

Welcome, MCMLAers, to the MCMLA Express Covid – 19 Edition! This issue is a combined Spring/Summer edition, and it's full of good stuff.

I absolutely promise not to use the phrase “in these unprecedented times” because we're all sick of hearing it, but times are weird indeed. I hope that this finds you all healthy, safe, and committed to making a better world. Which is what MCMLA is all about.

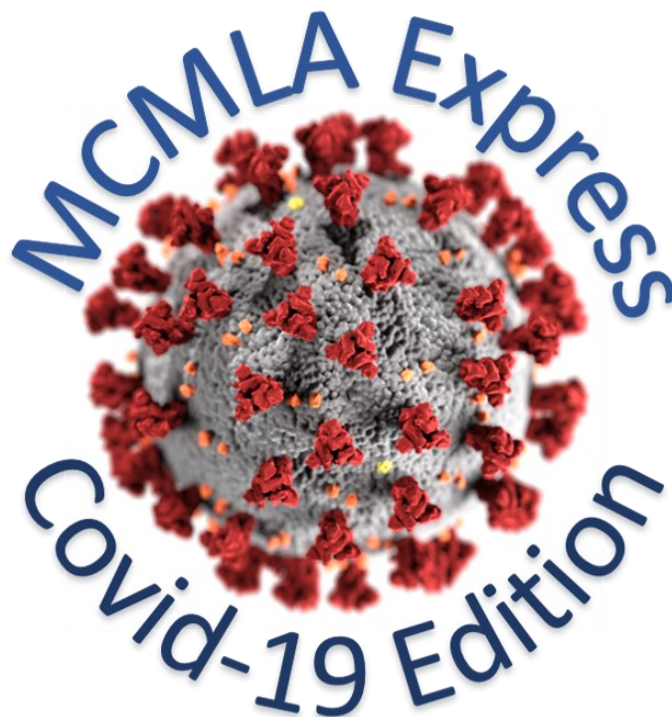
Shandra Knight, our fearless leader, addresses this issue head on in [her column](#) this month. How do we be better? She gives us some guidance in how to learn and grow during this year of crisis. Our own Lisa Traditi, now president of MLA, [writes about](#) diversity and equity, and how we can rise to the challenge of making our world a more fair and just place for everyone. Shandra also recommends some [good reading](#) to get started.

We do have some great things to celebrate, as our members have been busy accomplishing great things. We celebrate the elevation of Emily McElroy to the [position of Dean](#) at University of Nebraska Medical Center. It's good to see recognition that our library administrators do vital educational and research work in our institutions. As aforementioned, Lisa Traditi [started her term](#) as MLA President this May. Two of our student members, Brianna Chatmon and Levi Dolan, both from MU (Go Tigers!), [have been selected](#) for the prestigious NLM Associates Fellowship Program. Our members continue to be active at the national level, as both Angela Spencer and Brenda Linares take leadership roles at MLA, Angela as a member of the Nominating Committee and Brenda as a member of the MLA Board of Directors. And a number of our members have [published articles](#), presented, or been [awarded for their work](#).

This issue we have a special photo essay section on [“MCMLA in the time of Covid-19”](#) (apologies to Mr. García Márquez). I asked folks to send in pictures of their home workspaces-in-exile with a short blurb. I was delighted to see everyone's kitchens, dens, porches, and furry colleagues (pets included!). I hope this will serve as a bit of a time capsule for later years documenting what we did during this time of upheaval. I have been amazed at the ingenuity, passion, and grace of my colleagues as they found ways to continue to serve our patrons, the public, and our campuses and community under less than ideal conditions. I have been so very proud these past few months to be able to say I am a librarian.

Keep up the good work everyone and take care of yourselves.

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Notes from the Chair

By Shandra Knight, MCMLA Chair; edited by Amanda Sprochi

These strange times. We have had the rug pulled out from under us, and we are suffering a collective sense of groundlessness. And, it is oh, so uncomfortable. We want familiar ground under our feet. We may not have liked the rules, but at least we knew which rules to either follow or break.

Yet, now we have been given an opportunity to evaluate our moral ecology. Moral ecology is how we define our lives, our purpose. What do we value? We have seen all manner of responses to this crisis, some full of grace, some less so. Turmoil comes before a new culture is established. This is a time when we get to reexamine our values and pivot toward greater purpose, should we choose to do so. Crisis can be seen as good news!

I have been listening to *The Second Mountain*, by David Brooks. In it, he describes life as having a two-mountain shape. On the first mountain we build a secure ego. We go about defining who we are in the world. Then some-



thing happens – illness, failure, a spiritual awakening, whatnot – that drops you into the valley. The valley is where you find your old ways no longer serves you, but you do not yet have a fresh set of rules to live by.

If, as it is for me, this pandemic is a valley for you, congratulations! This is a great opportunity, because the second mountain can be defined by a life of greater purpose and connection. Let's say thank you to our old selves, wave goodbye to old definitions that no longer serve us, and set our sights on the next peak. It's okay if the view is still obscure. Stay flexible and curious. Even in the fog, let's attend to what new moral ecology we would like to help create. What new way of being will help us be better friends, parents, sons or daughters, partners, librarians, citizens? My hope, for myself and for you, is that these circumstances awaken more wisdom and compassion.



Thank you for your contribution to the MCMLA Endowment Fund

The Finance Committee would like to thank the chapter members who contributed to the MCMLA Endowment Fund during the 2019 annual meeting. \$628.00 was collected for the endowment and a member matched that amount.

Three members who donated to the endowment at the Annual Meeting won an Amazon.com gift certificate. The winners were: Mary Helms, Shawn Steidinger and Jackie Hittner.

In addition, did you notice that when you renewed your 2020 dues that you could have made a donation to the MCMLA endowment fund?

A big **THANK YOU** to Carly Schanock who donated to the endowment fund when paying her 2020 dues. For donating to the endowment fund during dues renewal she will automatically become a MCMLA STAR and will be eligible for the MCMLA STAR drawing at the 2020 annual business meeting.

Another big **THANK YOU** to chapter members who generously gave to the endowment in October 2019:

Julie Abbott
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MLA President Lisa Traditi Addresses Diversity, Equity

By Lisa Traditi, President, Medical Library Association; reprinted with permission from MLANET

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Are the Threads that Strengthen the Fabric of the Medical Library Association

The Medical Library Association (MLA) expresses deep sorrow, compassion, anger, and words of hope in response to the death of George Floyd and many other victims of police brutality. We share the horror and outrage being expressed throughout our nation.

As we search for justice and healing, we stand in support for our many Black colleagues. We reaffirm our commitment to social justice and to working to end racial inequity and systemic racism.

To support the practice of diversity, equity, and inclusion in libraries, MLA reinforces our commitment to:

- ensuring that all individuals are treated fairly and respectfully; are intentionally valued for their distinctive skills, experiences, and perspectives; have quality access to resources and opportunities; feel a sense of belonging; and can contribute fully to the association and the profession;
- providing a harassment-free environment for everyone, regardless of race and ethnicity, gender and gender identity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, political beliefs, language, culture, nationality, age, ability status, and religion; and
- protecting diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Believing that libraries exist to create a welcoming, comfortable, and safe environment for our users, the MLA Board of Directors calls upon members of our association and the health sciences library community to:

- acknowledge our own privileges and biases and try to work through them;
- educate ourselves on racism and inequality and how to fight it;
- work within our institutions to refocus the issues surrounding health disparities related to race; and
- provide a safe and inclusive space within our libraries.

We value the dialogue and contributions provided for this statement from MLA caucuses, including the African American Medical Library Alliance Caucus, Hospital Library Caucus, Latinx Caucus, and Social Justice + Health Disparities Caucus. MLA's forty-three caucuses represent the diverse voices that enrich our profession. We celebrate their commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Ed. Note: Shandra Knight, MCMLA Chair, adds these words:

MCMLA shares the outrage and sadness, and we stand with our Black friends and colleagues.

Today, this memorial day for George Floyd, let us recommit ourselves to building and protecting equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Be safe. Be kind. Listen to those who speak their truth.

Diversity and Inclusion Resources

By Shandra Knight, MCMLA Chair; edited by Amanda Sprochi

If you don't yet have a collection on Diversity and Inclusion, now would be a great time to put one together.

We had a fantastic response when we reminded our NJH employees that we have a collection of books that could be of benefit at this time.

Here are a few of ours (not a complete list). Please share other titles that you think we all need to read.

Thank you to Liz Kellermeyer who has been serving on the D&I Committee at NJH and helped put our collection together.



Emily McElroy Named Dean of McGoogan Library

By Vicky Cerino, Media Relations Coordinator, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE; edited by Katie Dayani

Emily McElroy has been named dean of the McGoogan Library of Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, effective January 1.

Chancellor Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D., said that McElroy already has been part of the leadership team for some time, and the change in title is an acknowledgement of the key role she plays on campus.



"UNMC has traditionally not used the dean title,"

Dr. Gold said. "However, Emily's job description, scope of activities (including supervision of faculty involved in scholarly work and teaching, management of staff in different divisions and fundraising activities) are similar to, and in some cases more complex than, other academic health science campuses. This change brings Emily's title to be commensurate with other nationally regarded campuses."

McElroy said she sees the title change as an acknowledgement of the importance of the library, and its faculty and staff, to UNMC.

"We serve the clinical, research and educational sides," she said. "We have faculty on curriculum committees; we've long been represented in Faculty Senate. This will give some clarity to the organizational structure for our faculty. And our faculty and staff are proud that there is a new level of recognition for the library and the role we play."

McElroy also has been a driving force behind the University of Nebraska Consortium of Libraries, which has served as a model of how units across the different NU campuses can work together.

"Besides the outstanding leadership Emily McElroy has provided to the UNMC McGoogan Library of Medicine, she has been key partner in the success of the University of Nebraska Consortium of Libraries," said Susan Fritz, Ph.D., past interim president of the University of Nebraska. "This consortium maximizes access to library materials for NU students, faculty and staff while holding down costs by leveraging their collective buying power."

McElroy joined UNMC in December 2013. Prior to coming to UNMC, McElroy served for six years as associate university librarian for content management and systems

at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). Prior to OHSU, McElroy was head of library acquisitions at New York University. She also has held positions at the University of Oregon and Loyola University's Health Sciences Library.

McElroy graduated from DePaul University with a B.S. in history and from Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Science in Illinois with a master's degree in library and information science in 1999. She is a nationally recognized speaker on the management of library resources. An active member of many professional organizations, McElroy has served on advisory boards for major publishers.

"I am honored to be the inaugural dean of the library," McElroy said. "Certainly all of my predecessors set the foundation for this title change."

MCMLA Advocacy Podcast

By Jacob White, MCMLA Advocacy Committee; edited by Katie Dayani

This edition of the MCMLA [advocacy podcast](#) features Mark Aaron Polger, a librarian from CUNY who is the Founder and Editor-in-Chief of the open-access, peer-reviewed journal [Marketing Libraries Journal](#). Mark discussed how to get all staff members of the library involved in marketing, and how to respond to user needs using tools such as surveys and focus groups. Listen today!

MCMLA Needs You! Volunteer to be Committee Chairs

The Chapter is in need of volunteers to step up now and serve as Chairs of the Education and Membership Committees starting in November 2020. The volunteers will spend the next few months shadowing the current Chairs before taking on the role in November.

As a reminder, the Education Committee is charged with providing educational opportunities to the membership throughout the year including selecting CE opportunities and instructors for the annual meetings. The Membership Committee is charged with monitoring membership renewals, nurturing liaison relationships at the three library schools in our region, and maintaining a web presence for the Chapter on Facebook. No experience is needed, just a willingness to help the Chapter.

This is a great opportunity to meet colleagues in the Chapter and learn more about MCMLA. One does not need to attend any in-person meetings to serve in this role.

If you are interested, or if you know someone that you think would be good in this role, please contact [Melissa De Santis](#), incoming MCMLA Chair.

Traditi Takes Helm at MLA

By Jackie Hittner, MCMLA Treasurer; edited by Amanda Sprochi



Congrats to Lisa Traditi who on Tuesday, May 18 became the President of MLA. She gave her inaugural address at the end of the business meeting. The address was inspiring, especially in the time we all find ourselves in. I will have to work on my superhero pose after her address.

MLA Connect writes:

“The meeting was followed by Traditi’s presidential inaugural address. She shared her history with MLA, beginning with her first MLA annual meeting in Boston in 1989 and her advice to say “Yes” to engaging in MLA and to being agile, operating with integrity, and working together. She noted her email for constructive comments and questions is president@mail.mlahq.org. She advocated for extending grace to each other and said, “You are all Superheroes!” When she renewed her MLA membership this year, she took the opportunity to join ALL the caucuses! Her final statement was: “And together we’ll agilely pivot to face whatever the future has in store for us.”

Good luck to Lisa on her presidential year!

Nominate a Colleague for an MCMLA Award!

By Rose Frederick, Chair, MCMLA Honors and Awards committee; edited by Katie Dayani

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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 August 1st . Please honor a colleague by nominating them for one of these awards.

MCMLA Archives Update

By Jessica Gerber, MCMLA Archivist; edited by Amanda Sprochi

At Strauss Library, we are working on making our website and Mountain Scholar accessible for all of our users. I will now be running an accessibility check on all the PDFs ingested into Mountain Scholar, including the MCMLA documents for the archive.

The accessibility check is part of the accessibility tool used for Adobe Acrobat Pro. This includes the full accessibility check. Making a PDF accessible involves adding a document title, designating the language, making sure the document is tagged, and all figures have alternative text. If anyone is interested in learning more about making PDFs accessible, I can send you a link to some free training I thought was helpful and several free online conferences and trainings.

In other archives news, Mountain Scholar is planning a migration in the next 1-2 years. Strauss Library will continue to manage the digital repository. There isn't very much information about changes available at this time, but we will be communicating future changes to everyone.

As always, [please send me](#) anything you have for the MCMLA archive!

HSLNKC 2019 Outstanding Service Awards

By Dawn McInnis and Simone Briand, Professional Activities Chairs, HSLNKC; edited by Jerry Carlson

The Health Sciences Library Network of Kansas City presented awards to Kansas City area libraries/librarians for providing outstanding service to their institutions in 2019, at the fifteenth annual HSLNKC Awards and Recognition Ceremony. The ceremony was held Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at the Stowers Institute for Medical Research and hosted by Rose Owens.

Along with the awards, HSLNKC presented Service Certificates to members who worked to help the organization fulfill its mission. HSLNKC awards are given once a year to libraries or librarians providing outstanding service to their institutions.

Excellence in Leadership Award

Wilma Bunch, MLS, Director Library Services,
CoxHealth Library
CoxHealth, Springfield MO

Health Science Library Award

Lenora Kinzie, MLS – Director, Library Services
Health Sciences Library - Stormont Vail Health, Topeka,
Kansas

Emeritus Award

Lenora Kinzie, MLS – Director, Library Services
Health Sciences Library - Stormont Vail Health, Topeka,
Kansas
Evelyn J. Vail, MS – retired

YOU ALWAYS HAVE OTHER OPTIONS – YAHOO! Award

Joyce Sickel, Medical Library Supervisor
The Drug Medical Library of Shook, Hardy & Bacon
(Kansas City)

Return on Investment Award - Performance Measurement

St. Luke's Health Sciences Library
Kristin Whitehair, MLIS, MPA, Director of Library Services
Saint Luke's Hospital of Kansas City

Excellence in HSLNKC Mentorship Award

Kitty Serling, MLS, Medical Librarian
Carl R. Ferris Health Sciences Library
Research Medical Center (Kansas City)

Clinical Medical Librarian Services Award

UMKC Health Sciences Library
University of Missouri-Kansas City
Cynthia Flanagan, MLIS, Marie Thompson, MLS., Kristy Steigerwalt, MLS, Pharm D

Medical Library Services Award

Cindi Kerns, Medical Librarian
Mosaic Life Care Medical Library
Mosaic Life Care, St. Joseph, MO

Research Invitation: Using Reflection at Work

By Jolene Miller, AHIP, Director, Mulford Health Science Library, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH; edited by Jerry Carlson

Have you ever used reflection to improve your performance at work or to better understand situations at work? If so, Jolene Miller of the Mulford Health Science Library, Toledo, OH, is interested in talking with you about your use of intentional reflection (also called reflective practice) as part of her project for the Medical Library Association Research Training Institute, "Health Science Librarians' Engagement in Work-Related Reflection: A Qualitative Exploration of Why They Invest in Reflective Practice." This project was approved as exempt research on February 6, 2020, by the University of Toledo Social, Behavioral and Educational Institutional Review Board (UT IRB#300548).

Her goal is to collect stories about how and why we as health science librarians use intentional reflection at work and how we overcome the barriers that make it hard to engage in reflection at work. She will also gather advice that can be shared with librarians who are new to intentional reflection.

The research project has two parts. First, an online questionnaire asks about your use of reflective practice and includes demographic questions. The second part of the project consists of 60-minute interviews with a selection of people who completed the initial questionnaire. If you are invited for an interview and you engage in reflective writing, you will also be invited to share samples of your reflective writing, though this is not required.

If you are interested in learning more about the project, the first two pages of the questionnaire are the informed consent form. If you have any questions about the project after reading the consent form, Jolene will be happy to speak with you (jolene.miller@utoledo.edu, 419.383.4959).

[Access the questionnaire here.](#)

Chatmon and Dolan Selected as NLM Associates

By Brianna Chatmon, Stephens College, Columbia, MO and Amanda Sprochi, MCMLA Express Editor; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Two of our student members, Brianna Chatmon and Levi Dolan, have been accepted into the prestigious and highly competitive NLM Associate Fellowship Program for the 2020-2021 cohort at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland.



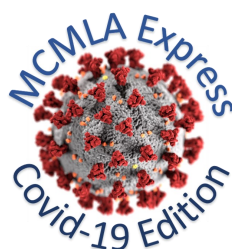
Brianna Chatmon is currently Library Specialist at Stephens College, and works as a graduate career services assistant specialist in the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri. She will be graduating this upcoming Summer 2020 with her MLIS from the University of Missouri. Chatmon has shown an intuitive interest in medical librarianship and hopes to expand her career path in the field of medical librarianship.

Levi Dolan is currently the graduate library assistant at the J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library at the University of Missouri, and a research assistant for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine MidContinental Region. He graduated with his MLIS from the University of Missouri in May 2020. He is interested in a career path involving applying data skills to medical librarianship.



The NLM Associate Fellowship Program is a one-year residency, with the option of a second year, for recent library science graduates who are interested in medical librarianship. It is located on the campus of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland and includes a generous stipend, funding for health insurance, and relation support. For more information see [their website](#).

Congratulations to you both, we are so proud of you!

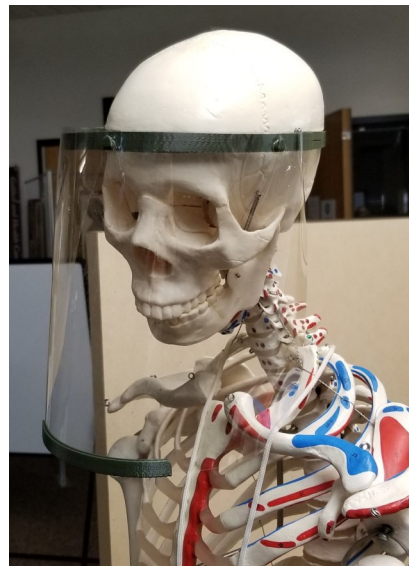


A.T. Still Steps Up during Covid-19

By Susan Swogger and Debra Loguda-Summers, A.T. Still Memorial Library, A.T. Still University, Kirksville, MO; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Public Services & 3D Print Shop Manager Debra Loguda-Summers has been working alongside other members of the A.T. Still University and Kirksville community on COVID-19 related 3D printing projects for the local hospital, nursing homes, first responders, and returning medical/dental faculty and students.

The group is printing Montana masks (reusable masks that hold disposable filters made from standard masks), medical face shields, a dental face shield they designed themselves, and other PPE resources that benefit the university and its wider community. The library used its own endowment funds for initial supplies, with the University creating a new fund for the rest. 3D printing companies Stratasys/DEPCO and Afinia as well as the ATSU Student Government Association are donating further supplies. To date, they have printed over 780 medical face shields and 200 Montana masks.



Photos courtesy of Debra Loguda-Summers.

MCMLA Finances, Part 4: Nonprofit Status—What Does It Get Us?

By Jackie Hittner, MCMLA Treasurer and Nancy Woelfl, MCMLA Parliamentarian; edited by Jerry Carlson

From time to time, questions arise as to whether MCMLA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and if MCMLA a tax-exempt entity. There is a common misconception that these are synonymous terms...unfortunately these are not the same.



MCMLA was recognized as a domestic not for profit corporation on May 3, 1995 by the state of Illinois. Section 501(c) of the US Internal Revenue Service Code defines 29 types of nonprofit organizations. 501(c)(3) organizations exist primarily for religious, educational, charitable, scientific, or literary purposes ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/501\(c\)_organization](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/501(c)_organization)). MCMLA's articles of incorporation state it exists for "scientific and educational purposes... within the field of health information services and related areas."

However, whether it is incorporated or unincorporated, a nonprofit corporation is not automatically entitled to federal or state tax exemption (<https://www.upcounsel.com/what-is-the-difference-between-501c-and-501c3>). When MCMLA applied for a Federal Identification Number as part of this process the chapter applied for a group exemption from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. MCMLA was recognized as exempt from federal income tax. Since MCMLA is exempt from federal income tax, the chapter, through MLA, files a Form 990 each year.

Regarding being exempt from state sales tax, MCMLA is not exempt from paying those. MCMLA is not a recognized entity in the chapter states. Therefore, when a face to face meeting is held, the chapter relies on a local/state library organization to be tax exempt in the state, so sales taxes are not paid. If the local/state organization does not hold this status, then the chapter pays the taxes.

So, what does all this mean for MCMLA?

1. Charitable contributions to MCMLA are tax deductible for those who itemize their federal tax returns.
2. MCMLA does not pay federal taxes. The chapter does file a Form 990 each year so we can keep our 501(c)(3) status.
3. Exemption from state taxes must be filed in each state in which tax relief is desired.

Bottom line: MCMLA is a non-profit organization that pays state taxes for items purchased or services rendered.

2020 MCMLA Virtual Meeting Call for Submissions

By Wladimir Labeikovskiy, Chair, MCMLA Research Committee; edited by Katie Dayani

Share your research and innovative practices at the 2020 MCMLA Virtual Meeting!

The Program and Research Committees invite paper and lightning talk proposal submissions on health sciences librarianship and related topics for the upcoming 2020 Midcontinental (MCMLA) Virtual Chapter Meeting - October 15 - 16.

The theme of this year's virtual meeting is: Becoming a Health Literacy Superhero!

The MCMLA Annual Meetings are open to members and non-members of MCMLA, and all are welcome to submit paper and lightning talk abstracts for consideration.

Deadline for submissions is July 10, 2020.

Notifications of acceptance will be made by August 7, 2020.

Instructions:

- Submissions should be sent through the form [here](#)
- Abstracts should be kept under 250 words. Structured abstracts are preferred. Find more information about structured abstracts [here](#)

Please contact [Wladimir Labeikovskiy](#) with questions

We are looking forward to your submissions!

Save the Date! 2020 MCMLA Annual Meeting

The 2020 Annual Meeting will be virtual this year. The theme is "Being a Health Literacy Superhero."

CE courses will take place on Wednesday, October 14th.

The meeting will take place over two half days; October 15th-16th.

More information will be forthcoming.

Thank you!

Elizabeth Frakes and Susan Swogger
2020 Annual Meeting Co-Chairs

MCMLA Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce Statement

By the MCMLA Diversity and Inclusion Taskforce; edited by Jerry Carlson

Due to the climate surrounding professional conference attendance in recent years, the MCMLA executive committee decided to take a proactive approach surrounding the diversity and inclusion of the MCMLA members. According to Heather Brown (MCMLA Past chair), it is the desire of the Executive Committee to advance their commitment to a supportive environment by establishing a statement of appropriate conduct that serves to provide a harassment-free environment and assurances of support to those who experience harassment.

During the business meeting at the 2019 annual conference, the MCMLA membership voted to adopt the "Statement of Appropriate Conduct at MCMLA Meetings" which had been approved by the MCMLA Executive Committee on July 25, 2019. After the 2019 annual conference, volunteers were asked to serve on a diversity and inclusion taskforce. The taskforce evaluated the existing statement, but felt a statement was needed for the chapter as a whole, not one that only applied to meetings.

Therefore, diversity and inclusion statements were evaluated from the American Library Association, the Medical Library Association, as well as other MLA chapters, and a statement was created that would apply to the Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Association (MCMLA) chapter as a whole.

The following statement was approved by the Executive Committee on April 9, 2020 and is recommended by the Diversity and Inclusion taskforce to be adopted by the MCMLA chapter.

There will be a time to submit comments and questions, followed by a time for membership to meet for discussion virtually, prior to our annual meeting this fall. The questions submitted and discussed will be summarized and addressed during the question and comment period during the 2020 annual business meeting, followed by a vote.

Diversity and Inclusion Statement

The Midcontinental Chapter of the Medical Library Association (MCMLA) is committed to establishing and promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion for our members of all races, ethnicities, cultures, ages, genders, sexual orientations, gender identities, abilities, national origins, immigration statuses, veteran statuses, social economic classes, religious and spiritual beliefs, and professional statuses. Equity, diversity, and inclusion are core values of our association.

2020 Accessibility Summer Camp Virtual Conference

By Rebecca Brown, NNLM Training Office, Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, Salt Lake City, Utah; edited by Nina McHale

I wanted to let you know about the 2020 Accessibility Summer Camp Virtual Conference, presented by Wichita State University Tech. It's online this year, and **it's free!!** The Camp will take place on Thursday-Friday June 18 & June 19, from 8:00 am -4:00 pm Central Time both days.

The mission of the Accessibility Summer Camp is "to provide accessibility training that empowers attendees to create quality, accessible learning environments (classrooms and documents) and remove barriers for all individuals who have a desire to learn." The Keynote speaker this year will be [Claire D. Fitzgerald](#), Attorney for Region VII, of the U.S. Department of Education/Office of Civil Rights.

- Check out [the program](#)
- Please [register](#) for the conference
- MLA CE credit is NOT available for the sessions, but certificates of attendance can be provided.
- Please feel free to share this news with your colleagues locally and nationally.

MCMLA Elections

By Rebecca Graves, Chair of the MCMLA Nominating Committee; edited by Nina McHale

The Nominating Committee put forth a ballot and ran a successful election for the following positions: Chair Elect, Recording Secretary, Chapter Council Representative and Alternate, MCMLA Representative to the MLA Nominating Committee. The assistance of the Web Editor, Tisha Mentnech, was greatly appreciated. The following members were elected:

- Chair Elect: Kate Anderson
- Secretary: Gwen Wilson
- Chapter Council Representative: Rebecca Graves
- Chapter Council Alternate: Kristen DeSanto
- MLA Nominating Committee: Shawn Steidinger

Thank you all for your service to the Chapter.

New Member Spotlight

Carly Schnock

*By Alissa Fial, MCMLA Membership Committee;
edited by Nina McHale*

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

In October, I started as an assistant professor/the Health Sciences and Natural Sciences Librarian at the University of South Dakota—Go Yotes!

What do you like most about it so far?



I really like that I am able to interact with both students and faculty. Information literacy is a passion of mine, so being invited into classrooms to teach students how to search databases and identify scholarly articles is particularly rewarding. Also, being at a mid-sized school is very helpful as an early career

librarian because I am able to learn at a steady pace. Of course, being in the Midwest, everyone I work with has been very nice. Since I joined at an odd time in the year, I was able to work closely with archives, writing two blog posts and auditing our Lommen, History of Medicine collection. Previous to my library experience, I interned at 3 different museums in their archives, so I appreciated being able to incorporate it into my librarianship

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

Like many college students, I went through a few majors before settling. I graduated with a BA in History with a public history concentration from DePaul University in Chicago, and I then received my MLIS from Drexel University in Philadelphia.

What is your previous work experience?

This my first full time, professional librarian job. Previously, I interned throughout undergrad and graduate school, mostly at museums. I also worked as a project manager for a fellowship program. Three of my four internships focused on different aspects of archival work—digital archives, digital asset management, and a processing archivist. One highlight of this work for me was writing exhibit labels. It was when I started a dental li-

brary internship that I shifted my focus to academic libraries instead of archives, and that lead to my current position.

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

Since most of my experience has been in bigger cities, and I now work in a more rural setting, I will learn a lot from librarians with more experience in rural/Midwestern libraries. I want to serve my patrons as best I can, so being a part of an organization of librarians who work with students like mine is beneficial. I also love learning, so this organization will give me the opportunities that I don't have on my own. It is also nice to have a community of like-minded individuals in my same field and region.

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

I submitted a paper based on my role as project manager data science/LIS fellowship program at Drexel University and got to travel to Botswana, Africa in November of 2018. I can't fall asleep on planes, so I didn't sleep for more than 72 hours while travelling to Botswana and then the almost 48 hours back!

How do you spend your free time?

I really like to read—go figure!—too many books. My favorite topics include the Romanovs, historical fiction, and mysteries. I'm also busy adjusting to living in a smaller town; going from big cities like Chicago and Philadelphia to a place of 10,000 permanent residents is a big change, even though I am originally from the Midwest.

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

I have a professional Twitter account, @HlthNatSciLib. I hope to see some of you at MLA, and I'm looking forward to being a part of the MCMLA!

Susan Clark

*By Alyssa Fial, MCMLA Membership Committee;
edited by Nina McHale*

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

I am the cataloger/reference library associate for Farha Medical Library at the KU School of Medicine – Wichita, and I currently oversee daily library functions.

Spotlight (cont'd)

What do you like most about it so far?

What I've learned over the years is that each day brings new learning experiences.

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

I attended Wichita State University, where I studied Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting. I soon learned how important numbers and accuracy were to the library environment!

What is your previous work experience?

Many moons ago, I started working at a local hospital medical library as a college, and I stayed. Every day was something new! I was cross-trained from the clinical side of medicine and now work on the academic side.

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

To try to keep up with all the technology changes.

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

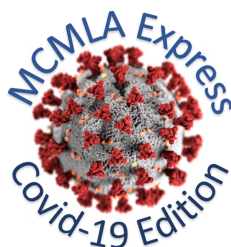
When Wichita's medical librarians last hosted MCMLA in 2010—our theme was *Breaking Barriers: Navigating the Change*—I was treasurer for our planning committee. Unfortunately, there are only two of us left from that group!

How do you spend your free time?

Right now, my time is consumed with my daughter's upcoming wedding. I enjoy crocheting, baking/cooking ethnic foods, and watching KU Basketball at Allen Fieldhouse—and on TV, too!

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

I learned to do literature searches from printed Index Medicus, and we'd pull articles for our patrons to review. I remember when we were able to search NLM via a dumb terminal and had to pay for connect time! We had to formulate our search strategy before connecting to save money. I produced the Wichita Bio-Serials List from its first copy until 2003, when it became available online with Serhold.



2nd Quarter Advocacy Challenge!

By Kristy Steigerwalt, MCMLA Advocacy Committee; edited by Katie Dayani

Heat up this Summer with the Advocacy Committee's 2nd Quarter advocacy challenge! Email us to win an Amazing \$25 Amazon gift card.

Your challenge:

Tell us how your library has continued to support your institution during the COVID crisis? Will it continue to affect your services in the future?

Example:

We switched to all remote learning using Zoom. We decided to regularly continue to provide Zoom classes when we return to our physical facilities.

We need your input! The advocacy committee would LOVE to see twenty members share their advocacy during the pandemic. Help your colleagues by sharing all the fantastic work your library is doing to support your patrons during COVID—BIG OR small.

Details:

Email [Kristy Steigerwalt](#) with the subject line "MCMLA Advocacy Challenge" to enter the drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card. One entry for each person you contact. Please indicate the person's title you contacted and how you advocated for library services to be entered in the drawing. One winner will be randomly selected from the entries and will receive an Amazon egift card. July 15th is the deadline. You may enter multiple times; each entry is based on one contact made. Please note all entries can be used for the Advocacy Committee's publicity.

And a BIG thank you to everyone who participated in the first MCMLA Advocacy Challenge. All of the entries were amazing, but there can be only one winner. Drum roll, please...

Our first Advocacy Challenge winner is Jennifer Brady, Director of Mercy College of Nursing Health Sciences Library at Southwest Baptist University, for her work contacting the chair of her MSN department about collaborating on a research class. She will now be an embedded Librarian during the second 8 weeks of the SP2020 semester, having co-designed and co-taught their MSN 5083 Nursing Research & Evidence Based Practice Course. Congratulations, Jennifer! Well done!

Call for Study Participation

By Tisha Mentnech, MCMLA Web Editor, on behalf of Tanisha Mills; edited by Amanda Sprochi

Greetings:

Your participation in a survey, and contribution to the field of health sciences librarianship, would be sincerely appreciated!

As a 2019-20 fellow of MLA's Research Training Institute, I am investigating Research Capacity of Academic vs. Non-academic Hospital Librarians serving Graduate Medical Education Programs [GME]. Ultimately, I would like to know if there is a difference between librarians at non-academic and academic hospitals serving GME programs in their collective knowledge about, collegial support for, and institutional culture of research. If yes, how does librarian research capacity impact scholarly activity support for their respective GME programs?

For this study, I am seeking responses from:

Information professionals working at hospital libraries; that

- are either academic OR non-academic; and
- serve at least one (1) GME program [ACGME-accredited].

This anonymous web-based questionnaire should take no longer than 15 minutes and will be available through Friday June 19th.

Please click [here](#) to begin.

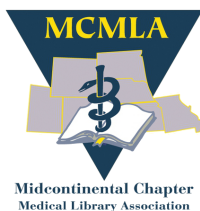
This study was reviewed by the Brenau University IRB, and determined "exempt" (45 CFR 46.101(b)(2)). Any questions, comments, and concerns are welcomed—reach out to me at tanisha.mills@nghs.com.

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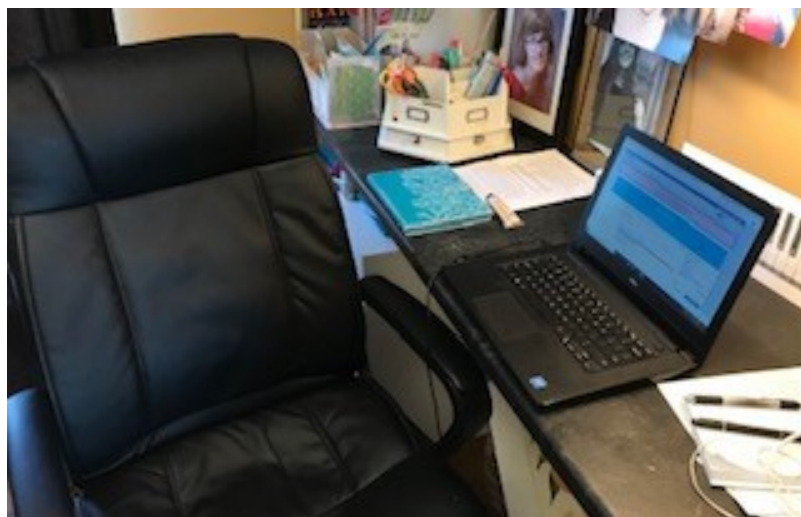
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MCMLA in the Time of Covid-19

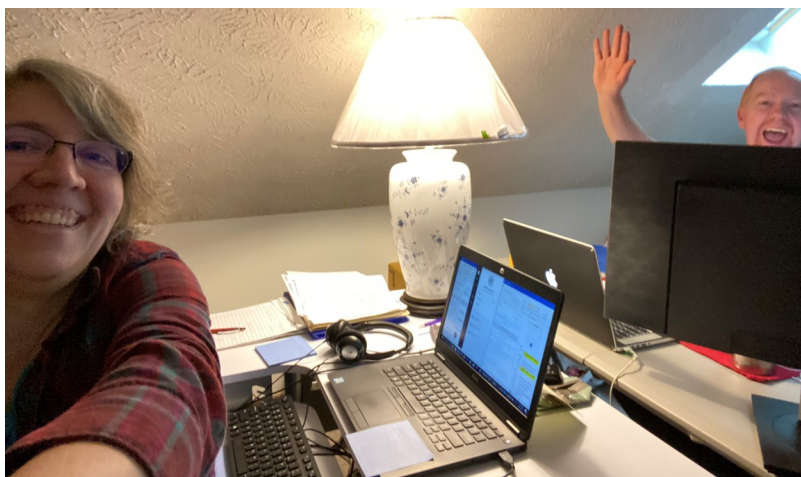
Strange times. So we asked MCMLA members to send us pictures and thoughts on working from home during the coronavirus shutdown. Here are their stories.



Gwen Wilson: "My home desk space with my cat under the desk."



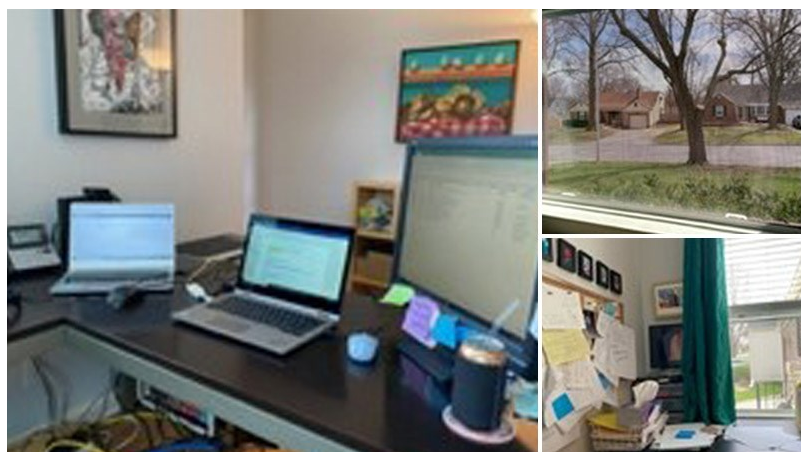
Angela Spencer: "I am in dining room/craft space."



Holly Henderson: "My workspace. My husband and I are officemates these days."



Kate Anderson: "Here I am in my WFH office! :-)
I brought my nameplate home so Chris wouldn't get any ideas about sharing my space."



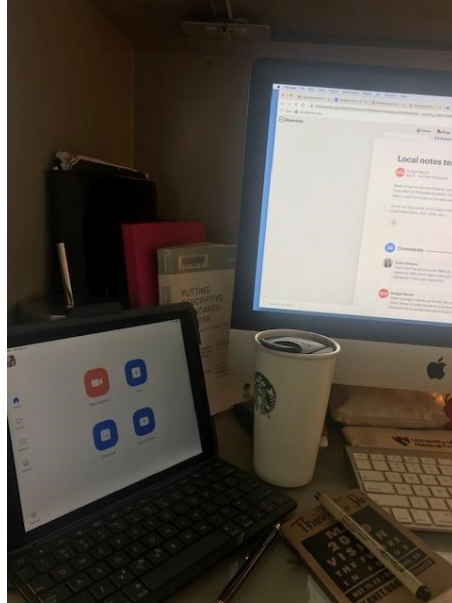
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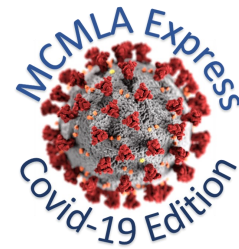
Jennifer Brady: "Here is my home office. It worked really well to accommodate 2 adults, 1 librarian working from home, 1 artist working from home, 2 laptop computers, 1 desktop computer, 1 dissertation being planned/completed. The space has served us well but I can't wait to get back to my office! My full time office mate doesn't offer much motivation."



Kay Wagner: "Working from Florida: finish up work for Gundersen and art work!"



Euem Osmera: "My office is in an open concept space on the first floor, where I share with 2 teen kiddos e-learning from school. It was rough at first with all three vying for WiFi. But eventually we worked it out and work/school routines became our new normal."



Nena Schvaneveldt: "Greetings from my lovely workspace in the suburbs of Salt Lake City, Utah! It also doubles as a home gym/yoga studio, and dog wrestling arena. I'm fortunate that I can do reference and instruction from home, although I'm ready to be back in my office as soon as it's safe. Pictured are my canine co-workers, Olivia (L) and Rocket (R). You can also just see my spouse's workspace. We've had to be creative when both of us have calls or meetings, but we make it work."



Elizabeth Frakes: "My workspace. I live alone. But I got a puppy in March. His name is Jasper. I also have a cat, Brax."



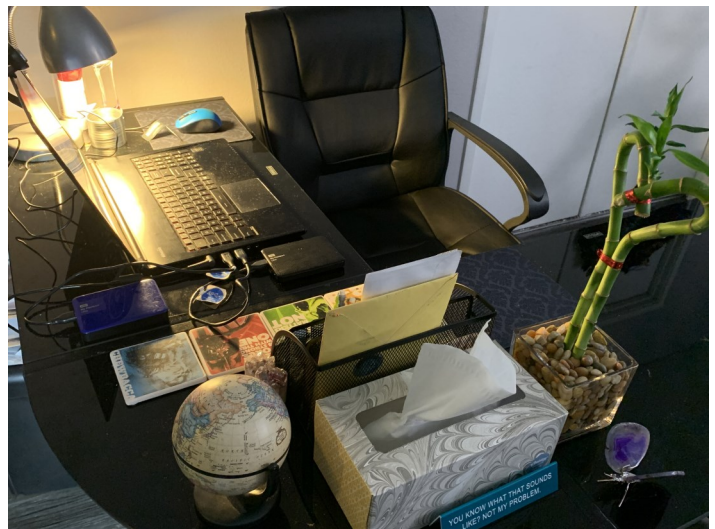
Jackie Hittner: "Me in my home workspace."



Jerry Carlson: "My workspace in Cheyenne. Was pretty much working remotely in Colorado anyway outside whichever of our 12 hospitals I was rounding at on any given day. No flesh-and-blood officemates (Kathy has a floor and bathroom to herself in the old house she works in), but plenty of representational ones."



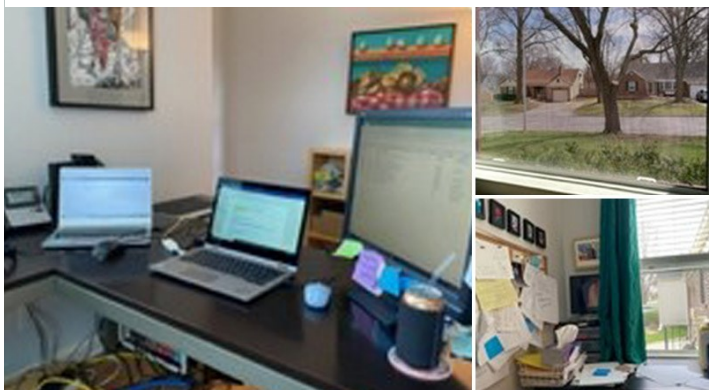
Diane Johnson: "My workspace and the view from my workspace."



Jessica Gerber: "My home office. My boyfriend just got me the bamboo as my new deskmate!"



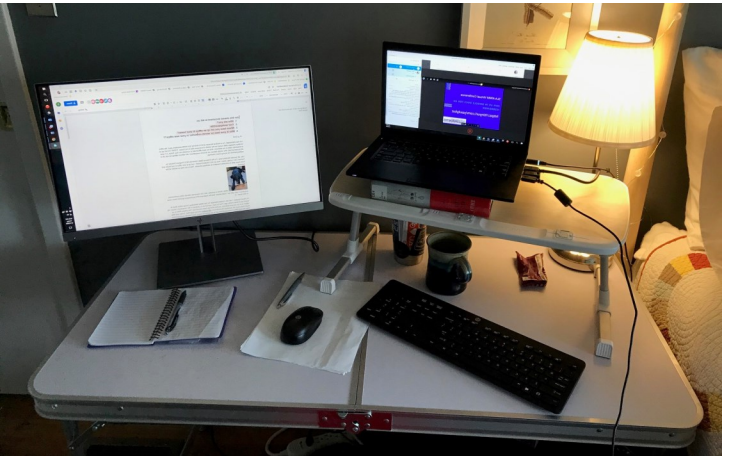
Karen Wells: "Our Library staff are all working remotely. We continue to provide all services as before since we have our request forms for lit searches and ILLs on our intranet, as well as all our research dbases and other knowledge based tools there as well. Some of us also volunteer to make masks for our hospital during non working hours --evenings and weekends basically. I've made about 70 masks thus far. Here is a photo of my dog Bentley who couldn't be happier that I'm home with him. And a bag of home made masks I just completed."



Rebecca Brown: "From my location, I can multi-task."



Jennifer Beckley: "Me at my desk. I've been working hard to keep all my ESU MLS students engaged and on track this semester. My desk set up is the one I used while earning my own MLS, so it's all very full circle for me!"



Sara Motsinger: "My workspace on a day when I need to shut everyone out, though it changes day to day based on the privacy needs of everyone else in the house! My best officemate is a seven year old dog, who is good company during my many virtual meetings. The rest of my officemates include my two kids (who are deep in virtual schooling and needing lots of things throughout the day) and my spouse, who offices in our dreary basement and can pretty much take care of himself."



Abbey Griffith: "Here's my work station at home in Joplin, MO. My outdoor office mates like to stare at me through the windows to my back porch and constantly alert me to every squirrel and bird with their loud barking. My 3 indoor human office mates are eating me out of snacks on a daily basis while doing their



"From my location, I can do all my work from here as long as the internet and computer work. This is my work space for school and work. Finn is my 3-year-old co-worker who just lays around all day unless I get up to walk around. The desk is on loan from my parents. My dad picked it up at an auction the year I was born (1969) when the Utah governor's office was being refurbished. The wood chair, the most comfortable wood chair I've sat in, came from an auction at the Utah state capital building, around the same time as the desk. Sadly, the chair is too noisy to sit in due to the squeaking in the mechanics, thus the chair from Costco. My view would be better if I were to move that ping pong table out of the way. Sometimes our herd of neighborhood deer hangout on the lawn."

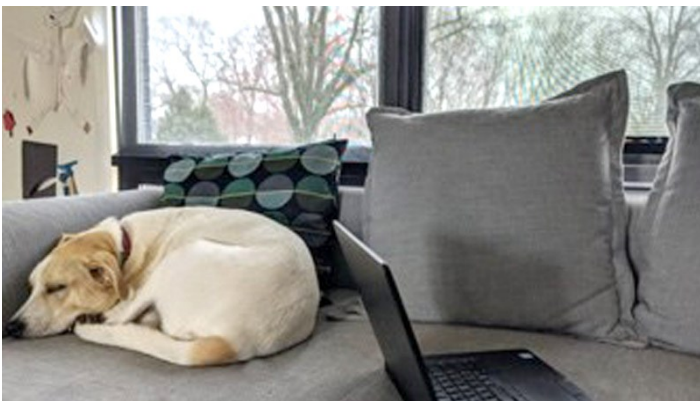
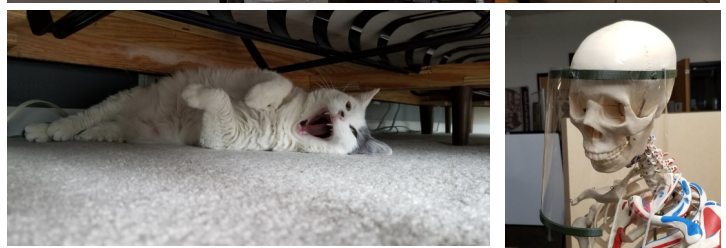


Amanda Sprochi: "Your erstwhile editor's home workspace, carved out in my bedroom. I technically have an office area upstairs, but it has tiny windows I can't see out of. After 15 years I finally have a window! When you're a cataloger, your work comes home in boxes. Usually the cat is sleeping up there, hence the fleece, but they are all off elsewhere today. My coworker is a lazy butt."





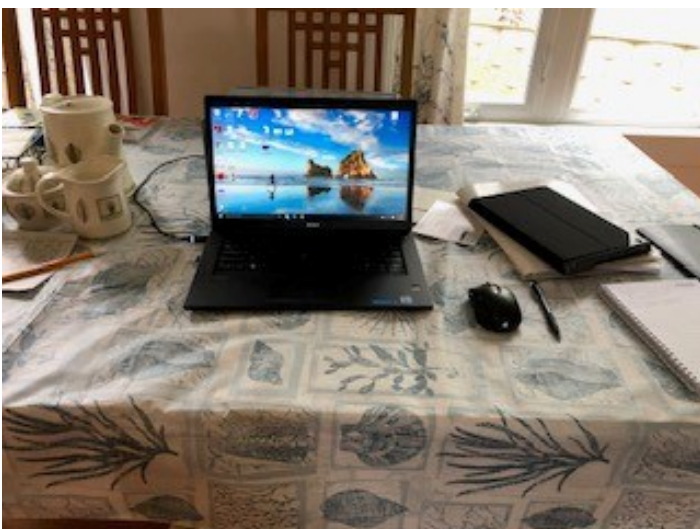
Debra Loguda Summers: "Home office is the dining room since we haven't set up an office when we moved. Technically I have been home since mid December. I was back in the office for a week before we shut down again. On right: "We are printing face shields for our medical and dental students and staff, and one of my co-workers."



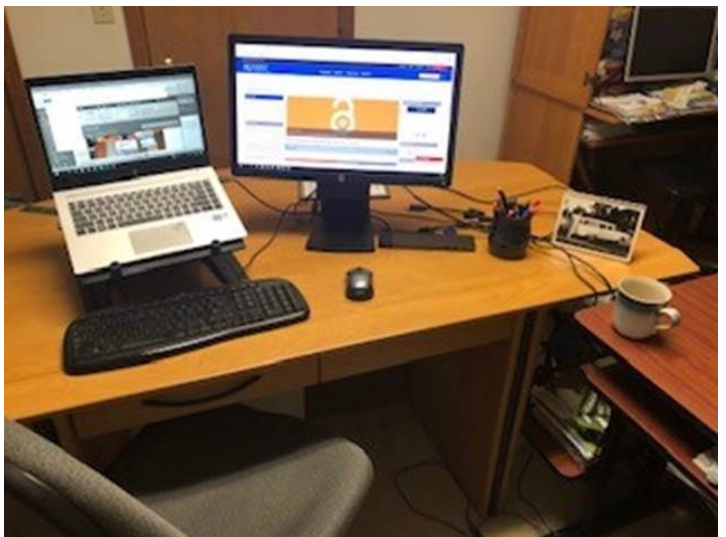
Chris Pryor: "This is one of my favorite mobile office locations. Here I am working away on my usual responsibilities while my colleague is napping on the job."



Levi Dolan: "From my location I can look out the back window and see bees buzzing around our two beehives. The henbit in our tiny back yard is in bloom, so they don't have to travel far for food these days."



Lori Fitterling: "My kitchen table."



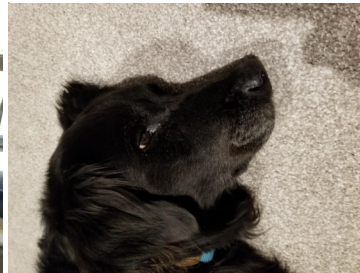
Rachel Vukas: "Here is my home office!"



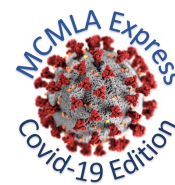
Jeanne Burke: "I share my table with dog treats to keep the dog content during meetings."



Cindi Flanagan: "This is my dining room set up and my hapless assistant, Stella. Late last week, we abandoned this post and moved to the basement to escape my husband's constant whistling and humming."



Lisa Traditi: "My home office and my 4 legged coworker." BTW, that's one of the official MLA gavels. I have one and Julia Esparza has the other so we can complete a virtual passing of the gavel during the virtual MLA Annual meeting!



Brenda Linares: "Working hard from home! Stay safe! May the force be with you!"



Kristen DeSanto: "Here is the makeshift office that I set up in a spare bedroom. I can see the Rocky Mountains from my desk, and often get distracted by the birds and squirrels that hang out in the trees! My husband Tony is also working from home, but fortunately we each have our own work spaces, so we don't (usually) bother each other. I am thankful to have a job that allows me to work from home and stay healthy."

A.R. Dykes Perseveres through Covid

By Rachel Vukas, A.R. Dykes Library, University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, KS; edited by Amanda Sprochi

The entire staff has been working remotely since March 18. Along with our numerous virtual meetings, we've had a few other activities to keep up our spirits during the quarantine. We've been providing all of our regular services, including monitoring Chat Reference, collaborating on systematic reviews, promoting the new PubMed, making technical updates to our website, adding new databases, and even providing ILL. Remote ILL was a first for us and it's working out well. Of course, we're conducting virtual research consultations with students, faculty and staff. Our hospital nurses requested an interesting search on how patient proning might improve oxygenation levels in COVID-19 patients. It's exciting and humbling to assist our front-line personnel. We hope all of you are well and staying safe.



Silly sock day



Sharing our workspaces



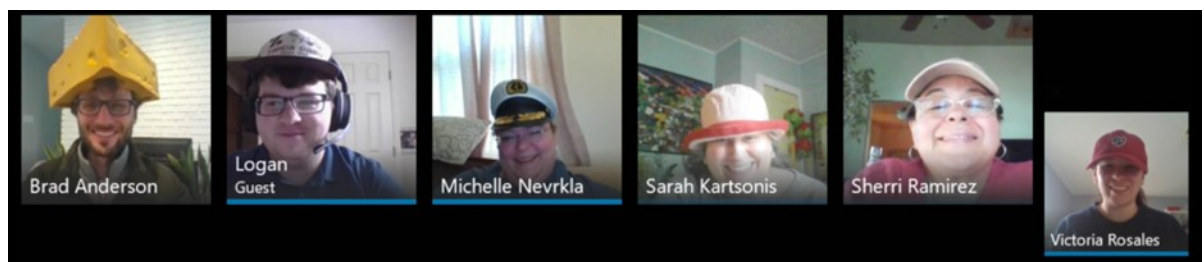
Virtual coffee breaks



Staying safe

"Give me all your money and your overdue books."

Funny hat day



MCMLA Congratulates

By Amanda Sprochi, MCMLA Express Editor

Ben Harnke, who became President of CCML (Colorado Council of Medical Librarians);

Emily McElroy, who has been named dean of the McGoogan Library of Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center;

Jennifer Brady, for winning the first quarter MCMLA Advocacy Challenge!;

Brenda Linares, who was elected to the Board of Directors of the Medical Library Association;

Lisa Traditi, who began her presidential year at MLA;

Angela Spencer, who joined the MLA Nominating Committee;

Brianna Chatmon and **Levi Dolan**, who were accepted as NLM Associate Fellows for the 2020-2021 cohort;

Sam Kennefick, who received a scholarship from MLA to help cover tuition costs for library school;

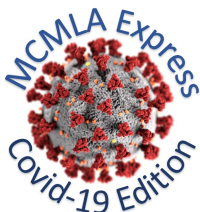
Christi Piper, who was accepted into MLA's Research Training Institute, which includes a multi-day training in Chicago followed by a year of mentorship and support;

Kristen De Santo, co-author on a paper that received the 2019 Roy M. Pitkin Award from the American Council of Obstetrics and Gynecology;

Sam Kennefick and **Ellie Svoboda**, who were both accepted into the Library Carpentry workshop in Salt Lake City and who received funding from RML to cover traveling expenses. The workshop was unfortunately cancelled due to Covid;

All our new elected officers for MCMLA: Chair Elect, **Kate Anderson**; Secretary, **Gwen Wilson**; Chapter Council Representative, **Rebecca Graves**; Chapter Council Alternate, **Kristen DeSanto**; and MLA Nominating Committee, **Shawn Steidinger**. Thanks for volunteering for yeoman's work!;

Jennifer Brady, winner of the first MCMLA Advocacy Committee Challenge.



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 go to the [Professional Accomplishments Points Index](#) webpage.

Other changes have also been approved.

New Job Requirements: 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 membership. To read about these changes click on <https://www.mlanet.org/page/determine-eligibility>

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 the [Academy of Health Information Professionals \(AHIP\)](#) for more information

