

MDMLG NEWS

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President's Message from Gina Hug

It has been an honor serving as MDMLG President for 2009-2010. I would like to thank the Board Members, Committee Chairs, and the General Membership for your support this year. It has been a great learning experience and I hope to carry that momentum into other endeavors. In addition to my role as Past-President, next year I will be moving into a new role, that of Professional Development Committee Chair. I look forward to working with the Professional Development Committee and hope to continue the tradition of excellence that has been established in regards to Professional Development programming. If you have any suggestions about CEs that you are interested in please do not hesitate to contact me at 313-916-2550 or ghug1@hfhs.org.

Gina Hug
MDMLG President



Register Now to Attend the MDMLG Summer Luncheon and Program

Please join us for the MDMLG Summer Education Program & Luncheon on Thursday, June 17th at Mario's Restaurant in Detroit. The lunch choices are Chicken Piccante, Veal Marsala, or Vegetarian Eggplant Parmesan. Soup, salad, beverage and dessert are included.

The speaker is James J.K. Kennedy, President of Success Seekers International, and he will be presenting the program "Leadership 2010: Change, Optimism and The Disney Way."

The cost is \$20 for MDMLG members and \$40 for non-members, payable by check or PayPal. The deadline for registration and payment is Thursday, June 10th. No refunds will be given after this date.

MDMLG General Business Meeting and Luncheon

When: Thursday, June 17, 2010
11:30am – 3:30pm

Program: Leadership 2010: Change, Optimism, & the Disney Way
James K. Kennedy – President of Success Seekers International

Where: Mario's Italian Restaurant
4222 2nd Ave – just north of Mack
Detroit, MI 48201-1706
313-832-1616
web: <http://mariosdetroit.com>

Agenda:

11:30 – 12:00	Registration
12:00 – 1:15	Seated luncheon
1:15 – 2:30	Program
2:30 – 3:30	Business meeting, MDMLG Scholarship Presentations & Recognitions

Lunch: Choice of Chicken Piccante, Veal Marsala, or Vegetarian Eggplant Parmesan. Indicate meal choice with your registration. All dishes include soup, salad, dessert, and beverage.

RSVP: Registration form must be sent to [Toni Janik](#) by Thursday, June 10. Payment can be made online via [PayPal](#), or check made out to MDMLG and sent to Doris Blauet. Please visit the [MDMLG website](#) for further instructions.

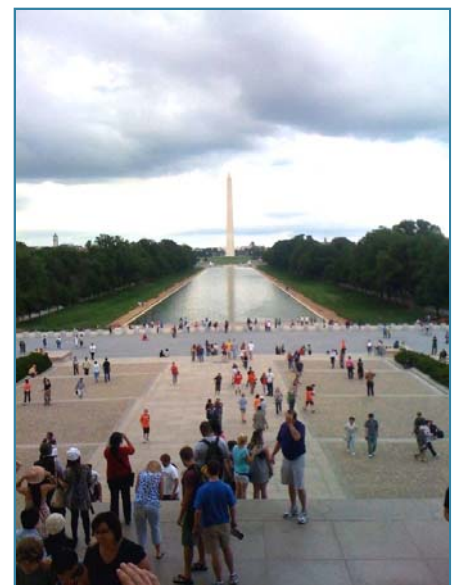


MLA '10 Recap

The 110th meeting of the Medical Library Association took place in Washington, DC from May 21st to 26th, 2010. The programming and networking opportunities were spot on with this year's conference theme, Reflect and Connect.

New to MLA this year were the 5 minute lightning presentations. Presenters had 5 minutes and 3 slides to present a project or research topic. As a lightning presenter, I had to reflect on how to best present an entire project in such a short period of time. Overall, I was a fan of this new format, although I thought there should be fewer in each session. For me, trying to keep track of 12 different presentations all within an hour was a bit tough. I was also bummed my lightning session was during the same timeslot as one of the traditional poster sessions.

The various section programs gave attendees many chances to hear about interesting projects and research going on at other institutions. The best section program I attended was called *Beyond Cool: Reflecting on Web 2.0 Adventures and Misadventures*. The last two presentations, *Using Video and*





Nancy Bulgarelli, Heidi Schroeder, and Barbara LeTarte on the Potomac River.

YouTube to Provide Customized and Robust Reference Services (Dean Hendrix) and *Virtual Reference with No Budget: Using DimDim for Information Literacy Consultations* (Joanne Rich and Janet Schnall), especially made me rethink the services I currently provide as the Library Liaison to Nursing at MSU. These two presentations were really relevant for me because they both focused on providing reference services to online or distance populations, which is something I put a lot of energy into.

Other highlights of the conference for me included an update on EndNote (a new version is coming out this summer), participating in the Ebsco focus group (see blog post for more: <http://npc.mlanet.org/mla10/?p=991>), attending Top Tech Trends IV panel (see the Twitter transcript here: <http://tinyurl.com/mlattt>), and chairing Colleague Connection – MLA's conference mentoring program.



JoAnn Krzeminski looks up to President Obama's waxy twin.

As usual, MLA '10 provided many networking opportunities to connect with fellow medical librarians. I attended two great vendor parties where I saw several MDMLG and MHSLA members. On Saturday night, MDConsult hosted a party at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. Here, we got to peek into Julia Child's kitchen, see Dorothy's ruby slippers, and view clothes worn by former (and our current) First Ladies. On Sunday evening, Ebsco sponsored a wonderful dinner cruise aboard the Odyssey. The weather cleared up long enough to enjoy views of the monuments from the Potomac. If you missed MLA '10, don't fret! Check out the conference blog, which is packed with information about the conference: <http://npc.mlanet.org/mla10/>. If you follow Twitter, you can also check out the MLA '10 Twitter feed: <http://search.twitter.com/search?q=%23mla2010>. Finally, it's not too late to register to attend MLA '10 electronically - which means you will have access to electronic content and videos from the conference for an entire year. The cost of this electronic registration is \$180 for MLA members and \$230 for non MLA members:

http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2010/pdf/e_conference_postmeeting.doc.

[Heidi Schroeder](#)

Health Sciences Librarian, Michigan State University Libraries



MDMLG – 40 Years Old in 2010



Last year I was doing some research and happened to stumble on the fact that MDMLG is forty years old in 2010. As a member since the 1980's I began to think about all the changes that have taken place over the last several decades. (I can't believe I'm saying decades! When did I get this old?) Last month I asked for members to let me know what they remember about their involvement with the organization over the years. Here are a few thoughts from current and past members.

First Meetings

Patty Scholl remembers attending her first meeting at a Meadowbrook summer luncheon. She was a little nervous but was impressed by the formal meeting format and the level of knowledge of the members. She felt so inexperienced and new. She now looks forward to the meetings and seeing her colleagues. Nancy Bulgarelli remembers one of the first meetings she ever attended was at Beaumont Hospital. The meeting must have had at least fifty people attending. This particular meeting included a 'lively' discussion between Barbara Coe Johnson and Joan Smith. Those discussions usually involved ULOSSOM (Union List of Selected Serials of Michigan).

ULOSSOM, Union Catalog and Interlibrary Loan

ULOSSOM was a microfiche listing of journal holdings of the member libraries used for routing interlibrary loan requests. I recall some of these 'discussions' and was amazed at how people could raise their voices over journals! Interlibrary loan required typed three part forms for each request. The requests and articles were mailed. If you need a rush request for patient care some libraries sent a driver to pick up a photocopy of the article. Fax machines and the Internet didn't exist.

In order to loan and borrow books we needed to consult the Union Catalog which was housed at Wayne State University. The catalog contained the book holdings of participating MDMLG libraries. Since there was no online access, a phone call had to be made to WSU requesting a check of the catalog with a maximum of three requests for any one phone call. If you needed to check on more than three books, on occasion, a librarian might call back and try to disguise their voice so they could request another check of the catalog and not be recognized.

Nancy noted that before Docline there was ULOSSOM and before WorldCat there was the Union Catalog. As a group, we were organizers and shared information among our group locally much like Docline and WorldCat do today as national sharing resources.



MDMLG at Race for the Cure, 2001



Committees and Officers

Committees and officers have always been a big part of the development of the organization. Carole Gilbert joined MDMLG in 1980 and remembers working on the first MDMLG brochure as a member of the newly formed Professional Relations Committee.

Sylvia Graham served as secretary and during her time in office we transitioned from mailing out the minutes via U.S. mail to distributing them electronically. Progress!

Carole Gilbert served as president and was roped in to serving as president again by Doris Blauet when Jerry Stuenkel left for her new job at the American University of the Caribbean.



Jim Shedlock was a member of the ILL Committee from 1979-1981. He remembers this being very important to him because he was the Document Delivery Librarian at Shiffman. He was responsible for all the aspects of moving all the ILL requests from the community hospital libraries through Shiffman and out to the regional libraries and from there to NLM. As he said, "It is unbelievable to think about the manual labor we did back then to process information, even when we were using 'technology'. In particular, I remember presenting at a MDMLG meeting about how to read and interpret a TWX message (pronounced 'twix'), which was a telecommunication device used to forward ILL requests from one regional

library to another. It was a revelation to me what those messages meant and I thought I would be revealing to my colleagues in MDMLG. I thought that explaining how Shiffman processed its workload was an important service to the community and I think others thought so too."

The ILL Committee had to compile the annual statistics for the entire member libraries. Valerie Reid was on the committee and remembers that this was all done without the help of a spreadsheet and required hours and hours of time each year.

Gayle Williams says, "Recently, cleaning out my office, I pulled out a dusty old Princeton file that held back issues of the MDMLG News - back to v.1(1) Jan, 1974 - a true librarian. As I was looking through the issues I saw an article from November 1985 in which there was reference to one of our esteemed members suggesting that maybe MDMLG should disband because the concerns around which MDMLG was formed had ceased to be central and that other organizations were vying for our attention. The same might be said today. And maybe, from time to time, we've all felt that way - when it is tough to get someone to run for office or attendance at meetings is down. I'm so glad that back in 1985 we kept going. I cherish the friendships, laughs and knowledge so generously shared by our group.

Searching

Before PubMed there were the bound volumes of Index Medicus. Jill Van Buskirk recalls doing literature searches in those print volumes. CINAHL was searched this way too; certainly more time consuming than sitting at a computer and typing away. Maybe you remember a dumb terminal that used dial access with plugging a telephone into a coupler? Do you remember baud rate--300 progressed to 2400 and that was lightning speed? She also remembers having to be sure to write out a search strategy ahead of time since you were billed by the minute for connect time.

Medical Library Association

Ellen O'Donnell recalls attending in 1989 MLA conference. Dina Mein was chairing the Publicity Committee and had arranged for a corvette convertible to be delivered at the opening ceremony to promote Detroit as the host city for 1990.

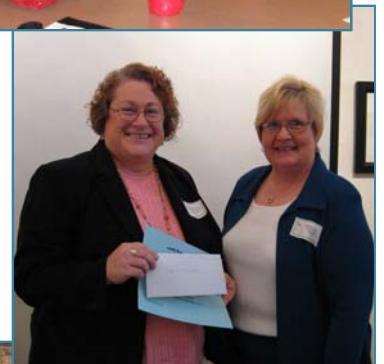
Many MDMLG members volunteered to work during the 1990 meeting. Joan Emahiser recalls volunteering to escort some of the out-of-town librarians to restaurants downtown. The group she took to Greek Town was a 'hardship' dinner lasting almost four hours. Tons of fun!

Carole Gilbert was a member of the Local Arrangements Committee. This meeting was memorable for her in that she took office as the Chair of the Hospital Libraries Section of MLA.

Carol Attar remembers attending the 1998 MLA meeting in Philadelphia. "As I remember, as usual, there were way more women than men attending the conference, and long lines in the women's bathroom. So, the decision was made to "convert" the men's room for our use. I thought they did a super job!" There are flowers in the urinals!

Barbara Coe Johnson

Barbara Coe Johnson worked at Harper Hospital for many years and was involved not only with MDMLG but quite involved at the national level in the Medical Library Association. In 1975 she became president-elect as the first hospital librarian to serve in this position. Her devotion to the profession of medical librarianship



allowed her to share her experience with those new to the field. Deborah Adams remembers that Barbara hired her in 1976 as a new library science graduate to work at the Harper Hospital Library. Deb found this experience invaluable and it allowed her to obtain her current position at Botsford Hospital where she has worked for the past thirty two years.

Conclusion

MDMLG has quite a history. Reading the emails of those who responded reminded me of the way things used to be and how different from the way we do things now. For some of you I'm guessing this brought back memories. What hasn't changed is that we are a group that provides the information needed for our patrons. Attendance at the meetings is smaller in numbers but not in the willingness to help one another. Always encouraging new members to network within the organization in order to make contacts for the future has not changed either. I'm sorry I couldn't include all the comments that were sent to me. Many thanks to Sylvia Graham, Deborah Adams, Patty Scholl, Carol Attar, Jim Shedlock, Ellen O'Donnell, Mary Jo Durivage, Jill Van Buskirk, Carole Gilbert, Nancy Bulgarelli, Valerie Reid, Doris Blauet and Joan Emahiser for your emails with your thoughts. I wonder what MDMLG will be like in 2050, forty years from now.

[Audrey Bondar](#)

Henry Ford Hospital, Sladen Library

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Update

The University of Detroit Mercy Dental Library has a new librarian, **Jill Turner** started May 24. She was most recently at WSU Shiffman Library and Botsford Hospital.

Christine Baker will be leaving Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital in June to work as a librarian at the FDA in Washington DC.

We wish them both great success at their new jobs!

Get Involved! Present a Poster at MHSLA 2010!

This is your year to participate in the MHSLA 2010 conference with a poster presentation designed for a quick and concise overview of an aspect of your library, a library process, or a recent project you have explored or completed. Your colleagues want to know!

Poster day is Thursday, October 14, 2010 at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. Please e-mail Diana Balint with a draft title and abstract by **July 1st**. Let me know if you have any questions.

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