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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Patty Augustine

With the millennium rapidly approaching, there is still much work to be done before our 1999 goals can be accomplished. OHSLA still does not have a web page, but there is good news on that front. David Blankenship, our new Webmaster, is working diligently on this project and we hope to have the page available by the Fall meeting. Plans for the creation of a database of member/library information, proposed by Mary Sprague, have not yet been finalized. I will continue to work with Mary to bring this much-needed venture to fruition.

Chris Williams, Communications Chair, is developing a new look for the OHSLA

Voice and will be contacting other library organizations (ALA, SLA, etc.) throughout the state for information on the activities and challenges they are currently pursuing.

Of course, all of the Y2K issues facing librarians have not yet been resolved. Chris Shaffer, GMR office, is available to address your questions and concerns. This is another example of the value of the staff at GMR.

The year 2000 will bring many changes for all libraries. NLM's goal to improve the national infrastructure that supports the public's access to electronic health information will result in new partnering agreements with other types of libraries.

This might include opening our libraries or at least our collections (resources) to the public through Loan-some Doc.

The Executive Committee as a group has vast knowledge and experience and I will continue to work with them to provide the leadership needed to meet the challenges that will face librarians during the coming months. I hope every OHSLA member will continue to assume an ownership role and offer his or her expertise and creative ideas when called upon, so our organization can remain strong and able to meet the growing needs of librarians in these changing times.



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## Summary of the OHSLA Spring Meeting

By Patty Augustine

The OHSLA Spring meeting was held on April 20, 1999 at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. Fifty-nine attendees gathered in this lovely setting for an informative Y2K presentation by Chris Shaffer, GMR Office, and an update on NLM Initiatives by Betsy Humphreys, National Library of Medicine.

Thirty-four percent of those attending were from academic institutions and fifty-six percent were from hospitals. Of the remaining ten percent, the following or-

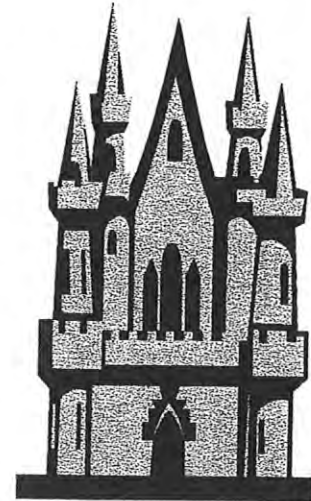
ganizations were represented: State Library of Ohio (2), National Library of Medicine (1), GMR (2), and the Bureau of Health Promotion and Risk Reduction (1).

Geographically, OHSLA members traveled from all regions of the state:

NE Ohio	27%
NW Ohio	8%
Central	28%
SW Ohio	27%
SE Ohio	3%
Out of Ohio	5%

Thirty-eight evaluation forms were completed and returned. The membership provided input on the facility, food, meeting topics of interest, etc. The

Executive Committee and the Program Chair have already reviewed this information and will use it constructively when planning future meeting.



## Ohio on the RAC

By Clare Leibfarth

Did you know that I am not the only Ohioan on the RAC? And what is the RAC anyway?

The RAC is really the Regional Advisory Council of the Greater Midwest Region. The council consists of six committees of health sciences librarians and healthcare professionals. These committees assist the GMR in developing programs and otherwise meeting regional medical information needs.

As OHSLA's RAC Representative, I serve as the "state council" representative from Ohio. In addition to my specific committee appointment on the

Technology Awareness Committee, my job is to represent the interests of all Ohio health science librarians to the GMR and to serve as a conduit for information back and forth. So be sure to call or e-mail me when you have any questions or concerns that should be addressed with the GMR staff!

And who are the other Ohioans on the RAC? They serve on appropriate committees representing the interests of various types of libraries or library groups. Susan Kroll was chosen by her peers to represent the region's resource libraries on the Oversight Committee, replacing the now-retired Sarah Timmons. Dave Boilard also has been serving on the Oversight Committee as one of MC/MLA's representatives. Bette Sydelko shares the Ohio viewpoint

with the Consortia/Local Groups Committee. This summer, Mary Sprague and Michelle Rubin King served on the RAC's ad-hoc Healthcare Professionals Committee advising the GMR on outreach program issues.

You can find a complete description of the RAC and its committees on the GMR web site (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/gmr/rac/>).



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## GMR NEWS .....

Kathy J. Davies, Outreach Coordinator for NN/LM Greater Midwest region is pleased to announce the following staff additions and changes at the GMR

### Director

The GMR announces that Susan Jacobson is the new Director of the Greater Midwest Region and Assistant University Librarian for the Health Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Ms. Jacobson was previously the Director of the Health Sciences Library at Columbia University. Ms. Jacobson began her new position on July 26, 1999. Please join the GMR staff in welcoming Ms. Jacobson to our region.



GMR announces new  
Director

### Consumer Health Librarian

The GMR announces that Lorna Springston has accepted the Consumer Health Librarian position as of August 12, 1999. Lorna previously was the library coordinator for Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper, Indiana. Lorna developed a Consumer Health Information Library, collaborated with Jasper's Public Library to provide a health and medical information reference services, and was a member of a multi-type library consortium, which facilitated resource sharing between public, academic, hospital and special libraries. Lorna also serves as a MEDLINEplus Development Consultant.

### Outreach Coordinator

The GMR is pleased to announce that Kathy J. Davies has assumed the role of Outreach Coordinator as of July 15, 1999. Kathy previously served as communications Coordinator for the GMR. Kathy will continue to serve as liaison to Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. Kathy can be reached through the GMR:

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## STATE NEWS ....



Sarah  
Timmons  
retires !

Wright State University:  
Sarah Timmons, Associate  
University Librarian has  
retired.

Good Luck Sarah ...

Sheila Shellabarger has  
been appointed Associate  
University Librarian  
Karen Schneider has been  
appointed Head of Refer-  
ence

Miami Valley Association  
of Health Sciences Librari-  
ans

### **Election Results:**

Susan Wehmeyer is Presi-  
dent

Ximena Chrisagis is Presi-  
dent - Elect

Bette Sydelko is Treasurer!

Susan Greb is Secretary

Janet Petty is Historian

The Association's Web  
Page is <http://www.libraries.wright.edu/mvahsl/>

MC/MLA 2000 in Cincin-  
nati!

Planning is well under way  
... presentation by James  
Lavalle ... sports, muse-  
ums, concerts, restaurants  
and a great conference!  
For more info visit their  
web site: <http://midwestmla.org>

Don't forget MC/MLA  
1999 in Grand Rapids Octo-  
ber 5-9, 1999

OSU offers presentation.....  
Dr. Daniel Masys, Director

of Biomedical Informatics  
at the University of Califor-  
nia, San Diego School of  
Medicine and formerly Di-  
rector of the Lister Hill Na-  
tion Center for Biomedical  
Communications. Friday  
September 17 from 10:30 to  
11:30, The Medical Heri-  
tage Center, 5 th floor OSU  
Prior Health Sciences Li-  
brary. All OHSLA mem-  
bers are invited.

JOBS.... JOBS .... JOBS  
The State Library of Ohio  
has a job opening for a li-  
brarian 2 Degreed in Refer-  
ence Services. Details are  
available at <http://www.state.oh.us> deadline is Sept  
17, 1999

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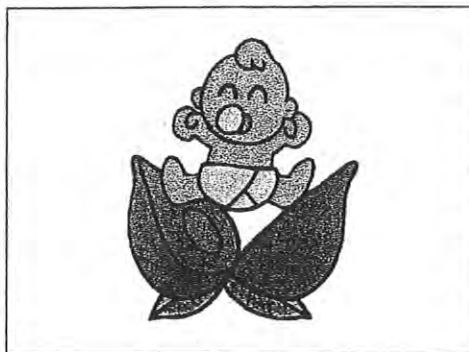
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FORUM HEALTH  
NORTHSIDE MED CTR LIBRARY  
500 GYPSY LANE  
YOUNGSTOWN OH 44501

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## NEW ARRIVAL: DOCLINE

The tentative schedule for release of the Web-based DOCLINE system is December 1. We expect to begin beta-testing the new system October 15, after completing intensive testing at NLM. The current DOCLINE system will continue to operate until the new system is available either through a dial-up connection with a value-added network service or Telnet through Internet. When the new system is deployed, it will not be possible to maintain the old DOCLINE system, as all the data for the complex routing scheme, patron identification, and serials holdings will have been converted to the new Oracle based system.

In response to users con-



cerns regarding the use of Internet Explorer v 5.0, NLM has determined that the new DOCLINE system will be functional with Internet Explorer 4.0. Though the optimal browsers for the new DOCLINE system are Internet Explorer 5.0 and Netscape 4.06 or higher, Internet Explorer 4.0 will work correctly with the possible exception of the "printing receipts"

function. An interlibrary loan request will be printed correctly, however, printing may not be completely controllable. For example, depending on the exact version and configuration of your browser, a blank page may be produced between requests or multiple requests may be printed on the same page.

The AT&T FTS2000 service will cease on September 30, 1999. NLM will have a new network service provided effective October 1. Look for an announcement mid September.

Rosalyn M Leiderman  
Collection Access Section

