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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Michelle Kraft



Even though it is cold and there is snow on the ground, spring is just around the corner. This year's spring CE "Health Literacy: Start Spreading the News," is on April 4 at the

Medical Heritage Center in the Prior Health Sciences Library at The Ohio State University, Columbus. The workshop will focus on an overview of low health literacy issues and implications, barriers commonly encountered, strategies to promote health literacy, criteria for the selection or development of health materials and other issues in health literacy.

The course will be taught by Janet Petty MLS, AHIP and Sandy Cornett, PhD. Janet is the associate librarian for patient and family education/reference services at Craig Memorial Library, Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton. She oversees the development, revision and distribution of all approved patient education materials at the hospital. Janet has also developed a patient and family education website through which over 100,000 patient education brochures were distributed. She has been an advocate for health literacy since 2001. She has developed and given numerous presentations to over 2,000 health care professionals.

Sandy Cornett, PhD. is the program manager of consumer health education at The Ohio State University Medical Center and is responsible for implementing a coordinated, comprehensive patient health education plan across the health system. Under her direction over 3,000 patient education titles written below the eighth grade reading level have been placed on the medical center's intranet and internet. She established a Center for Health Information which includes low literacy and foreign language materials among the items available to patients, families, staff and the general public.

**REMEMBER, YOUR OHSLA BALLOT  
 MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31  
 TO BE COUNTED!**

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## Fall Meeting Summarized

*Submitted by Marlene Porter, President Elect*

The fall 2007 meeting was held Friday, October 19 at South Pointe Hospital, Warrensville Heights. Registration and continental breakfast preceded the 4.0 MLA CE credits course: Patient Safety Resource Seminar: Librarians on the Front Lines. Holly Burt, Outreach and Exhibits Coordinator for the NN/LM Greater Midwest Region presented the class to twenty one attendees. There were nineteen current members. Two people joined as new or renewing members.

The continental breakfast was courtesy of the South Pointe Hospital library. Lunch from Food for Thought cost \$381.71. The menu was sandwich wraps, two vegetable salads, one fruit salad, chips, brownies, soft drinks and bottled water. It was suggested that more diet drinks be ordered next time.

## GMR Shares Resources

*Submitted by Holly Burt, Outreach and Exhibits Coordinator, NN/LM GMR*

While cruising on the information highway, stop by the website of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Greater Midwest Region (NN/LM-GMR) for a variety of resources and lots of information for you and your library. <http://nnlm.gov/gmr/>

Share brochures, flyers, and other handouts on PubMed, MedlinePlus and other National Library of Medicine resources by printing them. <http://nnlm.gov/gmr/training/handouts.html>

Learn ways to promote your library: <http://nnlm.gov/gmr/member/advocacy/>

Find funding for new projects at <http://nnlm.gov/gmr/funding/>  
See the Toolkit for GMR funded outreach at <http://nnlm.gov/gmr/about/outlibs>

Contact the staff when you have questions. They will be glad to help.  
<http://nnlm.gov/gmr>  
phone 800-338-7657 (in the region) or fax 312-996-2226

## Promote Consumer Health Collections

*Based on an email to OHSLA from Charniel McDaniels*

Consumer health collections can be listed in MedlinePlus. Check out the details under "Promote your Consumer Health Library." <http://medlineplus.gov>

## Bylaws Addition Proposed

*Submitted by the executive committee, Carol Powell, Secretary*

At the spring business meeting members will vote on the proposed addition to the bylaws.

Article V, Section 4, Part E

### PART E. MIDWEST CHAPTER STATE LIASON COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE.

The Representative shall be appointed by the President and shall serve as liaison between OHSLA and the Chapter Council. This person shall serve as a conduit for communication between the chapter and the Association, local library groups, and library science educational programs in the State of Ohio.

## Hospital Library Advocacy Committee Reports

*Submitted by Marlene Derrick, Chair*

The OHSLA hospital library advocacy committee is continuing its efforts to advocate for Ohio hospital libraries. The current project is the OHSLA Hospital Administrator of the Year Award. Information on the award and how to nominate an administrator is coming soon to the new Advocacy section on the OHSLA web site. The brochure, "Medical Librarians Raise the Hospital Bottom Line" and resource links will be included in the section.

The committee is looking forward to working with the Ohio State Medical Association this year at OSMA CME site survey visits. The new "Checklist for Surveying Library Resources" will be used by surveyors at hospitals with libraries.

Anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact [Marlene.Derrick@csauh.com](mailto:Marlene.Derrick@csauh.com)

## Lake Hospital System Is Pilot Site

*Submitted by Holly Kimborowicz, Health Science Librarian, Lake Hospital System*

Lake Hospital System, located in Painesville and Willoughby, was selected to be a pilot training site for the Medical Library Association's Health Information Literacy Research Project, under a contract with NIH/National Library of Medicine. The system is one of nine hospital libraries selected from twenty three applications from fifteen states. The libraries will pilot a new Health Information Literacy (HIL) curriculum designed to increase health care provider knowledge of health information literacy issues, increase patient and provider use of NLM and other consumer resources, and ***promote the role of librarians*** as key providers of HIL resources and support. Health information literacy has been identified by the Institute of Medicine and the Joint Commission as a patient safety issue.

For more information: [http://www.mlanet.org/resources/healthlit/hil\\_project\\_overview.html](http://www.mlanet.org/resources/healthlit/hil_project_overview.html)

## Sign Up For Free CE

*Submitted by Michelle Kraft, President*

How often is there an opportunity to take a free MLA class and earn eight hours of CE credit? MLA's social networking task force, in partnership with the NPC Geek Squad is hosting the free online CE course, "Web 2.0 101: introduction to Second Generation Web Tools." This course is open to MLA members. Participants will have the opportunity to learn hands on about blogs, RSS, wikis, social networking, social bookmarking and tagging, web office tools, photo sharing, online hosted video, and mashups.

No prior knowledge of these technologies is required. The instructional level is for beginner and intermediate users of 2.0 applications. It will run March 10-May 4, 2008 leading up to MLA '08. Depending on the participants' beginning skill level, the eight week session will require one or two hours per week of time spent reading and in activities.

Register before March 9. Participants will automatically be signed up for an email discussion list for the course. Access to a computer with unrestricted internet access is required. If you work within a restricted network, consider taking the course from home.

For more information and to register, visit the members only area. Your MLA ID/username and MLANET password is needed.

## Librarian Recognized As Joint Author

*Submitted by Jodith Janes, Cleveland Clinic Foundation Alumni Library*

Numerous searches for nickel toxicity from homeopathic medicines, vitamins or mineral supplements earned Jodith Janes inclusion as an author.

De Medeiros LM, Fransway AF, Taylor JS, Wyman M, Janes J, Fowler JF, Jr, Rietschel RL. Complimentary and alternative remedies: an additional source of potential systemic nickel exposure. *Contact Dermatitis*. 2008 Feb; 58(2):97-100. [PMID: 18186743]

## Volunteer Joins Staff

*Submitted by Susi Frederick Miller, Director, Medical Library, Riverside Hospital*

Laura Moorman, a volunteer since 2004, is now a contingent medical librarian at the D.J. Vincent Medical Library, Riverside Hospital, Columbus. She volunteers at the Library for Health Information -The Ohio State University Medical Center and is a part-time reference librarian at the Upper Arlington Public Library.



**Ohio Health Sciences Library Association**

*Spring Meeting*

*Friday, April 4, 2008*

Medical Heritage Center

Prior Health Sciences Library

The Ohio State University

**Agenda:**

**9:30 – 10am: Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**10am – 12 noon: “Health Literacy: Start Spreading the News”**

Presenters:

**Janet Petty**, MLIS, AHIP, Associate Librarian, Craig Memorial Library, Miami Valley Hospital  
Dayton, OH

**Sandra Cornett**, PhD, RN, Director, The Ohio State University, AHEC Health Literacy Program  
Columbus OH

*The focus of this workshop will give participants:*

- ✦ *An overview of the low health literacy issues, implications, and barriers faced by people who interface with the health care system*
- ✦ *Insight into the struggles and barriers people with low literacy encounter in the health care system*
- ✦ *Principles to use when communicating with clients*
- ✦ *Organizational strategies to promote health literacy*
- ✦ *Plain Language agenda and legislation*
- ✦ *Plain language criteria for selecting or writing health materials that are easy-to-read*
- ✦ *How to do a Fry readability test on materials*
- ✦ *A brief overview of eHealth Literacy*
- ✦ *How to promote health literacy as a librarian*

**12 noon – 1:15pm: Lunch and Business Meeting**

**1:15 – 3:15pm: “Health Literacy: Start Spreading the News” continued**

**3:15 – 3:30pm: Wrap-up and evaluation**

Cost for Current Members: \$40

Cost for Non-Members: \$55

4.0 MLA CE Credits

**Registration Deadline: Friday, March 28, 2008**

Directions, Parking, and Hotel Information: <http://www.ohslanet.org/events/directions.html>

For more information, contact President Elect/Program Chair Marlene Porter at [marlene.porter@utoledo.edu](mailto:marlene.porter@utoledo.edu)

**Registration Form – OHSLA Spring 2008 Meeting: *Health Literacy: Start Spreading the News***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Library / Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to  
OHSLA**

\_\_\_ \$40—current member  
\_\_\_ \$55—new or renewing  
\_\_\_ \$15—lunch and  
business meeting only

\_\_\_ Vegetarian?

Mail form with payment to: Susi Miller, D.J. Vincent Medical Library, Riverside Hospital, 3535 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, OH 43214. Questions about registration? Call or email Susi at (614) 566-5230 or [smiller5@ohiohealth.com](mailto:smiller5@ohiohealth.com)