

Happy end of summer and hello new school year (for those of us at academic institutions!) MCMLA'ers!

We have a chock-a-block edition of the *Express* for you this issue. Heather Brown, our beloved chair, [talks about her projects](#) for her term as president that she has been working on and also has important information about developing a code of conduct and policies for the MCMLA Annual Meetings. Make sure you check it out.

The MCMLA Finance Fairies (I like that better than Finance Committee) [continue their series](#) on what exactly it is that they do with your money for the Chapter. I think we have one of the most robust and financially secure MLA chapters due to the work of these fine folks, so make sure you know what it is they are doing to keep us financially sound.

If you haven't already registered for [MCMLA Annual](#) in Omaha, why not? The meeting organizers have come up with a great program as usual and the venue, the Magnolia Hotel, is absolutely gorgeous. With all the fun stuff to see and do in Omaha as well as networking with your MCMLA colleagues, what are you waiting for?

Check out our new members in the [New Member Spotlight](#) section! We have five new members this issue to celebrate and get to know. Hopefully they will be in Omaha so we can meet them in person, but if you see or contact them make sure to make them feel welcome. We are so glad you are with us!

We both get to know and get to say goodbye to Lenora Kinzie in our [Getting to Know You](#) feature. Lenora is retiring from Stormont Vail after more than 21 years. We will miss you!

We feature three new health sciences librarian job positions, including Lenora's opening position at [Stormont Vail](#) as well as positions at the [University of Nebraska](#) and [UA Little Rock](#). Great opportunities if you are looking for a change!

As usual we wind up with our column [MCMLA Congratulates](#). See what your colleagues around the region are getting up to.

And a final reminder to register for the MCMLA Annual Meeting! I love to see all my colleagues there and it is always a fun and educational time. See you in Omaha!

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Notes from the Chair

By Heather Brown, MCMLA Chair; edited by Amanda Sprochi

As I'm writing this column, it is August and a mere two and a half months from the MCMLA Annual Meeting in Omaha. That means I've been in my role as MCMLA Chair for almost a year! I was told that this year would fly by and it has. It seems like yesterday that I was presenting my priorities to you at the business meeting during the 2018 virtual meeting. An update on those: I am nearing completion of my analysis of MCMLA committees. I talked with current and past chairs to find out what was working and what wasn't. Most of my findings reveal that the Policy and Procedure manual needs to be updated, to include clearer or revised objectives and availability of more templates and workflows so that the wheel does not have to be reinvented each year. For my other big priority, you have seen the engagement survey on the MCMLA listserv. I hope that you had the chance to share your thoughts. Your responses are important to helping us better understand the membership climate and needs so that we can better serve you in the future. It's a good thing I have one more year on the executive committee to finish up my priorities!

With our year wrapping up, it is time for recruitment of new committee members. I encourage you to volunteer for one of the available committees by contacting [Shandra Knight](mailto:Shandra.Knight@njhealth.org) [knights@njhealth.org], your incoming chair. Your participating as a committee member helps this organization move forward. We also look forward to Shandra's priorities.

I do want to bring to your attention a very important issue that the executive committee has been discussing. In the past several years, you have seen the implementation of statements of appropriate conduct, or codes of conduct, at

professional conferences. Our parent organization, MLA, enacted a [code](#) several years ago for its annual meetings. The intent of the code is to provide a harassment-free environment and assurances of support to those who experience harassment. The executive committee has had multiple and thoughtful discussions regarding the addition of such a statement for the annual meeting in Omaha.

After much deliberation, we decided to put forward a statement for the Omaha meeting. Because of time restrictions, we were unable to engage the membership on this issue before the Omaha meeting. What about beyond the Omaha meeting? That's where you come in. During the Omaha business meeting, we will have time to hear from you about this issue and you will learn more about how we plan to address this issue and others of diversity and inclusion moving forward. All of this will be with membership input. One thing I want to make clear is that we are not assuming that attendees will act unprofessionally. MCMLA is a small, collegial group and members have known each other for years. However, we are in new times. The executive committee felt that having a statement for the upcoming meeting advances our commitment to a supportive environment.

I don't want to leave my words to you on a serious note or cast a shadow over the upcoming meeting. At the Omaha meeting we will engage on a variety of topics, we'll learn from one another, we'll see old friends and make new ones, and we will have fun!

If you would like to discuss anything I've written in this issue's column or about anything else, please reach out to me at hlbrown@unmc.edu.



MCMLA 2019 Omaha

There's still time to register for the MidContinental Medical Library Association Annual Meeting! This year's theme is We Don't Coast: We Impact, We Explore, We Educate. The meeting will take place October 13-15, 2019 at the beautiful Magnolia Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska. Highlights of the meeting include featured speakers Dr. Amanda Guidero who will lead us through a conflict resolution workshop, Dr. Jorge Zuniga who will relate the story of the creation and deployment of the Cyborg Beast, a 3-D printed, upper extremity prosthesis. Then our very own, Lisa Traditi, President-elect MLA, will update us on everything MLA. Along with those we have papers, lightning talk, poster sessions, and CEs!

Check out the [meeting website](#)!

[Need a hotel](#)? Meeting rate is guaranteed through September 22, 2019.

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MCMLA Chapter Finance Part 3: Endowment Fund!

By Jackie Hittner, MCMLA Treasurer; edited by John Jones

Let's continue our article series regarding chapter finances. This installment is all about the Endowment Fund.

Money in the endowment account is not needed to cover the current operational expenses of the chapter. This money is growing to meet future - way in the future - chapter operational needs.

After considerable discussion, the chapter started an endowment fund in 2017. There are four entities involved with the endowment fund:

- Our advisor is Lodestar Investment Counsel LL. The advisor helped us put together a portfolio of investments that are on the conservative side.
- Our broker is Charles Schwab. Charles Schwab is used to buy and sell the portfolio for the chapter.
- The chapter bank accounts contain funds that can be put into the portfolio. The bank accounts are reviewed each year by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee advises the Executive Committee on how much can be transferred into the Endowment Fund. The Executive Committee approves the amount of funds to be moved from the bank accounts to the endowment fund.
- The chapter members who donate to the endowment fund, usually at the Annual Meeting. Yes, we will be asking for your change again this year.

After two years where does the chapter stand with the endowment fund? To date membership has contributed \$7,082.96 and the chapter has contributed \$20,000.00 to the endowment fund. On July 31, 2019 the value of the endowment fund was \$32,268.78. The value of the fund is \$5,182.85 over the endowment principal of \$27,082.96. The endowment fund earns money from chapter contributions to the principal, stock dividends and interest that are put back into the endowment and the change in value of the portfolio. The portfolio value is the price the chapter paid for the stocks in the portfolio and the price of the stocks in the portfolio on the statement closing date.

The next article in the series will look at how the chapter spends its money.



Nominate a colleague for MCMLA Awards

By Judith R. Bergjord, MCMLA Honors and Awards Committee; edited by Amanda Sprochi

The Honors and Awards Committee identifies and recognizes members of the Chapter who have made significant contributions to the organization and the profession through the awarding of these awards:

[Bernice M. Hetzner Award for Excellence in Academic Health Science Librarianship](#)

o This award recognizes an academic health sciences librarian who has achieved a high level of professional accomplishment. The individual must be a member of MCMLA and work in an academic health sciences library.

[Barbara McDowell Award for Excellence in Hospital Librarianship](#)

o This award honors a chapter member who has made an outstanding contribution to hospital librarianship. To be eligible, an individual must be a member of MCMLA and work in a hospital library.

[MCMLA Outstanding Achievement Award](#)

o This award honors a member for contributions to health sciences/hospital libraries, to the profession, goals, and objectives of the chapter.

[MCMLA STARS Program](#)

This recognition program allows members to share what they've done throughout the year to go above and beyond their regular duties

The deadline for nomination is September 1st. Please honor a colleague by nominating them for one of these awards.

Join us for MCMLA 2019!

By Heather Brown, MCMLA Chair and MCMLA 2019 Annual Meeting Co-Chair; edited by Katie Dayani

In Omaha we don't coast. We welcome, and we invite you to our city!

Mark your calendars: The MCMLA 2019 annual meeting will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, October 13 – 15, 2019.

We have a great lineup that includes: engaging keynotes, paper and poster presentations, [continuing education classes](#), exhibitors, and networking opportunities. [Featured speakers](#) include:

- Kelly Gering, who will lead us in a workshop about conflict resolution.
- Dr. Jorge Zuniga will relate the story of the creation and deployment of the Cyborg Beast, a 3-D printed, upper extremity prosthesis that has made artificial hands affordable and more useful for children around the world.
- Our very own Lisa Traditi, President-elect of the Medical Library Association, will tell us the latest about MLA.



Check out our [program page](#) for more details.

The meeting will be held at the beautiful [Magnolia](#), a boutique hotel in downtown Omaha, just steps from the

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famed Old Market. A competitive rate of \$129 per night has been secured and available three nights before and three nights after the meeting to give you the opportunity to explore our city. Book by September 22, 2019 to secure the rate. Omaha has a [major airport and is an easy drive for many of you](#).

So, a little bit about [Omaha](#) ...

- Omaha is a foodie town. Countless notable restaurants are available to satisfy any appetite.
- We are known worldwide for our music scene. You'll be close to the Slowdown, a venue run by the Saddle Creek Records guys, or you can take a short Uber or Lyft ride to the hip Benson neighborhood.

Our [zoo](#) is one of the best in the country. You simply can't miss it.

And our arts scene will surely dazzle you, whether it's the masters at the [Joslyn](#) or local artists at eclectic galleries. Several exciting shows are also scheduled at the [Orpheum](#), the [Holland Center](#), and [Omaha Community Playhouse](#).

[Register](#) soon to get the early bird rate. Start planning your fulfilling and adventurous trip to Omaha for MCMLA 2019.

New Member Spotlight

Maggie Kidnay-Rouse

By Debra Loguda-Summers. MCMLA Membership Committee ; edited by John Jones

What is your position title and/or interest in libraries?

I currently work at Regis University in their Interlibrary Loan department.

What do you like most about it so far?



I am incredibly fortunate to work with so many great faculty and staff members. They have been incredible to work with and they have been a great resource for me.

What is your educational background and what schools did you attend?

I received my undergraduate in English at Regis University in 2015. I'm working on

my MLS at Emporia State University, and I will graduate in December 2019.

What is your previous work experience?

I'm just started my third year at Regis University. Prior to this I worked various part-time and temp jobs after earning my undergraduate.

What's a fun/unique/interesting tidbit for your fellow MCMLA'ers to know about you?

I love teaching myself new things. Last summer I taught myself basic Java script and received a TESOL certificate. I enjoy applying myself in areas that are unfamiliar to me.

How do you spend your free time?

I enjoy crocheting, reading, hiking, traveling, and teaching myself new things.

Is there any additional information you would like to share about yourself?

As I am preparing to graduate with an MLS this fall, I want to explore different avenues where I can apply myself. I believe the health science library field is an area with a lot of potential for a career path for me.

What do you hope to gain from being a member of MCMLA?

As a member, I am excited to learn more about the current events in the health science library field. I believe this membership is a great way to keep current and learn about what it means to be a health science library professional.

Sarah Wohaska

By Debra Loguda-Summers. MCMLA Membership Committee ; edited by John Jones

What is your position title and/or interest in libraries?

I'm currently an Access and Systems Librarian, but my interests do lie more in varieties of scholarly communications including impact metrics, data repositories, publishing services, research data management, etc..

What do you like most about it so far?

I love that in my current position I have a lot of support to pursue areas of interest to me. I work in a small institution that allows me to try on various hats to see what I like and where my strengths are. I also love the team I work with on various projects! Everyone here is helpful and enthusiastic so collaborating is wonderful.

What is your educational background and what schools did you attend?

I received my MLIS in December 2017 from University of Missouri.

What is your previous work experience?

My prior library experience is all corporate; I worked at pharmaceutical company library. I was hired as a library association and left as a records manager.

What's a fun/unique/interesting tidbit for your fellow MCMLA'ers to know about you?

I'm trying to run in all 50 states. It doesn't need to be a race, but it can't be running in circles at the airport to count. I have to feel like there's an effort put into it!

How do you spend your free time?

I love to be outside! I hike, run, bike, walk, snowshoe, trail run, etc..

Is there any additional information you would like to share about yourself?

Nothing springs to mind...?

Getting to Know You (cont'd)

Deborah Divis

By Debra Loguda-Summers. MCMLA Membership Committee ; edited by Katie Dayani

Deborah Divis is the Reference and Interlibrary Loan Librarian, Nebraska Methodist College, John Moritz Library/Nebraska Methodist Health System and Junior Member of the Executive Board, ICON Library Consortium

What do you like most about your role so far?

My favorite things about working for Methodist include:

- Working with my fun and fabulous colleagues—we laugh everyday no matter what the day brings!
- An awesome culture—‘The Meaning of Care’ really is an embedded mindset and heartset at Methodist, which is evident through interacting with everyone from students to researchers working on JAMA articles.

What is your educational background and what schools did you attend?

I earned an MLIS from San Jose State University and a B.S. in Library Services from University of Maine at Augusta. Seemingly a lifetime ago, I’ve also studied at Notre Dame College of Maryland, Felician College, Institute of Audio Research and Traphagen School of Fashion.

What is your previous work experience?

As far as library work prior to Methodist, I worked the desk at McGoogan Library at UNMC, I was a Reference and Instructor Librarian at Northeast Lakeview College in Universal City, Texas, and the pre-K – 12 Librarian at The Atonement Academy Preparatory School in San Antonio, Texas. My practicum was at St. Mary’s University Sarita Kenedy Law Library in San Antonio. I worked my way through design school as a pharmacy technician in New Jersey and New York City.

What’s a fun/unique/interesting tidbit for your fellow MCMLA’ers to know about you?

Although I have been involved in art, music and fashion, the culinary world is one of my biggest passions. My guilty pleasure is watching reality shows focused on creativity/artistry/talent.

How do you spend your free time?

When I’m not working, I’m supporting my family’s activities (blues bands, sports, art, school functions, laundryJ...). If I had free time, I would be traveling, dining, shopping, and playing trivia.

Terri Ruburn

By Debra Loguda-Summers. MCMLA Membership Committee ; edited by Katie Dayani

What do you like most about your role so far?

All of it but especially the people I work with.

What is your educational background and what schools did you attend?

I have a B.A. in History/Art History from University of Nebraska Kearney (UNK) and my MLIS from Emporia State University.

What is your previous work experience?

- Archives reference specialist at Nebraska State Historical Society
- Archives reference supervisor at Emporia State University Archives
- Archives Director at Nebraska Conference of the United Methodist Church
- Cataloging, digital assets management, archives processing and accessions specialist at Nebraska Wesleyan University

What’s a fun/unique/interesting tidbit for your fellow MCMLA’ers to know about you?

I make books for fun and relaxation.

How do you spend your free time?

Bookbinding, travel, playing with my cat, watching documentaries.

What do you hope to gain from being a member of MCMLA?

This is my first position in a medical library, I hope my membership gives me opportunities to learn more about medical librarianship.

Spotlight (cont'd)

Nick Dean

By Debra Loguda-Summers. MCMLA Membership Committee ; edited by John Jones

What is your position title and/or interest in libraries?

I am currently an Education Team Coordinator at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC) School of Medicine and a part-time student in the Overland Park cohort of Emporia State University's Master of Library Science program.

What do you like most about it so far?

At UMKC, I love the environment and the diverse student population I serve on a daily basis. In my MLS program, I like the variety of topics I've been exposed to and how multifaceted and layered the library and information science world is!



What is your educational background and what schools did you attend?

I have a B.A. in History from Randolph College (located in Lynchburg, VA) and an M.A. in Higher Education from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. I am currently pursuing my M.L.S. at Emporia State University.

What is your previous work experience?

I have spent pretty much the entirety of my professional work life in higher education. I started in financial aid at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, then moved into academic advising at Washburn University and academic coaching at Kansas State University, before landing in my current position at the UMKC School of Medicine.

What's a fun/unique/interesting tidbit for your fellow MCMLA'ers to know about you?

When I was growing up, my dream job was mortician!

How do you spend your free time?

What little free time I have between being a full-time

higher education professional and a part-time graduate student is spent mostly with my husband of two years, Thomas. We see a lot of movies (2-3 a week on average) and love exploring the food scene in Kansas City.

Is there any additional information you would like to share about yourself?

I am originally from the hills of east Tennessee, but have been proud to call the Midwest (first Kansas, now Missouri) home for the past five years. My husband and I share our Kansas City-area home with our "old man" cat Ford. My future goals include earning a doctoral degree, most likely in either library science or higher education administration.

What do you hope to gain from being a member of MCMLA?

I am new both to the world of library science and health education, so I am hoping by being a member of MCMLA that I will get a better idea of how I can combine these two parts of my life, in addition to growing my newfound interest in medical librarianship.

RML Conference Funding for LIS Students

By John Bramble, NNLM MCR Associate Director; edited by Katie Dayani

The NNLM MCR has developed the LIS Student Professional Development conference and travel award to attend the 2019 MCMLA conference. This award is specifically for Library Science students enrolled in programs in the MidContinental Region.

The purpose of this award is to support students enrolled in a Library & Information Science program at a University located in the NNLM MCR in expanding their professional knowledge and experience to provide improved health information access to healthcare providers and consumers. (NOTE: we are still accepting applications). [Contact NNLM](#) for more information.

If anyone has questions, please let [John Bramble](#) or your state coordinators know.

Getting to Know You

Lenora Kinzie

*By Katie Dayani, MCMLA Express Editorial Staff;
edited by John Jones*

What's your job and how do you describe your role?

My title is Director, Library Services, however the majority of the time I introduce myself as the Medical Librarian. I have worked at Stormont Vail Health for 21+ years and currently work with a Library Assistant. When I started at Stormont Vail, we employed ten people and there were six medical libraries in Topeka. Times have changed, as we are now the only medical library in Topeka. Each day/week is different depending on the time of the year; searching, preparing for class presentations, individual and group consultations, new physician and employee orientation and meetings. Lately I have been trying to weed our print collection, and it is hard to remove many of my past "go-to titles" from the shelves. I have been fortunate to be involved in many committees and shared governance councils such as IRB, Grants Advisory, Research Council, Management Council. There is work per each group; however, the benefits outweigh any additional work.



How did you get started in libraries?

Sometime in my last two years of high school, I decided I wanted to be a librarian. Where it came from I don't know, other than I did alphabetize my Nancy Drew collection and visited our little local public library. While in college, I worked at two university libraries, graduated, married and worked at Washburn University in Topeka while obtaining my MLS from Emporia State. I thought cataloging or ILLs would be my future. Fortunately (sorry catalogers), a job opened at the Menninger Foundation Professional Library, and that was my first exposure

to a health sciences library - I loved it. Seven years later, a chance to set up a medical library at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka opened and I became their first librarian. The job was also listed as a secretary/librarian job...I don't know if it was my library expertise or my joking response regarding "what color was the letter you asked me to file" that convinced them to let me be the librarian only and not a secretary/librarian! I enjoyed being a solo medical librarian. Fifteen years later the job at Stormont Vail opened and I was ready for a new challenge, hoping to teach more and supervise people.



What is your biggest accomplishment(s) at Stormont Vail?

My mantra is: the Library is one of your benefits for working at Stormont Vail. This week I asked a New Orientation class if any of them asked the HR recruiter about the availability of a library before they asked about salary, vacation days, etc. This usually breaks the ice and gets a laugh, however to my joy and amazement, one nurse said that she did and was serious. I told her it made my day and actually - my life!

As I am cleaning files and stacks of paper, I am coming across many projects that I have forgotten about and this is fun to remember. One my biggest accomplishments involve nursing and our Magnet journey at Stormont Vail. We have been a Magnet institution since 2009, and there is a lot of work that goes into achieving and sustaining Magnet status. The nursing staff have let me be very involved in the process and accomplishments, even inviting me to attend the Magnet Convention in Louisville the year we received our first recognition. In 2015, I was nominated and became an honorary member of Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing... very humbling.

Stormont Vail Health joined the Mayo Clinic Care Network five years ago, and I was asked to be the Relationship Liaison for this venture. I have always wondered why I was selected, however I have thoroughly enjoyed working with so many Stormont Vail groups and the Mayo Clinic staff. I have learned so much in the many discussions and visits. There was not a blueprint for this endeavor and many times I have flown by the seat of my pants, however it has been successful. Librarians can do anything is what I think!

Getting to Know You (cont'd)

How are you involved in MCMLA?

I have not been as active in MCMLA the last four to five years. Through the years I served in nearly every role; Chair in 2004, Recording Secretary, Honors and Awards, Research, Membership, and Education Committees. In 2001-2002, a small group of wonderful local librarians planned the one and only MCMLA meeting in Topeka - 2002. I received the MCMLA Outstanding Achievement Award in 2006. MCMLA has been very special to me. I attended the annual meetings religiously for "refueling" and our members have always been open and willing to sharing advice and serve as a sounding board. Thank you!

What is your advice to people who want to get into medical librarianship?

If you could spend time shadowing or visiting a medical librarian it would provide an overview of a typical day or week. Be visible, deliver the material in person if you can, people see you with materials in hand and think...the librarian is delivering information. Even after almost 40 years, I still have a Taber's medical dictionary within reach and use it all the time. Before and as I search, I learn about systems, diseases, etc. to provide the best results. Be ready to push issues, get to know administrators, go to daily huddles, be vocal, support the organization, volunteer at events, be active in your community and again be visible.

Hindsight thoughts: I always wished I had pursued a nursing degree - not to be a nurse but to be able to use their knowledge and understanding to help in searching and with Health Literacy. The move to Population Health is an opportunity for librarians and I am sorry it is coming so late in my career. Also wished I would have learned and worked more with Systematic Reviews.

What books are you currently reading?

I am an audio book fanatic. There is CD going in my car and a playaway book in my pocket during walks, laundry, cleaning...I can keep moving and "reading" at the same time. I really enjoy mysteries, but recent other interesting reads/listens are: Last Girl: My Story of Captivity and My Fight Against the Islamic State (Nadir Murad), The Tattologist of Auschwitz (Heather Morris) and the popular, Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens.

What are your plans for retirement?

I would like to say "nothing" as I am afraid I will take on too many causes thinking I have so much extra time. I want to get up each morning, walk and then decide what to do next. I hope to travel, spend time with my daughter and three grandsons in St. Louis and lastly, learn to play pickle ball.

Health Sciences Librarian at Stormont Vail Health, Topeka

*By Leona Kinzie, Stormont Vail Health, Topeka, KS;
edited by Katie Dayani*

A new opportunity for a health sciences librarian is available at Stormont Vail Health. *U.S. News & World Report* named us a best hospital in the region, and we're designated as one of only three Magnet facilities in Kansas. Plus, our collaboration with Mayo Clinic Care Network connects their acclaimed specialists with our local experts to tackle even the most complex conditions.

As the librarian, there are numerous opportunities to work with healthcare providers and support staff, patients/patient families, faculty, students, and community members. Whether attending rounds, sitting on shared governance councils/committees, teaching staff and/or students, searching the literature or community work, there are many chances to make a difference. The Stormont Vail culture is unique and many innovative programs are in place, which offer additional roles for the librarian.

The successful candidate will possess the following:

- Master's degree from an American Library Association accredited library school required.
- Experience in e-resource management and technology is desired.
- Experience in hospital or health sciences library is preferred.

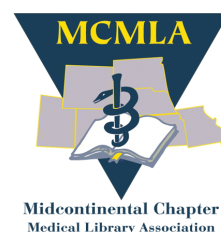
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Education & Research Services Librarian Position at McGoogan

By Emily Glenn, McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE; edited by John Jones

Education & Research Services Librarian

Review of applications will begin as received. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. To apply: <http://unmc.peopleadmin.com/postings/46303>

The McGoogan Library of Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) in Omaha, NE seeks an innovative and collaborative Education and Research Services (E&RS) librarian to join a team of faculty librarians.

Reporting to the Head of Education and Research, the Education & Research Services Librarian provides research and education services to faculty, staff, and professional/graduate students at UNMC, Nebraska Medicine, and Children's Hospital and Medical Center and provides instruction and literature search services in support of patient care, clinical quality improvement, and research projects. Early career librarians and individuals from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

The ideal candidate will have:

- interest in providing information literacy instruction;
- interest in becoming an expert searcher of biomedical literature;
- enthusiasm for library services and outreach in an academic health sciences environment

Faculty participate in campus service and receive support to pursue professional development. This is not a tenure-leading faculty position, but all faculty may elect to pursue tenure or promotion. An ALA-accredited Master's Degree in Library or Information Science is required. Please see the position description for more information on requirements. Minimum salary is \$50,000 per year. We are committed to creating an inclusive work environment and welcome diverse applicants including those who are traditionally underrepresented in libraries.

About McGoogan Library of Medicine

The McGoogan Library of Medicine, as one of the nation's major health science libraries, serves the information needs of UNMC students, faculty, and staff, as well as licensed Nebraska health professionals and residents of Nebraska. The library provides timely access to high quality collections of print and electronic materials, develops applications of information technology, promotes the development of information management skills that support lifelong learning, and promotes networking and the integration of information. The library is part of the University of Nebraska Consortium of Libraries (UNCL).

The library will undergo an extensive renovation in 2019-2020. We take pride in creating learning and research support opportunities for faculty, staff, and students at UNMC, Nebraska Medicine, and at Children's Hospital and Medical Center. We look forward to embracing our newly renovated space as a hub for wellness, learning, and scholarship. <https://www.unmc.edu/library/about/renofaq.html>

About University of Nebraska Medical Center

As Nebraska's only public academic health sciences center, UNMC is committed to the education of a 21st century health care work force, to finding cures and treatments for devastating diseases, to providing the best care for patients, and to serving our state and its communities through award-winning outreach. The Nebraska Medicine system, anchored by Nebraska Medical Center, a tertiary/quaternary academic medical center on the UNMC campus, offers 39 specialty and primary care clinics and 50 specialties and subspecialties. Each of our five UNMC campus sites is its own community, connected to a greater community.

About Omaha

Currently the 42nd largest city in the United States, the Omaha metropolitan area is home to over 900,000 people who welcome visitors with open arms and authentic Midwestern hospitality. Founded in 1854, the city of Omaha has always been a dynamic, energetic city continually transforming itself. In our livable, right-sized city, you will find everything you might be looking for, including:

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- Cultural, entertainment, and sporting venues,
- Lakes and rivers for fishing, sailing, and kayaking,
- A well-developed trail system for runners, bikers, and hikers,
- Gardens, greenspaces, and farm-to-table growers,
- A dynamic and notable restaurant scene,
- An amazing network of makers and inventors, and
- Thriving academic and professional communities.

The Omaha metropolitan area offers a variety of excellent K-12 educational options and is a great place to raise a family. Omaha is within easy driving distance from Chicago, Denver, Kansas City, and Minneapolis, and is home to a convenient regional airport.

UNMC is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive work and learning environment free from discrimination and harassment, where everyone feels valued, respected and included. Individuals from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

UNMC does not discriminate based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, and/or political affiliation in its programs, activities, or employment.

Health Sciences Informationist Position at UMAS Little Rock

By Melissa De Santis, Strauss Health Sciences Library, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Denver, CO; edited by Amanda Sprochi

The Health Sciences Informationist position is based at the UAMS campus in the beautiful, vibrant city of Little Rock [<http://www.littlerock.com>]. We are looking for an individual with an ALA-accredited masters' degree in library science **or individuals with a masters' degree in a health profession or a health-related science**. This position offers a unique opportunity for a new librarian or science professional attracted to the prospect of serving in a health sciences library environment. Applications will be accepted until **September 16, 2019**.

Please Note: UAMS has recently instituted an online application process. Interested candidates should follow the instructions below for submitting their application.

The system only allows one document to be uploaded so the **cover letter, references and CV must be in a single document**.

HEALTH SCIENCES INFORMATIONIST UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES LIBRARY www.library.uams.edu

The Education and Research Services (E&RS) Department at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Library is seeking an engaging, collaborative, service-oriented individual to join our team. E&RS librarians provide research, reference and instructional services to UAMS faculty, staff and students. The general responsibilities of this position include teaching about biomedical information resources, conducting literature searches, participating in liaison and outreach activities, and consulting on projects such as systematic reviews. As a member of the E&RS team, this informationist works to promote awareness of library services and resources at UAMS and to affiliated institutions. We are looking for an individual with an ALA-accredited masters' degree in library science. Alternatively, we are interested in applications from individuals with a masters' degree in a health profession or a health-related science. This position offers a unique opportunity for a new librarian or science professional attracted to the prospect of serving in a health sciences library environment.

The position would include training in expert searching, reference interviews, research collaborations, and instructional methods for teaching biomedical information resources. This faculty member will be mentored in professional development including learning about professional organizations, continuing education opportunities, publishing, research, and promotion requirements.

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This position reports to the Head of E&RS and works in a team-oriented environment. This is a full-time, non-tenured faculty position with rank and salary commensurate with the individual's education and experience. E&RS faculty are strongly encouraged to participate in professional activities, which may include service to professional associations, contributions to the profession's knowledge base through research, conference presentations, creation/teaching of continuing education courses or original publications. The pursuit of expertise and improvement of professional skills are encouraged.

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) has a unique combination of education, research, and clinical programs that encourages and supports teamwork and diversity. We champion being a collaborative health care organization, focused on improving the health, health care, and well-being of Arkansans.

UAMS offers amazing benefits and perks:

- Health: Medical, Dental and Vision plans available for staff and family
- Holiday, Vacation and Sick Leave
- Education discount for staff and dependents (undergraduate only)
- Retirement: Up to 10% matched contribution from UAMS
- Basic Life Insurance up to \$50,000
- Career Training and Educational Opportunities
- Merchant Discounts
- Concierge prescription delivery on the main campus when using UAMS pharmacy

Salary offered commensurate with experience.

Responsibilities

All E&RS faculty participate on Teams for Reference, Education, Liaisons, Outreach, and Search Services with responsibilities for:

- Teaching classes and developing LibGuides and other instructional materials
- Conducting literature searches and maintaining searching technical skills
- Providing departmental coverage, fulfill reference/research requests and consultations
- Providing presentations across campus on specific resources
- Assisting with outreach exhibits, presentations and classes
- Serving on library and university committees
- Acting as liaison to an assigned college, department and/or unit
- Participating in Library programs, services and strategic planning processes
- Contributing to special projects and department workflow as designated

Qualifications

Minimum Qualifications:

- ALA-accredited Master's degree in library/information science or equivalent, **or a masters' degree in a health profession or a health-related science**
- Experience teaching and/or making presentations
- Experience searching literature databases
- Experience using Microsoft Office products
- Ability to communicate clearly both verbally and in writing

Preferred Qualifications:

- Two years of professional experience in an academic or health care setting
 - Education and/or experience in life sciences
 - Experience searching MEDLINE and other biomedical databases
 - Experience promoting information resources via innovative, technology based methods including social media outlets
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- Experience providing information or customer services
- Experience collaborating with a broad range of faculty, staff and students
- Commitment to continuing professional development and participation in professional activities
- Interest in pursuing Medical Library Association's Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) Credentials

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PROCESS TO APPLY

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1. Go to <https://jobs.uams.edu>
2. Click on **Search Jobs** button
3. Scroll down screen to **Job Search & Search by position title OR Search by**
4. Category – select **Faculty**
5. Position – select **Regular Full Time**
6. Location – select **Little Rock**

To apply, click the button at end of the full job description.

Applications can only be accepted via the online submission system.



Spare Change for the MCMLA Endowment Fund

The MCMLA Endowment Task Force invites all MCMLA members attending the meeting in Omaha to donate their spare change (that change in your pocket when you see us at the table) to the MCMLA Endowment Fund. Your spare change with other's spare change adds up to a lot of spare change for our endowment fund.

Come see the task force at our table at the annual meeting, put your spare change into the piggy bank and become eligible for our prize drawing. You will also get a pig sticker to put on your name badge showing members that you proudly donated to the MCMLA Endowment Fund.

MCMLA Congratulates!

By Amanda Sprochi, MCMLA Editor

Lenora Kinzie, on her retirement from Stormont Vail after 21 years. Read [her profile](#) in this issue of the Express! We'll miss you.

Brenda Linares, for the publication of her chapter "Creating a successful Task Group on Diversity" in Beverly Murphy's new edited volume [Diversity and Inclusion in Libraries](#). Well done!

The wonderful **Lisa Traditi**, on being elected President of the Medical Library Association! Her three year term (President-Elect, President, Immediate Past President) started in June. We are so proud you.

Christi Piper and **Ben Harnke** for their presentation "Searching for an Answer: Systematic Reviews during Medical School and Beyond" at the 2019 WGEA/WGSA/WOSR Regional Meeting in Reno, Nevada. Kudos to you both.

Lilian Hoffecker, **Kristen DeSanto**, **Ben Harnke**, and **Nina McHale** for their poster "Restructuring a Literature Search Service: Preliminary Data," presented at MLA in May. Good job all!

Dana Abbey, recipient of the "Partnering for Excellence" award from the US Department of Health and Human Services for her work with the HSS team in Denver to create and implement professional development training related to the opioid crisis. Well done!

Kristen DeSanto, whose systematic reviews "[Diagnostic Accuracy of Point-of-Care Lung Ultrasonography and Chest Radiography in Adults with Symptoms Suggestive of Acute Decompensated Heart Failure](#)" (JAMA Network Open) and "[Duration and determinants of Chagas latency](#)" (JBI Database of Systematic Reviews) were recently published. Excellent work!

Dana Abbey, **Ben Harnke** and **Lilian Hoffecker** who were recently promoted. Ben is now an Assistant Professor and Dana and Lilian are Associate Professors. Yay!

Kristen DeSanto, who has been awarded Distinguished status in the Academy of Health Information Professionals. Terrific job!

Lisa Traditi and **Melissa De Santis** who received their MHFA (Mental Health First Aid) certification in July. Kudos for taking on this challenging topic.

Katie Dayani, on her new position as Manager of Library Services at Children's Mercy Hospital. Good luck on your new job!



Joining the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) has never been easier. A new system has been launched allowing you to download fill-in AHIP forms, upload or email the completed portfolio, and pay online.

For an introduction to how the online forms work click on <http://www.mlanet.org/academy/whatsnew-online-submissions.html>

Other changes have also been approved.

New Job Requirements: Because of the economic recession, some medical librarians are no longer full-time medical librarians, have left the field, or have become a different type of librarian. MLA realizes there are librarians who want to move into, remain in, and come back to the health sciences librarian field and want AHIP membership. To help members succeed with AHIP, the MLA Board of Directors has approved changes to the job requirements for AHIP starting May 1, 2012. To read about these changes click on <http://www.mlanet.org/academy/whatsnew-job-requirements.html>

Provisional Membership: Starting January 1, 2014, all provisional membership applications (both new and renewing) will be required to include 5 points of professional individual accomplishments per year. This new requirement will allow members the opportunity to become more involved with MLA; MLA Sections, SIGs, and Chapters; and local medical library groups. Professional individual accomplishments then can be used towards the application for membership when the provisional member moves on to the member or senior level of AHIP.

Currently there are roughly 1100 AHIP members who participate in the academy at 5 levels of membership. Why don't you join us?

Visit <http://www.mlanet.org/academy/> for more information