

THLA NEWS



NATUROPATHIC APPROACHES TO THE TREATMENT OF AIDS

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Monday, February 10, 1997

5:45 - 6:15 pm Tour of the Resource Centre 18th floor
6:00 - 6:30 pm Light refreshments
6:30 pm Program
(room location to be displayed in lobby)

PLEASE NOTE: entrance is locked at 7:00 pm

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*A room without books
is a body
without soul.*

- Cicero

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INFORMATION CENTRE PROFILE: CCNM

CCNM - The Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine is one of four recognized naturopathic institutions in North America and the only one of its kind in Canada. Each student, prior to admission to CCNM, must have three years of pre-medical studies from an accredited university program. The College provides four years of training in basic medical sciences, diagnosis, naturopathic principles and therapeutics, including extensive, supervised clinical experience in the Naturopathic College Clinic (which is also on the premises). Graduates take international licensing examinations before registration is granted to practise as a Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine.

Conventional and naturopathic medicine complement one another, but they differ in their approaches to treatment. Naturopathic medicine assesses the whole person, and focuses on disease prevention and health enhancement using natural therapies and patient education. The role of the naturopathic doctor is to teach patients how to better care for their own health.

LEARNING AND INFORMATION RESOURCES CENTRE

The mandate of the Resource Centre is to: a) support the College's curriculum; b) serve the research and information needs of the

naturopathic community; and c) respond to inquiries regarding naturopathy/complementary medicine from patients, institutions and the public at large. Materials include books, periodicals, audio and video tapes, slides and learning packages in various formats. The library also subscribes to CD-ROM databases such as **MEDLINE**, **CMI** (Complementary Medicine Index), **RADAR** (Homeopathic Database), **ACCUVISION** (Traditional Chinese Medicine Database), **IBIS** (Interactive BodyMind Information Systems) among others. Using the Internet, which is available by appointment, students are able to gain access to the growing amount of alternative health care resources in various external databases.

A historical book collection from the estate of Dr. Irma Kennedy-Jackson, one of the first women to graduates in medicine from the University of Toronto, is also housed in the Resource Centre. Her collection of homeopathic medicine and homeopathic psychiatry constitutes an irreplaceable treasure for medical historians.

- Marietta Forster-Haberer

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Brave New Year of 1997. By the time these words reach you, I trust you're back to work after a happy holiday season.

I have a few pieces of information gathered from various sources (mostly electronic) that I feel I should share with the membership, in case you haven't come across these items yourself:

CHLA President Susan Murray will be off to a Board meeting in Ottawa in mid-February. Issues to be addressed include copyright, advocacy, the '97 Conference in Vancouver, the CISTI Discussion Paper on Resource Sharing (which I gather has caused some consternation in the community; a follow-up paper is expected in February) and a national health library system.

Speaking of advocacy, Susan sent a letter to the Department of Finance in December arguing for the inclusion of hospital libraries in the 100% GST exemption for books. CHLA has also been active in lobbying for inclusion of fair dealing practices in Bill C-32, An Act to Amend the Copyright Act.

If there are any issues you would like investigated, please let THLA or CHLA know of your concerns.

Although our job is not yet done, it's time for the THLA Executive to think ahead and recruit new volunteers for the Executive. Please pause a moment and give serious consideration to running for, or nominating someone to run for, a position. New blood, old blood, whatever - please step forward - don't be shy (and don't make us beg!). Contact Elaine Wright at 233-1542 if you would like to be involved next year.

I urge everyone to attend our February General Meeting (details in this issue). Following on the success of our 1995 Fall meeting on Complementary Medicine, we're presenting another meeting concentrating on that same area of burgeoning interest. Visit the new facilities of the CCNM and meet your colleagues. See you there...

- Colleen Mulloy, President

WEB HEALTH WATCH

MedWeb: Alternative Medicine, produced by the Emory University Health Science Center Library, is an extensive listing of links by subcategory: AIDS & HIV; Consumer Health; Conferences; Terminology; Internet Resources; Societies and Associations; Medicine, etc. www.gen.emory.edu/MEDWEB/keyword/Alternative_medicine.html

MedExplorer is a medical/health related search engine for professionals, patients and families and general users. An interesting, ever expanding access to medically related URLs. Please note that this is a partially commercial site and that "health" is interpreted in the broadest sense of the word. www.medexplorer.com

MedFinder™ is a medical search engine at **Net Medicine**, "The Smart Source for Health and Medical Information," which is still in somewhat of the developmental stages (the free access to Medline and some of the listed categories and indexed entries were not available at the time of this review). However, the claim that this is the Web's premier site for a medical photographic database (containing photographs, images and radiographic studies) seems to be well-justified. www.netmedicine.com/medfinder.htm

Please send Web Site suggestions to Mary Robinson
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ON THE MOVE

Tamsin Adams-Webber will be moving to Bethesda, Maryland in February to start a new position at the National Institutes of Health.

Irene Cameron has recently left the Glenn Gould Memorial Library at Scarborough Grace Hospital to pursue other interests, and plans to return to the library field in the future.

Deborah Lambert is the new Co-ordinator of the Glenn Gould Memorial Library at Scarborough Grace Hospital: 3030 Birchmount Rd., Scarborough, ON M1W 3W3; TEL: 495-2437; FAX: 495-2562; e-mail: lambert@library.utoronto.ca

Jenny Reiswig has moved to San Diego, California. Her e-mail address is: jreiswig@ucsd.edu

THLA FACES & PLACES

THLA Directory corrections and additions

Lisa Betel of The AIDS Committee of Toronto Library has a new phone number and e-mail address: TEL: 340-2437; e-mail: act@hookup.net

Rita Bondi-Arkwell is located at the Jackman Library of the C.M. Hincks Centre for Children's Mental Health.

Roderick Hamilton at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario's Policy Research and Analysis Department has this FAX number: 961-3330.

Colin Hoare of the Corporate Library at Hoffmann-La Roche Limited has this e-mail address: colin.hoare@roche.com

Rexford Leonard and **Hugh McNaught** of the Balmer Neilly Library report a company name change to: Pasteur Mérieux Connaught Canada.

Helen Michael begins a one year secondment at the Gerstein Science Information Centre at the University of Toronto on February 3, 1997: 7 King's College Circle, Toronto, ON M5S 1A5; TEL: 978-7662; FAX: 971-2848; e-mail: michael@library.utoronto.ca

Christine Weadick of the Resource Centre in the Regional Women's Health Centre of Women's College Hospital has a new e-mail address: resource@ftn.net

Pui-Ying Wong is now head of both health sciences libraries of the Bloorview MacMillan Centre. MacMillan Site: 350 Rumsey Rd. Toronto, ON M4G 1R8; TEL: 424-3855, ext.3517; FAX: 425-6591; e-mail: wongpy@library.utoronto.ca. Bloorview Site: 25 Buchan Court, Willowdale, ON M2J 4S9; TEL: 425-6220, ext.6040.

WELCOME

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MANITOBA NEWS

J.W. CRANE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The J.W. Crane Memorial Library is one of the country's best known special libraries in geriatrics, gerontology and long-term care. Located in the Deer Lodge Centre in sunny St. James, Manitoba, the Crane provides a full range of resources and services to the Centre staff. A unique partnership agreement with the Riverview Health Centre extends the same service levels and resources to their staff using phone, fax and courier services for information requests and document delivery. The library also acts as a resource for long-term care providers throughout the province and fields information requests from Victoria, BC to St. John's, NF on a fee-for-service basis.

The Crane collection focuses on the clinical social and psychological aspects of aging, the administration, organization and operation of long-term care systems, and the development of health promotion and community programs for seniors. For further information about the Crane Library, feel free to call at (204) 831-2152 or e-mail: inglis@mbnet.mb.ca.

THE NEIL JOHN MACLEAN HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY

The Medical Library, Neilson Dental Library, Health Sciences Centre Main Library, and the Manitoba Health Information Network (MHINET) were physically and administratively merged into The Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library on June 6, 1996. The merger makes the NJMHS the major health sciences information facility in the province and as such, it will expand its role by providing health information to all health professionals in Manitoba.

Thanks to the *mhla news*, a publication of the Manitoba Health Libraries Association, Fall 1996.

CISTI DOCLINE NEWS

NEW TO DOCLINE

Newly active on DOCLINE are 27 of the 37 Toronto libraries, the Gerstein Science Information Centre and the University of Ottawa Health Sciences Library.

PRESENTATIONS

Groups new to DOCLINE who would benefit from an information session adapted to their needs should contact the Coordinator. Site visits are arranged on a shared cost basis.

From the *DOCLINE in Canada Newsletter* from CISTI, January 1997. Available by e-mail.

HOLIDAY PARTY REPORT

God rest ye good librarians, let nothing ye dismay. So sang the talented THLettes (Colleen Mulloy, Sylvia Newman, and Rita Shaughnessy). The Christmas carol, together with a lucky draw for door prizes, brought much fun and entertainment to a crowd of forty Members attending the THLA party on December 9th, 1996 at the University of Toronto Faculty Club. It had an enjoyable evening of good food and companionship.

The THLA would like to thank the following sponsors for making the event a success: McGraw-Hill, Ryerson, McClelland and Stewart, Oxford University Press Canada, Bantam Books Canada, Doubleday Canada, the Art Gallery of Ontario, and our very own Terri Rothman. Last, but not least, a big thank you to all participants for being there. Wishing everyone at THLA a prosperous 1997!

- Vivian Hung

RUN FOR YOUR HEALTH

The running season is quickly approaching. The good news is that many of the races raise money for local charities, and there is usually a shorter walking route. Here are a number of races for you to challenge your colleagues:

March 16, 1997

March 16, 1997 Runners' Choice Spring Tune-up 5K and 2.5K Walk
Charity: The Ontario Lupus Association
For more information contact Terri Rothman, editor

April 20, 1997

April 20, 1997 Super Cities Walk for MS 5K route and 11K route
Charity: Multiple Sclerosis Society
For more info: (416) 922-6600 or 1-800-268-7582

May 15, 1997

May 15, 1997 Bay Street Rat Race 5K
Charity: Toronto's Ronald McDonald House
Dress up as a "typical librarian" and enjoy the fun. Professionals of all fitness levels run/walk in business attire and costumes. More info to follow in next issue.

In running, it doesn't matter whether you come in first, in the middle of the pack or last. You can say, 'I have finished.' There is a lot of satisfaction in that.

- Fred Lebow
Fred Lebow, who when terminally ill with brain cancer, completed his own New York City Marathon in 1992

IMPACT OF LIBRARY INFORMATION SERVICES

This report was produced by the Ottawa-Carleton Hospital Libraries. If you would like a complete copy of this report including references, please contact Colleen Mulloy, THLA President.

PURPOSE

Our aim is to highlight the services provided by the hospital libraries in Ottawa-Carleton, to outline some of the ways we cooperate, to explain how we contribute to the care of patients, the support of hospital staff, the conduct of health care research, and the teaching of health care students.

LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

The primary role of Library and Information Services is to support patient care, research, and the maintenance of clinical competence among professional staffs. Libraries provide knowledge-based material which has been quality filtered and peer reviewed. Knowledge-based information differs from the data from financial and clinical systems, which, with office automation and hospital-wide networks, are provided by Information Services departments.

IMPACT OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES

Clinical staff use information to treat patients, conduct health care research, and maintain clinical competence. A number of studies have evaluated the impact of the hospital library on patient care.

- In major studies conducted by King and Haynes, physicians reported that the information provided by the hospital library positively affected patient care. It changed the way cases were handled, contributed to better informed clinical decisions, and resulted in higher quality patient care.

- A study at the Ottawa General Hospital Library on the impact of literature searching on patient care found that 52% of physicians said that searches reduced medical costs. 68% of physicians said that searches helped them select the most appropriate therapy or expanded their current knowledge on a subject. All physicians surveyed felt that the literature searches had an impact on their clinical practice.

- In the Rochester study, Marshall measured the impact of physicians' use of the hospital library on clinical decision making. 80% of respondents handled some aspect of patient care differently after receiving information from the library. Physicians rated the information provided by the library more highly than that received from other information sources, including diagnostic imaging, laboratory tests and discussions with colleagues.

- Klein's study demonstrated that information for patient care retrieved by librarians in a timely manner affect costs. It resulted in lower costs and shorter lengths of stay in hospital.

Libraries provide collections in print or electronic form, including books, journals, audiovisuals, CD-ROM, databases and the Internet. Library staff supplement materials from their own collections by the sharing of resources with other libraries...

- As health care administration becomes increasingly dependent on timely information, library and information services become more important. Libraries and librarians provide valuable resources and expertise in the planning and development of hospital projects, especially those with an information management component. While library budgets represent a small portion of hospital budgets, they provide a huge dividend in cost-saving by efficient provision of information...

- In response to trends towards greater patient, family and community involvement in health care, hospital libraries offer consumer health information to patients and their families in the Ottawa-Carleton region.

The teaching philosophy of evidence-based medicine that is supported by the University of Ottawa and its teaching hospitals is based on the use of quality health care literature to answer clinical questions. Libraries are an integral part of that philosophy...

CONCLUSION

Throughout Ottawa-Carleton, health sciences libraries have a history of cooperating to ensure good service and to prudently manage resources. Nevertheless, it is one area where re-engineering has become routine, has a history of success, and where real reforms and improvements in service have been made.

It is important to acknowledge this effort in ongoing restructuring plans. There is every evidence that in the 'information age', timely information is rapidly growing in importance in health care. Good information is vital to the effective management of health care services, the economical management of facilities and the maintenance and improvement of health care standards, and must be an important factor in all restructuring considerations.

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DID YOU KNOW...?

CHLA/ABSC has a number of Awards and Funds that you can apply for on behalf of yourself, one of your colleagues, or our chapter - THLA! **More information on eligibility and application criteria can be found in the CHLA/ABSC 1996-1997 Directory, or contact one of the CHLA/ABSC Board of Directors listed at right.**

CHLA/ABSC TENTH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE AWARD

This Award recognizes that one of the most tangible means whereby the mission of CHLA/ABSC is accomplished is through the activities of its Chapters. The Award is intended to recognize chapter activities which have made a significant contribution to furthering the CHLA/ABSC mission. It is in the amount of \$500 and is offered annually. Submissions, in writing, must be received by **April 15, 1997.**

CHLA/ABSC TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The purpose of this Award is to enhance access to professional development opportunities for individual CHLA/ABSC members. The amount shall be a maximum of \$200. The number of awards available shall be set by the Board of Directors annually at the Fall Board meeting. You must provide a description of the activity for which funding is sought as well as the expected total cost of attending the activity. Applications for awards must be received by the current Continuing Education Co-ordinator a minimum of six weeks before the activity for which support is sought. All enquiries and correspondence concerning the award should be directed to: Shelagh Wotherspoon, Director CHLA/ABSC (CE Co-ordinator).

BMC SURVEY TO EVALUATE THE JOURNAL

Please return your completed survey
by **February 1, 1997.**

DRAWING CLOSER, REACHING FURTHER

The **1997 Canadian Health Libraries Association Conference** will be taking place **May 28 - June 1** in Vancouver, BC. For more information, check out the website www.library.ubc.ca/life/chla97/, or write to chla97@unixg.ubc.ca.

CHLA/ABSC DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Fund is designed to support initiatives by chapters and individuals and provides a tangible way for the association to foster growth at the local level. The Fund will be awarded to chapters or to individuals whose projects meet the criteria for funding. For the fiscal year 1997, the Board has allocated \$5,000 to the Fund. Applications must be submitted to the President and Secretary at least one month before a scheduled CHLA/ABSC Board meeting (meetings are scheduled in February, June, and October).

CHLA/ABSC STUDENT PAPER PRIZE

This contest is open to all students, including foreign applicants, in or recently graduated from a library or information sciences program, a library techniques program, or a program in a related faculty. Registered students may be full or part-time; graduated students should have completed their studies within one year of the competition's closing date of **March 31, 1997.**

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- Apr.5/97 **Internet Basics**
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- Apr.11-12/97 **Websites: Design and Management**
- Apr.18/97 **Advanced Search Tools on the Internet**
- Apr.25/97 **Internet Basics - Focus on Law**
- May 2/97 **Outsourcing Technical Services: Issues & Approaches**
- May 23/97 **Digitization of Library Collections**

To list your event in this column, please contact Andrea Shier at (416) 978-7068 or by e-mail: shier@library.utoronto.ca

COMMON CHALLENGES, UNCOMMON OPPORTUNITIES

The **Ontario Library Association's Super Conference 1997** will be taking place **February 6-9** at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. On Feb. 7th **Joanne Marshall** will be talking about *Today's Work Force Tomorrow*. Sessions will cover a wide variety of topics. For more information call (416) 363-3624 or check the website AccessOLA:www.OLA.ca.dynix.com

COMMITTED TO CHANGE, READY FOR THE CHALLENGE

The **1997 Medical Library Association Annual Meeting** will be taking place **May 23 - 28**, in Seattle, WA. For more information, check out the website at www.kumc.edu/MLA/MLA97/

DRAWING CLOSER, REACHING FURTHER

The **1997 Canadian Health Libraries Association Conference** will be taking place **May 28 - June 1** in Vancouver, British Columbia. For more information, check out the website www.library.ubc.ca/life/chla97/.

CHANGE AS OPPORTUNITY

The **88th Special Libraries Association Annual Conference** will be taking place **June 7 - 12** in Seattle, WA. Special guest speaker is Bill Gates, CEO, Microsoft Corporation. For more information call (202) 234-4700 or check out the website at sla.microsoft.com/ or www.sla.org

REINVENTING LIBRARIES

Canadian Library Association Annual Conference will take place **June 18 - 22** at the Ottawa Congress Centre, presenting strategies to prepare and plan for the many challenges that lie ahead. For more information, contact CLA at (613) 232-9625.

CASLIS - Toronto Chapter

- Feb.5/97 **Resource Sharing:
The Public and Private Partnership**
- Mar.4/97 **Digitizing Libraries**
- Apr.9/97 **Saving Your Butt: Putting Library Services in the Forefront**

Metro Reference Library, 5:30 pm.
For information, contact Gwen Harris, (416) 762-7645; gharris@the-wire.com

SLA-Toronto Chapter

- Feb. 20/97 **Technology Fair**
- Mar.20/97 **Lunch and Learn: Negotiating Electronic Information Contracts / Licensing**
- For more information, contact Sean Forbes TEL: (416) 947-7898; sean.forbes@ArthurAndersen.com

THLA 1997 EVENTS

Monday February 10, 1997

Naturopathic Approaches to the Treatment of AIDS, Kenneth Luby, ND
Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine

Monday, April 7, 1997

Environmental Medicine, Dr. Jozef Krop

Monday, May 5, 1997

Annual Banquet
Why Are We Doing Women's Health Research?

Dr. Donna Stewart, MD, FRCP(C),
Lillian Love, Chair in Women's Health, TTH
Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto

CURSE AGAINST BOOK STEALERS

For him that stealeth a Book from this Library, let it change into a serpent in his hand and rend him. Let him be struck with Palsy, and all his Members blasted. Let him languish in Pain crying aloud for Mercy and let there be no surcease to his Agony till he sink in Dissolution. Let Bookworms gnaw his Entrails in token of the Worm that dieth not, and when at last he goeth to his final Punishment, let the flames of Hell consume him for ever and aye.

- Monastery of San Pedro, Barcelona

[This quote is in The Old Librarians' Almanack which is itself a brilliant and very funny forgery by Edmund Lester Pearson. For details see, Wayne A. Wiegand, "The History of a Hoax: Edmund Lester Pearson, John Cotton Dana, and the Old Librarian's Almanack." Beta Phi Mu Chapbook No. 13.]



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