Mary Ryan Elected President of the Medical Library Association

Mary Ryan, UAMS Library Director, was recently elected president-elect of the Medical Library Association (MLA). She will assume the position at the conclusion of the MLA 2007 annual meeting in Philadelphia in May, and will become president of MLA in May of 2008.

This will be Ryan’s second time serving on the MLA Board of Directors. She served on the board from 1990–1993, where she was also Section Council chair. She is currently a member of MLA’s Scholarly Publishing Task Force, the Joint MLA/Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL) Legislative Task Force, and the AAHSL Board of Directors.

MLA is a nonprofit, educational organization with more than 4,500 health sciences information professional members worldwide. Founded in 1898, MLA provides lifelong educational opportunities, supports a knowledgebase of health information research, and works with a global network of partners to promote the importance of quality information for improved health to the health care community and the public.
UAMS Library to Develop ARHealthLINK – Arkansas Go Local Site

Since 2000, the UAMS Library has hosted and maintained ARHealthLINK - a consumer health information web site created to help Arkansans find and access health-related information. Users of ARHealthLINK can find Arkansas-specific resources including support group and hospital information, a calendar of health-related events, and links to organizations and services that target specific health concerns facing the state.

The National Library of Medicine recently accepted a proposal from the UAMS Library to develop a MedlinePlus Go Local project for Arkansas. Go Local, which is available through the MedlinePlus web site, is a service for finding local resources for health-related issues based upon geographic area. Go Local links MedlinePlus users to health services in their local communities, and links Go Local users to MedlinePlus health topics. The only information currently available in MedlinePlus Go Local for Arkansas is the “Find a Hospital” feature. Developing a Go Local project for Arkansas will make it easier for Arkansans to find additional resources such as support groups, nursing homes, health screening providers, and physicians.

A project team of UAMS Library staff will develop a Go Local site for Arkansas with assistance from other libraries and organizations in the state (see list of supporters below). The name of the new site will be ARHealthLINK – Arkansas Go Local, and all relevant content currently available in ARHealthLINK will be transferred to the new ARHealthLINK – Arkansas Go Local web site. The goal is to make ARHealthLINK – Arkansas Go Local available by January 2008.

How can you help?
- Identify resources to include in the ARHealthLINK – Arkansas Go Local database. A submission form for this is coming soon and will be on the ArHealthLINK website.
- Help promote the ARHealthLINK – Arkansas Go Local project.
  - Place a link for ARHealthLINK – Arkansas Go Local on your organization’s web site.
  - Distribute promotional materials as they become available.
  - Spread the word about ARHealthLINK – Arkansas Go Local in educational and training sessions, or invite the ARHealthLINK – Arkansas Go Local project team to give a presentation to your organization.

Special thanks to the following organizations for supporting the ARHealthLINK – Arkansas Go Local project –
- Arkansas Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Health
- Central Arkansas Library System
- UAMS AHEC Delta
- UAMS AHEC Fort Smith
- UAMS AHEC Northeast
- UAMS AHEC Northwest
- UAMS AHEC Pine Bluff
- UAMS AHEC South Arkansas
- UAMS AHEC Southwest
- Arkansas State Library

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Lexi-Comp for Mobile Devices

The Library has negotiated a $50 annual fee for a Palm, Pocket PC, or Blackberry version of Lexi-Select. This discount is available for students, residents, and full-time faculty, and can be purchased at the Circulation desk located on the 1st floor of the Library. Information about UAMS mobile device subscriptions is available at: http://www.library.uams.edu/PDA/PDAFree.aspx

A Successful Book Sale

Thanks to everyone who purchased books at this year’s book sale. The library earned $1,173 to be used to fund future Library purchases. Thanks for your support of the Library!

Lost and Found Information

Personal items left in the Library are kept at the Circulation Desk for approximately two months. Keys, cell phones, PDA’s, pagers, ID badges, and wallets are given to the UAMS Police department on a regular basis and may be claimed at the Police Station.

Spring 2007 History of Medicine Lecture

Dr. Claudia Barone, Dean, College of Nursing, was the speaker at the Spring 2007 History of Medicine Lecture on History of the Health Sciences. The presentation was at 4 pm, Wednesday, April 25, 2007 in the College of Public Health Auditorium.

Dr. Barone gave a very interesting lecture on the topic of ”The Discovery of Anesthesia and the Concept of the PACU.” Over 50 people attended, refreshments were served, and there was an interesting question and answer session.
New UAMS Journal Subscriptions for 2007

American Journal of Geriatric Pharmacotherapy – Online, Sept. 2003 to present
Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation – Online, June 1998 to present
Children and Youth Services Review – Online, 1998 to present
International Journal of Biostatistics – Online, 2005 to present
Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery – Online, 1999 to present
Journal of National Black Nurses’ Association – Print, 2006 to present
Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery – Online, 1998 to present
Neurocritical Care – Online, 2004 to present
Qualitative Health Research – Online, 1999 to present
Radiation Research – Print + Online, 2000 to present
Strabismus – Online, 1998 to present
Women & Health – Online on order

New journals available to UAMS through the U of A ScienceDirect consortium include the following ejournals:

Aggression & Violent Behavior
Alzheimer’s & Dementia
Biomass and Bioenergy
Carbohydrate Polymers
Computers and Electrical Engineering
Digital Signal Processing
Evaluation & Program Planning
Forensic Science International
Information and Management
Language and Communication
Learning and Individual Differences
Psychology of Sport and Exercise

The online journals are accessible through the Library’s eJournals page or through the online catalog.

For questions please contact Mary Hawks, Collection Management Librarian, or Rena Sheffer, Electronic Journal Coordinator.

- Mary Hawks