



# MCMLA EXPRESS

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## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

BY MELISSA DE SANTIS, MCMLA CHAIR

As unbelievable as it seems, this will be my last Express column as Chair of MCMLA. The next issue will be published in November, and at that time Holly Hubenschmidt will be our Chapter Chair. Time definitely passes quickly!

As the theme for this issue is Summer Roundup, I wanted to share that this summer I participated in one of [AAMLA's Summer Book Clubs](#). I read and participated in a discussion about the book *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team* by Patrick Lencioni. One of the dysfunctions mentioned in the book is fear of conflict. When I think about how quickly time passes, I'm reminded of our constant desire to work efficiently. Efficiency is incredibly important, but we also need to create time for discussion and debate about topics. Lencioni states: "Contrary to the notion that teams waste time and energy arguing, those that avoid conflict actually doom themselves to revisiting issues again and again without resolution" (Lencioni, 203).

One of the tips Lencioni suggests to leaders is to demonstrate restraint when people engage in conflict and allow time for discussion and resolution. This is an area where I'm personally trying to improve. The pressure to get things done, especially when there is so much to do, is ever-present. However, I have definitely had the experience of revisiting issues multiple times, and that is clearly inefficient. Slowing down and taking time to work through conflicting opinions is important if you want to avoid constantly talking about the same topics.

Also in line with Summer Roundup, I'm sharing a photo of one of the things that made me happy this summer. My sister who lives in Montana came to visit with her family in July. This is a photo of me with my sister and nieces at a concert at Red Rocks. They had never been to Red Rocks before and of course they loved it! I hope you all are having a good summer and I'm looking forward to seeing many of you virtually at the Joint Midwest/MCMLA Annual Meeting in October.

Lencioni, Patrick. (2002). *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team*. Jossey-Bass.

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Melissa De Santis (center front) with family  
enjoying a concert at Red Rocks

## NEW MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

BY CINDI FLANAGAN, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE;  
EDITED BY NINA MCHALE

### Brian Leaf

#### What is your position title?

Executive Director,  
NNLM Region 3

#### What do you like most about the library and information science field so far?

I love being part of a helping profession.



#### What do you like most about MCMLA so far?

I have not been a member long enough to answer this question, but I know some members already, and I look forward to getting to know more.

#### What do you hope to gain from being a new or returning member of MCMLA?

Networking and building new relationships.

#### Are you interested in a specific area of libraries?

Outreach!

#### What is your educational background?

My undergrad was in Seattle at the University of Washington, and I completed my graduate work at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill.

#### What made you want to work in libraries?

The opportunity to make an impact on my community.

#### What is your previous work experience?

I have worked at a wide variety of institutions not limited to sports franchises, retail, coffee shops, and high schools, but my last place of employment was the Ohio State University.

#### What is a fun/unique/interesting tidbit for your fellow MCMLA'ers to know about you or how do you spend your free time?

I'm a drummer/percussionist for a community big band.

### Kristen Burroughs (she/her)

#### What is your position title?

I am a student in the MLIS program at Emporia State University. I started the program in January 2021. I have 12 years of experience in healthcare, and I am currently also a practicing registered nurse at a Kansas City hospital. Finally, I work as a Customer Service Associate with the Mid-Continent Public Library system.

#### What do you like most about the library and information science field so far?

I have really enjoyed learning about the emphasis on advocacy and social justice in the field! I'm very passionate about health equity and I am very interested in learning how to identify and mitigate bias and disparities in medical literature, and hopefully one day teaching others to do so. I have also been incredibly impressed with the kindness of library professionals. I have had many complete strangers from different parts of the country who have answered unsolicited emails and taken time to speak to me about the field and their jobs. Everyone has been so open, encouraging, and helpful, and I've been blown away at how willing people have been to help.

#### What do you like most about MCMLA so far?

I am a new member, and I am getting my bearings, but I appreciate that it will allow me to make connections in my local area and hopefully meet and learn from new people! There are so many wonderful healthcare facilities in this region, and I look forward to learning more about them and meeting others.

#### What do you hope to gain from being a new or returning member of MCMLA?

I hope I can connect with others and learn more about the field of health sciences librarianship. I would love to learn more about health sciences librarians in my area and possibly even collaborate or assist with projects to gain more knowledge and experience.

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## NEW MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT, CONT.

### Kristen Burroughs

#### Are you interested in a specific area of libraries?

I have a very open mind, but if you asked me today, my ideal career would be working as a librarian in an academic medical center. I am drawn to both hospital librarianship and academic librarianship within health professions, like a medical or nursing school.

#### What is your educational background?

I have a Bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Kansas Medical Center, which I received in 2015. I received my ADN from Johnson County Community College in 2012. I am working toward my MLIS degree currently, and I hope to be finished by December 2023 at the latest.

#### What made you want to work in libraries?

I began volunteering with the Johnson County library system in 2019 as a way to get out of my house and do something to benefit the community! I am a homebody and needed an outlet that was a change of scenery and less stressful than my full-time nursing job. I fell in love with the work, and began researching careers in library science. I was very drawn to health sciences librarianship, and I hope that it will allow me to use my education and skills to work in the healthcare field in a new way. I made the decision to make the jump, and I am so happy I did. I have not regretted it for a second!

#### What is your previous work experience?

I have 12 years of healthcare experience, with just over 9 years as an RN. I have been working in a public library since March 2021. I started a remote internship with the medical librarian at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City in mid-July of this year.

#### What is a fun/unique/interesting tidbit for your fellow MCMLA'ers to know about you or how do you spend your free time?

My spouse and I are huge Star Wars fans, and the ring bearer at our wedding was Darth Vader! I am also crazy about my two pet cockatiels Gozer and Goose, but less so about my crested gecko, only because he bites—he doesn't have teeth, but it's still rude! We have a complicated friendship. :)

## MCMLA MASCOT NEWS

BY CINDI FLANAGAN, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE;  
EDITED BY AMANDA SPROCHI

Thank you to everyone who offered suggestions and voted in our MCMLA Chapter Mascot selection extravaganza.

Drumroll, please...

We are now

# OWLS

Like our MCMLA members, owls are efficient hunters associated with wisdom and knowledge.

According to the National Audubon Society:

- A group of owls is called a parliament or a study.
- Not all owls hoot. Some hiss or screech!
- There are more than 200 species of owl, with 19 in North America.

Practice your bird calls, and prepare your favorite memes. There will certainly be more owl-themed fun in our future.



Photo Source: [Dennis Bucher](#)



## ADVOCACY WINNERS

BY KRISTY STEIGERWALT, ADVOCACY COMMITTEE; EDITED BY JERRY CARLSON



The winners of this quarter's Advocacy Challenge - Sharing An infographic, Visualization or Annual Report Demonstrating Value - were

**Holly Henderson** (Mercy Medical Center, Springfield, MO) and **Jennifer Mayer** (University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO).

- Holly produces an outstanding quarterly dashboard, graphically demonstrating utilization of library services. This includes data showing the number of articles delivered and the number of mediated searches, among other fantastic data.
- Jennifer's Library Research Services Department has created multiple stunning infographics to share with administrators and colleagues. These infographics highlight departmental awards, (e.g. grants), instruction statistics, and use of the institutional repository, among other things.

For even MORE amazing ideas for visually demonstrating advocacy check out the entire list of collected entries from our talented members [HERE](#). **A BIG thank you** to everyone who had the opportunity to participate.

NOTE: Our Advocacy Website has new content including past advocacy challenge entries, a Libguide full of ROI resources, and links to our most recent podcasts. Stop by and take a peek at <https://www.mcmla.org/advocacy/>!

Love Amazon gift cards and Advocacy? You too, could be a winner in our next monthly Advocacy Challenge. Simply submit your name and how you met the challenge once the next challenge is posted. Look for the next email challenge on the MCMLA listserv.

Submit early and often. The more you enter, the greater your chance to win - just for doing what you already do!

## REGISTER FOR THE 2021 MIDWEST/MCMLA JOINT ANNUAL MEETING

BY GWEN WILSON

**TOGETHER AGAIN**  
#MidwestMCMLA2021

**2021 Midwest/MCMLA Joint Annual Meeting**  
October 13-15, 2021

Registration is now open for the 2021 Midwest/MCMLA Joint Annual Meeting!

When? October 13-15, 2021

Where? Fully online

How much? \$25 (Wow, what a deal!!)

How? Register at [mcmla.org/event-4422363](https://mcmla.org/event-4422363)

Join your colleagues from across the two chapters to watch research presentations, get chapter updates, and connect with vendors.

A full program is forthcoming and will be posted on the conference website. Our keynote speakers are [Nisha Mody](#) and [Ashley Ritter](#). We also have great CE options for no additional cost beyond the conference registration.

Seats are limited, so register soon! Details and a link to register for CE courses will be provided in the registration confirmation letter.

What do you think of the new look and feel of The Express? Email Katie Dayani [kddayani@cmh.edu](mailto:kddayani@cmh.edu) to let us know what you think of the changes.



## IN MEMORIAM MARY E. YOUNGKIN 1949 - 2021

BY AMANDA SPROCHI

MCMLA is very saddened to report that Mary E. Youngkin, longtime head of Reference and Public Services at the University of Utah's Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, died in her home on July 11, 2021. She began her career at Eccles in 1975 and retired after 36 years of service in 2011. She is survived by her brothers Tom Gillespie of Winterset Iowa and Dan Gillespie and his family in Glen Allen, Virginia.

Mary graduated from the University of Iowa with a BA and a teaching certificate in English. She obtained her MLS from Brigham Young University. A passionate gardener, she started the library's medicinal garden with plants from her own garden. She was a dancer, performing with the modern dance group RDT2 in the 1980s, and was a passionate fan of blues music.

Her colleagues describe her as "funny, straightforward, and kind." We at MCMLA extend our very deepest sympathies to her family, friends, and colleagues.

Donations in Mary's memory can be made to the Eccles Health Sciences Library Medicinal Garden, the Utah Blues Society, or TreeUtah.



# THANK YOU

A big THANK YOU to the following MCMLA members who donated to the endowment fund when paying their 2021 dues:

Elizabeth Kiscaden, George Strawley, Laura Lipke, David Brown, Anna Beth Morgan, & Margie Sheppard.

For donating to the endowment fund, each will automatically become an MCMLA STAR and will be eligible for the MCMLA STAR drawing at the 2021 annual chapter business meeting.

Can we count on you to help fatten the piggy during the virtual annual meeting? Look for details to be announced on the MCMLA listserv.

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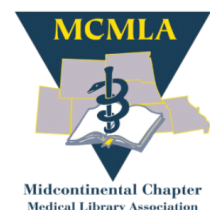


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## ARCHIVES UPDATE

BY RAVEN MORRIGAN (JESSICA GERBER),  
MCMLA ARCHIVIST

### CU ANSCHUTZ **DIGITAL** COLLECTIONS

The new repository is now called Digital Collections, and it is up and running!

Link to new website:

<https://digitalcollections.cuanschutz.edu/>

If you click on Explore, the MCMLA collection is listed under CU Anschutz Archives and Special Collections when you expand that option.

The content freeze is also over, so if anyone has anything to submit, please send them to me by email:  
[jessica.gerber@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:jessica.gerber@cuanschutz.edu)

I just received a large digital photo collection from Amanda Sprochi that I am going to sort and add to the Digital Collections slowly over the next year. Thank you, Amanda!

## NOMINATE YOUR COLLEAGUES FOR MCMLA HONORS & AWARDS

BY TALLIE CASUCCI

Each year, MCMLA honors and awards members at the annual conference. Nominations are due September 24, 2021, via the [online form](#). Below are brief descriptions of the honors and awards. Full eligibility requirements and descriptions are available on the [MCMLA Honors and Awards website](#).

### **Bernice M. Hetzner Award for Excellence in Academic Health Science Librarianship**

The Hetzner 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**

The McDowell 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.

### **Outstanding Achievement Award**

The Outstanding Achievement Award honors a member for contributions to health sciences/hospital libraries, the profession, and the goals and objectives of the chapter.

### **STARS Program**

You're a STAR! All MCMLA members can self-nominate themselves for their professional accomplishments and contributions over the past year.

### **Professional Travel Scholarship**

The travel scholarship helps members who live in rural areas of the region attend the annual meeting. This scholarship will cover the registration costs for the virtual meeting this year. For those not living in rural areas, but need registration assistance, please apply for the **Registration Scholarship**.

### **Registration Scholarship**

New this year! There are ten registration scholarships available for those who need financial support to attend the annual MCMLA meeting. Participants will be reimbursed after they register for the MCMLA meeting.

## COME ON & JOIN US!

BY JEANNE BURKE, EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
CHAIR; EDITED BY KATIE DAYANI

Want to get a chance to work with some exceptional librarians? Well, we have an opportunity for you!

MCMLA needs you. We invite you to volunteer for one of our committees. All of our committees have people rotating off this October, and we are looking for individuals to replace them.

Committee work is a great way to develop your skills and strengthen your professional networks. We as a profession are all about helping and supporting those we serve, so how about doing the same for our library colleagues?

Please consider joining one of the MCMLA Committees and maybe even running for a committee chair. Here is the link to the MCMLA Committee page, <https://www.mcmla.org/committees>. If you want more information about a committee, please feel free to contact the current committee chair or one of the committee members.

We are all extremely busy these days, but the investment of your time, talents, and expertise will pay dividends in the future.





BRENDA LINARES &  
EMILY VARDELL  
ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THE  
ARRIVAL OF THEIR DAUGHTER

**CLARA MARIA LINARES**

ON JUNE 22, 2021.

CLARA IS ALREADY CELEBRATING  
LIBRARIAN LIFE!



*Congrats,  
Emily & Brenda!*



- Congrats to the following MCMLA members who joined/renewed their AHIP membership at the same or higher level:

Distinguished

**Amanda K. Sprochi, AHIP**

Member

**Ashley Bassett, AHIP**

- Congratulations to **Nina McHale** and **Yumin Jiang** who were both elected to leadership positions in MLA Caucuses. Nina was elected Chair-Elect of the Leadership & Management Caucus and Yumin was elected Chair-Elect of MLA's Complementary & Integrative Health Caucus. Their terms officially started on June 1st.
- Congratulations to **Ben Harnke** who received the CCML 2020-2021 Marla Graber award at the April CCML meeting!
- Congratulations to **Nina McHale** for being accepted into the MLA Research Training Institute for 2021 and receiving a \$750 scholarship. Nina's research topic is post-MLS training for medical and health sciences librarians in evidence-based medicine and advanced literature searching.
- Congrats to **Wlad Labeikovskiy** for getting certified as a Carpentries Instructor. He is now certified to teach Software Carpentry, Library Carpentry, and Data Carpentry workshops.
- Congratulations to **Shandra Knight** who will be the Deputy Director at Strauss Health Sciences Library at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus starting September 1, 2021. Shandra has been the Director of Library & Knowledge Services at National Jewish Health for the past 10 years.



- Congratulations to **Shawn Steidinger** who was accepted into MLA-RTI and received a \$750 scholarship. Shawn will evaluate different interventions to understand their impact on increasing health literacy among adolescents and young adults by maximizing partnerships between clinicians, teachers and health librarians.
- Congrats to **Nena Schvaneveldt** who was selected to be a fellow of the University of Utah Academy of Health Science Educators. The Academy of Health Science Educators is a service program for exceptional educators. Fellows are recognized as outstanding educators in their field and advocate for excellent education in their departments, colleges, and the larger University of Utah Health.
- Kudos to **Sam Kennefick** and **Christi Piper** for presenting a poster at the ACRL meeting: "Experience Required: A Survey of MLIS Student Experiences with Graduate Student Employment."
- Congrats to **The Children's Mercy Kansas City Library** for being accepted into the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries.
- Congrats to **Shawn Steidinger & Elizabeth Frakes** who will be presenting a poster at ASIS&T 2021 with EHSL colleague, **Christy Jarvis**: "Successfully Embedding a Librarian Evidence Request Service in the Electronic Health Record: Development, Implementation, and Outcomes"

### The following MCMLA members presented at MLA:

- **Wlad Labeikovsky** (Lightning Talk): "Designing and Curating a Database of Software Tools as a Case Study of Embedded Librarianship"
- **Kristen DeSanto** (Poster): "Using an Email Template to Increase Library Class Registrations"
- **Elle Svoboda, Sam (Kennefick) Wilairat, Christi Piper, Lilian Hoffecker, Nina McHale** (Paper): "Diversify Your Health Sciences Course Syllabus: A Pilot Program"
- **Yumin Jiang and Nina McHale** (Paper): "Making Hard Choices a Little Easier: Gathering Actionable Data from the Campus Community to Inform Collections Decisions"
- **Lisa Traditi and Nina McHale** (Paper): "Librarian Engagement with the Cochrane US Network"
- **Christi Piper, Dana Abbey, and Tina Moser** (Paper): "Facilitating Updates to Faculty Governing Documents: A Better Process for Encouraging Participation"
- **Christi Piper** (Paper): "A Survey of MLIS Student Experiences with Graduate Employment in Libraries" (her poster for the MLA RTI Fellows Ignite session).
- **Shawn Steidinger** (Poster): "I start rounding tomorrow. Do I need to know Greek?"
- **Brenda Linares** (Lightning Talk): "Transforming Health Communication Instruction for Nursing Students through Information Literacy Classes."





**Congratulations to the following MCMLA members  
on their recent publications**

- Samantha (Kennefick) Wilairat, Ellie Svoboda & Christi Piper (2021) Practical Changes in Reference Services: A Case Study, *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*, 40:2, 151-167, DOI: [10.1080/02763869.2021.1912567](https://doi.org/10.1080/02763869.2021.1912567)
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- Zoë Panchal, Christi Piper, Charles Whitmore & Robert D. Davies (2021) Providing supportive transgender mental health care: a systemized narrative review of patient experiences, preferences, and outcomes, *Journal of Gay & Lesbian Mental Health*, DOI: [10.1080/19359705.2021.1899094](https://doi.org/10.1080/19359705.2021.1899094)
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- Brandon Patterson, Assistant Librarian at the Eccles Health Sciences Library, published a video article with colleagues from the Data Curation Network Samuel S, Moore M, Sheridan H, Sorensen C, Patterson B. Touring a Data Curation Network Primer: A Focus on Neuroimaging Data. *Journal of eScience Librarianship* 2021;10(3): e1204. DOI: [10.7191/jeslib.2021.1204](https://doi.org/10.7191/jeslib.2021.1204)