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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

By Colleen Streeter, MLIS, MPH, AHIP

Hello new and returning MDMLG members and welcome to the start of the 2025-2026 year! It’s fall, even if the temperatures outside suggest otherwise, and for most of us this is the busiest time of the year. Classes are back in session and new residents and medical students have just settled into their roles in our hospitals. With that comes an influx of instruction and research assistance. Our support is necessary and impactful to our patrons. It’s also essential at a time when medical disinformation feels more rampant than ever. This is why we show up and continue to do the work we do. It’s also why organizations like MDMLG and the community we foster is so important. We need each other. Please continue to get involved and attend meetings—especially the in-person meetings. Consider joining the board or a committee if you have not done so before. We love to see new faces!

Here's a little recap of recent events:

In June we met at Rochester Mills Beer Company for our Summer Annual Meeting and Luncheon. We enjoyed a presentation from the Detroit Historical Society entitled “Midnight: Detroit and the Underground Railroad. The food, the presentation, and the company were all amazing! Last month we met for our annual social networking event at the North End Taproom in Royal Oak. We had a small but very social group of MDMLG members who had food, drinks, and great conversations.

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MDMLG EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEE ROSTER 2025-2026

Members of the MDMLG Executive Board and MDMLG Committees are listed below. Each Executive Board member began their role on August 1.

All Executive Board member roles receive voting privileges. Treasurer, Membership Service Officer, Secretary, and Outreach Officer are elected positions to two-year terms. President-Elect and Nominating Committee members are elected to one-year terms.

Committees are by both appointment and on a volunteer basis. To nominate an active MDMLG member to an elected position, please contact members of the Nominating Committee.

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More information on the MDMLG Executive Board can be found [online](#).

MDMLG COMMITTEE ROSTER 2025-2026

Nominating Committee

Stephanie Swanberg, Co-Chair
Tamara Sawyer, Co-Chair
Cynthia Simpson

The nominating committee is responsible for securing nominees for MDMLG elected officer and committee positions and, if necessary, coordinating the election.

Elected Positions:

Every year: President-Elect - 3 year term (President-Elect, President, Past President)
Every year: Nominating Committee members

Odd Election Years (2025, 2027, etc.): Secretary - 2 year term
Odd Election Years (2025, 2027, etc.): Outreach Officer - 2 year term

Even Election Years (2024, 2026, etc.): Treasurer - 2 year term
Even Election Years (2024, 2026, etc.): Membership Services - 2 year term

Newsletter Committee

Steven Moore, Chair

The newsletter committee publishes four issues of *MDMLG News* annually as a way to share information with MDMLG membership and those interested in MDMLG activities. Newsletter content includes news, announcements, upcoming events, job openings, training opportunities, member spotlights, interviews, feature articles, and more!

Program & Professional Development Committee

David Stewart, Chair
Bethany Figg
Alyssa Huffman
Amanda Kelly
Rachel Melton

The Program and Professional Development Committee serves membership by planning continuing education courses and other programs and presentations throughout the year. Programs are intended to meet the training needs of MDMLG membership, both professional and paraprofessional.

MHSLA Representative
MHSLA Alternate Representative

Nancy Bulgarelli
Stephanie Stebens

The Michigan Health Sciences Library Association (MHSLA) Representative acts as a liaison between MDMLG and MHSLA by attending all meetings of both executive boards and reporting on the activities and events of each organization. The MDMLG Representative is a voting member of the MHSLA Board.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED FROM PG. 1)

Here's what we are looking forward to:

Our Fall Program and General Business Meeting is coming up at the end of the month. On **Thursday, October 23**, we will meet virtually for the General Business Meeting at 1:00pm. Following the meeting from 2:00-3:30pm is the webinar we received NNLM funding for "Predatory Publishing 101: What Every Medical Librarian Should Know." Everyone is invited to the business meeting. Registration for the webinar is currently full. If the recorded webinar is made available afterwards it will be shared with membership and posted to the MDMLG website.

All of these programs and events are the work of our amazing executive board and the Program and Professional Development Committee. We couldn't bring our members these events without this volunteer help.

In the past few years it has become more and more challenging to fill those spots. We have a small membership comprised of very busy people, many of whom are solo librarians. It's hard to find time in our schedules to do additional work. I've had a number of conversations with other librarians about what we can do to get and keep our board positions filled.

I would like to hear from our membership to learn what we all find most valuable from MDMLG and work to focus and streamline the board positions to better meet those needs. This will likely be a survey and some requests for feedback from past and present board members. I want to keep MDMLG active and vital and if we can make it easier for everyone to get involved, I think we can continue to do so.

I look forward to this upcoming year and all the exciting things we have in store.

Colleen

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming events and activities relevant to MDMLG members.

October 23: MDMLG Fall General Business Meeting, 1pm, [virtual](#)

November 18: The Research Data Services Landscape: How Do You Start and Where Does Your Library Fit In?, 2pm, [virtual](#), free

November 20: Medical Institutional Repositories in Libraries (MIRL) Symposium '25, 11:30am-5:30pm, [virtual](#), free

JOB POSTINGS

Visit the Job Bank at [MDMLG.org](https://mdmlg.org)

Data Curation Specialist for Health Sciences, University of Michigan,

The Data Curation Specialist for Health Sciences advances the mission of the Library through working with faculty, students, and staff to help manage, share, and preserve their research data with a specialized focus on the Health Sciences.

Read more and apply [here](#)

FALL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING ON OCTOBER 23

Save the Date for the Fall Program and General Business Meeting!

Thursday, October 23, 2025

- General Business Meeting: 1:00pm
- Webinar: 2:00–3:30pm

Webinar: “Predatory Publishing 101: What Every Medical Librarian Should Know”

Our Fall General Business Meeting is our first meeting of the 2025-2026 year, and a good opportunity to meet new members and this year’s Executive Board. MDMLG members can access the meeting by visiting the link on the MDMLG Meetings page.

Following the meeting, the Program and Professional Development Committee is hosting an MLA Webinar with funding provided by NN/LM Region 6. All 25 codes have been claimed, so thank you to all who registered!

To claim CE, individuals log-in with their MEDLIM-ED account, watch the live webinar, complete the evaluation, and claim CE certificates.

To view the webinar, an access code will be provided to all registrants within two days of the webinar date. (Note: You will need a MEDLIB-ED account to participate if you don’t already have one. These are free to set-up, and you don’t have to be an MLA member.)

We hope to see you there!

MDMLG MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – RENEW TODAY!

The MDMLG membership drive for the 2025-2026 year began in August. Please consider renewing your current membership or joining by completing the [online form](#).

Types of MDMLG membership:

- Regular (\$35)
- Students (Free!)
- Institutions (\$50)
- Emeritus/retired (\$15)



Membership provides great benefits, including but not limited to:

- Joining a network of health information professionals who have the same interests and concerns
- Free or discounted continuing educational opportunities for professional development
- Opportunity to serve on the MDMLG executive board and committees
- Access to Members-only portion of the MDMLG website
- Providing a sense of belonging to a community of health information professionals
- Your membership will make the organization stronger and expand the professional network of health sciences/medical librarians in the Metropolitan Detroit area and beyond.

MDMLG MARGARET DANOWSKI STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

MDMLG will once again be accepting applications for the 2025 Margaret Danowski Student Scholarship Award to students enrolled in the Wayne State University School of Information Sciences or the University of Michigan's School of Information programs. This year we are pleased to have the ability to offer up to \$350.00, a certificate, and an invitation to attend the MDMLG Annual Summer Meeting and Luncheon.

To apply for the award, please [complete this form](#) by October 31.

Award Criteria:

- Students must be officially enrolled in the Wayne State University School of Information Sciences or the University of Michigan's School of Information
- Must be in good academic standing
- Must demonstrate enthusiasm for a career in the health sciences discipline of librarianship
- Must submit a complete application form, including a paragraph describing their career goals and how they relate to health sciences librarianship
- Applications are accepted electronically only

For more information, visit [MDMLG.org](https://mdmlg.org).



MHSLA LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR

Please help us celebrate the Michigan Health Science Libraries Association's **Librarian of the Year** award recipient, **Jennifer Bowen**! The Librarian of the Year award recognizes Jennifer for her outstanding leadership and accomplishment in library service, including her role as MDMLG Treasurer. Congratulations, Jennifer!

For past awardees, see the [Awards page](#) on the MHSLA website.

RESOURCE ROUNDUP

A RECAP OF RECENT REVISIONS TO RX RESOURCES

"Because of a lapse in government funding, the information on this website may not be up to date, transactions submitted via the website may not be processed, and the agency may not be able to respond to inquiries until appropriations are enacted. The NIH Clinical Center (the research hospital of NIH) is open. For more details about its operating status, please visit cc.nih.gov. Updates regarding government operating status and resumption of normal operations can be found at opm.gov."

Have an update? Share it with the Newsletter Committee for inclusion in the next newsletter.

MIRL SYMPOSIUM 2025: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Please save the date for the fifth annual MIRL Symposium on Thursday, November 20, 2025!

The Medical Institutional Repositories in Libraries (MIRL) Symposium focuses on Institutional Repository (IR) management, curation, and promotion in a health sciences environment. MIRL is platform-neutral.

The goal of MIRL is to gather together IR practitioners and those with an interest in IRs at hospitals, academic medical centers, and other health settings for discussions and sharing of case studies and best practices for digital archiving of institutional content.



The MIRL Symposium is free to attend and open to all. **Register to attend the 2025 Symposium [here!](#)**

MIRL 2025 will feature a keynote panel of library leaders discussing topics relevant to a medical IR community. Panelists include Nicole Contaxis (NYU Health Sciences Library), Colin Lukens (Harvard Library), and Dina McKelvy (MaineHealth), and the session will be moderated by MIRL Planning Committee member Pam Pierce.

Questions about the event can be directed to Steven Moore at smoore31@hfhs.org.

[MIRL Symposium 2025](#) planning group members:

- Lisa Buda, *Rochester Regional Health*
- Jennifer Deal, *Advocate Health - Midwest*
- Anthony Dellureficio, *Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*
- Jimmy Ghaphery, *Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries*
- Sara Hoover, *George Washington University Libraries & Academic Innovation*
- Ramune Kubilius, *Galter Health Sciences Library & Learning Center, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine*
- Steven Moore, *Sladen Library, Henry Ford Health*
- Pam Pierce, *Oregon Health & Science University*
- Brittany Smith, *Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library, George Washington University*
- Michael Upshall, *Charleston Briefings*

NEW! JOURNAL CLUB AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

By David Stewart, MLIS, AHIP

We have started a Journal Club at Oakland University, with members from the Medical Library and Health Sciences Librarians from Kresge Library, and the first journal article that we discussed was John P. Bourgeois & Hannah Ellingson's "Ability of ChatGPT to Generate Systematic Review Search Strategies Compared to a Published Search Strategy," [published](#) in Medical Reference Services Quarterly in July of 2025. I took the lead on this discussion and also chose the article to review.

With Artificial Intelligence continuing to be the hot topic within the academic and technology spaces, this article is timely and incredibly relevant to any librarian within the biomedical world. We are in an era of systematic review overload, with seemingly every academic and student wanting to publish their own evidence-based summaries. We know this is time-consuming work, sometimes taking years to complete, and the temptation to use AI to save time is large. But, is it feasible?

Bourgeois and Ellingson asked ChatGPT to construct a search strategy based on the research question of an already published systematic review and compared the AI results to those previously found in the published study. The results were not promising for AI's ability to replicate what we can do as librarians. AI performed demonstrably worse at both forming a search query and also returning relevant articles.

In our discussion, we found several key points about the article that were good topics of conversation. Reproducibility was one such topic, as the AI-prompted search results showed a wild variance when asked the same prompt three times within a short span. Reproducibility is a shaky bridge at the best of times, with databases changing or indexing new items and removing other indexed items, but adding in the AI variable would make reproducing search results in a systematic review nearly impossible.

We also discussed some of the limitations of the study, or how it could be expanded. This study looked at one systematic review and one large language model. Could this be broadened? Are there some AI tools out there that would provide better search results than ChatGPT? What about those bespoke AI models within large databases like Scopus or ClinicalKey? While this study certainly has its place in the broader discussion, we all felt that more data is needed to make a reliable assessment of AI's place within the systematic review process.

Finally, we spoke about our own use of AI within our library workflow. One of the librarians talked about using AI to reformat reference lists from PDFs into RIS files for importing into reference managers. One spoke about using it to craft initial search strategies that could be refined and corrected, which also brought about some conversation about the trade-off between creating a strategy from scratch or using AI to help and if, in the end, it really saved time.

We largely found this article worthwhile and informative, if limited in scope, and it prompted some discussion about replicating and potentially expanding this type of study. If interested in joining our journal club, please contact me at davidstewart@oakland.edu. We would love to have more club members for our discussions!



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: GEORGIA SEELY

What's your current position? How did you become a librarian?

I recently started my current position as a Library Associate at the Michigan School of Psychology! Other than circulation/ILL, I'm doing a lot of just being a third person helping Stephanie and Rachel with any and all of the many library projects that come up, and I've also been doing some projects on my own! I recently did a big data project where I pulled all of MSP's publications over the past decade, as well as our top 100 most-read dissertations over the same timeframe, and did some cool data mining to get statistics about things like what our top-cited articles are, our increase in publications over time, what dissertation subjects from MSP people are reading the most, and, I think my favorite, where around the world are our dissertations being read!



Prior to this position, I was a children's library assistant at the Wayne Public Library, where I worked reference and planned and ran most of our kids programming. And prior to that I was a circulation clerk at the Okemos branch of the Capital Area District Library, which was my very first job out of college, and my introduction to the wonderful world of libraries. :-)

Have you learned anything fun or interesting lately you'd like to share with the group?

I am currently learning the Thai alphabet, which I think is pretty fun. The only Not So Fun part: the script was created so that most unique consonant sounds would have 2 different letters that would indicate the spoken pitch (tone) of the word, but since then, spoken Thai has evolved to have two more tones, so the 2 consonant forms no longer contain any orthographic "clues", but the spellings have been preserved regardless, so all those duplicate letters are still in use. On top of that, the person who developed the writing system wanted to visually preserve the roots of words that originated from different languages like Sanskrit and Pali, so almost all individual consonant sounds in Thai have 2 or more different letters associated with them. For an example (the most egregious one), the "t as in tango" sound has 6 letters. To put it another way, there are 22 unique consonant sounds, but 44 consonant letters in the alphabet. Which I totally appreciate on a historical, linguistic, and artistic level! But which I also appreciate grumbling and complaining about as a new learner who knows there's no way around just doing it.

What's on your bookshelf right now?

Several of my friends and I have been reliving the glory days of playing cats at elementary school recess by re-reading the *Warriors* series by Erin Hunter. I was scared it wasn't going to withstand the test of was-this-actually-great-or-was-it-just-nostalgia, but I must say it's still extremely fun, and yes I did design my own *Warriors* cat and give it a backstory so I could daydream once more about the simple yet exhilarating life of running through the forest every day hunting food for my clan to ensure that we can survive the harsh winter ahead.

I am also reading a fantasy series from the late 80s called *The Last Herald Mage* by Mercedes Lackey, which I kind of just bought on a whim because I read that it was the first book series from a mainstream US publisher with a gay protagonist, which I thought was cool historically, and also because it was a mass-market paperback that could fit in my purse (MMPB lovers unite), but I'm now extremely invested in that boy and his magic powers and his magic horse and his cool magic aunt. A big thank-you to my coworkers for letting me come back from my lunch breaks and tell them every single painstaking detail about what's happening now.

Most importantly, please tell us about your pet(s).

I have two cats named Remy and Beanie! My partner and I adopted Remy in 2020 when he was 3, and adopted Beanie the year after as a kitten, because we thought Remy would like a friend... I'd describe their relationship less as siblings and more as begrudging roommates, but like, they aren't the ones paying rent, so they can't complain too much.

Remy is my complete snuggle bug baby who has no sense of stranger danger or survival skills (I recently had to pull him out from under the sink because he wanted to smell the maintenance guy's face really badly?), and Beanie is my shy guy who I can count on two hands the total number of people who've seen in real life—but when we're home alone she's always hanging out in the same room as one of us, and she comes and sleeps on our legs every single night. Yay cats!

CELEBRATE NATIONAL MEDICAL LIBRARIANS MONTH!

October is National Medical Librarians Month, a brief window where medical misinformation respectfully takes a break and health science librarians the world over are showered with fame and riches.

Just kidding—it's a time to advocate for ourselves! The Medical Library Association [provides](#) promotional and celebratory resources for HSLs to showcase our skills and abilities as information professionals in a rapidly changing healthcare landscape.

Check out [MLAnet.org](https://mlanet.org) for official posters, infographics, and other images to celebrate your worth. You can also share your impact story with peers by completing [this form](#).



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HISTORY OF MDMLG

The Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group (MDMLG) can trace its roots to the Biological Sciences Group established by the Michigan Chapter of the Special Libraries Association in 1946. It existed primarily as a social group until the mid-1950s when the members began to experiment with various projects. During the 1960s, several plans came into fruition including the production of a serial locator tool, the creation of a union catalog of monographs, and the establishment of an active interlibrary loan network. The group began the process of formal organization and chose its current name in 1970.

For more on MDMLG, its history, and current activity, visit mdmlg.org.



NEXT ISSUE

Please contact members of the MDMLG Newsletter Committee with any questions or content submissions for our Winter 2025 issue.

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Please follow and interact with [@detroitmedicallibrarygroup](https://www.instagram.com/detroitmedicallibrarygroup)!

If anyone has any content, upcoming webinars, photos, or anything else they are willing to share, please contact our Social Media Officer, Michelle Rau.

If possible, please include a little background information. All feedback and suggestions are welcome.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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