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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

BY HOLLY HUBENSCHMIDT, MCMLA CHAIR



Hope.

I have been struggling to find hope over the last few months. The terrifying winter COVID surge which resulted in loss for so many people I care about, the subsequent hunkering down and isolating from vulnerable family members to protect them, and late February ice storms have made the world seem bleak.

And then just as things begin looking up with COVID numbers coming down and the weather teasing spring, war breaks out in Europe. This is on top of other conflicts causing so much suffering such as Afghanistan, Yemen, and South Sudan. These situations make it hard to find hope even in our daily lives.

But there is hope. I find it in my garden where my very favorite flowers, tulips, will begin to sprout in the next few weeks (last year's blooms pictured here) and sweet potatoes are making slips in my kitchen windowsill. I find it in my two 20-something sons and the amazing relationships we are developing as they navigate adulthood. I find it in the joy I can create in my dog by accidentally saying important words like "walk" and "treat."

I also find hope in MCMLA. The people I have met through this group are smart, funny, dedicated, and collaborative. I'm proud to call many of you friends as well as colleagues.

At the last Chair Chat, Cindi Flanagan was telling us about how meaningful her job is as a clinical medical librarian who goes on rounds and gets to see patients and the direct impact her work makes. As an academic medical librarian at a global university, I get to make an occasional trip abroad (I think Uzbekistan is my next destination,) but I don't get to see a life-saving impact that I am having. Jerry Carlson was sharing about his role supporting the information needs of an entire health care system. All of our roles are a little different, but almost all are satisfying in their own way. And the work we do makes a real difference in people's lives.

From wherever you sit in the world of medical librarianship, I hope you are finding MCMLA to be an important part of your professional network. The work you do gives me hope in these crazy times.

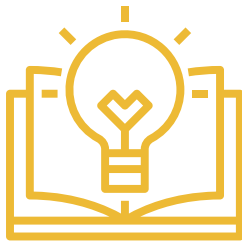


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EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

BY JEANNE BURKE; EDITED BY AMANDA SPROCHI



As you may have heard, the MCMLA Education Committee is sponsoring nationally - recognized "Beth Z" (Beth Zisenis) for a Lunch and Learn on productivity apps at noon (CDT)/11:00 a.m. (MDT) on June 10th.

We have also invited Palma Strand, J.D., LL.M., Professor of Law and Director of Creighton University's 2040 Initiative in the Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (NCR) Program, to give a presentation for MCMLA. She specializes in training people to recognize and respond to microaggressions both at work and in our personal lives. After her presentation we will have an opportunity for questions and discussion. We hope to schedule her this spring, so stay tuned for more information.

You don't want to miss either of these dynamic events!



Beth Z.

ENDOWMENT FUND THANK YOU

BY JACKIE HITTNER; EDITED BY JERRY CARLSON

The Finance Committee would like to thank the chapter members who contributed to the MCMLA Endowment Fund during the 2022 dues renewal period. \$301.00 was collected for the endowment.

Members who donated during the dues renewal period are automatically put in the STARS drawing and the endowment drawing for fabulous prizes held during the annual meeting.

Tax Letter: Email Jackie Hittner at jhittner@aaortho.org if you would like a letter stating your donation to the endowment for tax purposes.

A big **THANK YOU** to chapter members who generously gave to the endowment in January/February 2022:

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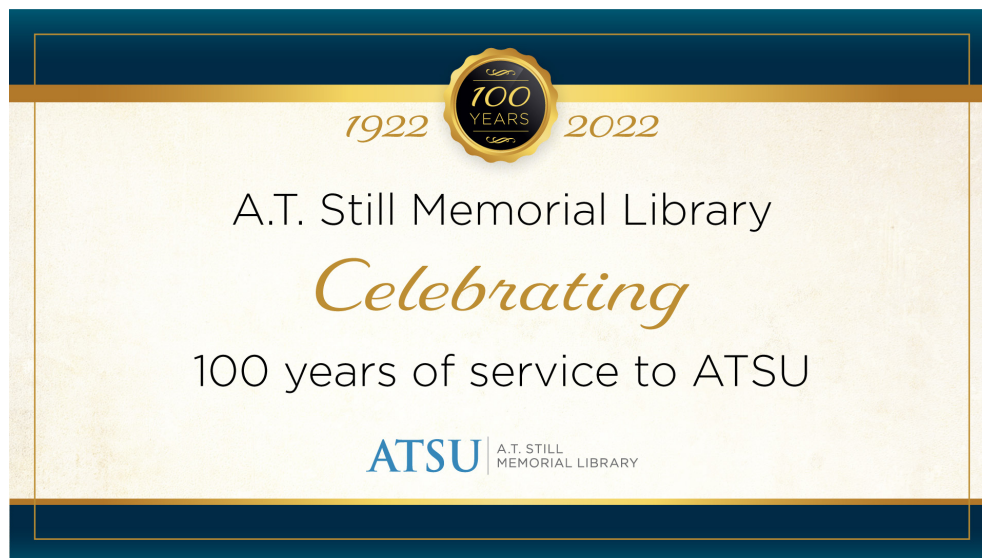
100 YEARS OF SERVICE: A.T. STILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

BY DEBRA LOGUDA-SUMMERS

A.T. Still Memorial Library is celebrating its one-hundredth anniversary in September of 2022, from its start in a small room next to the President's suite in the Andrew Taylor Still College of Osteopathy and Surgery (ATSCOS), its merger with the American School of Osteopathy (ASO) in 1924, to its current locations on the A.T. Still University campuses three locations in Missouri, Arizona, and California.

The Library has continued to grow and fulfill its mission "to support the training of future health care professionals, to effectively access and use the best evidence/information available to enable them to provide the highest quality of health care possible."


Events are being planned throughout the year to celebrate this anniversary.



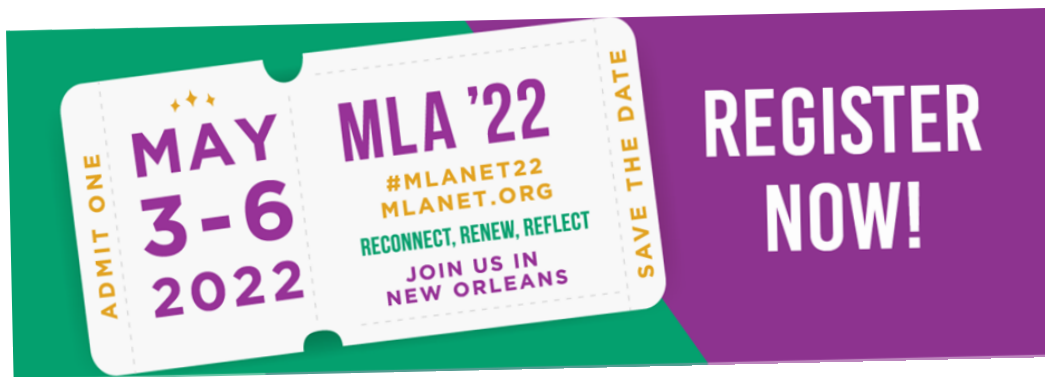
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DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOM THROUGH THE OFFICIAL MLA '22 PAGE. THE LINK IN THIS EMAIL AND ON THE OFFICIAL MLA '22 PAGE ARE THE ONLY OFFICIAL LINKS. PLEASE BE CAREFUL AND BEWARE OF SCAMS!

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UPDATES FROM MCMLA LIBRARIES

CHILDREN'S MERCY KANSAS CITY LIBRARY SERVICES

BY KATIE DAYANI

This year marks Children's Mercy's 125th anniversary, and the Library is part of the celebration. In 2020, the Children's Mercy Library Services department took over responsibility for the overall CM archives collection, including 3-D items, artifacts and important documents created from 2011 to present day.

The CM Library Services team is working to organize and catalog off-site materials while continuing to sustain and grow the archives by collecting current items. Librarians Heather Steel, MLS, and Kim Weir, MLS, are certified archivists, and they're passionate about preserving – and showcasing – Children's Mercy's history.

Members of the CM Library team recently made a field trip to the Archives at D'Angelo Library at Kansas City University. Children's Mercy's original hospital is located on what is now KCU's campus. And the KCU Archives has items detailing CM's history.

The CM Library team wishes to thank Robyn Orro at D'Angelo Library for showing us around!



Children's Mercy Librarians pose on Children's Mercy's original sunning porch where kids were taken for fresh air, now part of KCU's Administration building.

LIBRARY & KNOWLEDGE SERVICES AT NATIONAL JEWISH HEALTH

BY LIZ KELLERMEYER

Library & Knowledge Services at National Jewish Health was recently awarded a grant from NNLM Region 4, which will fund an event in April featuring Colorado's Poet Laureate, Bobby LeFebvre.

Our staff has also been taking the time to celebrate ourselves with Starbucks treats and occasional lunch outings courtesy of a staff appreciation fund provided by the hospital. These events have been a fun way for our new team to get more acquainted and show our appreciation for one another.

congratulations

Congratulations to the following MCMLA members on their recent publications

Two MCMLA members contributed to Mary Grace Flaherty's book "The Disaster Planning Handbook for Libraries." **Emily Vardell** wrote about "librarians as trained disaster response specialists" and "literacy concerns in disaster preparedness," and **Brenda Linares** wrote about "COVID-19 and information access in the Latinx community." The book is available now from ALA Editions.



Emily Vardell recently coauthored an article with Deborah Charbonneau on their survey results regarding medical library reference services and COVID-19:

Charbonneau, D. H., & Vardell, E. (2022). The impact of COVID-19 on reference services: A national survey of academic health sciences librarians. *Journal of the Medical Library Association*, 110(1), 56-62. doi: 10.5195/jmla.2022.1322

ACADEMY OF HEALTH INFORMATION PROFESSIONALS (AHIP) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to **Ellie Svoboda**, Strauss Health Sciences Library, University of Colorado, for being accepted as a Provisional member of AHIP.

And congrats to **Maggie Shawcross**, James A. Michener Library, University of Northern Colorado, earned Senior Level AHIP status.



Oct 27/28 for the Virtual
MCMLA Conference
<https://www.mcmla.org/2022meeting>



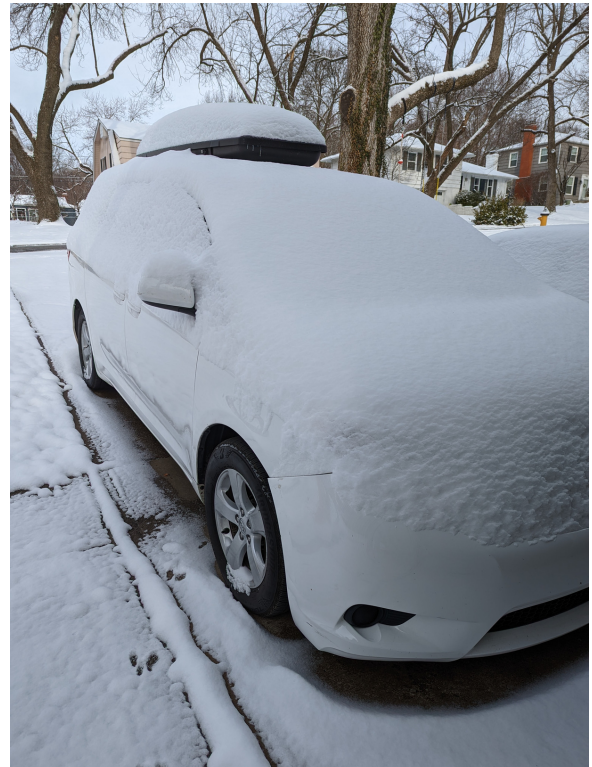
MCMLA Members' Photos of Hope



Jerry Carlson's tulips in the snow



Dren, Holly Hubenschmidt's dog



Katie Dayani finds hope in digging out from Kansas City's (second? third?) false spring and road tripping with her family.