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## Note from the Editors

Welcome back to MIDLINE!

We are featuring a brand new format and we welcome any feedback/comments.

This issue contains information on the upcoming annual conference, as well as elections, CE offerings, NNLM announcements, HSLI information, and individual member accomplishments.

Our second term as MIDLINE co-editors will be coming to an end this fall; if interested in becoming a new editor/co-editor of MIDLINE, please contact Elizabeth Huggins at [ehuggins@luc.edu](mailto:ehuggins@luc.edu).

See you all in Bloomington in October!

*Liz Lyman and Joyce McFadden, MIDLINE co-editors*



## President's Message

Hello, Midwest MLA!

It's been a long time since you've heard from me, what with all of the problems that developed after our previous website was hacked. Many, many thanks go to Communications Chair Elizabeth Huggins and Webmaster Max Regan, with help from Immediate Past President Liz Suelzer, who worked so hard to bring our website back. And now Midline is back as well!

It's been a strange time for me. This spring, I finally traveled to conferences for the first time since the pandemic. I went to Manchester UK for [LILAC](#), the Librarians Information Literacy Annual Conference; New Orleans, for a brief visit to the MLA annual meeting; and Cape Town, South Africa, for the [World Conference on Research Integrity](#) (WCRI). I added a few vacation days to each of the overseas trips, which meant that I was out of the office for almost a month between mid-April and early June! The conferences were good (both MLA and WCRI were fully hybrid) and I wore my mask all the time, unless I was outside. (My friend the ostrich is from my Cape Town trip.) I also learned a lot, coming back with more ideas to implement, especially regarding teaching students about research



Picture: 1 Ostrich Farm on Cape Peninsula

integrity. I strongly encourage you to think about participating in conferences that are not strictly librarian- or medicine-related (although I do want you to come to the Midwest Chapter's Annual Conference this year). It can really expand your horizons and give you food for thought.

Meanwhile, time has been passing. Medical and Dental students are back on campus at the University of Michigan (we begin teaching in mid-August), and students in the rest of the health sciences schools will soon appear. I know that we haven't forgotten that we're living through a pandemic. And it's not just COVID - now monkeypox is now on the horizon. I hope that you all are able to take good care of yourselves.

I'm looking forward to this year's annual meeting in Bloomington, Indiana, and I hope that you are too. It will be in person, with health precautions in place. We have a librarian as the keynote speaker (I'm excited!), CEs, paper and lightning round presentations by our colleagues, and a variety of other programs. Don't forget the special event at the Switchyard Brewing Company (they serve a variety of beverages). I encourage you to register early! Find out more on the [conference web site](#) and in the story below. While we're on the topic of annual meetings, know that the Board has been discussing how to handle these meetings in the future. For the next two years, we'll be holding meetings virtually only. The following year, we plan to meet in person again.

All the best,

*Carol Shannon, Midwest Chapter/MLA President 2022*

## Midwest Chapter MLA Annual Conference 2022

Co-chairs Jason Lilly and Lisa Habegger and their team of volunteers have been working hard since last March to create an interesting and engaging in-person only conference this year in Bloomington, Indiana. Are you looking for a mentor or do you want to be a mentor? Sign up when you register! Looking to extend your knowledge?

We have CEs for you on Saturday. And more, including:

- Keynote speaker: Bethany McGowan
- Exhibits and special breaks and raffles with exhibitors
- Special event at the [Switchyard Brewing Company](#) Sunday night
- Concurrent paper and lightning round sessions
- Silent auction to raise money for the Chapter (fun!)
- Updates from MLA & NNLM Region 6
- NIH Data Management & Sharing Policy



I'm sure that you've also seen the information about how to have fun in Bloomington outside of the conference.

Find registration and conference hotel information [here](#). We encourage you to register early and to use the [link](#) or the code (**G-MMLA**) to reserve your hotel room.

Concerned about Covid safety? Find out what we're doing to keep you safe [here](#).

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Bloomington!

*Submitted by Carol Shannon, Midwest Chapter/MLA President 2022*

## Midwest Chapter MLA Awards/Scholarships

Application deadline: September 16, 2022

### Annual Meeting Grant

Supports the attendance of librarians and library staff at the Chapter's Annual Meeting. This grant includes a free full conference registration and one 4-hour CE. One award is available.

- Not eligible for the Student Annual Meeting Grant (library school students) or the First Time Attendee Grant (first-time attendees)
- Have not received a Midwest Chapter award supporting meeting attendance within the past three years
- Requires application letter describing financial need and what the applicant expects to gain professionally and personally from attending the meeting

### First-Time Attendee Annual Meeting Grant

Supports the first-time attendance of a Midwest Chapter member at the Chapter's Annual Meeting. This grant includes a free full conference registration and one 4-hour CE. One award is available.

- A current member of the Midwest Chapter/MLA
- A resident of one of the following nine states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, or Wisconsin

### Student Annual Meeting Grant

Supports the attendance of a library science student at the Chapter's Annual Meeting. This grant includes a free full conference registration and one 4-hour CE. One award is available.

- Enrolled in an ALA-accredited master's program in library science/information studies at the time of the annual meeting
  - A resident of one of the following nine states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, or Wisconsin
  - A current member of the Midwest Chapter/MLA
- (Library science graduates who have never attended a Midwest Chapter Annual Meeting are encouraged to apply for the Chapter's First-Time Attendee Annual Meeting Grant.)

## Distinguished Librarian of the Year Award

Recognizes Chapter members at any career level who have provided outstanding service to Midwest Chapter/MLA. The winner receives a recognition plaque.

- Members of the Midwest Chapter at the time of nomination and for at least 3 years prior
- Nominated by a Midwest Chapter member



## Nomination Requirements

Nominations must be received by September 16, 2022, and must include:

- A completed nomination form
- A current resume or curriculum vitae of the nominee
- A letter of nomination stating why the nominee should be recognized and what specific accomplishments and achievements are pertinent
- Two additional letters of support, at least one from someone who is not employed at the nominee's institution

**Please note: Members can apply for more than one award/grant if they qualify.**

## Get your #ProfDev on at Midwest MLA '22!

Maybe it's just me, but continuing education is one of the best things about attending our chapter conference. I always learn something new or develop a new skill, which has made me a better librarian. This year, the Professional Practice Committee has been hard at work identifying interesting topics and instructors. I hope you will agree that it has been worth the wait!

From the NNLM, we will have ***Building Reference Skills for Nursing and Allied Health Research***. This class is designed for library staff who support, or want to support, nursing and allied health professionals with NLM resources. It will introduce participants to the professions of nursing and allied health, and explore NLM databases used by health professionals through live demonstrations and hands-on exercises. The class will conclude with participants developing their own plans on how to use this information in their work.

Gary Maixner from IUPUI will teach ***Game On! Using Games to Engage and Teach***. This course will enable you to decide if game-based learning is a good fit for your course or session, design tabletop games that serve your learning outcomes, and facilitate game playing in the classroom. Games are a fun and serious way to engage and teach students of all levels! Our very own Carol Shannon from Taubman Health Sciences Library at the University of Michigan will lead a session on ***Creating Your Teaching Philosophy***. Research shows that working on teaching philosophy statements can help you to reflect on your instruction, become more confident in your teaching, and become more aware of both your strengths and areas for improvement as an instructor. This course will be a combination of lecture and individual and small group work. You will get a good start on creating your own teaching philosophy, knowing that you will rewrite and expand on it over time.

All courses will be held **in-person** on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Unfortunately, remote participation is not possible this year. The [conference website](#) will be updated soon with more details about our offerings. Please note that this year we have classes that are pre-approved for MLA CE credit and classes that aren't. They will be clearly marked on the program. Courses that are not pre-approved can still be claimed for AHIP points. See the [AHIP Professional Accomplishments Points Index](#) for more details.

Early bird registration ends October 7, 2022, so [register](#) now!

*Submitted by Dawn Hackman, AHIP, Professional Practice Committee Chair*

## HSLI Conference Registration

Health Science Librarians of Illinois (HSLI) is proud to announce that the annual conference will be online from Wednesday, September 7 - Friday, September 9.

Registration (including all virtual events, including CE sessions) will commence soon and is open to all.

A preliminary program can be found at the conference website: <https://hsl.org/conference/>

Contact HSLI: [president@hsl.org](mailto:president@hsl.org)

*Submitted by Ramune Kubilius*

## Make Your Vote Count!

Midwest Chapter executive board elections are coming up! A ballot will be sent out in early September over the chapter listserv. Vote for officers in the following positions: President Elect, Membership Secretary, Representative at Large, and Candidate for Membership on the MLA Nominating Committee.



Thank you!

Midwest Chapter Nominations & Elections Committee

*Submitted by Liz Suelzer*



# DoctorSpeak: Health Literacy and Healthcare Professionals

Katherine Chew, the Research/Outreach Services & Mortuary Science, Center for Allied Health Programs, and Center for Bioethics Librarian for the Health Sciences Library at the University of Minnesota, has created an hour-long presentation on health literacy, *DoctorSpeak: Health Literacy and Healthcare Professionals*, that is aimed at healthcare professionals of all types – physician, nurse, therapist. The presentation is available to anyone with a link and can also be embedded in a webpage.

The presentation is an overview of what is health literacy, why it is important, the risks of low health literacy, how to recognize low health literacy, best practices for communicating with patients, and features health literacy resources such as MedlinePlus, the NLM Drug Information Portal and more.

There is an array of attachments that can be used as part of a workshop or healthcare student instructional course, such as a Medical Jargon Exercise and a Plain Language Checklist for Written Materials. There is also a Health Literacy Resource List which includes resources from the CDC, NIH, AHRQ, Medicare/Medicaid and much more, as well as an extensive bibliography of references consulted for the presentation.

The presentation will be most relevant to healthcare providers in Minnesota, as Minnesota statistics are used to illustrate some health literacy issues but should be useful to all Midwest Chapter members.



View the presentation at this link: [https://mediaspace.umn.edu/media/t/1\\_jdld2fqo](https://mediaspace.umn.edu/media/t/1_jdld2fqo)

*Submitted by Katherine Chew*

## NNLM Region 6 Updates

- Derek Johnson, former Associate Director, moved on to a position with Boston Scientific in June. Currently, Linda Walton is serving as the Interim Associate Director.
- Each state in Region 6 has formed a State Advisory Group (SAG). Each SAG team has been charged with identifying up to three major issues in the state and helping create a plan of action to address the health and health information disparities.
- If you haven't already checked your membership profile, please do so by logging in at [nnlm.gov](http://nnlm.gov).
- Make sure to sign up for all the Region 6 social media (@nnlmRegion6)
- The NLM Exhibition program has returned! Stay tuned for events in your part of the state.

*Submitted by Miles Dietz-Castel*

## New Positions, Promotions, Announcements



### Liz Suelzer Joins Advocate Aurora Health

The Advocate Aurora Library is happy to announce that Liz Suelzer is our new Application Support Analyst Sr. Liz began her position on June 22, 2022.

Liz has 15 years of experience as a librarian including positions in both academic and academic medical settings. At Advocate Aurora Library, Liz has the primary role in the library's efforts to implement, maintain, and improve our technologies. She also has a key role in assisting Advocate Aurora Health team members with technological problems when accessing library resources and with liaising with Health Information Technology for library-related technologies.

We're excited to have Liz on board!

*Submitted by Karen Hanus*

### Liz Lorbeer Promoted to Professor

Liz Lorbeer, EdM, MLS, AHIP, was promoted to Professor on July 1.

She was also appointed by the president of the American Library Association to serve a two-year term on the Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee (ITPAC). The charge of the committee is to advise on priorities, policies, and strategies that promote the development and utilization of electronic access to information in U.S. libraries.



*Submitted by Liz Lorbeer*

## Mount Carmel Health Sciences Library Announcements



Kenneth T. Wright, III, Health Sciences Librarian, received credentialing from the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP), member level.

Noreen L. Mulcahy, Health Science Librarian – Technical Services, renewed her AHIP credentials at the senior level.

*Submitted by Noreen Mulcahy*



## Publications and Presentations

### Submitted Publications by Chapter Members

Howe B.J., Pendleton C., Withanage M.H.H., **Childs C.A.**, Zeng E., van Wijk A., Hermus R., Padilla C., Hecht J.T., Poletta F.A., Orioli I.M., Buxó-Martínez C.J., Deleyiannis F., Vieira A.R., Butali A., Valencia-Ramirez C., Restrepo Muñeton C., Wehby G.L., Weinberg S.M., Marazita M.L., Moreno Uribe L.M., Xie X.-J. "Tooth Agenesis Patterns in Orofacial Clefting Using Tooth Agenesis Code: A Meta-Analysis." *Dentistry Journal* 2022 July;10(7); 128. Doi: 10.3390/dj10070128.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35877402/>

**Dhakal, K.** (2022). Nvivo: A Qualitative Data Analysis Software Tool. *Journal of the Medical Library Association*. <https://doi.org/10.5195/jmla.2022.1271>

**Dhakal, KM.** (2022). Collaborating with Clinical Pastoral Educators to Teach Research Literacy. *Journal of Hospital Librarianship*. DOI:10.1080/15323269.2021.2019511.

### Submitted Presentations by Chapter Members

**Dhakal, K.** (2022, May). Librarians and Clinical Pastoral Educators Collaborating to Teach Evidence-Based Practice and Research Literacy. Conference Paper MLA 2022, New Orleans, LA.

Sethia, R., Hollman, J.B., **Dhakal, K.**, Manning, A.M., Pattisapu, P. (2022, April). A systematic review of pediatric tracheostomy quality of life. American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology Combined Otolaryngology Spring Meetings. April 29-May 1, 2022. Dallas, TX. <https://cosm.md/>.

**Dhakal, K.**, Feyh, K., Hartel, L. (2022, January 26). Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Resource Guides: Partnering for Success (Conference Poster Presentation). The Ohio State University College of Medicine 2022 Annual Education Symposium "Eliminating Bias and Fostering Inclusion in Health Sciences Curricula". URL: [poster presentations | Office of Curriculum and Scholarship \(osu.edu\)](https://poster-presentations-office-of-curriculum-and-scholarship-osu.edu).



## Member Spotlight

### Alyssa M. Portwood, MLS, AHIP

Alyssa M. Portwood, AHIP manages the Mary Hower Medical Library at Akron Children's Hospital, where she has worked for over 20 years. She spent many years working in Pediatric Consumer Health before moving into management. She is active in the Ohio Health Sciences Library Association (OHSLA) and has attended Midwest Chapter events. She joined the Chapter to meet more fantastic librarians!



### Alissa V. Fial, MA, MLIS

I am a Research & Instruction Services Librarian at Marquette University. I primarily work with health sciences including nursing and dentistry. I have been a librarian for over 10 years. Recently I joined this chapter after being heavily active in my previous chapter. I am looking forward to getting to know others in the region.

### Emily Waitz, MLIS

I joined the Northwestern Health Sciences Library as Director of Library Services in June of 2021. I have worked in a variety of different library types over the years including academic, law and corporate. Through the Midwest Chapter of MLA, I am looking forward to connecting with peers who may share similar issues and interests.



### Ellen Franks, BSED, MLIS, AHIP, CHIS Level II

A former teacher, I am now a medical librarian at Akron Children's Hospital. I have combined teaching methods and librarian skills to perform a variety of services to clients. In addition, I coordinate the Healing Literally program and organize a monthly book group for employees. My main goals for joining the Midwest Chapter of MLA are to expand my horizons, interact with other librarians, stay abreast of the latest advances, and improve my daily performance.

## MIDLINE Submissions

MIDLINE comes out quarterly and is published on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February, May, August, and November. Submissions are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of these months.

Contributions from all chapter members are welcomed and encouraged. We accept submissions including but not limited to:

- Conference updates
- Continuing education opportunities
- Publications and presentations by chapter members
- New member spotlights
- And more!

Statements and positions expressed in this newsletter do not necessarily represent the official positions of the chapter, the chapter executive board, or the editors.

There will be a new editor (or co-editors!) publishing the next issue of MIDLINE. Look for the Call for Submissions email closer to the next issue date to submit your content.

Thanks!

*~Liz Lyman and Joyce McFadden, MIDLINE co-editors.*