. That is what I spend the bulk of my free time doing. I love yoga and have recently gotten into aerial yoga. I really enjoy spending time with my family, especially my nieces and nephew and we have regularly scheduled family potlucks.

TechnoTool Corner

PubMed Update

NLM resources go through many updates for more efficient searching throughout the year. The most recent changes can be found in the NLM Technical Bulletin. Here is a summary of the latest updates from the Technical Bulletin.

MeSH Unique Identifiers: Length Expanding to Ten Characters

Due to the ever increasing number of concepts and terms in MeSH, it is necessary to increase the number of unique identifiers (UI) available for the MeSH vocabulary. Thus, the length of the unique identifier elements used in Descriptor, Qualifier, and Supplementary Concept Records will expand to 10 characters. Most UIs are currently 7 characters in length; one (the Concept UI) is currently 8 characters. The change to 10 characters will begin for unique identifiers created on and after April 15, 2013. The format of existing unique identifiers will not be changed. For example: If D009710 is the last descriptor UI on April 15, then the next descriptor UI would be D000009711.

PubMed Subject Subset Strategies Updated for 2013

[PubMed subject subset strategies](#) are reviewed each year to determine if modifications are necessary. Modifications may include revisions due to changes in Medical Subject Heading (MeSH) vocabulary or MEDLINE journals, adding or deleting terms, and changing parts of a strategy to optimize retrieval. The following subset strategies were recently revised:

- Bioethics
- Cancer
- Dietary Supplements
- Systematic Reviews
- Toxicology
- Veterinary Science

Non-English Abstracts in PubMed

Publishers will soon have the opportunity to submit non-English abstracts to [PubMed](#). The additional language view(s) will be links on the Abstract display, with bold text indicating the language

currently displayed (see below). The abstract text will default to English when a citation has an accompanying non-English abstract.

Can J Cardiol. 2010 Aug-Sep;26(7):e243-8.
Thirty-day in-hospital revascularization and mortality rates after acute myocardial infarction in seven Canadian provinces.
Johansen H, Brien SE, Finès P, Bernier J, Humphries K, Stukel TA, Ghali WA; Canadian Cardiovascular Outcomes Research Team.
Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Ontario. helen.johansen@statcan.gc.ca

Abstract in **English**, French ←

BACKGROUND: Recent clinical trials have demonstrated benefit with early revascularization following acute myocardial infarction (AMI). Trends in and the association between early revascularization after (ie, 30 days or

Users can click the language link to view the abstract in a different language. If a citation has only a non-English abstract, PubMed will not display an abstract by default, and users can select the non-English option.

NLM will not review non-English abstracts for accuracy. Non-English abstracts will not be available in the Summary, MEDLINE, or XML displays and will not be available for download via E-utilities or in the data distributed to licensees.

Author Keywords in PubMed

PubMed now displays author keywords when supplied by publishers. NLM will not review author keywords for accuracy or add them to non-publisher supplied citations. Author keywords can be searched untagged or using the Other Term [OT] or Text Words [TW] tags. Author Keywords are available on the Abstract, MEDLINE, and XML displays.

Author keywords are preceded by a KEYWORDS label and appear below the abstract text on the Abstract display:

metabolic conditions. In addition, we will explore some of the mechanisms that may contribute to microbiota-induced susceptibility to obesity and metabolic diseases.

KEYWORDS: antimicrobials, firmicutes, gut microbiota, metabolic disease, obesity

PMID: 23018760 [PubMed - in process]

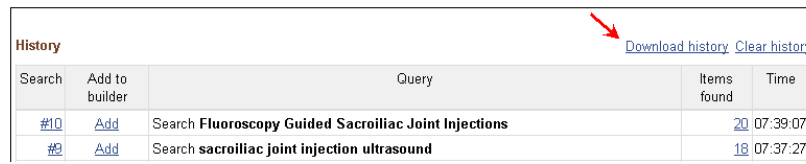Author keywords appear in the OT field of the MEDLINE display:

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OT  - firmicutes
OT  - gut microbiota
OT  - metabolic disease
OT  - obesity
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Users of the XML display will see author keywords in the Keyword element of KeywordList:

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    <Keyword MajorTopicYN="N">firmicutes</Keyword>
    <Keyword MajorTopicYN="N">gut microbiota</Keyword>
    <Keyword MajorTopicYN="N">metabolic disease</Keyword>
    <Keyword MajorTopicYN="N">obesity</Keyword>
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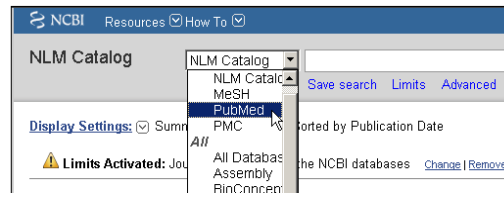
PubMed History and Search Bar Updates

A Download history link will be added to the PubMed, MeSH and NLM Catalog Advanced page History feature

Click the "Download history" link to generate your History entries in the file "history.csv." Please note that Microsoft® Excel® is typically unable to display or print more than a maximum of 1024 characters in a cell; therefore, users with long queries may want to open the CSV file with a text editor to display the complete searches. The search bar will be updated to list up to the last four databases searched at the top of the pull-down database menu (see below). The alphabetic list with all the databases will also include the recently searched databases.

For more information, view the Technical Bulletin at:
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/

Sign up for email updates or subscribe to the RSS feed for the National Library of Medicine Technical Bulletin at:
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/stay_current.html.

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TechnoTool Corner - Apps You Can Use

Recently, I read an interview with Anthony Casalena, the founder of Squarespace, in Lifehacker's regular column called, "How I Work." One of the questions he answered was, "What apps/software/tools can't you live without?" He mentioned several that he uses for the purposes of keeping track of thoughts and tasks. As one who is always looking for better ways to do these very things (other than my countless notebooks and pens and an obsession to never be caught without either), I thought I'd give some of them a try. Here's what I've discovered so far…

Squarespace Note is a great, free app that you can download to your iPhone, iPod touch, iPad, or other type of smart phone. It's a very simple tool that allows you to jot down a note to yourself and then send it to your email, Dropbox, Twitter, Facebook, Evernote, or Squarespace account (any and/or all, simultaneously). The interface

is as simple as they get, with nothing but a blank screen with your keypad at the bottom. Type your note, push the screen upwards with your thumb, and off it goes. The app keeps a record of your notes until you choose to delete them, should you wish to look at any again on your device. Squarespace itself is a web development tool that allows users to create their own websites, blogs, stores, and more. It isn't necessary to have a Squarespace account in order to use Squarespace Note, but if you do, it makes it very easy to update your website's content.

Pocket is another freebie that allows you to save articles or web pages to read later. For example, a couple of weeks ago, Time Magazine featured several lengthy stories on healthcare costs (you may have seen it). When I found out about it during a meeting, I immediately pulled out my iPod touch, searched for the article online, and then dropped it into my "Pocket" to read later. Another nice feature of this app is that it integrates with hundreds of other apps, making it really easy to move stories or articles that you might find on something like Twitter to your Pocket for later. If you're like me, you get a lot of your news nowadays from online sources. Being able to push that content to a place where I'll be able to view it when I have the time, whether or not I'm online, is pretty handy.

Finally, I've been trying to find a good project management tool to help me organize the multiple things that I have going at work and at home and at the studio and with the band. For work, I settled on **Curio** (by Zengobi). If you're a Mac user and wanting a powerful tool that you can use right out of the box, I recommend it. For the other parts of my life, though, I'm trying **Trello**. It allows you to manage, organize, and work via either your website presence or your handheld device, keeping all of the info linked and synched together. It's another nice tool with a clean and simple interface.

I like apps a lot. I enjoy experimenting with them and switching between different ones from time to time, whenever I grow tired of one or find that another doesn't fit my needs anymore. I rate an app based upon its design, ease of use, and lack of bugs. For these that I've shared here, I give them all two thumbs up. If you're using something to help with your productivity, or any part of your work life, share them with your colleagues via the MAHSLIN Network News' Tech Corner!

Interview:

http://lifehacker.com/5967582/im-anthony-casalena-founder-of-squarespace-and-this-is-how-i-work

Squarespace Note:

https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/squarespace-note/id561237934?mt=8

Pocket:

http://getpocket.com/apps/

Trello:

https://trello.com/landing

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Member News

Our long-time friend and colleague Rhoda Moskowitz has retired from MetroWest Medical Center in Framingham. She worked for MWMC for 28 years – first at Leonard Morris Hospital and later at both the Framingham and Natick campuses. She and her husband Phil will enjoy time with the kids and grandkids and doing some traveling. We will miss her and wish Rhoda a long and happy retirement.

In addition, Vanguard, the owner of MetroWest Medical Center and St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester is now regionalizing library services under the direction of Joan Yanicke.

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Resource Sharing

Did you know, that MAHSLIN members will now receive a reduction in the annual R2 Library Maintenance fee. This fee will be reduced from $1200.00 to $400.00. Each individual member can create their own individual collection. R2 titles are purchased for the life of the edition, so after you've made your selection and paid for your titles, you will only have to pay the additional $400 maintenance fee each year.

The R2 Digital Library offers more than 3,000 health science eBooks from nearly 50 leading STM publishers and has an extensive list of Doody's Core titles. If you would like to know more, please contact Rob Lennox at 800.345.6425 x336 or e-mail to: rob.lennox@rittenhouse.com.

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Top of the Class

I hope that you've been enjoying my column "30 Reasons to Come to the MAHSLIN Annual Meeting" (and I hope to see you at the annual meeting!) Today I wanted to write more about the themes of library science and education in broader terms, because that is what our 2013 annual meeting is all about.

No matter whether you graduated from library school last year or forty years ago, I'm sure you have fond memories of your experience, as well as recollections of the many hours spent studying and writing papers. I remember Professor Allan Smith's reference class – hunting through the tomes of weighty print indices to try to find journal articles, and one of Professor Candy Smith's early online classes, waiting until the "dial-up" connection brought us "on-line". Yes, things definitely change in our profession, and that is why continuing education is so important to all of us.

When I think of all the educational sessions I've taken as a professional librarian through the years, the list is impressive for its variety and breadth – MAHSLIN (of course), NAHSL, MLA (both Medical Library Association and Massachusetts Library Association), MLS, BBLC, NNLM/NER, SLA, Simmons College, a variety of vendor sessions such as "Ovid on the Road," and many programs at my own institution such as Grand Rounds, HealthStream training, etc. The list could go on, and I'm sure you've attended sessions at many of these organizations and numerous others. The point is that librarians and information professionals need to continually update their knowledge and skills in so many areas: library science, medicine and biosciences, management, informatics, and more. With all this learning, we are better prepared to teach our staff and all our library users what they need to know to move medical research and medicine forward.

What are we as library professionals teaching? We instruct our peers at educational sessions like those in the paragraph above. We teach our users every time we conduct a search and provide literature. We lead classes, in formal academic settings and for individuals and groups at our own organizations. We are "embedded" and attend meetings and workgroups to share our knowledge of evidence-based approaches to research. We publish in newsletters, blogs, peer-reviewed journals and textbooks. We manage knowledge so that it is accessible to others.

The theme of our annual meeting this year is connecting libraries and education. The meeting features the keynote, "Education for Medical Librarians: A Model for Specialization" with Dr. James Matarazzo and Toby Pearlstein, "Vitalizing your Grand Rounds" with Diane Young, "Online Pedagogy: Instructional Strategies and Implementation" with Lisa Sawtell, and a Simmons College GSLIS continuing education class, "Assessment – Authenticity and Action" with Vivienne B. Piroli. You will certainly leave the meeting with many valuable new ideas and more than a dose of inspiration.

As you watch our MAHSLIN Film Festival, you will see these themes of education and libraries prevalent come to life throughout our thirty year history and in our film of current library teachers and learners. I hope that the meeting will encourage you to strive to reach the top of the class!

View the meeting agenda

Register to attend the meeting – by check | by PayPal

Partner with MAHSLIN

Sign up for the Simmons College CE class (registered attendees only – limited to 50)

Massachusetts Health Council News

MAHSLIN is now a member of the [Massachusetts Health Council](#), a 92 year old non-profit, non-partisan statewide organization of more than 150 governmental and voluntary agencies, consumer and advocacy groups, professional societies, and private corporations. MHC provides a forum whereby health care leaders come together to make a difference in improving health.

   You may have heard that MAHSLIN joined the Massachusetts Health Council (MHC). So what does this mean for our members? Three designees from our board receive email updates from the council and this new column will provide you with a summary of their resources that may be of interest to you.

If you have a consumer health collection, MHC produces an interactive Health Resource Guide. If your organization provides web pages for consumers on improving their health, wellness, latest treatments, etc, you are invited to include them in their guide, by sending them to MAHealthCouncil@aol.com. Categories include pain management, aging, and more.

MHC also tracks news and resources from other organizations throughout the state, and recently reported on MassBudget's new web resource, a Children's Budget, which provides information and analysis of the many programs in the Massachusetts state budget which affect children. The Children's Budget was developed with support of Boston Children's Hospital.

In addition to finding out about new resources, Massachusetts Health Council also sponsors educational programs and conferences.   Their next event is a Women's Health Conference on March 21, 2013. While some events charge a fee, others are free and open to the public. MAHSLIN board members will attend selected events, and report back to the membership pertinent information.

If you are coming to the MAHSLIN Annual Meeting on April 19, 2013, you can hear more about Massachusetts Health Council at our business meeting. MHC Executive Director Susan H. Servais will be giving a brief overview. There are also more resources for MAHSLIN members on their website

Submitted by: **Cara Marcus**

JOINT MEETING WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS LIBRARY SYSTEM

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

MetroWest Hospital, Natick

Thanks to Jeanie Vander Pyl for arranging the first meeting between the [Massachusetts Library System (MLS)](#) and a group of health sciences librarians. Greg Pronevitz, Executive Director and Anna Popp, advisor represented MLS and began by describing the "snapshot" version of the MLS Strategic Plan 2013-2015. Resource sharing, econtent, advocacy and member library connections play a key role in their future plans. MLS is taking steps to enhance access to resource sharing and recently announced a reduced price to join MassCat. MLS is studying mediated ILL services which are currently provided by the Crane Library in Quincy

and the Wellesley Public Library. After the brief overview, the MLS representatives asked the group what health sciences librarians would like to see from this state group. The answers included:

1. Resource sharing/collaborative purchasing

2. Webinars/continuing education (please email Greg, greg@masslibsystem.org, if you have topic ideas OR if you have taken webinars and found them particularly helpful). Also, if you have an area of expertise and would like to offer to teach a webinar, contact Greg.)

3. Stronger/more formal collaboration with public libraries. The possibility of either NNLM or NIH funding was mentioned.

The next big state-wide purchase (hope you all are taking advantage of the many databases including Health Reference Center Academic and General BusinessFile ASAP, just to name a few, already available to your library patrons and which can be integrated into your journal lists) is an e-book package which includes over 10,000 titles to be trialed by 50 libraries, not all of them public libraries. The state is providing initial funding, but Greg pointed out that libraries need to plan for budgeting for e-book content in the future. While many of our libraries already have transitioned much of our purchasing to electronic content, currently, public libraries have a collection development budget of $33 million of which only $1 million is dedicated for e-content. The hope is that every library will contribute to these statewide purchases. Guided by the Statewide Resource Sharing Committee, there are a number of criteria for purchase of e-books:

- Prefer a purchase rather than a lease model
- Multiple platforms - prefer downloadable model although will consider computer-based model
- Easy to use!!!

While some other states are considering similar large e-book packages, Mass. is in the forefront in this area in terms of state-wide access. The key is long-term funding as it is a significant investment and libraries need to start planning for this budget line item in the future. Currency and mobile access were mentioned by the group as important features for our patrons. Greg pointed out that the Gale databases have a mobile app and hitting Access My Library will search for a local public library and any can be clicked to gain access.

In addition to e-books, we discussed the statewide databases, and our group identified CINAHL as being a top priority. One issue is that there are many "versions" of CINAHL depending on how much full-text is available. Other databases mentioned were PsychInfo and Health Business Elite. The state puts out a bid every five years, and Gale offered the best proposal for this funding period. It was noted that it not all databases need to be purchased from a single vendor. Right now the funding comes from both MLS and the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners, and this arrangement allows for more negotiating power as well as some budget protection should one agency experience a budget cut. Jeanie spoke about MAHSLIN's statewide purchase of the StatRef book package and other joint purchases. Because the market is pretty well saturated for statewide purchases to have negotiating strength, it is necessary to find new content or other services to convince the vendors that these large contracts are in their best interest. Delaware was mentioned as a state which provided statewide purchase of core medical resources available to anyone living in the state. There was discussion of reinvigorating the MedlinePlus Go Local, perhaps in collaboration with the public libraries.

Health sciences librarians in the western part of the state will have the opportunity for a similar discussion. Contact Margot Malachowski if you are interested in participating. It is a great opportunity to connect with the state-group and advocate for the needs of health sciences libraries.

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Partnering to Prevent Diagnostic Error: Librarians on the Inside Track

Program Goal: The goal of this program is to raise awareness and encourage participation by medical librarians in diagnostic error (Dx) prevention and mitigation.

Program Objectives:

•	Explain what Dx error is, that it's a subset of patient safety and an exceedingly critical problem
•	Outline several roles, including collaborative roles, for librarians in Dx error prevention from solo to larger medical libraries
•	Outline a range of activities for medical librarians to employ in their institutions to collaborate on Dx error awareness and reduction

•	Reinforce the unique position of frontline librarians in their institutions to participate and collaborate with clinicians addressing Dx

Presenters: Elaine C. Alligood, Katherine Stemmer Frumento, AHIP, Lorri Zipperer, Mark L. Graber, MD

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Location: University of Massachusetts Medical School, Lamar Soutter Library
Lamar Soutter Library
To **REGISTER**: http://nnlm.gov/ner/training/register.html?schedule_id=2093

For more information: https://www.mlanet.org/education/distance_ed/spring13/index.html

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