



25 and Still Alive
Atlanta Health Sciences Library Consortium
1974-1999

25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday October 2, 1999
Atrium Doctor's Building
Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta

7:00 – 8:30 Dinner and music

8:30 – 9:00 Entertainment by Legend

9:00 – 11:00 Reflections

Thank you to the following vendors for their
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And this event tonight

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AHSLC History for Smarties

1974 - 1999

Check it out!

The Easy Way to Find Out about AHSLC – and win Jeopardy!

This very selective history expands on some events Amy has noted in her nice timeline. Apologies for its being a bit heavy on 70's events. "Smarties" goal is to promote appreciation for our history, but it's also for providing a few Jeopardy answers – or "questions" we should say. So perusing may prove gainful! When you see **Pay Attention!** above a section, take notice. (Although we've been underhanded enough to plant some false "Pay Attentions.")

Additions and corrections are welcome from anyone with a better memory and records than ours. For identifying AHSLC milestones thanks are owed members who presented posters about AHSLC at GHSLA, Southern Chapter and MLA.

The 70's

- **The Consortium Concept Comes Alive and Proves Its Worth**
- **AHSLC Promotes Library Services to Health Professionals**

Pay Attention!

- Steve Koplan* contacted local librarians he met at 1974's Southern Chapter/MLA meeting in Atlanta. (You can see from the image below he had alot of support by Piedmont Hospital library.)

*Yes, the Steve Koplan who recently "came home" to the AHSLC, bringing his new library into the membership.

- Steve was enthusiastically elected first AHSLC Chair.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Cathy Chewing, Fay Evatt, Marilyn Gibbs, Steve Koplan, Ann Martin,
Jane Sencer, Girija Vijai

From: Jane Bumgarner

Date: October 21, 1974

Subject: Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend a meeting arranged by Steve Koplan for the purpose of discussing co-operative library services among Atlanta health science libraries. This will be a first-stage planning session, so bring with you ideas on how your library might benefit from a co-operative venture and/or what your library may have to offer.

Time: 2:30 - 4:30, Thursday, October 31

Place: Library
Georgia Mental Health Institute
1256 Briarcliff Road, NE
Atlanta, Georgia
(go in main entrance)

Questions: call Steve 894-5663

- In 1976 Steve and 2 other AHSLC members wrote an article on this new kind of alliance for building the resource and professional strength of smaller libraries. The article (linked from AHSLC home page timeline) was published in the *Journal of the Medical Association of Georgia*. The AHSLC was a model for other urban consortia in the region.



- In the 70's AHSLC' union listing and cooperative collection development projects brought a formidable depth of resources to the clinicians and other decision makers of AHSLC libraries.

Pay Attention!

- As reciprocal interlibrary loan relationships were built, members began to dispense with the formality and paperwork of lending in the pre-DOCLINE era. At a meeting in 1976 "it was agreed that an interlibrary loan can be requested over the telephone with no U.S. mail followup request." (!)
- A few years after formation the AHSLC developed membership standards specifying members must maintain a library. The standards were developed in part to clarify conditions for AHSLC participation to health clinics and other library-less institutions seeking consortium resource access.
- In 1977 AHSLC's one hospital member with a MEDLINE terminal presented information on the effect of having one of those things!

Pay Attention!

- In 1979 after exchanging individual holdings lists for 5 years, the first union list was produced for the AHSLC by Emory medical library (A.W. Calhoun Medical Library at the time.)

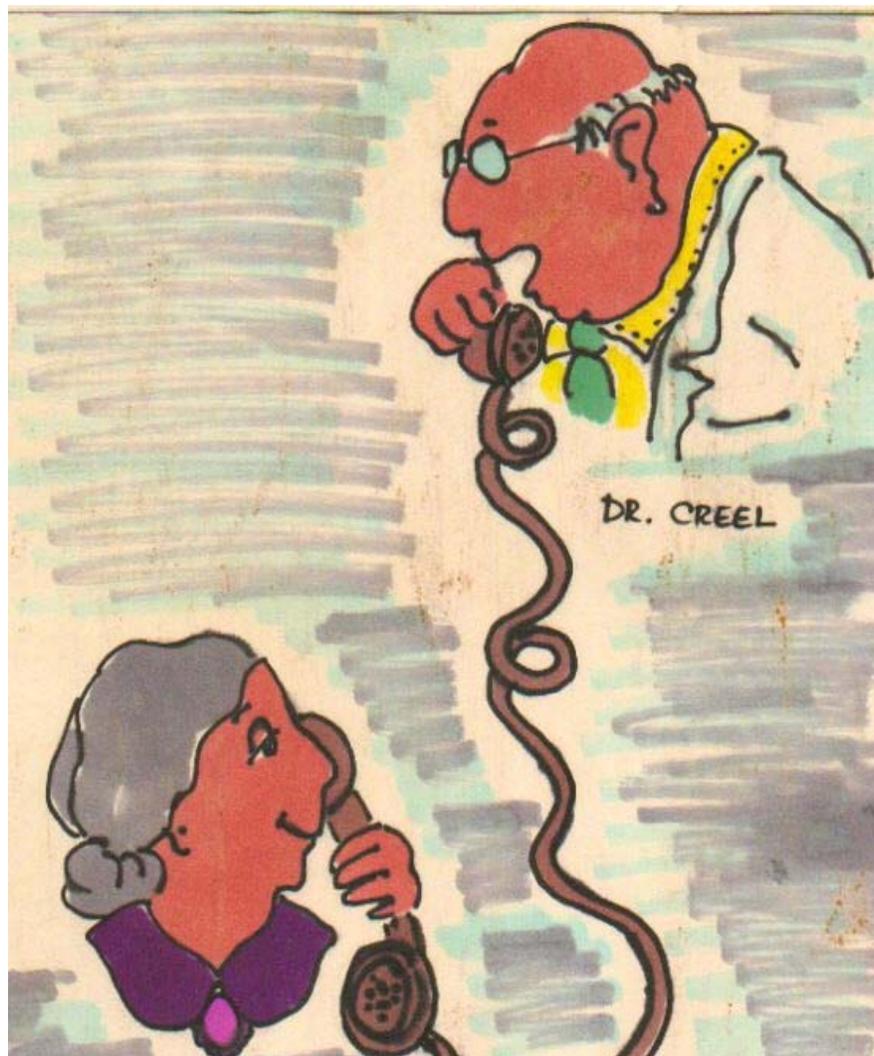
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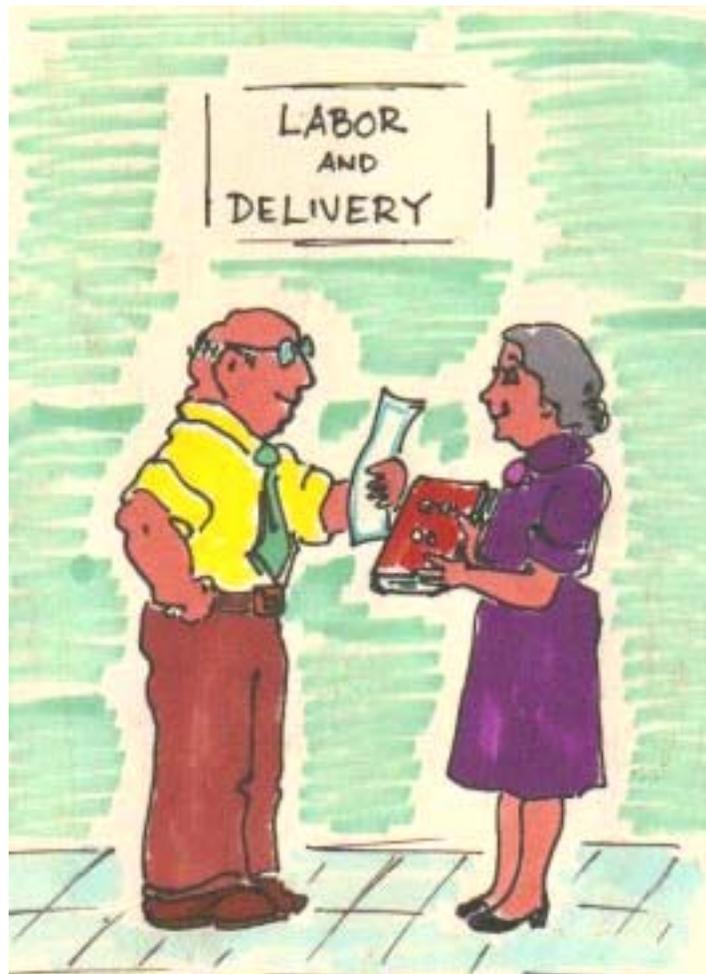
- A concept the AHSLC batted around for years was centralized consortium back volume storage. Picture a wonderful vault where all good back volumes go. If needed, a van would deliver. Central storage may be the most-discussed, most-tabled, AHSLC project.

Pay Attention!

- Piedmont Hospital library staff spearheaded the development of a health professional outreach exhibit. AHSLC members lugged the mighty thing onto the World Congress Center loading dock for many a local, state, regional and national health professional organization meeting. The illustrations remind us AHSLC has been promoting the value of libraries and librarians since its beginning – and that our members are loaded with talent and flair! The artist was Janan Henry, a Piedmont Hospital library staff member.

DR. CREEL: "HELLO, MS. BEE! THIS IS DR. CREEL. NOW, I'M TRYING TO HALT A PREMATURE LABOR UP HERE. I ADMINISTERED ALCOHOL IV TO A PATIENT IN THE SAME SITUATION A FEW YEARS BACK. AT THAT TIME I USED A DOSAGE FROM A JOURNAL ARTICLE IN ONE OF THE MAJOR OB AND GYN JOURNALS. COULD YOU FIND THAT ARTICLE? WE NEED IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!"





LIBRARY RESOURCES

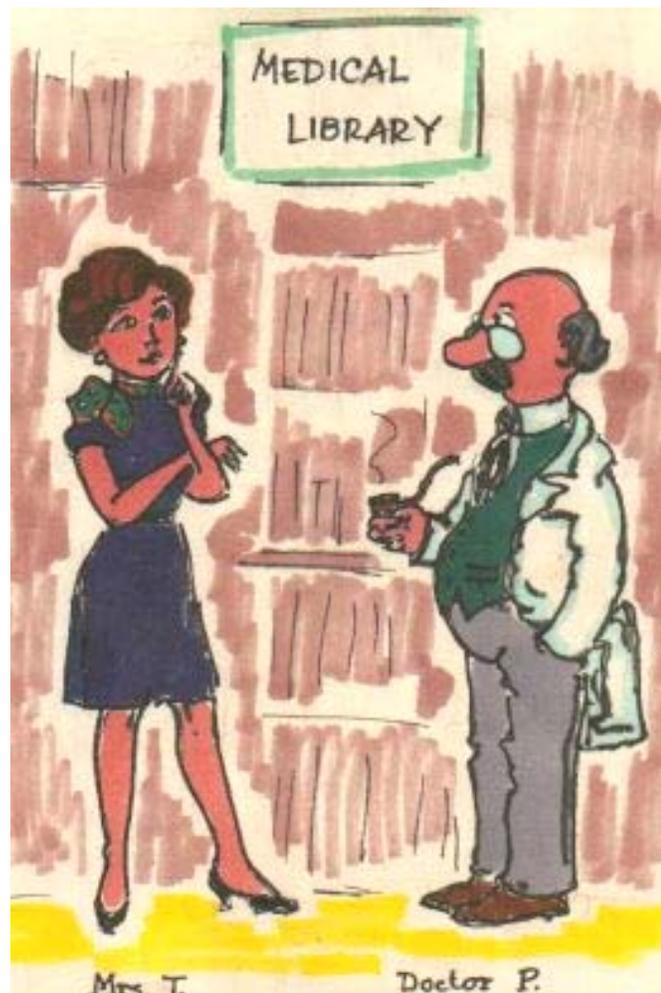
A LIBRARIAN IS THE MOST
IMPORTANT ASSET

A FEW WELL SELECTED
BOOKS AND JOURNALS
CAN ANSWER MANY QUESTIONS

LOCAL AND REGIONAL

MRS T.: "HELLO, DR. P.! HERE'S YOUR BIBLIOGRAPHY. THOSE ITEMS THAT ARE CHECKED ARE JOURNAL ARTICLES THAT WE DO NOT OWN BUT THAT YOU MIGHT WANT US TO GET FOR YOU ON INTERLIBRARY LOAN. ALSO, I HAVE NOTICED SOME BOOK REVIEWS ON RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOKS ABOUT HYPERALIMENTATION. DO YOU THINK THAT WE SHOULD HAVE ONE OR TWO IN OUR COLLECTION?"

DOCTOR P.: "YES, IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR THE STAFF TO USE FOR REFERENCE. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP, MRS. T!"



Pay Attention!

- The decade ended with the beginning of inter-consortium lending between the AHSLC and the Health Science Libraries of Central Georgia consortium.

The 80's:

- **Cooperative Collection Development & DOCLINE**

- Members were eager in the 80's to maintain and build AHSLC's resource self-sufficiency. Everyone agreed to notify the Executive Committee whenever they planned to discard unique holdings.
- The group compiled a low-tech union list of library professional development materials so members could share these resources.
- In 1983 AHSLC members agreed to join the NLM's new DOCLINE project, to be launched in 1985. The University of South Carolina health sciences library began to produce AHSLC's union list and submit consortium library holdings information to the national SERHOLD database.

DOCLINE®



Pay Attention!

- AHSLC ILL statisticians were charged with maintaining records to illustrate the value of membership to member administrations. In 1989 over 10,000 articles were exchanged among members.

Pay Attention!

- GLIN and GOLD:

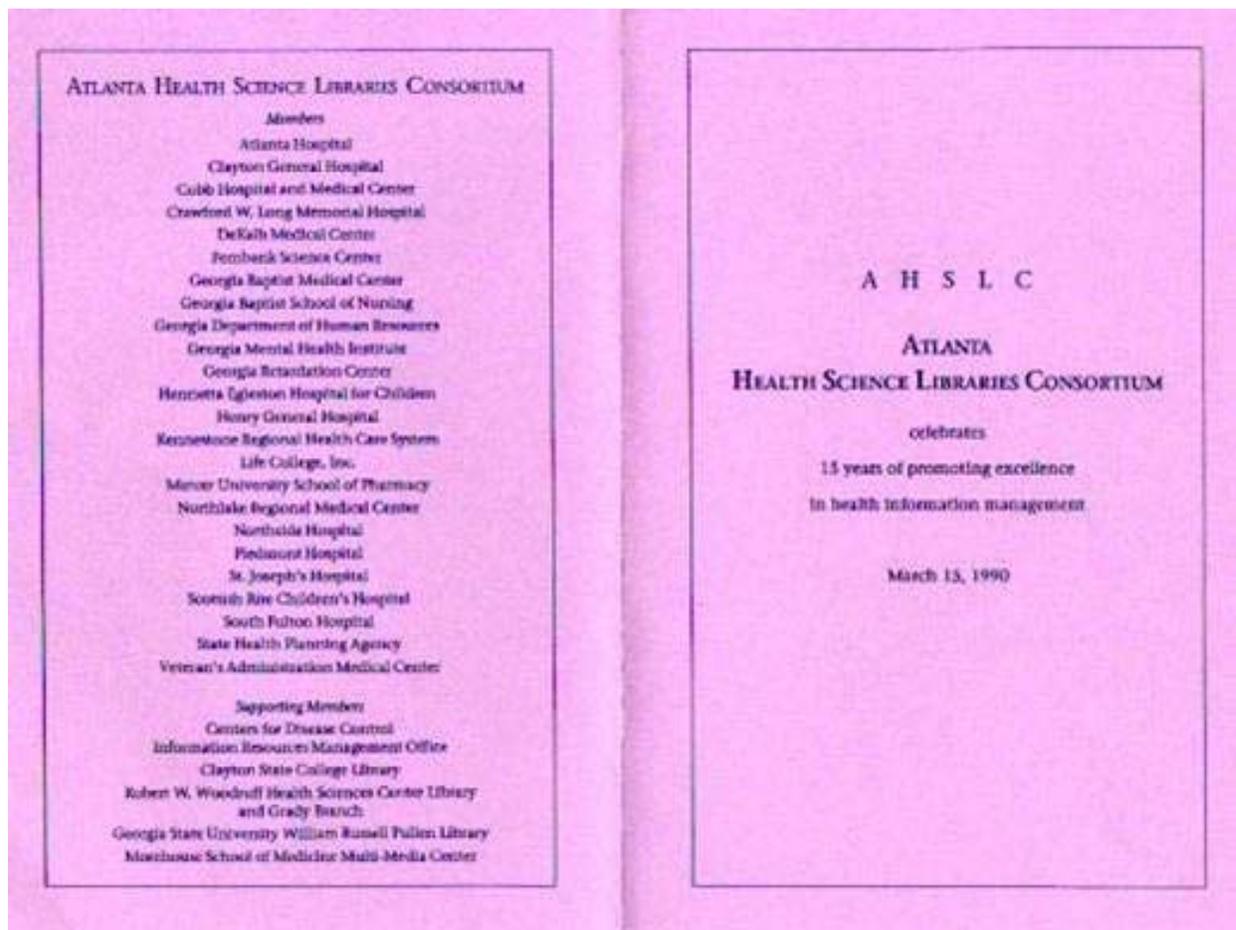
In the 80's most AHSLC libraries were participating in the Georgia Library Network (GLIN), administered by the Georgia Office of Public Library Services. The network provided interlibrary loan service for allied health, management and other materials not held in depth by AHSLC libraries. Today the network includes 200+ academic, public, private, school, special and technical colleges,

In 1988 the GLIN system became GOLD, the Georgia Online Database (GOLD). GOLD allowed AHSLC members to participate in a group access capability that operated through OCLC. Some AHSLC libraries joined GOLD and input serials holdings, a requirement for continued participation .

The 90's: Networking, Service, Education, Expansion

Pay Attention!

- 15th Anniversary Luncheon 1990:
AHSLC Institution administrators were the special invited guests. They were treated to a presentation on the consortium's value and an inspirational address by Dr. Nicholas Davies. Dr. Davies was a Piedmont Hospital physician who had served as Chairman of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine. He was an honorary member of the Medical Library Association and great friend to Georgia and AHSLC librarians.



Pay Attention!

- Co-sponsorship of Southern Chapter/MLA 1990
Coordination of "Arrivals and Departures: Making Connections for the 90's" involved all AHSLC members. Members had fun helping plan this successful meeting.



Arrivals and Departures
"Making Connections for the 90's"

SOUTHERN CHAPTER
MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
1990
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Hosted By
Robert W. Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library
Emory University
and
Atlanta Health Science Libraries Consortium

Convention Chair - Carol Burns
Convention Co-Chair - Rosalind Lett

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Elizabeth Jackson
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Barbara Ruelle
Kathie Thodeson

- WPBA Fund Raising Telethon 1993: AHSLC Members on TV:
AHSLC members served a good cause and placed our promotional poster smack in front of the TV camera. We were proud of the interview AHSLC member Rosalind Lett gave. (We already knew Ros had star quality!)
- "Restaurant Buddies" for national Special Libraries Association annual meeting 1994:
There was more work to this than it may sound, and AHSLC rose to the challenge. Members volunteered to transport and accompany attendees to restaurants all over town.

Pay Attention!

- Members outside Atlanta:
What a good idea it turned out to be to respond to membership interest by outside-Atlanta libraries. In 1994 Athens Regional Medical Center was the first non-metro institution welcomed into AHSLC.
- AHSLC web site
As the decade closed, Emory - as always throughout our 30 year history - once again provided key support, this time for a web site. Emory provided web hosting and our wonderful Emory webmasters..