



HSLANJ President News

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HSLANJ PRESIDENT NEWS

Wonderful Volunteers. If I had to name the **one** thing that makes me proud to be a member of HSLANJ, I would without a doubt have to say that it is our wonderful volunteers. As I start my 14th year of membership in HSLANJ, I continue to be amazed by the large number of members who continually volunteer to work for the association, in whatever capacity they feel most comfortable. HSLANJ continues to be such a strong and vibrant association because of YOU. Because each one of us is willing to take time out of our busy schedules to attend a meeting or to help a colleague with a problem.

As an association, we sponsor some fantastic continuing education programs. Rather than lament about how difficult it may be to keep providing superior customer service to our patrons during these challenging times, we are getting out there marketing our association and the services our members can provide to public and school librarians through our Consumer Health Committee. The Marketing Committee is currently surveying healthcare administrators to see what they need most from the librari-

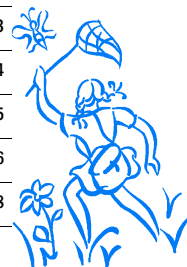
ans at their institutions. And the Group Licensing Committee continues to provide us with more resources at rates that are much more affordable than if we were to attempt to license these resources on our own. In fact, the Group Licensing Committee has been so successful in their efforts that several different Pennsylvania and Delaware consortia have asked to participate in the program this year. These are but three of the fourteen committees who do untold amounts of work for the association.

I've known since I attended my first meeting that HSLANJ is a special organization. But that point has been driven home for me on countless occasions over the past couple of years. As Vice-President, I began attending NJHA Allied Association Meetings with Robin Siegel. These meetings are sponsored by NJHA and allow the leaders of all of the different associations who are members of NJHA to come together and discuss issues that are pertinent to all of us. The thing that consistently comes out of those meetings: in a nutshell, the leaders of the other associations are envious of us. Other associations may have more members or they may have more money in their treasuries. But no

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other association has the large number of members doing so much for their associations as we have. While attending the MLA Annual Meeting in Phoenix in May, I was speaking with the president of a state library association similar to ours. They are trying to combat a trend of dwindling membership numbers and have actually had to cancel meetings due to lack of interest. Can anyone remember the last time we had to cancel one of our meetings due to lack of interest? I know I can't.

I was discussing this column with a friend as I was writing it, and she said it best: "What it all boils down to Robb, is that you guys are librarians and you ROCK!" Well, of course she's right. We do ROCK! But my point is that we don't rock because of one or two or even ten people. We rock because of YOU. When you do something for the association, even if it is as little as filling an interlibrary loan for another library in a timely fashion, you're helping to make HSLANJ even stronger. If each one of us continues to do whatever we can for each other and for HSLANJ, we will see HSLANJ continue to grow and flourish beyond our wildest expectations.

To anyone who has done any work at all for HSLANJ: a heartfelt **thank you** for volunteering your time and your talent. Please keep up the great work!



*The Long and Short of
Gavel -to-Gavel
Relations
and
Gift Opening 101*

*Outgoing President Robin to
Incoming President Robb*

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Pictured:
Erica Montcrief, Vice President/President Elect
Mary Walker, Recording Secretary
President: Robb Mackes
Cheryl Erenberg, Asst Treasurer/Treasurer Elect
Marie Saimbert, Board Member

www.hslanj.org/officers0607.pdf



HSLANJ March 8, 2006 Meeting

At the general meeting in March, several reports were given on committee and other activities. This is excerpted from HSLANJ General Meeting Minutes on the website, Keydi Boss, Recording Secretary.

The Education Committee stated that all 3 CE programs were VERY successful and made a profit. Offered this past year were:

- ◇ Searching for Drug and Pharmaceutical Information Online
- ◇ Technopalooza: Getting in Sync with Expert Googling, Clinical Portals, Open URLs, Blogging and More!
- ◇ Number, Number, Who's Got the Number?

Jeff Kesper, Director of the Library Development Bureau, NJ State Library (<http://www.njstatelib.org>) reported on The Knowledge Initiative (KI), which allows entrepreneurs, small business owners, researchers and students to access science, technology, medical and business information resources and databases. KI will give libraries a larger role in New Jersey's economic development.

Jeff also reported on new staff for the state library, including Karen Price, Knowledge Initiative; Michele Stricker, Project Specialist; and Cynthia Warrick, Sr. Public Information Assistant. Although facing budget cuts, the state library is also looking into partnerships with NJ Digital Highway, NJ State Museum, and NJN.

Cathy Boss reported that Rutgers is switching to All Funds Budgeting. Enrollment has increased and the school is trying to attract more faculty members.

Juliette Ratner's ICIRN report is on p. 4 of this newsletter.

Jennifer Kral is the new chair of the Archives Committee.

Awards Dinner report is on p. 16 of this edition.

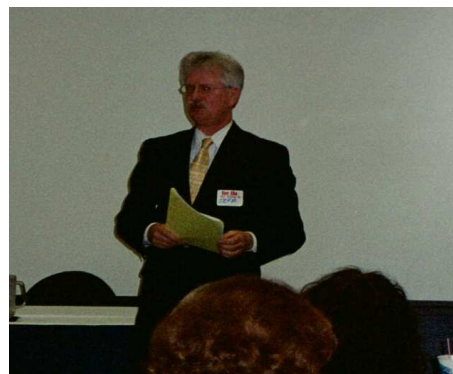
During the annual business meeting, Keydi Boss reads and displays the governor's proclamation for Health Librarians Day during March, 2006..

<http://www.hslanj.org/>



President Robb Mackes introducing speakers at the meeting.

Jeff Kesper, Director of the Library Development Bureau, NJ State Library gives an update.



ICIRN -- It's a mouthful of an acronym which stands for **Interagency Council on Information Resources for Nursing**. Juliette Ratner, librarian at the Mountainside Hospital School of Nursing, has been the HSLANJ liaison since 1996 and attended the March 24 meeting in Silver Springs, Maryland. Juliette is now Chair of ICIRN's Marketing and Communication Committee and has written this article to explain a little about ICIRN.

Listed below are the Mission Statement and Goals of the organization from the website www.icirn.org:

To establish an effective system of information resources for nursing

To advance the profession through the promotion and use of its literature.

- To identify the needs of nurses for information and services
- To promote communication between nurses and librarians concerning information resources for nurses
- To increase accessibility to and use of nursing information resources
- To foster research and studies on information resources for nursing
- To provide for a forum for the exchange of ideas and discussion of issues

ICIRN was founded in 1960 in order to promote and develop nursing information resources that support nursing practice, research, and education.

In the early 1950's Virginia Henderson, a nurse educator, and several colleagues developed a system of file cards which would identify nursing research. This system was initially available to students at Yale University. Several years later the system was expanded and called the Nursing Studies Index. During this period, an Advisory Council composed of nurses involved in publishing nursing information was convened. These representatives included the ANA, NLN, and AJN. They found the problems related to nursing literature lay in the lack of intellectual control of literature and library tools rather than the libraries themselves. Librarians were also invited to join the Council. Consistent with this vision the group has ex-

panded to include representatives from all branches of nursing and health related corporate affiliates.

During the 1970's and 1980's the Council made regular presentations at the ANA and NLN nursing conventions and published articles on information resources in nursing journals. The NLM provided computer demonstrations and ICIRN publications at these conventions. Applications for help from nursing schools in developing their libraries were also available.

In 1997 *Guide for the Development and Management of Nursing Libraries and Information Resources* was published by NLM Press. Juliette's contribution, with two other contributors, was Chapter 4, "Information and Educational Services." Agency representatives contribute research to *Essential Nursing References* (<http://www.nlm.org/nlnjournal/nursingreferences.htm>) which is published in *Nursing Education Perspectives* every other year. In addition, two nursing educators, who teach at Louisiana University nursing programs and represent AMIA (American Medical Informatics Association) and the Louisiana State Nurses Association, have researched nurses' access to information and written several articles on that subject pointing out the need for more training and awareness of information resources for nurses.

Meetings are held in the Spring and Fall when representatives provide written reports of their agency or organization activities relating to information and services to nurses. Presently, the membership consists of 24 agencies. For further information please go to www.ICIRN.org.

At the HSLANJ board meeting in April, Juliette highlighted several information resources:

Mapping the Literature of Nursing 1996-2000
<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/articlerender.fcgi?artid=1435835>

Evaluating Health Information: A Tutorial from the National Library of Medicine
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/webeval/webeval.html>

Medline Plus: Evaluating Health Information
<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/evaluatinghealthinformation.html>

Permission to use ICIRN Logo for HSLANJ ePulse Newsletter
Warren Hawkes, President ICIRN June 20, 2006

The **Berry Pick** Websites

Marie K. Saimbert, UMDNJ George F. Smith Library



Welcome to Marie's Choice **Pick** of Websites ... enjoy!

Marie's November '05 **Berry Pick**

Open Source has been a buzz word amongst those in the education community for the past few years. No doubt some have heard about efforts to design Open Source software to replace subscriptions to Online Public Access Catalogs (OPACs), as well as Open Source software for setting up and managing digital libraries housing library special collections among other things.

The buzz is louder than ever and efforts and monies are being placed behind Open Source. Who is talking about Open Source in New Jersey? At the recent NJEDGE conference in Plainsboro, New Jersey educators (from pre-K to higher education), those involved in computer systems, instructional designers and others talked about developments and place of Open Source in 21st century education. An Open Source project that made the NJEDGE radar is *Sakai*. Keep an eye on this community's efforts, as their members keep increasing and money behind their efforts has been steady. *Sakai* is developing a free or Open Source product to facilitate e-learning ala WebCT or BlackBoard. As *Sakai* is not really our Berry, I won't say much more about it. (Do note that *Sakai*'s aims involve more than just being a portal to host online courses for members of a specific institution. *Sakai* aims to foster communication/collaboration among researchers and administrators as well. Enrolling someone in an area of a "Sakai course" involves simply adding their email address into the particular *Sakai* site. Visit a pilot *Sakai* site like *Sakai @ Rutgers* for an example of the product in action. Rutgers currently has about 150 courses on the platform. <<https://sakai.rutgers.edu/portal/>>.)

Alas, we finally arrive at **November's Berry--the Open Source community Merlot!** <http://www.merlot.org/>

MERLOT is the **Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching** community. This community includes academics, businesses, supporting and professional organizations. Health Science Librarians, especially those involved in instruction and course design may find "learning objects" from other educators and contributors around the globe on *Merlot*. (Loosely, we can say a learning object is composed of a "focused chunk" of material wrapped in a vehicle to present that material—such as an audio file [.wav], web page [.html], video [Flash or Camtasia files].) There are learning objects focusing on the arts, business, math/statistics and science/technology. From *Merlot*'s opening page, click on "Science and Technology" under "Browse the Collection by Subject," to see the over 400 free learning objects available for educational use in teaching a health science topic. One can re-sort items under the health sciences by rating, title, author, date entered, and item type. Ratings are supplied by a peer-review group and/or by *Merlot* members. Other links that can appear with a learning object and may be worth exploring include "Assignments" (link for related coursework objects submitted by the author) and "Collections" (link pointing to similar learning objects included in the same pool as the current object you are viewing).

I took some time to browse the health sciences collection and wanted to highlight the following. The collection varies from items useful for consumers to items useful for instructing nurses and allied health professionals. Many websites near and dear to health science librarians are included in *Merlot*.

- LabTests Online <http://www.labtestsonline.org/>
- MedlinePlus <http://medlineplus.gov/>

I would have preferred to see specific "objects" from some of the websites above included, as opposed to links to whole sites, but I recognize efforts in that direction may prove costly in terms of time invested and maintenance. Regardless, some interesting, specific learning objects in *Merlot* include the following.

- Heartpoint's lecture on CHF, a topic that proves complex for both patients and health professionals. <http://www.heartpoint.com/congheartfailuretellme.html#anchor42001>
- Heart Failure Quiz http://it.spcollege.edu:8500/edtech/instructorResources/RLO/RLO_Objects/staticRLO/general/heartFailure/
- 12-lead EKG tutorial from University of San Francisco http://www.maagnursing.com/ecg_demo/12lead.php
- Example of APA Headings—Level 1 thru 4 <http://www.drgwen.com/materials/apa/apa.htm>
- PowerPoint Basics <http://www.drgwen.com/materials/powerpoint/01.htm>
- Nursing Theory Page <http://www.sandiego.edu/nursing/theory/>
- SEER from the National Cancer Institute <http://training.seer.cancer.gov/>

Also of note in *Merlot* is the "sub-search" feature which can be used to locate specific material from a broader category such as the health sciences. *Merlot* has RSS feeds that can be incorporated into another web page. There is also a federated search of a couple of digital libraries. <http://www.merlot.org/>

Marie's December '05 **Berry Pick**

Okay, we're cruising on to the end of the year and the perfect season to share our final 2005 Berry. Share this one with fellow librarians, nursing faculty, students and even professional nurses. December's Berry is rich with links to resources dealing with pharmacology. It's one of my personal favorites as an instructor and students in my pharmacology classes like it as well. Welcome **Elsevier's Evolve Resources!**

<http://evolve.elsevier.com>

Go ahead and enter the *Evolve* site using the "Student, practitioners and other learners" area. Then click on the **Nursing** link located in the top middle of the page. On the next page, click on the **Pharmacology** category and then choose either of the two books below, as each book's portal include the *Evolve Resources*. Lehne's Pharmacology for Nursing Care, 5th edition **OR** Edmund's Pharmacology for the Primary Care Provider, 2nd edition Alternately, if another Elsevier pharmacology textbook is used by students at your institution, you may click on it to check its *Evolve* resources.

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The Berry Pick Websites *continued*

Once you click on a textbook link, you will be taken to a page with the link "Register for these free resources." Complete the registration process and your User Name and Password will be verified by Elsevier via email. Then you may log back into the *Evolve* web address to peruse our Berry.

Evolve Resources for the aforementioned pharmacology texts include WebLinks or recommended websites organized by the respective textbook's chapters. For example, WebLinks under the Lehne text include those dealing with "Basic Principles of Pharmacology," the Peripheral Nervous System, "Alternative Therapy," and "Cancer Chemotherapy." Many sites under WebLinks illustrate key pharmacology concepts which nursing students and others often struggle with. Think concepts such as drug half-life and cytochrome P-450 enzyme system. In addition, some *Evolve* WebLinks highlight pharmacology self-study quizzes. Teachers may wish to incorporate these as part of their WebCT or BlackBoard courses. Some quiz examples appear below.

- **Active Learning Centre-Pharmacology Quizzes** by Alex Turchin. <http://www.med.jhu.edu/medcenter/quiz/quiz.cgi?dbfield=drug&actionField=startup>
- **Math for Meds Tutorial** by Mary Bennett DNSc, RN, Indiana State University. <http://www.indstate.edu/mary/tutorial.htm>
- **TestandCalc.com** site by Richard Lakeman, a mental health nurse in New Zealand. <http://testandcalc.com>

With so many website offerings, the *Evolve* for the Lehne text was bound to have some dead links and I discovered a few here and there. Nevertheless, *Evolve* resources associated with a nursing or pharmacology textbook include great compilations of key reference websites. The *Evolve* portal also offers links to journals of interest to nurses regarding select pharmacology areas. Lastly, "canned" PubMed searches for each major pharmacology textbook section are offered. Keywords in searches include critical thinking, adverse drug effects in the elderly, infection control, and hormone replacement therapy.

Other *Evolve* resources worth a look include the Audio Drug Glossary which can encourage correct pronunciation of drugs, Canadian Drug Names, and the popular Mosby's Drug Consult included as part of MD Consult and the recently unveiled Mosby's Nursing Consult.

Happy Holidays and Have A Joyous New Year!
Thanks for your time. See you next year!

<http://evolve.elsevier.com>

Marie's January '06 *Berry Pick*

Alright, Happy 2006 everyone! January is almost gone so let's take it to the max with our first Berry of the year. This Berry seeks to answer the call for more "transparent research results," an issue which came under fire in light of circumstances surrounding Merck's rofecoxib (Vioxx). Though much was said for and against Vioxx remaining a prescription drug, it was eventually withdrawn from the market. **Welcome Clinical Study Results!**

<http://www.clinicalstudyresults.org>



The *Clinical Study Results* database is supported and was originally set up by PhRMA; Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America. Though inclusion of study results in the database is voluntary, drug companies belonging to PhRMA are strongly encouraged to submit data. The *Clinical Study Results* database has been functional since October 1, 2004 (day after Vioxx was withdrawn from the market). Both physicians and patients—to a lesser extent are intended users for the site. Physicians can make use of this site to locate information about drug products on the market.

The opening page for the *Clinical Study Results* site possesses a clean, inviting interface where one is asked to "Select Your Country" prior to viewing the remainder of the site. The next page then presents a series of search boxes with drop-down menus that allows for searching a specific company's listed studies, trials for an indication/condition, and studies by drug generic name or brand name. If you know the name of a study, you can search for that as well.

About 45 companies have listed study results in the database. A few companies are listed two or three times, accounting for different divisions of the same parent company. I reviewed study results for the company Janssen-Ortho L.L.C.. Only one entry has been posted and it is for the drug almotriptan malate (Axert), a compound used to abort migraines. Package insert information is provided for almotriptan (Axert). (Recall, the package insert lists approved uses for a drug, but a physician or prescriber may give a drug to a patient for an off-label or unapproved use based on their expertise and practice experience. Further, drug companies often have researched a drug for conditions other than the primary condition for which the drug received FDA approval and prescribers may want to consider contacting the respective drug company to get copies of potential internal articles or studies corroborating and/or refuting that off-label use. A few weeks back a caregiver came in with a prescription for a child for anastrozole (Arimidex). While counseling the caregiver, I asked "Did the doctor tell you what your child is using this medication for?" She answered something to the effect that she knew all about the drug and that it was for a "growth issue." I recalled Arimidex being approved for women with a certain type of breast cancer, but not for growth. After contacting Astra Zeneca's Medical Affairs department, I was emailed a letter noting anastrozole (Arimidex) has researched as a therapy for "short stature," but that is not a use for which anastrozole was approved or a use supported by Astra Zeneca.) The almotriptan (Axert) entry also provides a link for study results. The link takes you to Clinical-Trials.gov and exposes three summary links of trials completed regarding Axert.

Please note raw clinical trial results are not included in the *Clinical Study Results* database. Summaries of both positive and negative trials (Phase III trials and beyond) are reported instead, with the intention of providing users streamlined information.

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President Robb Mackes Wins Hospital Section Award at MLA '06 Phoenix Annual Meeting

2006 HLS Professional Recognition Award Winner

Robert Mackes - Union Hospital, Union, NJ - **Leadership**

Active in HSLA of NJ as vice-president and program chair, 2005-2006. Of three CE programs, he initiated planned and implemented Technopalooza: Getting in Synch with Expert Googling, Clinical Portals, Open URLs, Blogging and More.



We all know Robb is definitely an advocate for hospital librarianship. He has been involved in local, regional, and national library activities for quite awhile. Robb has served on many committees and has held many offices with various library associations. Congratulations, Robb!

For a full listing of other awards and honors go to <http://hls.mlanet.org/Awards/2006announcement.html>

The Berry Pick Websites *continued*

This Berry is a good idea, so that's why we're sampling it, but I can't promise that it tastes great. It probably has a long way to go, but is worth a look for now. Go ahead and try Clinical Study Results!

<http://www.clinicalstudyresults.org>

Marie's February '06 **Berry Pick**

Let's not say good bye to February before we indulge with a Berry. This one is sweet, timely, and constantly being updated. It's **VAERS—the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System!**

<http://www.fda.gov/cber/vaers/vaers.htm>

VAERS is sponsored by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control. You may have visited this site in the past, but since vaccinations or immunizations are always a hot pediatrics topic, looking at **VAERS** again can not be wrong. Besides every year immunization guidelines are revamped to foster compliance and convenience for parents or caretakers who attempt to get their loved ones vaccinated on time. The main place to look for the latest immunization schedule is on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention site at <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/recs/child-schedule.htm>. Changes in the immunization schedule for 2006 include flexibility of when a child can get the diphtheria/tetanus/acellular pertussis vaccine [DTaP], meningococcal conjugate vaccine [MCV4 or Menactra] for unvaccinated adolescents starting high school, and Hepatitis A vaccination for all 1-2 year olds, as well as some high risk groups.

The **VAERS** site offers an online and a PDF form to allow patients and/or practitioners to report adverse events that may be related to a vaccination. Vaccine makers (as are health professionals according to the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (NCVIA) of 1986) are mandated by law to contribute information on the VAERS-1 form alluded to above. Take a look at the "Table of Reportable Events Following a Vaccination (RET)" < <http://www.vaers.hhs.gov/reportable.htm>>.

Some vaccine package inserts are linked from the RET page, as well as some discontinued vaccines and their discontinuation date. Lastly, please note adverse events following an immunization with vaccines licensed for use in the U. S. is reportable, as well are reports of adverse events for select vaccines used in other countries like anthrax [ANTH], bacille Calmette-Guérin [BCG], Diphtheria Toxoid Adsorbed [DTox], and Measles and Rubella Virus Live [MR] vaccine. For more non-United States licensed vaccines for which adverse events should be reported, visit the link that follows. <<http://www.fda.gov/cber/gdlns/vaers-1.txt>>

Now, we could say more about February's Berry, but we won't say much more other than keep in mind that **VAERS** data is raw and processing of contributed information is key before one can conclude a vaccine is responsible for this or that effect. The evidence path for vaccines extends well beyond **VAERS**, but **VAERS** is a good start to information collection and management.

Make some time to look at February's Berry. It's a hot Berry that will prove relevant all year and beyond as vaccine issues are discussed and re-discussed. Did I forget to mention the **VAERS** site also includes a Vaccine Bibliography 1999-2006? Check that out as well at <http://www.vaers.hhs.gov/bibliography.htm>.

<http://www.fda.gov/cber/vaers/vaers.htm>

Marie's March '06 **Berry Pick**

March came in with a force and we're going to slow it down a bit before it comes to a close, so we can taste our berry of the month—**The Joanna Briggs Institute.**

<http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au/about/home.php>

The **Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI)** is a seminal site for learning more about Evidence-Based Nursing (EBN) and how to contribute to it. The Institute began in 1995 and is headquartered in Adelaide; capital of South Australia. Not many United States institutions are JBI members. University of Medicine and Dentistry is listed as "University of New Jersey

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School of Nursing - A JBI Collaborating Centre.” Likewise, UMDNJ-University Hospital, Purdue University and University of Oklahoma are also members.

The *JBI* site offers RAPid (Rapid Appraisal Protocol Internet Database) to subscribers which can be used to work through appraising the evidence from a single study on an intervention or findings of a systematic review. This is facilitated with the use of RAPid’s RAP Maker (similar to CAT-maker on the Centre for Evidence Based Medicine site which helps one create Critically Appraised Topics or CATs). After use of RAP Maker, nurses can submit an original systematic review for possible addition to the *JBI* Systematic Reviews Database. See the link below for more on RAPid.

<http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au/services/rapidinfo.php>

Also on the *JBI* site, see some example *JBI* Systematic Reviews located in the “Evidence Libraries” tab. Not all the *JBI* reviews can be accessed for free. Take a look at “Falls in Acute Hospitals” (on the last page of Systematic Reviews listing).

Further, the *Joanna Briggs* site allows for access to some “Best Practice” (located under the “Evidence Libraries” tab) information sheets. These are well-presented, brief, yet succinct points that nurses can digest to incorporate EBN research into their practice. Put another way, best practice sheets summarize systematic reviews in the way of providing implications for nursing practice. Again, some are freely accessible, while others are only available for viewing and/or download if one is a subscriber to *JBI*.

JBI, our March Berry, is packed with good stuff. Take some time to explore it! Consider starting with the “Site Map.” Here you can locate a link to the Consumer Website portion of *JBI*. Consumers who belong to *JBI* have an area for log in. There is also a link for the “Consumer Information Database” which includes Best Practice Information Sheets for Consumers such as “Management of the Child With Fever” and “Strategies to Help You Quit Smoking.” Some consumer sheets are presented in other languages, for example Chinese or Arabic. The consumer sheets are brief (1-2 pages), overviews that present information consumers may need to get an initial handle on a topic. No detailed algorithms are provided with regards to advising consumers to do one thing versus another. I read the consumer sheet “Management of the Child With Fever” and wanted to mention that the document doesn’t really go into detailed pharmacology regimens for fever management, but does mention paracetamol or acetaminophen. It would have been nice if the sheet explained that paracetamol is the International Nonproprietary Name (INN) given for acetaminophen (USAN or United States Approved Name) by the World Health Organization (WHO). Okay enough with the acronyms.

Anyhow, if your library caters to nursing, definitely explore this site, as many nursing faculty, researchers, and students are already looking at *JBI*. At UMDNJ-Newark, masters nursing students are being asked to review this site and Cochrane Databases in order to write a “mini-systematic review” (four articles included in their efforts). Many have shared thoughts regarding how hard it appears to be to gather

similar articles on a distinct intervention or topic for a review. Students also learn more about differences in quantitative versus qualitative nursing research, and implications of each for practice. Lastly, they appear to gain more of an appreciation for their discipline, which possesses robust nursing care-oriented qualitative research on some health issues and patient care topics.

The Joanna Briggs Institute.

<http://www.joannabriggs.edu.au/about/home.php>

Marie's April '06 *Berry Pick*

As with so many health professionals today, medical librarians (and arguably librarians in general) are knowledge filters. We are gurus at knowing which resource is best for answering a question. Increasingly, some are approaching this from an evidence standpoint, using reliable sources that have been proven to answer a type of question well, time after time or using key library literature to work on a question or problem. Other librarians test answering questions with new resources. April’s Berry came to light around the time I was preparing for the annual Mini Medical (MiniMed) School Library Session at UMDNJ-George F. Smith Library. (Any person can enroll and pay to attend MiniMed for one night a week (usually 5:30 pm – 9 pm) for about ten weeks each Spring. The 2-hour library session is usually on a Sunday or Saturday. Students include those in their twenties or thirties who are thinking of attending medical school to septuagenarians aiming to learn more about health information, searching for it and the best places to obtain it.) If the library session is taught in an unstructured fashion (a challenge for this planner librarian), many questions arise and the attendees are usually very interested in learning how to answer these questions. A sample of this year’s questions included the following?

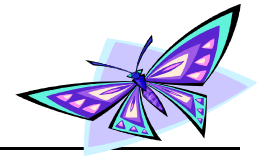
- Which website would allow me to get health information about people from different countries?
- Where can I locate information on New Jersey hospitals and details regarding errors in each hospital?
- I want to see if my doctor has been sued or had legal action against him.
- How would I get more information about a lawsuit where this doctor paid out a settlement?
- Where can I find an online video of cardiac catheterization?
- Where can I locate images related to health topics?
- Is there a resource where I can get information on a rare condition?

Okay, let’s get to ending April 2006 with **New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs!**

<http://www.state.nj.us/oag/ca/>

The Consumer Affairs site may not possess an appealing interface or great web design, but the health information proves rich. There are links on various consumer issues from “Dealing with High Gas Prices” to “Do Not Call Information” to a “Free Credit Report,” and “ID Theft Information.” Professionals may find a link for “Online License Renewal.”

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Accountants, electrical contractors, nurses, pharmacists, respiratory care practitioners, certified nurse midwives, dentists and podiatrists can complete all or part of their license (e.g. podiatrist renewal of Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) license) renewal online.

To answer the MiniMed inquiry “I want to see if my doctor has been sued or had legal action against him,” we visited the Board of Medical Examiners page on the Consumer Affairs site.

<http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/bme/bme.htm>

Consumers can click **Licensee Search** (in navigation bar near top left of page) to see if a doctor has an active, suspended, or revoked license. (If a doctor’s license is not active, a consumer may contact the Board for further explanation.) Also, consumers may click on **Licensee Boards** (in same navigation bar as “Licensee Search”), then **Health Related Professional Boards**, then **Medical Examiners, Board of** to reveal a page with the link **Find Your Doctor**. Search for a physician by entering as little as their last name. Other search fields include first name, city and drop-down boxes for “field of medicine,” “hospital,” and “county.” Less is more here, as one of the Mini-Med attendees discovered when they typed in a doctor’s first and last name, city and county where the doctor has an office. Despite all the information inputted, we were unable to retrieve the doctor’s profile. Eventually, we located his doctor by searching only for the doctor’s last name.

Under a doctor’s profile, consumers can explore any of four tabs: **Education, Practice Info, Legal Actions, and Professional Activities**. Under **Education**, users can find the same depth of graduate medical education provided in the latest edition of the American Medical Association Directory of Physicians in the United States. More details from each tab appear below. (Please note, more is available on some physicians than others. I looked up an interventional cardiologist and was disappointed to find much of his “Practice Info” blank.)

- **Education**
 - Graduate Medical Education
 - Board Certifications (information from ABMS, etc. and self-reported physician certifications)
- **Practice Info**
 - Field of Medicine
 - Office Location
 - Language Spoken by the Physician
 - Health Plans Accepted
 - Hospital Privileges
- **Legal Actions**
 - Medical Malpractice
 - NJ Disciplinary Action
 - NJ Imposed License Limitations or Restrictions
 - Out-of-State Disciplinary Actions
 - Hospital and Health Care Privilege Restrictions
 - Criminal Convictions
- **Professional Activities**

April’s Berry was useful to the MiniMed attendees and

hopefully will be a berry you choose to explore more as well.

<http://www.state.nj.us/oag/ca/>

Start with the Board of Medical Examiners page. Look up a doctor and venture from there.

<http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/bme/bme.htm>

Marie’s May/June ‘06 *Berry Pick*

Let’s talk about this. Many times reference questions dealing with drugs involve the Professional and/or the Patient Package insert. I thought for May-June we’d review those two resources using a recent drug addition to the market. Our May-June Berry is the **Pramlintide (Symlin) Package Insert**.

<http://www.pbm.va.gov/monograph/9paf89pramlintide.pdf>

A Package Insert provides information on a marketed drug. Professional Package Inserts may contain such details as the following.

- Time a Drug was Approved
- Description (usually includes chemical formula and/or structure of a drug)
- Clinical Pharmacology (reviews how the drug works in the body or mechanism of action of the drug, as well as pharmacokinetics of the drug (absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion or **ADME** of a drug)
- Approved FDA Indications for Use
- Dosing (this can be for a special population such as those with liver or kidney impairments, geriatric patients, or those in a certain race or age group)
- Contraindications (who should absolutely not be given a drug)
- Clinical Trial Results/References (key clinical trials regarding the target drug and/or citations reviewed to prepare the package insert)

As previously mentioned, the Official or Professional Package insert lists the approved FDA uses for a drug, but off-label uses are not allowed to be a part of either the Professional or Patient Package Insert. However, many doctors and other practitioners (physician assistants and nurse practitioners, etc.) frequently prescribe drugs for an off-label use. These same practitioners, as well consumers may present with searches and/or reference questions regarding off-label uses of a drug. Some citations may be located via a database search, however many off-label use citations may not make it into a database, so when one is unable to find citations in a database regarding an off-label use some other search heuristics may be pursued. These involve contacting a drug company who makes a particular drug or advising the practitioner to get in touch with a company’s Medical Affairs division to get data regarding off-label indications. You may recall in the past that certain drug makers got into “hot water” when they promoted a drug with a certain FDA indication for an off-label use. Visit the following link regarding Pfizer and gabapentin (Neurontin) for a refresher. Gabapentin (Neurontin) was FDA approved to treat seizures at the time, but was also promoted for off-label use such as neuropathic pain.

http://onlinejournal.com/artman/publish/printer_855.shtml

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New RML Mid-Atlantic Region

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800-338-7657

“The New York University Health Sciences Libraries will shortly take up its responsibilities as the new Regional Medical Library for the Middle Atlantic Region of Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. We are looking forward to an exciting, collaborative, challenging and rewarding five years as we all work together in strengthening the National

Network of Libraries of Medicine, educating and informing librarians, health professionals and the public on accessing and using high quality health information.

We acknowledge the decades of service from the staff of the Regional Medical Library at the New York Academy of Medicine. ...We are all of us in their debt. It is no small thing to follow in their footsteps. We can only say: thank you.”

With our deepest respects and regards for all of our colleagues,

Karen L. Brewer, PhD, Director and Curator,
Ehrman Medical Library

The Berry Pick Websites *continued*

Off-label uses can include any of the following: prescribing a drug as sole therapy when it is intended to be used as adjuvant or combination therapy, prescribing an unapproved dosage or dosing schedule, using a drug for a condition not FDA indicated in the package insert, and using a drug for part of a condition for which the drug was not intended. Certain medical practitioners, specialists in the area of cancer, dermatology, and pediatrics may employ off-label use of drugs more than others. Regardless of how one feels about off-label use of drugs, it is an interesting topic that has contributed to both life and death of patients. Links for other articles of interest regarding off-label uses are presented below.

<http://www.biotechnologyhealthcare.com/journal/fulltext/3/2/BH0302027.pdf>

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/present/diamontreal/regappr/sld004.htm> [slide from FDA]

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/archive/20040830/pubs/cbm/offlabel.html> [Current bibliographies in Medicine: Off-Label Use of Prescription Drug-1986 to 1992—includes some search terms that may assist in locating references regarding off-label drug use]

I can think of many times when I have called a drug company as a pharmacist to verify a drug being okay for a particular condition not listed in the package insert. Companies contacted usually share an email with study citations on the off-label use. Often some of those are internal studies in that company's pool of drug knowledge. I am always amazed to realize

that information is only in that company's internal database. Examples of off-label uses include the use anastrozole (Arimidex), adjuvant therapy for hormone-receptor-positive breast cancer in postmenopausal women, as part of a growth therapy regimen for short stature and methotrexate, a drug traditionally used as anti-cancer agent and an anti-rheumatic being used for hearing loss.

At this point, let's say a little about the [Patient Package Insert](#). A patient package (PPI) insert is a streamlined document, part of the FDA-approved labeling for a drug, geared towards providing clear, succinct information regarding safe use of a drug. For an example of a patient package insert visit the link below for fentanyl (Duragesic—a Schedule II narcotic drug used for moderate to severe pain).

<http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/infopage/fentanyl/DuragesicPPI.pdf>

Review more package inserts at your leisure. (A fairly decent online resource for some official/ professional and patient package inserts is [DrugInfonet.com](#). Sometimes many official inserts can be retrieved thorough use of Google <<http://www.google.com>> Advanced Search—limiting results to a PDF document, as many inserts are in PDF form today.) I hope you find what is and isn't included in a package insert interesting.

<http://www.pbm.va.gov/monograph/9paf89pramlintide.pdf>

Thanks for your time. See you next issue. Sincerely, Marie

HSLANJ Member News

At Trinitas...

Elisabeth Jacobsen, Director of the Library at Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, N.J. received a small grant from the Elizabethtown Foundation to develop a new collection entitled, "The Spiritual Connection." The books range from the Catholic perspective to the nondenominational, and are meant to inspire, encourage, comfort, offer hope, and renew the soul. The books will be available to all employees, medical staff, residents, students, patients, and their families. The Elizabethtown Foundation has granted several grants to the Library in the past which have supported non-clinical projects, such as funding for art-work, and new furniture.

Trinitas Hospital's Bring Your Child to Work Day

Elisabeth Jacobsen recently had visitors in her library. On April 27, 2006, during the annual Take Your Child to Work Day celebration, more than forty children toured the library. During their time in the library children heard from doctors and nurses about why they use the library and why medical staff need the library's resources. They all posed with the Superlibrarian, too!

At Bayshore Community...

Kudos to Tricia Reusing, medical librarian from Bayshore Community Hospital in Holmdel, N.J., on her recent distinction! Tricia is the recipient of the community service award for her work with those in Bayshore's Emergency Department.

....On Friday, May 12, Tricia Reusing, the medical librarian at Bayshore Community Hospital, taught a one hour session at the Monmouth County Library's annual in-service day at the county library system's headquarters library in Manalapan. The presentation, to 30 attendees, was entitled: "A Quick Look at Some High Quality Consumer Health Websites... and More!"

In addition to highlighting such websites as Medline-Plus, Cancer.gov, HealthyNJ, DrugDigest.org and Labtestsonline.org, Tricia also highlighted HSLANJ and urged the public librarians to use HSLANJ's Supplemental Reference Service and its consumer health collection development tools. HSLANJ brochures and bookmarks were distributed to all attendees.

At UMDNJ Newark...

Congratulations to Marie K. Saimbert, medical librarian at UMDNJ-Newark, N.J. on her recent appointment as Nursing Liaison to the UMDNJ-School of Nursing. Marie is also a newly appointed HSLANJ Board member and received word this Spring of being accepted on the MLA Minority Scholarship Jury.



Super Librarian poses with daughters of a Trinitas employee, above.

SUPER LIBRARIAN at Trinitas

And Super Librarian appears with Trinitas Medical Library Technician, Ritza Alexandre and her daughter.



Spreading the Word on Consumer Health

Deborah Magnan, Hackensack University Medical Center

Micki McIntyre, HealthyNJ Librarian, UMDNJ

For the past several years, HSLANJ has been reaching out in partnership to New Jersey's public librarians. Recent initiatives in this area include the Supplemental Reference Service, which was started in 2004 by the Marketing Task Force, and the partnership between the Consumer Health Committee and Rhonda Allard of the Middle Atlantic Region of NN/LM to offer consumer health continuing education classes to public librarians. As a part of this continuing effort, Micki McIntyre and Debby Magnan of the Consumer Health Committee taught a consumer health class at the 2006 annual conference of the New Jersey Library Association.

"First Do No Harm: Health Information and Your Library," was held on Tuesday April 25, 2006 and approximately 60 people attended. The class consisted of a review of collection development principles as they relate to consumer health, and an overview of collection development tools specific to this field. In addition, an introduction to understanding health information as it is presented on the Internet and in the news was provided and guidelines as to how to evaluate this information were discussed. A number of authoritative consumer health websites were suggested as well. A version of the PowerPoint presentation for this class is available on the NJLA website at: <http://www.njla.org/conference/2006/presentations/healthinformation.pdf>

A number of handouts were also distributed to class participants. These primarily consisted of bibliographies of consumer health books and websites, each of which was developed by various members of the HSLANJ Consumer Health Committee and by Nancy Forsberg of The Family Resource Center at The Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital. The collection development columns written for the Spring and Autumn 2006 issues of ePulse were included as well, with a timely update of the

Cancer resources column by Janet Lasin. This new version of "Recommended Consumer Health Cancer Resources" can be accessed on the HSLANJ website: <http://www.hslanj.org/hslanjpublic.html>

Topics and contributors to the handouts for NJLA include:

- [Aging and Eldercare Resources](#)
by Mary K. Joyce
- [Cancer Resources](#) by Janet Lasin
- [Children's Health Information](#)
by Nancy Forsberg
- [Core Reference Materials](#)
by Tricia Reusing
- [Diabetes Resources](#) by Cathy Boss
- [Fitness Resources](#) by Debby Magnan
- [Government Online Resources](#)
by Micki McIntyre
- [Pregnancy and Childbirth Resources](#)
by Pat Regenberg

The bibliographies for these topics will be available in an upcoming supplement to the HSLANJ newsletter.

HealthyNJ Wins National Award

The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's University Libraries recently received a national award for their creation and implementation of "Healthy NJ," the worldwide web site at www.healthynj.org. *The Health Information Award for Libraries* was given to UMDNJ University Libraries by the *United States National Commission on Libraries and Information Science*. They received the award for addressing a wide array of health-related topics including health literacy.

For the full press release go to http://www.umdnj.edu/about/news_events/releases/06/r041906_healthynj.htm

Marketing HSLANJ to Public Librarians

Marketing Committee Report

Recently the HSLANJ Marketing Task Force and the HSLANJ Consumer Health Committee have been working together to promote our organization to public librarians throughout New Jersey. As many of you know, the Marketing Task Force began the Supplemental Reference Service in 2004 to provide medical reference expertise from HSLANJ members to public librarians who encounter difficult reference questions in their libraries. There is a page on the HSLANJ site listing the libraries who are participating in this project at <http://www.hslanj.org/refserve.html>. To increase awareness of this project and of HSLANJ, the Marketing Task Force has had an informational table at the last three annual meetings of the New Jersey Library Association (NJLA).

The Consumer Health Committee's survey of public librarians late last year learned that they are interested in continuing education courses in the area of consumer health. 299 librarians responded to the survey and they indicated that they are especially interested in courses about:

- **Searching the Internet for quality health information**
- **Consumer health in the public library**
- **Searching PubMed for consumer health information**
- **Government resources for consumer health**

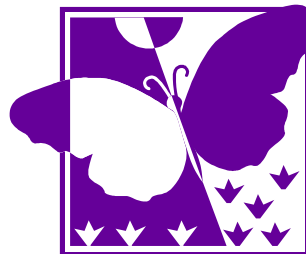
As one way to meet this need, the Consumer Health Committee has been working with Rhonda Allard, Consumer Health Coordinator for the Middle Atlantic Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM-MAR), to sponsor continuing education courses throughout the state. She has been teaching four courses that were specifically developed for public librarians about various aspects of consumer health.

Thus far in 2005-06, the workshop "Prescription for Success: Consumer Health Information on the Internet" has been offered seven times with 76 attendees, and "Looking In All the Wrong Places/PubMed for Public Librarians" has been offered twice with 23

attendees. Classes have been held at various locations throughout the state and at least one class has been offered in each of New Jersey's four Regions. Another class taught by Denise O'Shea of NN/LM-MAR, "¿ No Comprende? Spanish Health Information Resources for English Speaking Librarians," was held in March 2006 and six people attended.

HSLANJ members, representing libraries that participate in the Supplemental Reference Service, attend these classes with Rhonda Allard to promote this service. They give a brief presentation about HSLANJ and the services our members can provide to public librarians. Tricia Reusing of the Consumer Health Committee has been coordinating this project with Rhonda Allard, and a poster about the project was presented at the 2005 annual meeting of NJLA (see Tricia's article, "HSLANJ Presents Poster on the Provision of Consumer Health Information in New Jersey Public Libraries," in the spring 2005 issue of ePulse for more information). Any representative from a member library of the Supplemental Reference Service who would like to participate can contact Tricia by calling her at 732-888-7377 or emailing her at preusing@bchs.com.

Cathy Boss, who is a member of both the HSLANJ Marketing Task Force and the HSLANJ Consumer Health Committee, will be coordinating a list of HSLANJ members who would be willing to assist in the course about searching PubMed for public librarians. Assistance will be needed for the entire three hour class. Any HSLANJ member interested in this project should contact Cathy by calling her at 732-776-4266 or emailing her cboss@meridianhealth.com



Number, Number, Whose Got the Number?

Marie Saimbert, UMDNJ Newark

The HSLANJ Education Committee presented another winner when Charlie Wessel and Nancy Tannery “appeared” at NJHA. These librarians from the Health Sciences Library System, University of Pittsburgh, not only imparted GREAT information to the standing room only crowd, but entertained us all!

Statistics resources for basic health statistics reference questions and primary tools to answer specific types of statistics questions were explored in depth. Both print and online sources were explored. Places to locate local, state, and global health statistics were also covered via an extensive list of “Health Statistics Sources” included in the continuing education courseware. Categories of “Health Statistics Sources” included the following.

- Guides and Bibliographies
- Associations, Organizations, Foundations
- Federal Government
- Current Awareness
- Commercial, Synthetic Data Producers and Repackers

Many good tips regarding searching for health statistics were shared. For example, don’t overlook PubMed as a good source for articles including health statistics information. Also, make use of PubMed MeSH terms and Subheadings to search more effectively for types of statistics information. Look for links in MedlinePlus that may point one towards health statistics on a topic. Put Google.com to work to locate health statistics information pages on the web. Consider adding key terms in your Google <<http://www.google.com>> search such as **benchmarking**, **data**, **facts**, **~table**. Don’t forget about Google Uncle Sam or Google U.S. Government Search <<http://www.google.com/ig/usgov>>.

In addition, health statistics terminology, types of statistics data sets and how to interpret them were also reviewed. Many of the resources shared in the Numbers, Numbers CE should prove useful to any librarian/researcher looking for health and/or medical statistics. Specifically, hospital librarians will love the tips for locating hospital-oriented health statistics information, and academic librarians working in settings in-

cluding schools of medicine, nursing, public health will also revel in the abundance and variety of sources available to answer specific student assignment-based and researcher-type questions. For example, many nursing students work on a community assessment project in their Community Nursing course. They are often aware of getting statistics from the U.S. Census page, but (arguably) not familiar with many of the local resources. Along the same lines, baccalaureate nursing students also work on capstone presentations dealing with a chosen health topic in their senior year of nursing school. The project usually includes an extensive statistics write-up dealing with their chosen topic. The “Health Statistics Sources” from the list compiled by Ms. Tannery and Mr. Wessel address the preceding needs and so much more.

HSLANJ March 8 CE Session



*Charles B. Wessel, Coordinator,
Affiliated Hospital Services, and
Nancy H. Tannery, Associate Director,
Information Services,
Health Sciences Library System, Falk Library of the
Health Sciences, University of Pittsburgh*



TIDBITS, ETC.

Nancy Forsberg, Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital

UPDATE from Number, Number

Charlie Wessel sent some updated information from the March *Number, Number*, HSLANJ CE session for AHA statistic sites.

FREE American Hospital Association Studies and Statistics: national organization that represents and serves all types of hospitals, health care networks, health care systems, networks, other providers of care and 37,000 individual members

http://www.aha.org/aha/resource_center/statistics/statistics.html

Register/Purchase to save or print a report

AHAData.com Database Wizards Health Forum:

hospital profiling tool with data derived from the AHA annual survey.

http://www.thirdwaveresearch.com/aha_wizard.default.aspx

NEW Statewide Reference Center

From the website [njref.camden.lib.nj.us](http://www.njref.camden.lib.nj.us)...

"We offer our congratulations to the Princeton Public Library on their selection as the new New Jersey Supplemental Telephone Reference Center!

After six years of service as the Telephone Reference Center, it is time for the Camden County Library to focus on our public library customers... Thank you all for allowing us to assist you and your customers in your search for information. We've enjoyed the variety and complexity of your questions!"

Phone number: **800-443-0315** (same as now)

Fax number: **609-924-6109**

<http://www.njreference.org>

E-mail: njreference@princetonlibrary.org.

Camden's newsletters were always so fun! In the Winter 2006 statewide quarterly newsletter we found out why Jeeves retired, the top ten ready reference resources, and all about New Jersey reports and statistics. For further information on back issues contact Nancy Forsberg at Nancy.Forsberg@rwjuh.edu.

JCAHO Chief Retiring

According to an alert from *Modern Healthcare*, Dennis O'Leary, president and chief executive office of Joint Commission for the past 21 years, will retire at the end of 2007.

The full story is at available at

<http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article.cms?articleId=40208&topicId=25> and / or at

<http://nsweb.nursingspectrum.com/NurseNewsEzine/item.cfm?ID=2216>

Miscellaneous News from Various Sources

From Resource Shelf: New **Google for government** information replaces Google Uncle Sam at <http://www.google.com/ig/usgov> but according to ResourceShelf search capabilities are much the same. Look under "Uncategorized" on Resource's homepage for further information. <http://www.resourceshelf.com/category/uncategorized/>

Ancestry.com, announced it has completed digitizing and indexing the entire U.S. Federal Census from 1790 to 1930. Ancestry.com is the only source where all publicly released census information can be found online. Full Story at http://myfamily.mediaroom.com/index.php?s=press_releases&item=63

According to an HON posting at (<http://www.hon.ch/News/HSN/531623.html>) the "U.S. Military now has an online mental health assessment tool. U.S. military personnel and their families now have a free, anonymous **Web-based mental health and alcohol self-assessment program**. The service is available worldwide and provides immediate results, plus referrals to military mental health services." <https://www.militarymentalhealth.org/welcome.asp>

From NLM/RML South Central Region comes these postings:

Quick Guide to Health Literacy: "The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion has just developed the Quick Guide to Health Literacy for health professionals. The guide is a quick and easy reference, filled with facts, definitions, tips, checklists, and resources ... The Quick Guide materials are user friendly and action-oriented. Please go to <http://www.health.gov/communication/literacy/quickguide/> to view and download the guide."

Evaluate One's Health: "The Pennsylvania Medical Society has a new web site that provides health check tools to evaluate one's own health. http://www.pamedsoc.org/fhwtemplate.cfm?Section=Family_Health_and_Wellness1

Website for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Health Care Services: "From the Virginia Department of Health, CLAS Act (<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/ohpp/clasact.asp>) (and originally from the *Richmond Dispatch*) comes information designed to help health care workers [assist] new refugees and immigrants in a culturally appropriate manner...and links to resources to help health-care workers understand cultural differences. It also provides translations ... to help health-care workers take care of patients who speak only Spanish."

From IHealthBeat.com: **Podcasts Facilitate Patient Education** "Physicians in Wales are using podcasts to provide patients with medical advice, *BBC News* reports. Dr. Richard Walters's practice's first podcast demonstrates how to properly use an asthma inhaler, and podcasts on the importance of flu shots and cervical screenings are planned. And although the technology is growing in popularity, Dr. Walters worries that many of his practice's 7,000 patients who are farmers, may not have broadband access or are not computer literate. *BBC News* also reports ... the Welsh assembly government expects by the end of the summer to provide nearly all Wales residents with broadband access." (<http://www.ihealthbeat.org/index.cfm?Action=dsptitem&itemID=122584>)

CELEBRATING with Colleagues



*Award Ceremony Committee Heads
Eleanor Silverman and Claudia Allocco.*

***HSLANJ 2006 Librarian of the Year
Barbara S. Reich with her husband***



Robb Mackes with Raffle Bag Winners

***HSLANJ 2006 Librarian of the Year
Barbara Reich with Robin Siegel and
Tricia Reusing***



HSLANJ 2006 Awards Dinner



Keydi Boss Handing Out Certificates

HSLANJ Annual Awards Dinner

Sir John's Restaurant, North Brunswick

Put a note on your calendar to attend next year's awards dinner—this year's celebration was such a wonderful relaxing time with HSLANJ members and friends. No business, no customers/patrons/doctors/questioners, no administrative staff wondering where reports were...just a nice get-together in a relaxing atmosphere with good food and fun.

But here is one more thing to put on your list for next year...you must dress in HSLANJ colors to be admitted. President Robb started this tradition by appearing in his perfectly colorized wardrobe, so be prepared to do the same yourself when you attend. (Just kidding...though it would be fun!) Eleanor Silverman and Claudia Allocco, Co-Chairs of the Awards Committee did their usual marvelous job of coordinating this event. Members Patti May, Lia Sabbagh and Madeleine Taylor also assisted by making everyone welcome.

The 2006 HSLANJ Librarian of the Year Award went to **Barbara S. Reich**, Medical Library Director, Hackensack University Medical Center.

Library Volunteer Awards 2006 were given to **Mrs. Jean Pastorino**, Volunteer in the Health Sciences Library at Mountainside Hospital and to **Mr. Steve Wohlleb**, Volunteer in the Medical Library at Bayshore Community Hospital.



*Volunteer of the Year
2006 Jean Pastorino
and Pat Regenberg*



*Volunteer of the Year
2006 Steve Wohlleb with
his wife and Tricia
Reusing*

This year the Rutgers SCILS Students were invited to join us a dinner. These awards went to **Margaret Eng** and **John Oliver**.



Margaret Eng and John Oliver with Cathy Boss

Committee participants received certificates as did those HSLANJ members who went above and beyond this past year. The Public Relations Committee gave out special Certificates of Accomplishment to:

- Roberta Bronson Fitzpatrick
- Judy Cohn
- Bob Cupryk
- Cheryl Erenberg
- Mary K. Joyce
- Debby Magnan
- Micki McIntyre
- Kathy Moeller
- Kerry O'Rourke
- Juliette Ratner
- Patricia Regenberg
- Barbara S. Reich
- Tricia Reusing
- Darlene Robertelli
- Martha Saj
- Vicki Sciuk
- Madeleine Taylor
- Michelle Volesko Brewer
- Yingting Zhang



*Robb Mackes and
Mary K. Joyce*

Thanks to EVERYONE who helped with planning, executing, and enjoying the end of the year HSLANJ award dinner. And remember to put a reminder on your calendar for next year and start shopping for your wardrobe now. We really are a friendly and welcoming group and would love to have every member join us!

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Upcoming Events Calendar

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September 20, 2006 HSLANJ General Meeting

October 11, 2006 HSLANJ Board Meeting

December 6, 2006 HSLANJ General Meeting

NAHSL/NY-NJ October 15-17 Hartford

Joint Conference 2006

www.nahsl.org/2006

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Hospital Libraries Section of the Medical Library Association

For more information about any of MLA's grants or scholarships, contact Lisa C. Fried, 312.419.9094 x28 or email mlapd2@mlahq.org

Professional Development Grants

This award, gives librarians working in hospital and similar clinical settings financial support for educational or research activities. According to the HLS/MLA website: "The grant may also be used to support reimbursement for expenses incurred in conducting scientific research, such as professional assistance in survey research design, statistical analyses, etc....amount of the award will not exceed the actual expenses...and will not exceed \$800.00."

Eligibility: *employed as a health sciences librarian within the last year in hospital or clinical care institution; *not previously received this award or any other MLA grant, scholarship within the last year; *preferred be a member of the Hospital Libraries Section/MLA

NOTE: Deadline is August 1

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