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Health Information You Can Trust: the Canadian Health Network

On March 30, 1999, THLA co-sponsored a session on the Canadian Health Network (CHN) with the Consumer Health Information Service (CHIS) at the Toronto Reference Library. CHN staff Miriam Ticoll, Penny Kirby and Susan Ewing provided background about CHN, previewed the prototype Web site, discussed the collection development policy and partnership model, and commented on the challenges in indexing electronic materials.

CHN has moved steadily ahead since last March. Health Minister Allan Rock officially launched CHN on November 25, 1999 at the Toronto Convention Centre (with audio feeds to Montreal and Winnipeg). A panel in Toronto that included CHN Executive Director Bryan Hayday, Johanne Levesque from CHN, Dr. Paul Munk, President of the Canadian Pediatric Society, and Susan Murray from CHIS fielded questions from participants in the three locations. CHLA/ABSC President Liz Bayley also attended the CHN launch.

In a nutshell, CHN is an Internet-based bilingual information service that focuses on health promotion and disease prevention. The Web-site, www.canadian-health-network.ca - covers a wide range of health issues and includes health-related information on specific demographic groups, such as children. Through a partnership of over 400 organizations, CHN aims to create an integrated health information service that provides access to "health information you can trust." In addition to accessing information on the web-site, health care consumers and intermediaries can send specific queries directly to CHN.

CHN is funded by Health Canada, and operates under the auspices of Innovaction, a division of the Ontario Prevention Clearinghouse (OPC) with expertise in information technology and network building in relation to health promotion and community health principles.

The growth and development of CHN is being guided by an Advisory Board of Directors whose members (currently 19) are drawn from both the public and private sectors, and who represent the diverse range of interests and perspectives essential to maintaining the CHN's broad vision.

For more information about CHN, visit the Web site at:
www.canadian-health-network.ca

N.B. An expanded version of this article by Susan Murray (CHIS) and Diane Lorenzetti (CHN, Western ROP, Vancouver Public Library) will appear in the Spring 2000 issue of *Bibliotheca Medica Canadiana*, the journal of the Canadian Health Libraries Association (CHLA/ABSC).

By Susan Murray, CHIS

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President's Message

Greetings THLAers!

Well we made it into 2000 and with a bang up Holiday Party on the way! Even a handful of brand new members made it out. What great job Anne T.V. did with the 'Tanja Room' venue. I think we all needed that kind of a break and it must have been enjoyable as we had to scoot folks out at 9:00 pm! Had we known it would be so popular a party we would have booked extra time but alas 'all's well that end's well.'

There are more new adventures afoot in early Spring so keep alert for Anne's plans. The new THLA website is nearly ready to be launched thanks to a very enterprising FIS student. Many thanks to Jennifer Bayne (instructor of the Health Sciences class at FIS) and her student Silvia Ho for kickstarting the THLA web presence. URL will be available by our spring meeting.

Kudos to Linda Devore of the BayCrest Health Library for being given the 'Outstanding Health Librarian Award' by the 'Health Sciences Information Consortium' at their Annual Meeting on December 3rd 1999. Linda's work in the Clinical Epidemiology Class at U of T alerted me to what a very talented information specialist we have in our ranks. A more than well-deserved honor, Linda. Congratulations!

Get your travel agents working on those cheap flights to Vancouver as the combined MLA/CHLA event starts May 3rd and promises to be a challenging ride of events, vendors, CE, and research in health information librarianship. See you there if not before!

Anita Lambert-Lanning

Revelations of a holiday party

This year's THLA Holiday party was "fabulous" as one reveler commented. If you weren't there, you missed it! The location—*Tanja*—was different, eclectic, and exotic. There was more than enough food to go around with lots of veggies and fruit. Seating on comfy couches was a bonus! Members could get together in intimate groups and *really* talk and get to know each other. Evidence of this was that during the party staple—the raffle—guests were still talking away. I particularly enjoyed hearing about some peoples' dreams, and had some truly fascinating conversations about varied non-library topics. In other words, for once I was able to get to know my colleagues without taking my work with me. Congratulations to those who organized it and staked out the location. I can't wait to find out what exciting venue awaits us next year!

Ani Orchanian, THLA Secretary, UHN Libraries

Party Quotes

"Anita and all the members of THLA. I had a wonderful time at the THLA holiday "do"... After 'blowing' down (windy) Queen's Quay, it was delightful to enjoy the fine food and company of so many active and interesting health library practitioners. Talk about standing stereotypes on their end! What a great group and a great future for CHLA/ABSC. Thank you again, and all the best for 2000. See you in Vancouver in May. Liz "

Liz Bayley, CHLA President

"If we'd known how popular this venue was going to be we would have secured it for a longer time...folks usually are gone right after the door prizes...door prizes were the very least of concern at this party...a good indication that good noisy party vibes were firmly in place. Anne TV made a great call on this one...cozy, comfortable, and exotic!"

Anita Lambert-Lanning, THLA President

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Faces & Places

THLA Directory Corrections & Additions

Susan Murray, CHIS, has a new email address, it is:
Smurray@tpl.toronto.on.ca

Karen Smith notes that the name of the company she works for has changed. Formally known as Purdue Frederick, the new company name is **Purdue Pharma**. So far the address information remains the same, however the Docline Libid and email address may change.

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Changes...

Joan Bartlett has left the Sidney Liswood Library to pursue a Ph.D. in Library Science full time. Best wishes to Joan!

Rona Lang joins the University Health Network as Patient Education Resource Coordinator. She was previously one of the team of librarians at CHIS.

New Faces....

The Sidney Liswood Library at Mount Sinai Hospital has a new library director. Sandra Kendall started at Mount Sinai Hospital on January 17. She comes to MSH with a varied and diverse background in library management. Welcome Sandra!

UHN Libraries welcome a new librarian

Tim Tripp recently joined the University Health Network, where he is managing the Virtual Library Project, in an effort to bring a wealth of electronic resources to the clinical desktop via the hospitals' intranet. Before joining the UHN, Tim spent seven years as the Librarian at MacDonald Dettwiler Space and Advanced Robotics Ltd. (formerly Spar Aerospace) in Brampton. MD Robotics is best known for the Space Shuttle Remote Manipulator, or "Canadarm". Previously he has worked at the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI), and the University of Guelph Library.

Chair of the Special Libraries Association Toronto Chapter's Internet Committee, Tim co-administers the Librarians' Resource Centre, and is probably best known in the Toronto area as the chapter's discussion list administrator. He was recently recognized by the Chapter with their 1999 Member of the Year Award. He also freelances as a library automation consultant. Tim holds a B.Sc. (Honours) in biology from University of Guelph and an M.L.I.S. from Dalhousie University.

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Upcoming Conferences

OLA Super Conference 2000

February 3-5, 2000
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Toronto, Ontario
www.accessola.org

MLA/CHLA Joint Annual Conference

Demystifying the Dragon

May 5-11, 2000
Vancouver, British Columbia
www.mlanet.org/am/am2000/index.html
www.med.mun.ca/chla/english/

SLA Annual Conference

Independence to Interdependence:

the next phase in the information revolution

June 10-15, 2000

Philadelphia,
www.sla.org/conf/

CLA Annual Conference

June 21-25, 2000
Edmonton, Alberta
www.cla.ca/conference/conf.htm

ALA Annual Conference

July 6-13, 2000
Chicago, Illinois
www.ala.org/events/

Feb.14-Mar.20 Methodology-Basic-Part2
Feb.18 Creating Web Documents, Part II: Design and Functionality
Feb.18 Implementing an Integrated Document Object Management Environment
Feb.22-Apr.25 Introduction to Java and JavaScript for Non-Programmers
Feb.23-Mar.29 Visual Design & Display of Information
Feb.24-Mar.30 Virtual Reality on the Web: An Introduction to VRML
Feb.25 Advanced Web Search Strategies
Feb.25 Fundamentals of Legal Research
Mar.3 Internet Basics
Mar.3 Records Management and Knowledge Management
Mar.6-May1 Internet Application Development
Mar.6-Apr.10 Methodology-Basic-Part1
Mar.6-Apr.10 Methodology-Basic-Part2
Mar.6-Apr.10 Vital Statistics-Basic
Mar.7-Apr.25 Genealogy for the Family Historian
Mar.8-Apr.26 Multimedia Preparation for the Web
Mar.8-May16 Multimedia Interface Design
Mar.10 Project Management for New Managers and Team Leaders
Mar.10 Negotiating Access to Electronic Resources
Mar.10-May5 Web Site Implementation and Management
Mar.11,12 WebServer Configuration--UNIX
Mar.11-May6 Managing Electronic Materials
Mar.13-May1 Introduction to Java for Programmers
Mar.17 Electronic Recordkeeping Systems
Mar.17 Records Management Intermediate Level Certificate Exam
Mar.18,19 WebServer Configuration--NT
Mar.24 Archives for Records Managers and Librarians
Mar.25,26 Web Enabling Your Database
Mar.31 The Information Audit

Continuing Education/ Upcoming Events

Faculty of Information Studies University of Toronto

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www.fis.utoronto.ca/conted. Price range: \$100 - \$595.
Discount for early registration.

Feb.4 Foreign Governments on the Web
Feb.4 Vital Records/Disaster Planning
Feb.4 Electronic Records(Ottawa)
Feb.4 Records Management Basic Level Certificate Exam (Ottawa)
Feb.6-Apr.9 Effective Project Management More Than Software
Feb.7-Mar.13 Methodology-Basic-Part1
Feb.7-Mar.13 Census Records-Basic
Feb.10-11 Cataloguing Serials

Consumer Health Information Service (CHIS) Toronto Reference Library Educational Health Presentations

All sessions are held in the Beeton Auditorium on the first floor of the library.

Date: Wednesday, February 16/2000

Time: 6:30-7:30

Topic: **Healthy Breasts Throughout a Lifetime**

This educational session delivered by nurse clinician Linda Muraca and registered dietitian Fran Berkoff focuses on various aspects of breast health. Specifically, the talk will address how to manage your breast cancer risks, common concerns about the breast, de-mystifying breast cancer statistics, nutritional information to promote breast health, information on screening methods, and finally, an opportunity to learn the proper way to do Breast Self-Examination using patented breast models with simulated pumps (time permitting).

Speakers: Linda Muraca RN, BA, BScN, Mammacare Associate and Fran Berkoff RD

More CHIS Presentations....

Date: Wednesday, March 29/2000

Time: 6:30-7:30

Topic: Healthy Eating to Reduce your Risk of Cancer

This session led by Pauline Wisdom-Gilliam will focus on the relationship between foods and cancer risk reduction. Topics covered include plant foods, fat intake, fibre, antioxidants and phytonutrients.

Speaker: Pauline Wisdom-Gilliam RD

Locating Reliable Health Information on the Internet

Do you have an itch to scratch or a heart to mend? The Internet abounds with health information but is it accurate? Reliable? This course will provide a general introduction to health information resources on the Internet. Participants will learn how to find and critically evaluate health web sites in order to make more informed health care decisions.

Dates: April 4, May 2 or June 6/2000

Time: 10-12

Instructors: CHIS staff

Place: Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge Street

N.B. To register, phone User Education at 393-7209. The course is limited to 8 people. Participants must have basic keyboarding skills and be able to use a mouse.

Date: Wednesday, April 12

Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Topic: Be Heart Smart

Learn more about cardiovascular health from Dr. Fred Hui, a physician who integrates complementary and alternative therapies in his practice. Dr. Hui will discuss the prevention of heart disease and circulatory disorders, blood pressure, and the role of heart medications. He will also present conventional and alternative therapies for heart disease (including chelation therapy), and natural supplements, vitamins and antioxidants.

Date: Wednesday, May 24

Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Topic: Migraine Awareness

Join Emily Levitt, Communications Manager of the Migraine Association of Canada, for a presentation on migraines. A migraineur herself, Ms. Levitt will outline the key features of diagnosis, triggers, prevention and tips for managing migraine at home and at work, and the services available by contacting The Migraine Association of Canada.

Date: Wednesday, June 7

Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Topic: Forgotten Memories: An Introduction to Alzheimer Disease

Learn more about this devastating illness: symptoms and progression of Alzheimer's, risk factors, available treatments, and caring for someone with Alzheimer Disease.

Inika Anderson, Education Program Leader for the Alzheimer Society of Toronto will be the presenter.

CHIS Web Site Additions:

CHIS has just posted the Health Events 2000 listing and updated the list of toll-free numbers for health organizations. <http://www.tpl.toronto.on.ca/TRL/centres/chis/index.html>

Additional CE Opportunities:

Strategically Planning Your Library's Internet Presence 6 May 2000, Vancouver

Rita Vine and Henry Mandelbaum of IMR Internet Training lead this full-day MLA-accredited course, which will be offered during the joint conference of the Medical Library Association and the Canadian Health Libraries Association. Check out your MLA conference program for more information and registration options.

Putting the Internet to Work in Your Library 10 June 2000, Philadelphia OR 11 June 2000, Philadelphia

Join Rita Vine of IMR Internet Training in Philadelphia for a reprise of this popular course, sponsored by the Special Libraries Association. A fast-track, half day lecture on how to harness the Internet in reference and information searching. This course received the top overall rating of all continuing education courses at the 1999 SLA annual conference! More information and registration options will appear on the SLA Web Site <http://www.sla.org/conf/2000conf/index.html>

Top Trends in Searching the Internet 28 March 2000, Toronto

Rita Vine will join other Internet search experts in this thought-provoking panel on Internet searching trends and challenges, part of the Information Highways 2000 Conference. Conference registration fee in effect. More information on the Information Highways website <http://www.informationhighways.net/>.

Internet 401: Internet Skills in Health and Medicine 1 April 2000, University of Toronto

Rita Vine leads a half-day workshop for experienced Internet users focuses on the needs of practicing physicians. Fee: \$225. Limited registration. To register call the Department of Continuing Medical Education, University of Toronto at (416) 978-2718



Library & Resource Centre Profile

ERINOAK Serving Young Children with Physical Disabilities

Erinoak is a non-profit treatment centre (one of the nineteen children's rehabilitation centres in Ontario) that offers a comprehensive range of medical, therapeutic, information and referral services, as well as respite camps, pre-school groups and special services in the home programs. Erinoak's mandate is to help young people with physical disabilities in Peel and Halton Regions maximize their individual potential for independence and the highest possible quality of life within their families and their community.

Since its inception 29 years ago, the Centre has become an important and integral part of the broader community, currently providing care to 3,200 clients (1,800 complex care - 1,400 speech and language delay) and their families. The services offered at Erinoak are primarily funded by the Provincial Government, however, active fundraising and volunteer recruitment activities have, for many years now, enriched Erinoak's service capacity allowing for new initiatives to be taken.

INFORMATION AND RESOURCE CENTRE

The Information and Resource Centre's purpose is to ensure availability of relevant information and resources to Erinoak's professional staff, clients and their families, and other professionals in the community. Its role is to assist clients in achieving their potential and to contribute to a greater understanding of their needs and abilities so that they can be more easily integrated into the community.

The collection consists of books (including books for young children), periodicals, audio, videotapes, newsletters and a vertical file. There are two bulletin boards devoted to providing families with information on education, seminars, publications, community goings-on, services, etc. In addition, a Toy Library lends specialized toys to families and caregivers of Erinoak clients to assist in therapeutic programming.

A non-profit store located in the Information and Resource Centre sells specialized items not readily available in the community. This saves time and energy for parents and enables them to view the latest specialty items. The school personnel also purchases items from our store to assist children in the classroom.

As the new coordinator of the Information and Resource Centre, I would like to enhance some of the services and develop a thriving, state of the art library. One of my challenges is to develop a database system, which will allow staff and clients to know the availability of materials and resources, as well as to keep track of the circulation of all resources. I would also like to contribute to the development of Erinoak's web site by providing links to the library catalog and links to other information web sites.

Erinoak's Information and Resource Centre is located in Mississauga and I am on hand to answer any requests for information between 10:30 AM and 4:30 PM each day (905 820-7111, ext.2404).

By Graziela Alexandrova





Learn – Share – Connect

Joint presented by the
Medical Library Association (MLA) and the
Canadian Health Libraries Association/Association des
bibliothèques de la santé du Canada (CHLA-ABSC)

24th Annual Conference, May 5-11, 2000, Vancouver, British Columbia

14 VERY good reasons to be in Vancouver May 5-11, 2000

- Be a part of history (without wearing the funny clothes) – attend the first-ever joint **MLA/CHLA-ABSC** meeting
- Critical mass: more health sciences librarians in one spot than ever before
- Make new contacts! (**Connect!**)
- New ideas from south of the border and around the world; but Canadian beer (**Share!**)
- Bigger programme (err...program) (**Learn!**)
- Keynote speakers: **David Suzuki** and **Tom Ferguson**
- More exhibits, more vendors in one place
- CISTI and NLM in Canada Place
- More posters
- More papers
- More social events
- More bang for your besieged Lonnie – all of your living costs (food, accommodation, etc.) will be payable in Canadian funds. This will be the cheapest MLA Conference you ever attend!
- B.C.'s supernatural scenery
- Vancouver – one of the world's 10 best destinations according to Condé Nast Traveler magazine readers.

**So come to Vancouver May 5-11, 2000 – Take the dragon by the tail
and re-energize and transform yourself to meet the challenges of the new millennium!**

Visit the Conference web site at: www.mlanet.org/am/am2000/

***The THLA hopes there will be strong representation from both
THLA and CHLA/ABSC members at this joint conference!***

THLA 2000 Events

Chance of a Lifetime: Call for nominations for the THLA 2000-2001 executive.

Positions available are:

- President - Elect
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Have your say in the direction of your association. Dedicate just a few hours of your time this year to support the THLA and you'll be part of this great ongoing trend to provide the membership with valuable information, education and entertainment

Volunteers are welcomed.
Please contact Karen Smith for details.
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• May 18, 2000 THLA Annual Banquet

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