

MDMLG NEWS

Summer 2018

President's Message from Angela Sponer Cabrera



It seems as though it was just last week that I began my term as President of MDMLG, but in reality it was nearly a year ago, and now it is time to pass the responsibilities on to my successor, and fellow Henry Ford Health System librarian, Juliet Mullenmeister. We have enjoyed another excellent year of meetings and professional development programs as we welcomed professionals from the medical field as well as health sciences libraries to inform us and encourage discussion.

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It takes several people to keep our organization running smoothly, and I want to thank everyone who has helped out this year. Our Executive Board and Committee members have worked to keep MDMLG running seamlessly, despite some challenges that popped up occasionally throughout the year. I want to thank the membership for having me serve as your President, and I look forward to recognizing individuals who have been more than helpful this past year at our Annual Summer Meeting and Luncheon at the gorgeous Scarab Club on June 7th.

Thank you.

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Annual Summer Meeting & Lunch - June 7, 2018

Please join us for the Summer MDMLG meeting at the Scarab Club in Detroit, MI for our Summer General Business Meeting and Lunch.

When: Thursday, June 7th, 2018

11:30 am-3:00 pm

Agenda: 12noon - 1:30 pm Lunch and Speaker Presentation

1:30pm – 3:00 pm General Business Meeting

Where: [Scarab Club](#) [map](#)

217 Farnsworth St,

Detroit MI 48202

Speaker: [Bailey Sisoy Isgro, Detroit History Club](#)

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The Scarab Club – Meeting Place for MDMLG's 2018 Summer Luncheon

by Barbara Maynarich

This June, MDMLG will hold its summer luncheon at the historic Scarab Club. It's been 10 years since MDMLG last hosted its luncheon at this esteemed site. The club, a highly renowned organization for talented artists, has been in existence for over 110 years. Located in Midtown Detroit, the club is well-known for its visual, fine and performing arts. It not only hosts numerous art exhibitions, classes and sketch sessions, it's available to rent for exclusive events such as weddings or business meetings. The venue can accommodate varying size crowds with formal or casual meals prepared by the house caterer, The Caucus Club.



The Scarab Club garden, June 19, 2008



MDMLG Summer Luncheon, June 19, 2008

Originally founded in 1907 under the name of the Hopkin Club, a group of artists came together to create an informal gathering place for local artists to meet and discuss academics and the arts. The members chose to change its name to the Scarab Club in 1909. The club's president at the time collected carved Egyptian scarabs, and the design inspired the members to rename their group the Scarab Club. Many of the original founding members of the Club consisted of automotive designers, advertising illustrators, graphic artists, photographers, architects, and automobile company owners (Renner, Reed & Crane, 2006).

Between 1907 and 1928, the organization moved numerous times before building its current location in Midtown in 1928. The famous architect, Lancelot Sukert, was hired to design the new site. Sukert is famous for the designs of numerous churches and clubs throughout the Detroit area. The Scarab Club's prestigious building is now listed on Detroit, State of Michigan, and National historic registers.

When visiting the second floor lounge of the Club, be sure to look up. The ceiling beams are decorated with murals painted by club members. The beams contain over 250 signatures of notable local, national, and international artists and patrons who were honored to be invited to sign the "guestbook" of the club.

The cornerstone of the Scarab Club building contains a lead box with photos, membership list, and other treasures from the club's early history. It also includes a poem by Gordon Damon, "Judge us not by the things you've done, by the laurels you have won; let the standards of the past be your measure when at last the trifles in this box concealed to your vision are revealed" (Renner, Reed & Crane, 2006).

The Club's membership was exclusive to male members until 1962 when it was voted to allow women to its membership. Since its inception, the Scarab Club regularly hosts local art exhibitions as well as garden parties and the Boars Head Dinner at Christmas time along with several other holiday events. It is also famous for its annual costumed balls which were held until 1950 and sporadically after that into the 1990's. Since 2002, the Scarab Club has partnered with the Founders Junior Council of the DIA to hold the annual masked Cirque Ball.

Over a century after its humble beginnings, the Scarab Club continues to support and influence fine arts, literature and music within the city of Detroit. Its members still gather to socialize at its many exhibits and events. We, as members of the MDMLG, should be honored to attend the summer luncheon at this prestigious historic site.

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TABLEAU DATA VISUALIZATION SOFTWARE

by Alexandra Sarkozy

I recently started working through some exercises to learn my way around Tableau (tableau.com), a free software that creates beautiful graphs, charts, and other visualizations from datasets both simple and complex. Several other interested colleagues and I met as a group to make our way through the North Carolina State University Libraries' data visualization lessons. The exercises contain instructions, sample data, and all necessary files, and are available at GitHub at <https://github.com/NCSU-Libraries/data-viz-workshops>.

A fully functional trial version of Tableau desktop software is available for download for all users. Paid versions for both individuals and institutions are also available. Free instructor accounts are also available for institutions with permission, and Tableau has its own suite of materials for instructors: <https://community.tableau.com/community/teachers/overview>

Tableau is easy to use: link your data, drag and drop columns and rows, choose colors, and a chart can be generated in seconds. While Tableau was created with a business analytics audience in mind, it's easy to see how Tableau can be leveraged by health sciences librarians to generate attractive graphs and charts of our own data, as well as to explore and learn more about scientific data generate by our institutions.

See the introductory video about Tableau here: <https://www.tableau.com/products#video>

Some Tableau examples here: <https://www.tableau.com/trial/tableau-examples>

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June 21-26, 2018

[ALA Annual Conference](#)
New Orleans, LA

October 11-12, 2018

[MHSLA Annual Conference](#)
Park Place Hotel
Traverse City, MI

October 17, 2018

[Michigan Library Association Annual Conference](#)
Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi, MI

[Library Conference Planner](#)

Info on conferences worldwide

News

Courtney Cooney has been selected as the 2018 recipient of the MDMLG Health Sciences Student Award. She is a student at Wayne State University SLIS and plans to graduate in December.

Job Postings

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