

# UPDATE

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## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

April 7-9, 1982  
Southeastern Conference  
Atlanta, Georgia

April 9, 1982  
GHSLA  
Atlanta, Georgia

June 5-10, 1982  
SLA Annual Conference  
Detroit, Michigan

June 12-17, 1982  
MLA Annual Meeting  
Anaheim, California

July 10-17, 1982  
ALA Annual Conference  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

SPRING 1982

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1982-1983

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Please remember to vote at our next  
meeting April 9th at the World Congress  
Center.

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REPORT ON GHSLA SPONSORED TELNET COURSE  
MLA CE 56--MANAGEMENT BY OBJECTIVES

The CE 56 Management by Objectives course, sponsored by GHSLA, was held on Mondays in November 1981 on the 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th from 2:30 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. over the TELNET phone system. This was the first MLA CE course that GHSLA has held over the TELNET system, and the course was decidedly successful. There were 15 participants from all over the state, and all participants gave the course a very good evaluation.

The instructors for the course were Richard Lyders and Jim Bingle from the Houston Academy of Medicine. They did an excellent job of teaching over the phone, especially considering that it was their first time teaching over the phone. For this course, GHA (Georgia Hospital Association) called the instructors long distance, and the instructors and participants were able to communicate with each other over the TELNET phone system.

GHSLA made a small profit from the course. The following is a breakdown of expenses:

\$ 32.96	postage and photocopying of course handout
100.00	CE instructors
150.00	course syllabi
<u>163.49</u>	long distance calls
\$446.45	total course expense
\$910.00	total registration money collected
<u>-446.45</u>	total course expense
\$463.55	total course profit
\$463.55	total course profit
<u>-231.77</u>	GHSLA must split profit with MLA
\$231.77	GHSLA course profit

GHSLA has to split the course profit with MLA which leaves GHSLA with a profit of approximately \$231.77 for the course. Not a bad profit!

The GHSLA TELNET Committee members (Opal Bartlett, Gail Waverchak, Girija Vijay, Ingrid Inglis, and Susan Danner) felt that it was a good idea to have such a course via TELNET, since some librarians may not have much time or funds to travel to attend such a course. Due to the success of this first TELNET MLA CE course, the Committee plans to have another course over TELNET in the future.

Susan Danner  
Co-Chairman TELNET



GEORGIA HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

SPRING MEETING

April 9, 1982

Meeting Registration Fee  
(including luncheon)

\$16.00 GHS LA Members  
\$18.00 Non-GHS LA Members

"UPDATE ON HEALTH LEGISLATION IN GEORGIA"

Speaker:

*Mr. Edward Culver Kidd, III*  
*Associate Executive Director*  
*Medical Association of Georgia*

GEORGIA WORLD CONGRESS CENTER  
285 INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD, N. W.  
ATLANTA GEORGIA 30313

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Non-GHS LA Member \$18.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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Georgia Baptist Medical Center  
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Atlanta, Georgia 30312

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

GHSLA Dues: \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Institutional \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 Individual

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (Make check payable to Georgia Health Sciences  
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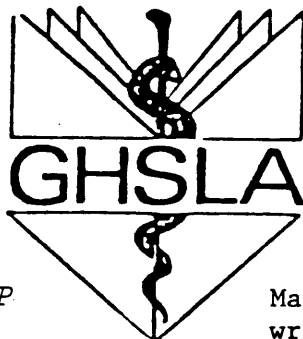
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# UPDATE

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FALL-WINTER 1982

## CHAIRMAN'S NOTE:

### *IN SUPPORT OF MEMBERSHIP*

In this issue of the Update, our newly appointed Membership Chairperson asks your cooperation. I wholeheartedly support her appeal.

Your help is needed to identify the newest members of the Georgia health science library community, and to advertise our Update, annual meeting, CE courses and workshops. Your support is needed in carrying out GHSLA purpose, as stated in its bylaws, "... to foster activity, communication and interaction among all those persons involved or interested in health sciences librarianship in the state of Georgia".

Please help by sending in changes of address that you know of, names and addresses of potential members or advertising GHSLA to those that know you. Support GHSLA as an active member by volunteering for committees you would like to work with, sending your article to the Update's editor, your comments to the program chairperson and coming to the annual meeting. In these efforts you too can support GHSLA membership.

Barbara H. S. Martin  
GHSLA Chairman

## EDITOR'S CORNER

Many thanks are extended to the writers who contributed to this issue of the Update, and I hope that the the membership will enjoy your productive efforts.

Inside you will find Koplan at Large. This column is written by Steve Koplan and it will be a regular features of the Update. we look forward to his witty and informative essays.

In forthcoming issues another feature of the Update will be new reference sources submitted by Mrs. M. Libbey. She has agreed to supply the Atlanta Health Science Libraries Consortium with this information and we thought that it would be of interest to the health science community of Georgia.

Your cooperation is solicited in the publication of this bulletin. We welcome your suggestions, and articles. We hope that you will share with us information and ideas pertinent to the health science community. Please forward you articles to:

Joe Swanson, Jr.  
Multi-Media Center  
Morehouse School of Medicine  
720 Westview Drive  
Atlanta, GA 30310

## KOPLAN AT LARGE

In these days of budget cuts, political rhetoric, and general panic, it is always curious as to just what the Federal Government has in store for those of us in healthcare. The recent NLM crises have tended to increase levels of anxiety in the medical library community which has by now accustomed itself to fear the worst.

So it was with a great deal of intrepidation that I attended a meeting/recently, the featured speaker was Dr. Stephen Goldston, Chief of Primary Prevention Service Programs at the National Institute of Mental Health. I was prepared for a relatively wasted afternoon: "Another snow job," I thought, "a lot of window-dressing with little else to show for it."

It turned out I was very wrong! Dr. Goldston described some very useful projects going on at NIMH with the emphasis on behavioral medicine: the mental health effects of physical disorders. Two examples of these are: after-effects of bereavement such as hospitalization and treatment of depressed family members, and the psychological effect of a child's hospitalization (both on the parents and child.)

Dr. Goldston also stressed the importance of backing-up your ideas with research. There is currently too much emphasis on doing activities such as workshops, interventions, and counseling sessions without any demonstration that they work. Data should be collected and the literature read in order to provide evidence that one's assumptions are valid. Dr. Goldston has proposed a Prevention Information Clearinghouse which would be similar in nature to the National Clearinghouse for Mental Health Information except that it would deal with prevention and related issues. At this time there appears to be little support for the project but it is nice to know that someone is at least concerned enough to consider information retrieval as a valid cog in the research wheel.

The meeting was attended by prevention "specialists" from around the Atlanta/Athens area. Many of them appeared shocked and/or confused when the idea of doing their own research and literature searching was brought up. Dr. Goldston admitted that sometimes it's hard for community mental health personnel to gain access to a library. My hospital's Superintendent was in attendance and he nodded assuringly at me when this concern was brought up indicating that our centers, at least, have a library they can rely on and that summarized my impressions of the meeting: despite the fact that sometimes we may feel ignored and orphaned there are still people in high places who support the work we do and recognize the need for information resources and services and their ongoing utilization... a pleasant turn-around from my initial dismay.

Steve Koplan

# Charming Charleston

The Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association met in Charleston, South Carolina, October 14-16, 1982, for its 32nd Annual Meeting. Ann Kabler, Convention Chairperson, Warren "Buzz" Sawyer and the staff of the Medical University of South Carolina Library were excellent hosts. The Mills House Hotel and the Charming City of Charleston offered a beautiful setting with lots to do, leaving me with the desire to visit again.

The meeting opened on October 14, a NLM update was given and the continuing education course: OCLC Utilization in Health Sciences Libraries (CE-535) was held. There was a meeting of the Consortium of Southern Biomedical Libraries, Inc. This group was formed to continue some of the projects begun by the former SERMLP Advisory Committee. (Mrs. Libbey announced at the business meeting on Friday that the new RML contract for our region has not yet been awarded; the contract with Emory was extended to the end of 1982).

The VA Librarians held their meeting on Thursday. Evening activities included a welcoming reception and a candlelight walking tour of some of Charleston's most beautiful homes.

On the Morning of October 15, three talks were given concerning the information needs of the basic scientist, the biomedical scientist and the clinician. These interesting perspectives were followed by remarks about research needed in four identified areas of librarianship.

There was a panel discussion in the afternoon entitled Academic Medical Center Libraries as Support Units: Expectations and Realities. This was very informative, especially since the four panelists are in four different types of medical libraries. Remarks following the discussion emphasized the need to read the business literature and become more "computer literate". Everyone was urged to read recent papers published by Nina Matheson, particularly the supplement issue to: *Journal of Medical Education* 1982 Oct;57(10 Pt 2).

The final talk of the day was The Eternal Triangle: Libraries, Jobbers, Publishers. The evening festivities included a social hour followed by a Charleston Party. The 'Great Gatsby' outfits were spectacular; the food, jazz and dancing was enjoyed by all.

Saturday brought the business meeting and two more continuing education courses, Neoplasia (CE-454) and Clinical Librarianship (CE-668).

The 33rd Annual Meeting will be held next year in Birmingham and hosted by the staff of the Lister Hill Library, University of Alabama. Plan to be in Birmingham, October 19-22, 1983!

Gail Waverchak

## GHSLA Annual Meeting

The GHSLA Annual Meeting for 1983 will be held at the Holiday Inn, Jekyll Island, Georgia on April 28-29, 1983. The preliminary program is as follows:

Wednesday, April 27	
6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.	Registration
Thursday, April 28	
8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.	Registration
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.	MLA Continuing Education Course "Assertiveness and human relations skills"
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.	Wine and cheese reception
Friday, April 29	
8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.	Registration
9:00 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.	Nicholas E. Davies, MD "Political factors effecting health science libraries"
10:15 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.	Coffee break
10:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	Al Brandon "Lobbying effectively for the library within the organization"
11:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.	Questions and Answers
11:30 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.	Break
11:45 A.M. - 1:45 P.M.	Luncheon and Business Meeting

Registration materials for the meeting will be included in the next issue of the GHSLA UPDATE. Make plans now to attend!

## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

April 18-20, 1983  
SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE  
New Orleans, Louisiana

May 27-June 2, 1983  
MLA Annual Meeting  
Houston, Texas

June 4-9, 1983  
SLA  
New Orleans, Louisiana

June 26-July 1, 1983  
ALA Annual Conference  
Los Angeles, California



## WORKSHOP FOR LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

The Atlanta Health Sciences Libraries Consortium Workshop for Library Assistants was held on October 27-28, 1982 on the campus of Emory University at the Woodruff Medical Center Administration Building.

The purpose of the workshop, according to Laura Koch, coordinator, was to "familiarize Library Assistants and other library personnel with fundamental procedures of a medical library". The workshop was sponsored by A. W. Calhoun Medical Library and presented by Librarians from The Atlanta Health Science Library Consortium; who, in my opinion, did a fantastic job. They were very thorough and extremely clever. They also managed to keep us on our toes by giving periodic quizzes.

The workshop was well attended by hospital and medical school library personnel from the Metropolitan Atlanta area; and all that I talked with was glad to have had the opportunity to attend.

We learned a great deal about the complete functions of a medical school library. Every area was covered: reference, MeSh, Index Medicus and how to conduct the reference interview, Inter-library Loans Cataloging and Technical Services. It was all very interesting, from the workshop overview to the evaluation.

The workshop for Library Assistants is a very good program. So, on behalf of all of us who attended I would like to say, "Thanks, A. W. Calhoun Medical Library and members of the Atlanta Health Science Libraries Consortium for thinking of us" -- The Library Assistants.

Mary Hyché Strickland

## HELP!

This is a call for volunteers to serve on the GHSLA Membership Committee (I told Sandy that I would chair this committee). I see the responsibilities including the usual mailing of letters to potential members, as well as following-up by calling both the potential individuals and institutions. I like Jocelyn Rankin's suggestion that we (1) identify five or six separate geographic areas in the state and (2) have each person on the membership committee responsible for the recruiting in a specific geographic area(s).

Please contact me if you have any suggestions and/or would like to serve on the committee. THANKS!

Gail Waverchak  
Russell Bellman Library  
St. Joseph Hospital  
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Atlanta, Georgia 30342  
(404) 256 - 7040

Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians  
To Meet

The Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians (SCHL), a division of the Southeastern Hospital Conference which encompasses eleven southern states, will meet on April 18-20, 1983 at the Rivergate Center in New Orleans, Louisiana. The SCHL is an association whose purposes are:

1. to attempt to meet the educational and informational needs of hospital librarians.
2. to emphasize the value of trained hospital library staff.
3. to educate the health care community regarding hospital library services and their value.
4. to encourage the development of hospital libraries by helping member institutions meet the JCAH and other recognized standards.
5. to provide an opportunity for hospital librarians to exchange ideas.
6. to encourage cooperation with and participation in health science library associations.
7. to communicate to the other members of the National Biomedical Communications Network the needs of hospital libraries.
8. to promote hospital librarians as integral members of the health care team through interaction with other members of the Southeastern Hospital Conference.

The preliminary program for this year's annual SCHL meeting is as follows:

Monday, April 18 - Martha Jane Zachert from the University of South Carolina College of Librarianship will present a program on creative problem solving in light of administrative and fiscal restraints within hospital libraries.

Tuesday, April 19 - Two MLA CE courses, Online Search Optimization and Literature of Allied Health, will be offered. In addition, Bob Walton from the Texas State Library will teach a course on library applications of microcomputers.

Wednesday, April 20 - The new RML Director for Region 2 will address the group (pending award of the RML contract). This presentation will be preceded by a business meeting.

The continuing education courses and speakers will enrich us intellectually and the city of New Orleans will provide ample opportunity for recreation and excitement. Registration materials will be mailed to all members in early January. Anyone wishing further information, or registration materials, please call Laura Koch, President-Elect, Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians, Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia, (404) 355-7611 x 3305.

## AMA/GTE TELENET MEDICAL INFORMATION NETWORK

AMA/NET, a part of the GTE Telenet Medical Information Network, was created by the American Medical Association, in cooperation with GTE, and became commercially available on October 1, 1982. The online service consist of three information data bases, one bibliographic data base, and access to electronic mail.

The information data bases are:

Disease Information - This file contains descriptions of 3500 diseases, disorders and conditions and includes for each disease the disease name, etiology, signs and symptoms, clinical findings, radiologic findings, disease course, and pathological findings. It is designed as a reference tool for use in making or confirming a diagnosis. The source of reference for the data base is the American Medical Association Current Medical Information and Terminology, 5th ed., 1981. Projections for enrichments of the data base include the addition of laboratory data, diagnostic assistance, and disease alerts.

Drug Information - This file contains current information on the clinical use of more than 1500 drugs. Each drug listing contains the following information: summary, nomenclature, uses, actions, kinetics, adverse reactions, toxicity, precautions, interactions, nursing implications, dosage and administration, preparations, references, and synopsis. The source of reference for the data base is the American Medical Association AMA Drug Evaluations, 5th ed., 1983. Projections for enrichment of the data base include the addition of drug alerts, new product bulletins, patient medication instructions, dosage algorithms, and adverse drug reaction reporting.

Medical Procedure Coding and Nomenclature - This file provides a uniform coding and nomenclature system for reporting services provided by physicians. Its source of reference is the American Medical Association Physician's Current Procedural Terminology, 4th ed., 1981.

The bibliographic data base is:

Socio/Economic Bibliographic Information - This file contains citations from 700 journals, legislative reports, books, and newspapers on the topics of economics, education, ethics, international relations, legislation, medical practice, political science, psychology, public health, sociology, and statistics. The source of reference for the data base is the American Medical Association Socioeconomic Research Resources (MEDSOC). MEDSOC is no longer available in print format. An additional feature of this data base is that documents retrieved may be ordered for a price online

from the AMA's Division of Library and Archival Services, through MED/MAIL, the electronic mail service. Projections for enrichment of this file include the addition of a clinical literature index and abstracts.

The electronic mail service is called: MED/MAIL. This service allows users to electronically send, read, and file messages from other system users. Messages are delivered instantaneously to as many users as specified by the sender. The system is available 24 hours per day from any city in the United States. In addition, via the bulletin board feature, information is available regarding AMA meetings and CME opportunities. MED/MAIL can also be used to store and duplicate standard forms and report formats; thus, the user can call up a format and simply fill in the required information. In this sense, the system provides limited word processing capabilities. Future enrichments to the system include the addition of the AMA directories online, survey data collection and evaluation, paperless insurance claims, CME registry service, and AMA registry service.

Other additional features being considered for incorporation by the service are poison control information, therapy information, patient education, and physician self-assessment.

The costs for acquiring AMA/NET are:

Subscription fee - \$100.00 (payable by contractor on a one-time basis)  
User registration fee - \$25.00 (payable on a one-time basis for each individual user within an organization.  
The charge is \$50.00 if users do not register at time of subscription)

Usage Charges:	Disease Information	\$26.00/hr.
	Drug Information	\$27.00/hr.
	CPT	\$25.00/hr.
	Socioeconomic file	\$25.00/hr.
	MED/MAIL	
	Connect time:	
	Prime time	\$16.00/hr.
	Non-prime time	\$7.00/hr.
	Multiple	
	address delivery	\$.05/addressee
	Storage	\$.01/day/unit

In addition there is a monthly minimum charge of \$45.00 for the first user, plus \$25.00/user for each additional user up to 11 users; after 11, the minimum charge remains at \$295.00/month.

Instruction materials	\$15.00/set	(one free set per password)
Subscriber or user profile changes	\$15.00/each	

The system is accessed using any compatible video display, printing, or portable terminal that can dial into the network. Most standard terminals used for MEDLINE searching are compatible with the GTE Medical Information Network. A phone line is also required.

Training classes are provided in Vienna, Virginia or at the customer site if more than 25 users are registered on the system.

### Library Considerations

Before a library decides to acquire these data bases, certain considerations must be made. Some of these are:

1. The availability of a terminal and phone lines. If the library does not have a terminal, can it get access to one within the organization?
2. Will users do their own searching, or will searches be performed only by the library staff? Many physicians will have this system in their offices, and may want to do their own searching in the library.
3. How will you pay for accessing the system? Will the library absorb the cost? If charges are passed on to users, will you limit access to the library system to physicians who have their own access codes (and thus will be billed directly by GTE for the time spent online), will you charge a flat fee for every health professional who uses it, or will you pass on charges for connect time only?
4. If health professionals are going to access the system directly, do you have space where they can use the terminal without disturbing other patrons? Will there be security for the terminal and phone in this location?
5. How will you insure security for the library's access code so that people cannot use it at terminals in other locations?
6. Will library staff monitor messages for health professionals received via MED/MAIL, or will it pay to store these messages in online files for the user?

These are just some of the factors for libraries to consider. Other staffing and budgetary factors will also effect the library's decision to acquire this system.

### Library Applications

The GTE Telenet Medical Information Network promises to be a valuable tool for health professionals. Libraries can benefit from the time saved in accessing tools online which formerly had to be searched manually. In addition, the system will allow more access points for searching and the information should be more up-to-date. The Socio/economic data base will provide access to literature, which is often all but impossible to locate within a small clinically oriented library. The reference implications are straight forward and exciting. Also of interest are the electronic mail

capabilities. Using this system, participating libraries can send interlibrary loan requests to other libraries without bothering to call them up or to fill out request forms. Libraries can also try to locate books or audiovisuals at several libraries at once without having to call each library individually. Meeting announcements and minutes can be sent out automatically to all members. This capability should prove beneficial in improving communications between libraries and in expediting interlibrary loans.

Another impact of the system will be the ability to order documents directly from the AMA Library using MED/MAIL. There will no doubt be a charge for this loan service, but it should prove to be very convenient for obtaining hard-to-find articles cited in the socioeconomic data base. Furthermore, physicians who have their own access codes may order their own articles using MED/MAIL, and hence cut down on library costs and time.

The word-processing functions of MED/MAIL are also of interest, although their usefulness may be determined by the quality of the printer used and the amount of time spent online inputting and correcting data.

In summary, the AMA/GTE Telenet Medical Information Network promises to be a useful and time-saving tool for librarians. Although some of the information available through the data bases may have been previously available in a hard copy format, the online capability will make this information more readily accessible and available. The service reminds us that the age of electronic information is not that far off, and that we as librarians can utilize such services to provide information to our users in a more timely manner.

For more information, please contact Andrew Klein, Account Executive, GTE Telenet Communications Corporation, 8229 Boone Blvd., Vienna, Virginia, 22180, 703) 442-1993.

Laura Koch

# UPDATE

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WINTER, 1983

## CHAIRMAN'S NOTE:

### *PRUDENT USE OF OUR RESOURCES*

Economic hardtimes underscore the need to use our resources carefully, and not just our economic resources either. Usually, we are aware of the large indicators of economic times but the small announcements may escape us.

The increase of articles on professional burnout, the shortness of job announcements to job closing date or the loosening of professional standards are also indicators. These are indicators that may affect us as people in a profession.

As each of us tries to survive these difficult times that we are now apart, let not our shortcuts, our economics, our timesavers be people or our standards.

Two of our articles this issue address similiar ideas. Coming to grips with reality and the realization that the majority of our patrons are people too. Hope each one of you will enjoy your reading of this issue.

Barbara H. S. Martin  
GHSLA Chairman

## EDITOR'S CORNER

I extend my deepest appreciation to the individuals who made this issue possible and may we all be enriched by their contributions.

Our regular Columnist Steve Koplan has written a penetrant essay and Marilyn Gibbs explains how the library at DeKalb General has been made more accessible to the Medical staff.

As mentioned in the past Update, we have included in this issue New Reference Works compiled and annotated by Carol Burns, Linda Garr Markwell and Miriam Libby. This compilation will be updated in forthcoming issues.

In this issue are the registration forms for GHSLA meeting at Jekyll Island. Also the hotel registration form may be photocopied if more than one form is needed.

If you have a program, an idea, or a suggestion, let us hear from you. We like to share information and ideas relevant to the health care community. Please submit your article to the editor by February 28, 1983.

Joe Swanson, Jr.

350 M.D.'S HAVE KEYS TO MY LIBRARY ---  
AND THEY GOT THEM FROM ME!!!!!!!!!!!!

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The bottom line first: we have had negligible losses in the five months since we gave library keys to all M.D.'s, regardless of character. DeKalb General Hospital is a 480-bed acute care non-teaching hospital. The library is small, with a collection of about 550 books and eight years worth of 140 journals. I have pondered, now and again, for eight years, the point at which reasonable library access and sufficient security come together. I have pursued not-quite-so-evident truths to guide me in setting a policy for access. (Is this a study hall, an emergency literature resource, a lounge? Is our collection good enough to steal?) I have solicited advice from other hospital librarians. They have generously written me essays on their philosophies and experience. Situations ranged from "loss is bad and getting worse" to "minimal" or "three books a year." I have unleashed the imagination of the Library Committee on the subject: "just keep it locked, except give us keys." I have read a little about it. (The "serious, determined, and systematic thief will probably not be deterred, even by the most strigent control." I am ashamed to admit I can't footnote this quote I saw once.)

Then one day circumstance landed me in a position to say yes or no to one of the more radical examples of the honor system. I said yes. The medical staff members were being issued keys to open an outside entrance to the hospital. The library lock was changed so that those keys also open the reading area. There is a key at a central location that the hospital staff can sign out after hours. This more limited access to hospital staff implies, I guess, a feeling that the physician as head of a team, can provide quick access to the library in an urgent patient care dilemma.

I don't know all the reasons why there has been no detected loss. The library had been moved to an area of heavier physician traffic just before we gave them keys. The traffic probably deters theft, the premeditated kind. The absentminded kind seems to have slowed also. Are my librarian's spectacles rose-colored? I guess they are. But I certainly have a happy medical staff who are noticing the library and its services more and more. So until we re-invent theft at DeKalb General, Things look rosy.

Marilyn Gibbs



This winter season brings for me another year of life. In fact, by the time you get this, I'll have turned 33(horrors!). With each year comes the realization that I'm getting older and can no longer look at myself as a mere youth.

A recent visit by my father seemed to reinforce this sense of time and age. This summer he will turn 75. I've studied gerontology enough to know what to expect mentally and physically from someone of that age, but facts learned in Academia's Ivory Tower bear little relation to the realities of the Koplan Family. Previously, I had merely dismissed my father's inability to respond to my questions or comments as simple apathy. My sister-in-law, a physician, had to ask me to repeat what I'd said so my father could hear. I presented him with a book which consisted primarily of newspaper reprints. Normally, newsprint is difficult to read but for my father it now seemed virtually impossible. Slowly, it has dawned on me that my perceptions of my father are based on his conditions of twenty years ago. Things that I expect he can do can't be done any longer. It's not simply that he doesn't want to do something he should be able to do.

That gets back to my not wanting myself to age either. I'd like things to be the way they were just as he'd like to have his teenage son back. However, time goes on and we grow up. With that in mind, there are several lessons for ourselves and libraries to learn. We all develop and change as time goes on. Adjustments and adaptations are a part of our continuing survival. If we don't make the necessary changes we can become, to borrow an expression from Kurt Vonnegut, "stuck in time". This applies to our professional as well as personal lives. For example, when G.M.H.I. was young, money was plentiful and everyone was happy. Nowadays, funds are dwindling and there's a general state of panic in the Great State of Georgia. Despite this reality, there are still some around the hospital who wonder why we're cancelling their favorite journal.

The reality is that things aren't the way they used to be. Grand ideals and dreams are fine but we're at the point where all of our feet have to be on the ground to cope with the daily trials and tribulations of library life and we need to be able to assure our patrons of that. If you think this sounds unusually pessimistic for me, don't worry. It's just that personally and professionally I'm trying to get a grip on things as they are, rather than things as I'd like them to be. Life is tough enough without our having to function in a world that doesn't exist while the actual world goes by on a separate course. If we confuse our dream world course with the real world course we'll never be able to satisfy the needs of either.

Steve Koplan

## GHSLA ANNUAL MEETING

The GHSLA Annual Meeting for 1983 will be held at the Holiday Inn, Jekyll Island, Georgia on April 28 - 29, 1983. The preliminary program is as follows:

Wednesday, April 27, 1983

6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. Registration

Thursday, April 28, 1983

8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Registration

9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. MLA Continuing Education Course  
"Assertiveness and Human  
Relations Skills"

6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Wine and cheese reception

Friday, April 29, 1983

8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Registration

9:00 A.M. - 9:45 A.M. Nicholas E. Davies, M.D.  
"Political Factors Affecting  
Health Science Libraries"

9:45 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. Coffee Break

10:00 A.M. - 10:45 A.M. Representative of RML 2,  
University of Maryland  
"Services of the new RML  
for Region 2"

10:45 A.M. - 11:15 A.M. Al Brandon  
"Lobbying Effectively for the  
Library Within the Organization"

11:15 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. Questions and Answers

11:30 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. Break

11:45 A.M. - 1:45 P.M. Luncheon and Business Meeting

Make plans now to attend!

## NEW REFERENCE WORKS

Compiled by Carol Burns,  
Linda Garr Markwell and Miriam Libbey,  
A.W. Calhoun Medical Library, Emory University

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This is a list of selected reference works owned by the Calhoun Medical Library. Except for a few titles included for comparative purposes, the works were published in 1980 or later.

### CONSUMER HEALTH INFORMATION

Rees, Alan M. and Young, Blanche A. The consumer health information source book. New York: Bowker, 1981, (Consumer Information Series) \$32.50

Intended for the layperson, this book gives information on printed materials, audiovisual producers and resource organizations in areas of concern to the general public from alcoholism to women's health. Entries, grouped under general categories, include complete bibliographic or address information as well as short annotation.

The Help Book. Atlanta, GA: United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, 1982, (issued annually) \$5.00

Lists people-serving agencies describing the scope and eligibility requirements for each, and giving the address, telephone number and contact person at each agency. The book contains an alphabetical index of agencies and a subject index. Entries are listed in alphabetical order.

### HEALTH SCIENCES REFERENCE SOURCES

Chen, Ching-Chih. Health sciences information sources. Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press, 1981. \$50.00

Includes over 3600 entries published primarily between 1970 and 1980. Each entry gives full bibliographic information, annotation and source of review (if available). Includes many sources in specialty areas grouped under such categories as selection tools, handbooks, atlases, etc. Table of contents serves as subject index. Volume includes author and title indexes.

Roper, Fred Wilburn and Boorkman, Jo Ann. Introduction to reference sources in the health sciences. Chicago: Medical Library Association, 1980. \$18.00

Intended as an introduction to the types of reference and information sources in the health sciences. Includes 377 entries in 13 general categories such as bibliographic sources for monographs, indexing and abstracting services, handbooks and manuals, etc). Each chapter includes substantial narrative describing the general characteristics of the category being considered as well as specific examples of the most important sources in that category. Prices are included if readily available.

HEALTH STATISTICS

Weise, Freida O. Health Statistics: a guide to information sources. Detroit: Gale Research Co. 1980. (Health affairs information guide series; v. 4) \$36.00.

Provides complete bibliographic information on 310 sources of vital and health statistics in the United States. Entries are grouped under 7 basic categories (e.g. vital statistics, morbidity, health services utilization) and include a short annotation. Appendixes list journals, government agencies, libraries, and associations. Includes author, title and subject indexes and a glossary.

Statistics Sources: a subject guide to data on industrial, business, social, educational, financial and other topics for the United States and internationally. (eds. Paul Wasserman, et. al.). Detroit: Gale Research Co. 7th ed. 1982. \$110.00

Contains an alphabetical list of subject areas. Listed under each subject are those publications or organizations that have statistics on the subject. The book is intended as a "finding guide" to statistical information. It also includes a selected bibliography of key statistical sources.

Madden, Thomas A. et. al. The Health Almanac. New York: Raven Press, 1982. \$14.95.

In one small volume, a variety of health statistics and data are provided in five general sections: population, patterns of disease (mortality and morbidity), health care delivery, international comparisons, and prevention of disease. Includes numerous charts and graphs, a bibliography and subject index.

NURSING

Nurse's guide to drugs. Horsham, PA: Intermed Communications, c1980. xiii, Nursing 80 books.

Intended to provide nurses with drug information that emphasizes clinical aspects rather than pharmacology. Over 1000 drug entries accessible by both generic and trade names with topical arrangement in 16 sections; entries give such information as indications, dosage and nursing considerations. Miscellaneous appendices including drug toxicities, intravenous solution compatibilities, schedules of controlled substances, etc.

Binger, Jane L.: Lippincott's Guide to nursing literature/ by Jane L. Binger and Lydia M. Jensen. Philadelphia: Lippincott, [c1980.]

A brief, quick-access guide to nursing journals and other nursing reference resources in the U.S. Divided into 3 sections; the first "Search and Surveillance" provides a profile of current nursing journals, library features useful to nurses, literature searching, preparation of a manuscript. The Second

section "The Periodical Literature" describes professional journals relevant to nursing. Section three, "Reference and Resources" covers important nursing references and resources for research, article or paper preparation, etc. The two appendices include an alphabetical listing of the nursing journals cited and sample authors' guides of books and journals.

Nursing Audiovisual Resource List, 1981-1982. Lorna Wright, Malcolm H. Brantz, editors. Lyman Maynard Stowe Library, Farmington, Conn: University of Connecticut Health Center, c1981. 2v.

Two volume bibliographic guide to software in the nursing field, in its broadest interpretation. The list indicates those programs owned at the University of Connecticut Health Center Stowe Library. Their definition of audiovisual does not include mannequins, models or computer programs. The list includes a subject index, a directory of producers and distributors, a frequently borrowed title list, and an alphabetical title index.

#### NOMENCLATURE

Durham, Robert Harnis. Encyclopedia of medical syndromes, [New York], Hoeber, c1960.

A comprehensive reference text of medical syndromes and correlated synonyms, cross-referenced to related subjects. Clinical manifestations, laboratory and pathologic findings, etiology, differential diagnosis, clinical course, prognosis and therapy are given for each entry.

Jablonski, Stanley. Illustrated dictionary of eponymic syndromes and diseases and their synonyms. Philadelphia: Saunders, c1969.

Dictionary of "eponymic names of pathological conditions named after the discoverers, literary and mythological characters and patients." Entries present the eponym, synonyms, definition and bibliography which includes the original description when possible. "Synonymous eponyms are given under personal names with a cross-reference to the defined entry." Some syndromes are illustrated to enhance the definition.

Magalini, Sergio I. and Scarscia, Euclide. Dictionary of medical syndromes. 2nd ed., Philadelphia: Lippincott, c1981.

Alphabetical listing of over 2,700 syndromes, including eponyms. Most entries include signs, symptoms, etiology, diagnosis, therapy, and prognosis. Synonyms and references also included. General index.

#### MEDICAL WRITING

Author's guide to journals in the health field, by Donald B. Ardell and John Y. James. New York: Haworth, c.1980. - (Author's guide to journal series)

Information for prospective authors to 261 journals selected for coverage in 76 'preferred content areas.' Each entry gives address, cost, secondary tools, circulation, types of articles, and content areas. Subject, title and Keyword indices.

Information to authors 1980-81; editorial guidelines reproduced from 246 medical journals, compiled by Harriet R. Meiss and Doris A. Jaeger. Baltimore: Urban & Schwarzenberg, 1980. \$26.00

Manuscript instructions for 246 clinical English-language biomedical journals. Miscellaneous appendices including uniform requirements set up by a committee of authors in 1978. Alphabetical arrangement by the NLM journal title abbreviation.

## DIRECTORIES

Directory of blood service establishments, sponsored by National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute ... Bethesda: National Institutes of Health, 1981.

Prepared by the National Blood Data Center of the American Blood Commission under contract to NIH. Data were obtained in 1979. Lists all facilities in the U.S. and its territories which collect, transfuse, and process blood and blood products. Arranged geographically. Gives for each facility address, director and function of blood service.

Health organizations of the United States, Canada and the world. Paul Wasserman and Marek Kasszubski, eds., 5th ed., Detroit: Gale, 1981 \$65.00

Lists alphabetically 1,514 voluntary or unofficial organizations in the health care field. Includes information on officers, meetings, membership and purpose.

Health services directory, compl. and ed. by Anthony T. Kruzas, et. al. Detroit: Gale, 1981 \$65.00

Lists 19,000 governmental and private institutions and organizations "which provide treatment, care, and information for health problems on a national level." Entries are grouped under 34 topics (chapters) ranging from services for the aged to women, battered. Information given for organizations varies ranging from merely an address to a full description of the program. Appendix A lists related and service organizations not covered in main body of the volume. Appendix B lists community information and referred services. Includes an index of organization names and keywords.

## National Directory of Health/Medicine Organizations

Lists 1,200 national health/medicine organizations giving address, officers, purpose or program meeting information and membership. Personal name index. Category of organization index.

National Directory of Mental Health. New York: Wiley, 1980

Part One is a guide to selecting mental health services and practitioners. Part Two lists 3,600 outpatient facilities arranged geographically. Services, types of therapy, types of staff, referral requirements, areas served, fees and waiting time are given. Part Three consists of an alphabetical listing of facilities and an index to services and therapies, e.g., crisis intervention centers, dance/music therapy.

National Health Directory. Rockville, Aspen, 1982

Comprehensive guide to federal and state agencies related to health. Includes information on Congressional committees concerned with health, city and county health officials.

National Nursing Directory. Aspen, Rockville: MD, 1982

Designed to put "the enormous range of difficult-to-locate nursing information resources at the fingertips" of the nursing community. Includes information on licensure, certification, state boards, health organizations, educational institutions and programs, nursing associations, sources for DHHS publications, state and federal health offices and a list of outstanding nurses (living and dead).

#### MISCELLANEOUS REFERENCE WORKS

Berton, Alberta D. Smoking and health: a comprehensive bibliography. New York: Plenum, 1980

References to 2,800 journal articles. Intended for current researchers.

Geriatric medicine: an education resource guide by Alan S. Robbins, et. al., Cambridge: Ballinger, 1981.

Comprehensive directory of educational programs in medicine schools and other institutions. Includes references to books, journal articles and audiovisuals.

Kerntz, Rita M. Health care costs and financing: a guide to information sources. Detroit: Gale, 1981. (Health affairs information guide to information sources)

NEW EDITIONS OF REFERENCE WORKS

Bowes, Anna de Planter. Bowes and Church's Food value of portions commonly used. 13th ed., New York: Harper, 1980.

Dorland, W.A. Newman. Dorland's Illustrated medical dictionary. 26th ed., Philadelphia: Saunders, 1981.

International classifications of diseases, 9th revision, clinical modification, ICD-9-CM. 2nd ed. Washington: Public Health Service, 1980. 3 v.

Modern drug encyclopedia and therapeutic index; a compendium. 16th ed., New York: Yorke Medical Books, 1981.

Stedman, Thomas Lathrop. Stedman's dictionary, 24th ed., Philadelphia, 1982.

Thomas, William A.R. Black's medical dictionary, 33rd ed., London, A & C. Black, 1981.

USPDI [US Pharmacopeia Dispensing Information]. v.1 Drug information for the health care provider, 1982. v.2 Advice for the patient, 1983 (c1982). Distributed by USPC, 12601 Twinbrook Parkway, Rockville, MD 20852

Advice for the patient is published for patients in an abridged edition entitled About your medicines.



MLA CE REGISTRATION

(DEADLINE MARCH 20, 1983)

Thursday, April 28, 1983

MLA CE 669-81: Assertiveness and Human Relations Skills. Instructor: Joanne Marshall, Foundation Consultant, Palliative Care Foundation, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

This course is designed to define assertiveness and describe varied assertive techniques. It will also explore kinds of interpersonal skills and give you guidelines with which to investigate your own behaviors and choices. There will be a theoretical base but the major emphasis of the course will be a sensitive look at both assertiveness and interpersonal skills from a personal perspective, using extensive participant interaction. .8 CEU

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What do you hope to gain by taking this course? (This information is needed to help the instructor best meet the student's objectives in taking the course. Be specific.)

MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Georgia Health Sciences Library Association

Holiday Inn of Jekyll Island

April 28-29, 1983

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MLA CE 669-81: Assertiveness & Human Relations Skills (Deadline: March 20, 1983)  
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Non-MLA member \$75.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon, Friday, April 29, 1983 (Sponsored by Majors) yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

GHSLA Membership Dues (1983)  
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Make hotel reservations and prepayments directly with the Holiday Inn of Jekyll Island using the attached preprinted reservation card. The GHSLA block of rooms will be released March 27, 1983, so please make reservations before this date.

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Persons not attending the meeting may pay dues by mail prior to April 21, 1983. Please send the above form and check to Linda Garr Markwell at the address listed above.

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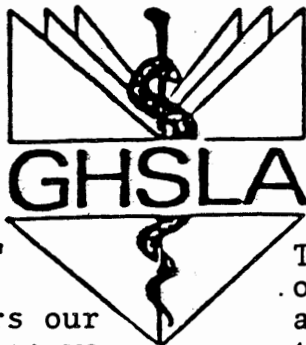


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# UPDATE

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

### "Another Mountain of Terms"

For the last couple of years our vocabulary has been changing; we have Comcat, Online Searching, Serline, Medline, Chemline, CAI and others. This is just an indication of the impact of technology on our profession.

Now when we look at a piece of equipment, it has it's own terminology. One such area are terminals. It could be a dumb terminal, an intelligent terminal, a word processor, or a Micro (Short for microcomputer). Vocabulary is the name of the game. We familiarized ourselves with NLM's Medline, Serline or Chemline. We became familiar with downtime, lag time, or the system being up. Now we are called on again to bring out skills and overcome another mountain of vocabulary.

In general a computer is a device which consist of a central processing unit (CPU), input/output devices, and storage. The CPU is the heart of the computer. It is composed of the control unit which directs the operations of the computer, and the arithmetic/logic unit (ALU) is where numbers can be added, subtracted, multiplied, divided and compared, and a small amount of storage in which the

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

Today there is an object in our life that will not go away. No Matter how many times we have cursed it, or someone used it as an excuse, the computer is here to stay. Some said that we would be overwhelmed by it, but microprocessor-based technology has come to our rescue and not our demise.

Microprocessor-based technology is not new to libraries. Forward thinking individuals long ago realized that certain tasks in the libraries could easily be automated. However, the language spun by this technology has not stood still. New developments have introduced new terms. To bring us up todate our Chairman has written a succinct article on the current terms.

Columnist Steve Koplan looks forward to Spring after battling the "bug" and we have two installments to New Reference Works.

Many thanks to those who made this issue possible. We would like to extend the regional input of the Bulletin. We know you are out there. The final issue will go to press in mid-May, so let us hear from you.

Joe Swanson, Jr.

intermediate calculations are stored. The input device accepts necessary data and the output unit provides computer results.

Listed below is a small portion of the new vocabulary, some familiar and some not so.

I/O Units-----include keypunch units, punched paper tape readers, magnetic tape drives, printers, typewriters, display devices and digital plotters.

Storage-----includes internal and auxiliary memory where the computer stores information.

Internal Storage--operates very fast, is expensive, is where information is stored while it is being processed (main memory).

Auxiliary Storage--slower than internal, less expensive, is where non-processing information is kept.

Bits-----information recorded on magnetic tape, represents a binary place, short for binary digit.

Bytes-----a group of adjacent bits representing a character.

Word-----a combination of bytes that occupies one storage location and is treated as a unit.

K-----when referring to storage capacity, is equal to  $2^{10}$  or 1024 (storage locations); so that 48k represents 48 times 1024 storage locations, usually RAM, and ROM when not specified.

RAM----- (Random Access Memory) a memory chip usually the main memory of internal memory in a microcomputer in which information can be written into and read out of and can be changed.

ROM----- (Read Only Memory) nonerasable, permanently programmed memory usually used to store monitors, input/output devices language interpreters or special application programs. Programs stored in ROM are called firm-ware.

Online-----peripheral devices (printers, CRT's) operating under direct control of the central processing unit.

Offline-----peripheral devices that operate independently of the central processing unit, devices, not under the control of the central processing unit.

Operating System (OS)--software that controls the execution of computer programs and that may provide scheduling, input / output control, compilation, data management, debugging, storage assignment, etc.

Disk Operating System (DOS)--refers to an operating system that operates a disk drive.

Dumb Terminal--a display device that offers a limited number of functions, must be connected to the CPU; has no stand alone capabilities.

Smart Terminal--extended functions such as editing and formatting data entry.

User-Programmable Terminal or Intelligent Terminals--provide the highest degree of flexibility and capability, stand alone capabilities.

Word Processor--a user programmable terminal programmed to a specific function.

Program-----all of the instructions required to solve a specific problem on a computer.

Program Language--a language used to prepare computer programs, examples, Basic, Fortran, and Cobol.

These are some of the terms associated with the newest of technologies, by no means most, there will be newer and more as the field continues to grow. In closing, please remember that no matter how smart some of these computers are they are just machines. We will still need to know their capabilities and whether or not they are suitable for the tasks one might envision for them. We must bone up, read up, and keep up on the principles behind the vocabulary and the technological changes.

Barbara H. S. Martin  
GHSLA Chairman

KOPLAN AT LARGE"What Bugs Me"

Spring is just around the corner but before it makes its 1983 debut, we have to put up with one last gift from Old Man winter: the "bug". Call it flu, virus or the common cold, it won't matter because the results are the same: misery followed by boredom followed by more misery. For me it started when I awoke one Sunday morning feeling like I'd been run over by the proverbial herd of elephants. That should not have been surprising since I'd been at a friend's party until 4 A.M. the night before. However, by the following Tuesday, you could have run me up the flagpole and flown me in the breeze. The Deputy Superintendent in charge of the library happens to be a nurse, so I certainly didn't argue when she ordered me home. The rest of the week was spent hacking, sneezing, and sleeping off what was certainly not a hangover. I found myself getting frustrated with only the cats for company. Believe it or not, even they weren't much help. Fluff consistently displayed an expression that could only be interpreted as "So what?" while Sandy and Whitey wandered off in search of their girl friends.

Despite Madison Avenue's claims to the contrary, there's not a lot you can do with such an animal. Fluids, aspirin, and lots of rest are the only "cure". As you get better, you get worse by working yourself into a frenzy with new found strength only to collapse an hour later. It is amazing how much research is done every year on various diseases with positive therapeutic results. Every day we medical librarians find literature which could save the day for patients with virtually everything known to man. Ironically, nothing seems to attack this "beast". Two weeks later, I'm back at work and still coughing. In time, this thing has got to go away with the only consolation being that everybody seems to have caught it in some form or other. Every flu season (which is like hockey season, but not as much fun) seems to repeat itself: hacking cough, sneezing, aggravation. Hopefully, some day someone will isolate whatever it is, and ease our winter miseries so we can all get on with the business of examining someone else's illness.

I wonder if Andy Rooney has gotten it yet...

Steve Koplan

CONFERENCES, EVENTS, ETC.

LOUIS W. SULLIVAN, M.D. TO BE INAUGURATED  
AS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE MOREHOUSE  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE APRIL 8 - 10, 1983

April 8

4:00 P.M. Sterling Drug - Louis W. Sullivan Lecture to be delivered by Walter Riker, Jr., M.D., Chairman, Pharmacology Department, Cornell University. Reception follows.

April 9

10:00 P.M.-

4:00 P.M. Open House and Tours

7:00 P.M. Gala Inaugural Ball at the Hilton Hotel.

April 10

2:00 P.M. The Installation Ceremony  
Martin Luther King, Jr.  
International Memorial Chapel

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HEALTH SCIENCES OCLC USERS GROUP ANNUAL MEETING

HSOCLCUG annual meeting will be held in Chapel Hill, N. C., April 20-22, 1983. The program will begin on Wednesday, April 20, at 1:00 P.M. and ends Friday, April 22, at 12:45 P.M.

The program will feature topics on OCLC Subsystems, NLM Cataloging Activities, Automated Integrated Systems. There will be presentations on NLM's Cooperative Name Authority and CIP Programs, LC and OCLC's Total Library Systems, ILS, CLSI, AND BAC. The keynote address will be given by Richard Boss of Online Systems Consultant, Inc. Many other activities and events are scheduled.



American Society For Information Science  
cordially invite the Georgia Health Sciences  
Library Association to attend:

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SECOND ANNUAL INFORMATION COMMUNITY HAPPENING

Date: Tuesday, April 19

Place: Houston Mill House  
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near Emory University

Time: 7:30 P.M., cash bar, \$1 cover charge

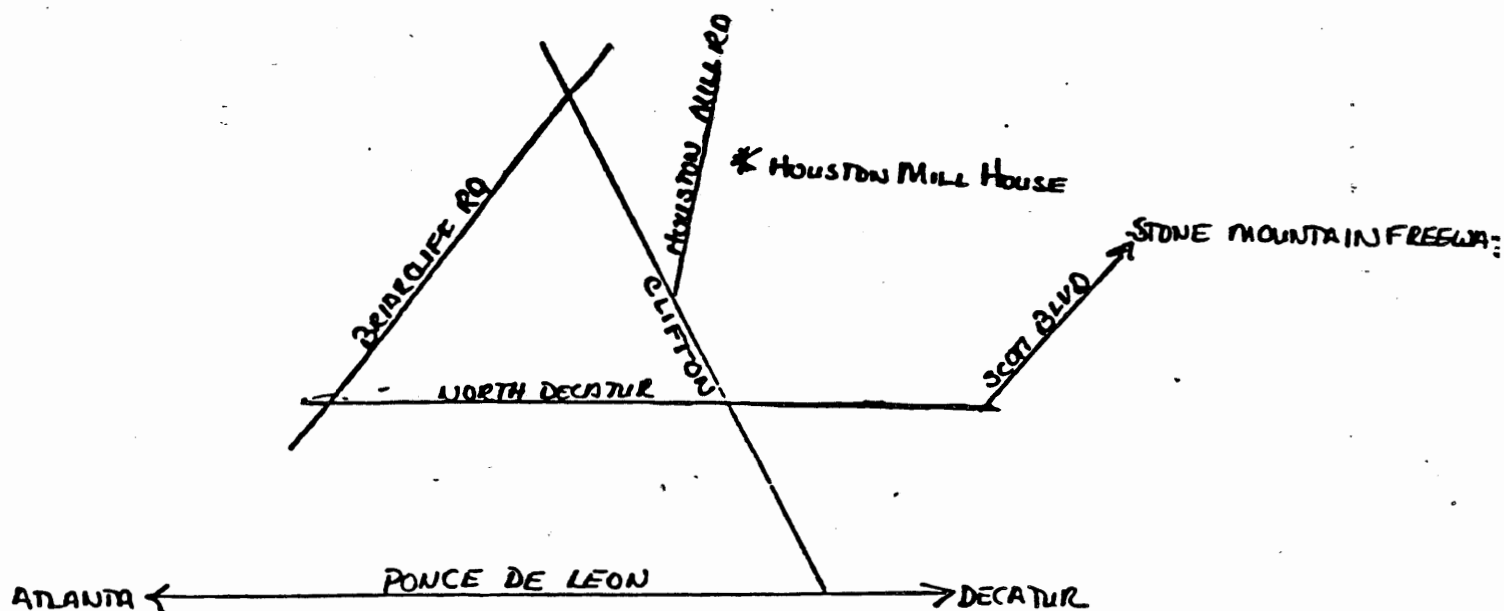
SPECIAL FEATURES

Setting: Charming old stone house in a lovely wooded area  
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Party: Opportunity to have a great time with other  
information professionals

Goal: To forge a stronger information community in  
Atlanta

If you have any further questions, please contact Kitty  
Schreiner at 526-6856.



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## NEW REFERENCE WORKS

November 1982

Compiled by Miriam H. Libbey

This is a list of selected reference sources recently cataloged at the A.W. Calhoun Medical Library, Emory University. Prices are included if readily available.

A Biographical Encyclopedia of Scientists. New York, Facts on File, Inc., 1981  
2 v. \$75.00

Lists approximately 2,000 scientists with descriptions of their work from the earliest times to the present. Includes a chronology of scientific discoveries, a short list of books and papers particularly influential to the development of science, an index of names and an index of subjects. Concentrates on the pure sciences (physics, chemistry, biology, astronomy and the earth sciences) but includes some famous persons in other scientific fields, including medicine.

Health Science Books, 1876-1982. New York, Bowker, 1982. 4 v. \$175.00

Comprehensive bibliography of over 132,000 books published or distributed in the United States and cataloged by the Library of Congress during the last 107 years. Complete entries arranged under Library of Congress subject headings. References from MeSH to LC headings included. Volume 4 contains author and title indexes, a guide to MeSH/LC equivalents and a guide to LC/MeSH equivalents.

Holloway, Lisabeth M. Medical Obituaries; American Physicians' Biographical Notices in Selected Medical Journals Before 1907. New York, Garland, 1981.

Lists obituaries for 17,350 physicians, most of whom were "grass-roots practitioners" not likely to have been included in biographical directories. According to the preface a large number of obituaries not listed in the Index-Catalogue of the Library of the Surgeon General's Office are included.

## NEW EDITIONS

American Hospital Association Guide to the Health Care Field. Chicago, The Association, 1982. \$56.70

Directory of Residency Training Programs. Chicago, American Medical Association, 1982/83

Encyclopedia of Associations, 17th ed. Detroit, Gale, 1982. v.1, sect: 1-8, & v. 3.

## NEW REFERENCE WORKS

February 1983

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This is a list of selected reference sources recently cataloged at the A.W. Calhoun Medical Library, Emory University. Prices are included if readily available.

Associations' Publications in Print, 1982, New York, Bowker, 1982. 2 v. \$60.00

Contains approximately 90,000 entries for books, pamphlets, journals, bulletins, newsletters and audiovisuals published or produced by 3,100 associations. Over 80% of the titles listed do not fall within the scope of Books in Print. Sections include subject index, title index, an index with titles listed under publishing association, audiovisual title index, list of associations with addresses, and an acronym index. Publications range from the scholarly and scientific to the popular. Some materials listed are free.

Health Sciences, by Bonnie Snow et. al, Los Altos, Online Inc. and Database Services, 1982. (Database Search Aids Series.) \$25.00

The Database Search Aids Series is based on the premise that an understanding of the print counterparts of online databases can facilitate searching. Emphasis is on the organization of each database and print counterpart and the reasons for that particular organization. The features of a database are placed within a functional context in order to illustrate their utility to the searcher. Comparisons of data bases are included. Health Sciences covers MEDLINE, Life Sciences Collections, BIOSIS Previews, International Pharmaceutical Abstracts/ IPA, SCISEARCH, PSYCINFO, Chemical Nomenclature Files and a few other health related databases.

International Medical Who's Who, a Biographical Guide in Medical Research, Hodgson, Harlow, Essex, 1980. 2 v. \$117.15

Provides biographical information on more than 12,000 research workers in medicine, dentistry and pharmacy from more than 120 countries. Information given about the individuals includes date of birth, education, appointments, fields of interest, society memberships and address.

Mikat, Dorothy M. and Mikat, Kurt W. A Clinician's Dictionary Guide to Bacteria and Fungi, 4th ed. rev., Indianapolis, Eli Lilly, 1981. Free

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