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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Colleen Streeter, MLIS, MPH, AHIP

It's time to leave this long, snowy winter behind and step into warmer, brighter days. More daylight and milder weather means it's time to get out of our homes and away from our desks and enjoy this beautiful state we live in.

Here are a few of my recommendations for things to do in the Detroit area this spring:

**See a Tigers game.** The Tiger's home opener was April 3rd but you can catch a home game during the week in April and most weekends in May.

**Go to Greenfield Village.** The village reopened to the public on Saturday, April 11. Check out Music in the Market and Detroit Central Market Weekends as well as Historic Base Ball and the Old Car Festival. In June, the Dr. Sullivan and Mrs. Richie Jean Sherrod Jackson Home will open, a safe haven and planning site for the 1965 Selma-to-Montgomery marches.

**Attend Flower Day.** Flower Day in Eastern Market is Sunday, May 17, 2026 from 7 AM-5 PM. This is an over-60-year tradition and annual event featuring the Metro Detroit Flower Growers Association vendors from all over the Midwest with added festivities for all ages. There's also live music, food, and over 150 flower vendors! Flower Day is free to attend and open to the public.

**Check out the Detroit BloomFest.** BloomFest is a fashion and art showcase curated from Detroit creators and visionaries to celebrate and welcome the Spring season at Belle Isle, Detroit. Art and fashion will be in bloom at the Anna Scripps Conservatory and the Flynn Pavilion on April 18, 2026. Art will begin the festivities at the Conservatory from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm with fashion making its grand entrance at 5:30 pm at the Flynn ready to strut and delight with runway displays at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments and elevated menu items from Ima will be served. Seating limited, no charge for tickets. The only price of admission is that you bring your joy.

What are your favorite things to do in the Detroit area this time of year?



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### NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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Sladen Library, Henry Ford  
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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

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 (2027, 2029, etc.):* Secretary - 2 year term

*Odd Election Years (2027, 2029, etc.):* Outreach Officer - 2 year term

*Even Election Years (2026, 2028, etc.):* Treasurer - 2 year term

*Even Election Years (2026, 2028, 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

Amanda Kelly, Chair  
Alyssa Huffman  
Analise Johnson  
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

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.

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

## APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> SPRING GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Please join us on Tuesday April 21st either virtually or in-person at the Michigan School of Psychology in Farmington Hills for the MDMLG Spring General Business Meeting. Following the meeting, the Program and Professional Development Committee is hosting a panel on systematic review services. We hope to see you there!

### **Program Schedule:**

1:00 - 1:45pm General Business Meeting

1:45 - 2:00pm Break

2:00 - 3:00pm Systematic Review Panel

### **Address:**

Michigan School of Psychology

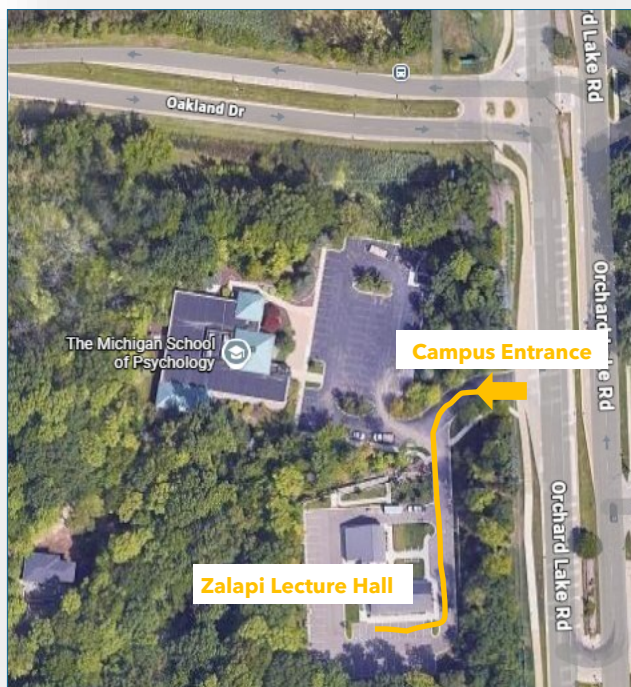
26811 Orchard Lake Rd.

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

### **Parking Info:**

Be sure to check traffic/road status the day of the meeting, as all of Michigan is under construction.

Visitor parking is freely available on the MSP campus. Head to the left for parking near the Zalapi Lecture Hall and Conference Center in the Blau Building.



### **Virtual Attendees:**

Use this link to attend the meeting virtually: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83533949127?pwd=Efj7KSR6vEwKQ0zwoEmYYsOvaozJqv.1>

## JOB POSTINGS

Visit the Job Bank at

[MDMLG.org](http://MDMLG.org)

### **AI/Emerging Technologies Librarian**, University of Toledo

A tenure-track position offering a unique chance to lead the integration of artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies into library services, instruction, and research support.

For more information about the position and to apply, [click here](#).

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### **Librarian I/II, Nursing and Health Sciences Librarian**, Wayne State University

The Nursing Librarian serves as the primary liaison between the University Library System and the College of Nursing, providing expert support for teaching, research, and clinical information needs.

For more information about the position and to apply, [click here](#).

**Act now!** Applications are due April 15th!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming events and activities relevant to MDMLG members.

### **Training**

**April:** NNLM Reading Club—Adverse Childhood Experiences

Since 2018, a team of consumer health librarians select books to align with the priority health topics of the NNLM *All of Us* Community Engagement Network. April's topic is Adverse Childhood Experiences; [visit NNLM](#) for more information on the Reading Club.

**April 28:** SciENCv, 1pm EDT

Science Experts Network Curriculum Vitae (SciENCv) is an electronic system that helps researchers assemble the information needed to participate in federally funded research. This class will explain what SciENCv is, review vocabulary that is pertinent to SciENCv, explain why it is important for information professionals and researchers to know about it, and include a live walk-through of this tool.

### **Meetings**

**April 21:** MDMLG Spring General Business Meeting, 1-3pm @ Michigan School of Psychology  
Join MDMLG for our spring meeting and a panel on systematic review services! Free, [hybrid](#).

**April 27:** Hospital Library Caucus [Virtual Business Meeting](#), 2pm EDT

**April 29:** MHSLA Executive Board Meeting, 1pm EDT

**April 29:** MLA Midwest Chapter Mixer: Getting Ready for MLA in Milwaukee, 1pm EDT

**May 19-22:** MLA Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI

**October 7-9:** [Camp MHSLA: Back to Our Roots](#)

MHSLA is back to offering a standalone conference for the first time since 2019! The Annual Conference will be offered a hybrid format: in person at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon, MI and virtually via Zoom. More information will be released soon including a draft schedule, lodging reservations, and more!

### **Fun!**

**April 15:** [Speculative Fiction Book Club](#) @ Whistler's Daughter, 7pm, \$10

New family-owned independent bookstore in Ferndale is hosting several new book clubs, including a potluck-style cookbook club. Highly recommended!

**April 18:** [Detroit BloomFest](#), Belle Isle, 5pm, free

**April 30:** [MLA Health Humanities Caucus](#) Discusses *The Pitt*, 2pm

**May 20:** [Speculative Fiction Book Club](#) @ Whistler's Daughter, 7pm, \$10

**May 27:** [Cookbook Club](#) @ Whistler's Daughter, 7pm, \$20

## NEW! HEALTH SCIENCES MEET-UPS

Thank you to the Michigan Health Sciences Libraries Association (MHSLA) and the MHSLA Strategic Planning Task Force for holding the inaugural **Health Sciences Meet-Up!**

On Monday April 13th, nearly twenty health science librarians from around the state of Michigan met up online via Zoom for an open discussion about the current state of libraries/librarians and a poll on future discussion topics. This virtual series is meant to provide a regular, informal space for conversations, learning, and networking, and has been created in direct response to the feedback provided in a recent MHSLA survey. The Task Force *invites all to join* regardless of whether you're a MHSLA member.

Health Sciences Meet-Ups are scheduled for 11 AM EST on the second Monday of every other month; the next meet-up will be June 8. Due to the MHSLA Fall Conference, the October meet-up will be rescheduled.

Potential future topics include:

- *Navigating Major Institutional Decisions and Changes*
- *Librarians of the Future - Evolving our Roles & Workloads, and*
- *Engaging our Users in Innovative Ways*

### MHSLA Strategic Planning Task Force

- Laurie Arrick, Henry Ford Health, Wyandotte Hospital
- Iris Kovar-Gough, Michigan State University
- Lauren Jackson, Trinity Health West Michigan
- Rachel Melton, Michigan School of Psychology
- Stephanie Swanberg, Michigan School of Psychology
- Jill Turner, University of Detroit Mercy
- Abe Wheeler, Michigan State University

## RESOURCE ROUNDUP

**Taubman Talks—Developing Systematic Search Skills:** Check out December's [Taubman Talks](#), "where two library professionals will walk through practice sets designed specifically for improving your systematic review searching. Early career librarians or anyone interested in learning more about systematic searching is encouraged to view the webinar [here](#)."

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

## MDMLG 2026-2027 SLATE OF CANDIDATES

The 2026-2027 MDMLG Slate of Candidates is now set! Our candidates for the next term are:

**President-Elect:** Ella Hu, *OUWB School of Medicine*

**Treasurer:** Jennifer Bowen, *University of Detroit Mercy*

**Membership Services Officer:** Alexia Estabrook, *Ascension*

**Outreach Officer:** Michelle Rau, *OUWB School of Medicine*

**Nominating Committee:**

LaCharmine Jackson, *Wayne State University*

Analise Johnson, *Henry Ford Health*

Tamara Sawyer, *CMU Medical Education Partners*

Candidate biographical sketches may be found on the MDMLG website at: <http://www.mdmlg.org/slate-election.htm>

Please contact Nominating Co-Chairs Tamara Sawyer or Stephanie Swanberg with any nominations, petitions, or any questions you may have!

## DETROIT LITERACY COALITION BASKETBALL AND HEALTH LITERACY CAMP

Initially scheduled for a frigid Saturday in late January, the Detroit Literacy Coalition's Basketball and Health Literacy Camp was held on March 21st, giving local youth a chance to heat up on the court while learning about their health. The Detroit Literacy Coalition (DLC) is a non-profit providing literacy resources and support to children and adults throughout Metro Detroit.

Detroit Pistons' announcer Gregory Kelser and his staff instructed nearly 40 youth aged 7-17 on individual skills like dribbling, passing, and shooting, as well as team skills like the three-man weave and rebounding.

During their lunch break, campers learned tips about hygiene and staying healthy, and received gift bags with snacks (healthy and otherwise), toys and fidget spinners, and a health literacy brochure with tips and information for parents and children on managing their health and healthcare. For more on the event, visit the [DLC website](#).

Thank you to MDMLG and its Executive Board for a donation which provided registration for two campers! The Detroit Literacy Coalition is currently fundraising for a renovation to its space; donations can be made [here](#).



## 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](http://mdmlg.org).



## NEXT ISSUE

Please contact members of the MDMLG Newsletter Committee with any questions or content submissions for our Summer 2026 issue.

## FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!

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

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.

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