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NER Office Update

by *John A. Stey, Associate Director*



Join us in welcoming Kimberly Lavoie, Outreach Coordinator and Jill Ehrenzweig, Education Coordinator to the NER staff. Both are enthusiastic about their new positions and are looking forward to traveling in the Region and meeting many of you along the way. They are both graduates of Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science and coincidentally grew up together near Fall River, MA.



Kim most recently worked for the Tufts Health Sciences Library and Price Waterhouse in the Boston area. She has a second masters in History from Providence College. Kim will be responsible for our presence at national and regional healthcare meetings in New England, GRATEFUL MED[®]/Internet demonstrations and managing the Outreach Projects recently funded.

Jill comes to us from the Leon S. McGoogan Library of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska where she was a User Instruction Librarian. She is familiar with the NN/LM[™] program but was not on the staff of the RML (Region 05) at McGoogan. Jill is a marathon runner and is looking forward to many of the racing opportunities in the East. Jill's responsibilities include GM/IGM/Internet training as well as Train the Trainer programs for the region.

Jill and Kim can be reached by calling 1-800-338-7657 and pressing 1. Also, please note their e-mail addresses on the inside cover. We are happy to have them on board and believe me, it is one of the best Christmas presents ever.

We are still looking to fill the Technology Coordinator position. This person will assist health sciences librarians, consortia and health professionals in New England with the utilization of new technologies. The Technology Coordinator will maintain our presence on the WWW, and administer the UNIX server used for EFTS and several listservs. More importantly, this position will help to create, implement and coordinate a network where all have access to the Internet and can integrate this new resource into the services we provide. If you know of someone who has the skills and the desire for a challenging new position, please refer them to the network office.

Thank you for all of the cooperation and support during the past year. It's been a great year and the entire NN/LM NER staff look forward to working with and for you in 1997. Have a safe and relaxing holiday season. Happy New Year!

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Kimberly Lavoie, Outreach Coordinator *by Kimberly Lavoie, Outreach Coordinator*

Hi! My name is Kimberly Lavoie and on November 4, 1996, I became the Outreach Coordinator for the New England Region. Prior to joining the staff at the University of Connecticut Health Center, I worked as a reference librarian at Boston University's Mugar Memorial Library and Tufts University Health Sciences Library. During my medical librarianship course at Simmons College, I attended a presentation given by Timothy Roberts (former Outreach Coordinator) on the National Network of Libraries of Medicine™ and Grateful Med. While Tim demonstrated the features of Internet Grateful Med, I thought to myself what a great job for a librarian. So, becoming the Outreach Coordinator is my dream job!

I look forward to continuing with Tim's AIDS project and the challenge of creating new and exciting programs for the region. If anyone has questions or ideas, please feel free to call me. My number is (860) 679-4794, 1-800-338-7657 or e-mail me at klavoie@nso2.uchc.edu. I hope to meet everyone on my travels throughout New England.

Jill Ehrenzweig, Education Coordinator *by Jill Ehrenzweig, Education Coordinator*

My name is Jill Ehrenzweig and I am happy to announce that I am the new Education Coordinator for the New England Region. I come to the University of Connecticut Health Center from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. While in Omaha I held the position of User Instruction Librarian and provided instruction on print and electronic biomedical resources as well as the Internet and HTML (creating web pages). I am excited that I will now be providing Grateful Med and Internet Grateful Med® training as well. As a native of Massachusetts, I'd like to say that it's great to be back in New England and I look forward to meeting you all! If you would like to receive some instruction in using Grateful Med or the Internet, please contact me. I can be reached at (860) 679-4798; toll free: 1-800-338-7657; or via e-mail at: ehrenzweig@nso2.uchc.edu.

Notes from the NLM Technical Bulletin

The following was in the NLM Technical Bulletin, September-October 1996 issue, No. 292.

More Databases Available via Internet Grateful Med

On September 9, 1996, three additional databases, AIDSLINE®, HealthSTAR®, and PREMEDLINE® joined MEDLINE® and the Backfiles on Internet Grateful Med. To access these three databases from the initial search screen, click on Search Other Files, click on the button to the left of the database name and then click on Change Files. There is no charge for searching AIDSLINE; HealthSTAR and PREMEDLINE are billed at the same rate as MEDLINE. For more information on the new PREMEDLINE file, see the article on page 1 of the July-August 1996 Technical Bulletin.

Something Old-Something New

In the fall of 1996, a new database, OLDMEDLINE®, will join the family of MEDLINE databases. OLDMEDLINE, or OLDMED, will initially contain over 307,000 citations originally printed in the 1964 and 1965 *Index Medicus*®. This is the first addition to what

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EPS Replaces ILL Coupon System in Region 01

by John A. Stey, Associate Director

The following information was provided to Ralph Arcari and John Stey at a meeting with Mary Mylenki and Ann Paietta at the New York Academy of Medicine on December 3, 1996.

The New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM) will eliminate coupons as a method of reimbursement for ILLs and Document Delivery in the Middle Atlantic Region (Region 01) with the introduction of their new Electronic Payment System (EPS) on January 1, 1997. The NYAM will not sell coupons after December 15, 1996. Network members who have coupons can use them to open an EPS deposit account beginning December 1, 1996. After March 31, 1997, coupons cannot be redeemed for cash or used to open an account, and Document Delivery Providers (Resource and Area libraries) in Region 01 will no longer accept them as payment for ILLs or Document Delivery.

Region 08 libraries that borrow from or lend to Region 01 libraries that require payment and are not participating in EFTS will need to open a deposit account with the NYAM. Reciprocal inter-regional transactions, e.g., between BHSL members not requiring payment, would not be affected.

A list of Region 01 EPS members is located on the NN/LM Middle Atlantic Region (MAR) home page (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mar>). An e-mail or print copy can be obtained by contacting Ann Paietta at the Region 01 office (1-800-338-7657 press 2 or e-mail apaietta@nyam.org).

Region 08 network members can open a deposit account by calling the above telephone number or sending e-mail to eps@nyam.org requesting a registration packet. A minimum deposit equal to their estimated charges for the year or \$250, whichever is more, is required. Net lender resource libraries will receive quarterly distribution checks while net lender primary access libraries will receive an annual payment for any account balance in excess of their estimated charges for the year. Balances may be rolled over and remain in the account if desired.

The Region 01 system uses DOCLINE[®] statistics for its calculations and does not require participating libraries to submit any data themselves. However, participating Region 08 libraries will need to give NYAM access to their DOCLINE password in order to access their transaction data at NLM. There is no service charge for lending libraries.

EPS will track only DOCLINE transactions and there is no provision for any charges above the \$10 national maximum. Additional charges and billing errors will be the sole responsibility of the two libraries in question to resolve.

Region 01 will keep the New England Region Office up to

date as EPS develops. We will then post new information on the NNLM-NER listserv and in the New England Sounding Line newsletter. Information about EPS can also be found on the NN/LM MAR home page at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mar> and on the MARL listserv. You may subscribe to their listserv by sending a message to LISTSERV@nyam.org and leave the subject line blank. In the message area, type SUBSCRIBE MARL your first name last name.

At present, EPS and EFTS are not compatible and there are no plans for a seamless system in the immediate future. Questions and concerns about EPS can be posted on the MARL listserv, the NNLM-NER listserv or by contacting Ann Paietta at the Region 01 office. (see telephone number and e-mail address above). We will continue to encourage Region 01 Resource and Area libraries that serve NER network members to join EFTS.

Notes from the NLM Technical Bulletin *continued from page 2*

NLM hopes will be a growing database of earlier *Index Medicus* citations.

These citations contain the original printed records from *Index Medicus* and for the most part reflect the MeSH[®] vocabulary and data format in use in 1964-1965. At this time, NLM has no plans to update older MeSH Headings in OLDMED with the current vocabulary. Some other data in OLDMED such as Entry Month (EM), may not comply with current MEDLINE format, and is not being corrected.

Because of some significant differences between this database and MEDLINE Backfiles, and to avoid confusion for experienced MEDLINE searchers, it was decided to name this new file OLDMEDLINE, rather than, for example, MED64 or BACK64.

Perhaps the most significant search difference between MEDLINE and OLDMEDLINE will be the way you perform a subject search. Because the MeSH Headings in OLDMED have not been updated in over 30 years, there will be no MeSH Heading (MH) field in this file. Instead, MeSH Heading data will be carried in the Keywords (KW) field, and searched qualified by (KW), e.g.,

HEART (KW)

Further details about OLDMEDLINE and how to search it will be available when the file is made available later this fall. Please watch the ELHILL[®] online NEWS for this announcement.

Nursing Resources

by Margaret (Peg) Allen, *MLS-AHIP, Library/Information Consultant*

To help keep you "in the know," about end user services for nursing, I thought I'd pass on the following. If you can't offer access to databases outside your library/institution network, you might want to share these database options with interested nurses. While this feels like "vendor promotion," I hope you see having this information as a service to use or ignore as fits your situation.

1. Flat rate Internet Grateful Med access is available to nurses from AJN Co. for \$99/year. The latest release of IGM for MEDLINE allows you to limit to nursing subset and provides access to HealthSTAR, AIDSLINE, and PREMEDLINE. You can get more details at: <http://www.ajn.org/gmed/>
2. CINAHLdirect offers subscriptions starting at \$49.95 for 5 hours connect time, which includes 2 free hours for learning, and a CINAHL thesaurus. There are also student rates beginning at \$39.95. Integrated document delivery service is available. For details, see <http://www.cinahl.com/WelcomeCDIR.html>, or call CINAHL at 1-800-959-7167. You don't need web access as CINAHLdirect can be accessed via telnet. CINAHLdirect is also available to libraries. It could be an option for those unable to afford other access and/or for access to other databases, such as Journals and Current Awareness. The database is usually a month more current than CD-ROMs.
3. At the Midwest Chapter meeting on October 1, 1996, HealthGate announced that they would purchase PaperChase and add CINAHL. This could make HealthGate membership very attractive to nursing & allied health professionals. Unlike MEDLINE, CINAHL will not be "free." Rick Lawson's chart on MEDLINE searches on HealthGate showed exponential growth in the past few months. This reflects that end-users are in fact searching MEDLINE themselves.
4. RNdex databases marketed directly to nurses include RNdex Professional for nurses at \$99 for three issues per year on CD-ROM, and RNdex Student edition, sold as single CD per semester (Fall & Spring, \$49.95 each, discounted for NSNA members). Related products include RNdex Critical Care and RNdex Case Management. For information on RNdex and related products, call SilverPlatter Information Resources group at 1-800-565-0558.
5. Doody's Nursing Book Reviews is a partnership with Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), the Honor Society for Nursing. See <http://www.nursing.doody.com> for more information. Members have free full access to the book reviews database, the weekly E-mail bulletin, and an online bookstore for direct ordering of reviewed titles. Nursing Book Reviews are authored by STTI members which includes many of the nurse leaders in your organization. This is a membership benefit which can help them recommend books for your collections as well as for personal use.

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A comprehensive and updated listing of the serial titles currently (as of October, 1996) received on subscription by the Countway Library of Medicine at the Harvard Medical School is now available for purchase by interested institutions and individuals. This volume of over 300 pages has a soft cover with a plastic binding and contains titles, linking entries and complete holdings statements.

Checks or money orders for the amount of \$20.00 (this includes postage and mailing) should be made payable to **Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine** and sent to:

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EFTS MEMBERS JOINING Oct. - Nov., 1996

This is a listing of the organizations establishing EFTS accounts from Sept. 24-November 26, 1996. For questions, more information or to set up an account contact the office at 860-679-4500.

LIBID	SERHOLD CODE#	ORGANIZATION	DATE JOINED
02145F	WAN	Deaconess Waltham Hospital	9/24/96
06602B	UOB	University of Bridgeport	11/22/96
06115B	HHH	Hartford Hospital	11/26/96

We want to hear from you!



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*Please submit items by February 14, 1997 for the
January-February issue.*

Round 01 Outreach Project Awards

by John A. Stey, Associate Director

Thank you to all who submitted outreach proposals during this first round. A special thanks to the reviewers JoAnne Aspri, Kent County Hospital, Warwick, RI; Kendall Wiggin, State Librarian, NH; Carolyn Wilcox, St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, CT; Leslie Nicoll, RN, Portland, ME who took time from their busy schedules to read, review and score the nine proposals. Thanks also to Becky Lyon and Angela Ruffin from the Network Office at NLM for their assistance in the design of the RFP and approval of the top four projects. We are pleased to announce the following awards.

LOON: Libraries Online-Outreach North, *Linda Ford, Littleton Regional Hospital and David Brown, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital.*

This project will bring technology and educational resources to the underserved health professionals and students in northern New Hampshire and Vermont through a unique hospital/public library partnership to increase Internet and GRATEFUL MED access points. It will also improve access to and evaluation of medical resources on the Internet, and to improve access to other biomedical information through the use of technology. \$22,652.

Internet Veterinarian: Information Access and Retrieval for Veterinary Practitioners in New England, *Melinda Saffer, Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine.*

This project will improve veterinarians access to Internet Service Providers, veterinary and allied health resources on the Internet and access to Medline via Internet GRATEFUL MED. \$23,911.

VTMEDNET: Promoting Use through Technological and Educational Integration, *Julie McGowan, Charles A. Dana Medical Library, University of Vermont.*

This is a demonstration/research project that will address the awareness of, ease of access, use/usability and integration of GRATEFUL MED into a statewide network used by medical students and rural healthcare practitioners in Vermont. \$23,880.

GRATEFUL MED and Internet Outreach to New England Public Health Professionals, *Marion Holena Levine, University of Connecticut Health Center Library.*

This project will provide a GRATEFUL MED Exhibit at the annual meetings of the New England Public Health Association for 1997 and 1998. In addition a presentation entitled "Public Health Internet Resources" will be given to the attendees of the 1998 annual meeting. \$3,378

Although the total amount budgeted for outreach projects

was \$50,000, the Network Office approved our recommendation to fund all four projects at \$73,821. For a summary and statement of need for each project, check the NN/LM NER homepage (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/ner>) in the near future. Congratulations to all who participated in the process. Mark your calendars, Round 02 Outreach Proposals will be due April 1, 1997.

Grants Gallery

by Marion Holena Levine, Assistant Director

Often we find out about federal grant programs only after we have read or heard announcements about recent awards. In a perfect world, one of the things that should be available is a system which would alert us to the upcoming cycle of available grants in order to give us maximum time to think about applying for one. Well, perfection has arrived in two forms:

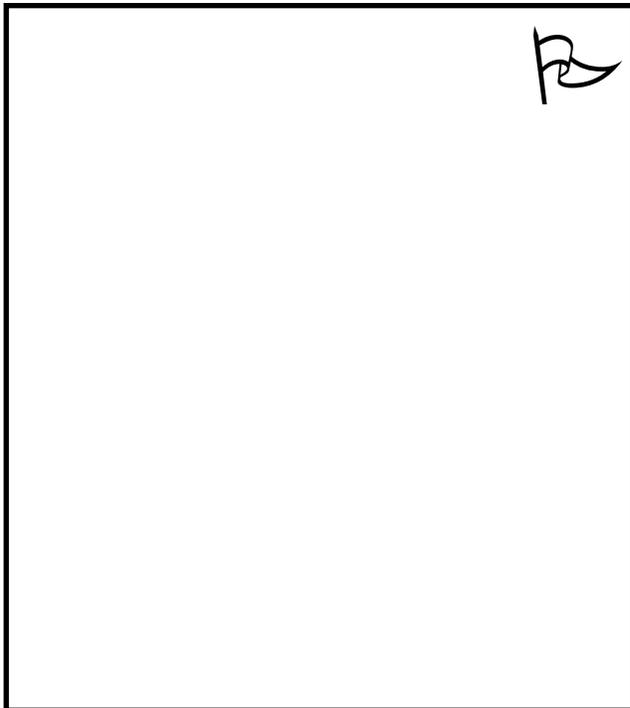
1. The NIH Guide is now available on the Internet. Each week, this listing is updated with Notices, availability of Requests for Proposals and Requests for Applications, Ongoing Program Announcements and Errata. You can get the new listing automatically each week by subscribing to a listserv named NIHGDE-L. Send a message to LISTSERV@LIST.NIH.GOV. The subscription message should read SUBSCRIBE NIHGDE-L Your First name Your Last name. As the updated weekly edition of the NIH Guide becomes available, it will automatically be e-mailed to you. Impress your users...print out each weekly edition and post it on your bulletin board for their information.

2. The Federal Information Exchange (FEDIX) at <http://www.fie.com> is a one-stop information retrieval service of federal opportunities for the education and research communities. Twelve key federal agencies - NIH, Dept. of Energy, NASA, Office of Naval Research, Dept. of Transportation, Dept. of Air Force, Agency for International Development, Dept. of Veterans Affairs, EPA, Interagency Learning Technology Office, Dept. of Agriculture, Defense Information Systems Agency, Office of the Chief Information Officer, and the Educational Institutions Partnership Program support FEDIX under a cooperative agreement with the Department of Energy. Information about federal opportunities can be accessed by Agency, Subject and Audience categories with individual searches. You can also select specific keywords of your own or your institution's areas of interest. With the latter approach, you will receive e-mail notification of the opportunities that match your selected keywords. There are no registration or user fees related to FEDIX and beginning with the next business day after you have entered your keywords, the results of a daily search of new federal opportunities that match your area(s) of interest will be e-mailed directly to you.

If you have no personal interest in funding opportunities, pass this information on to people in your institution who might be interested.

Net*Worthy

by Edward R. Donald, Network Coordinator



Calendar of Events

January 23-26, 1997

NN/LM NER Staff will be exhibiting at the Yankee Dental Congress in Boston, MA.

February 3, 1997

MEDLARS Refresher and Review Training Farmington, CT (212) 822-7396

February 5, 1997

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March 6, 1997

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March 20, 1997

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A satellite video conference sponsored by AALL, MLA, SLA and Lexis-Nexis.
Contact MLA at (312) 419-9094 for details or our office at 1-800-338-7657

March 20-21, 1997

ACRL/New England

Chapter's Annual Spring Conference Celebrating 25 Years!!!
Wheaton College, Norton, MA
Details to be announced.

March 25-27, 1997

The NN/LM-NER/NAHSL staff will be exhibiting at the New England Healthcare Assembly in Boston, MA.

April 1-2, 1997

Connecticut Libraries-Bridges to the 21st Century. CLA Annual Conference, Raddisson, Cromwell, CT Info: Lana Ferguson, (203) 453-8282

April 12-19, 1997

The NN/LM NER staff will be exhibiting at the American Academy of Neurology in Boston, MA.

April 13-19, 1997

National Library Week

April 28-29, 1997

Massachusetts Library Association Annual Meeting.
Details to be announced
Sturbridge, MA

April 27-29, 1997

MEDLARS Fundamentals Training
Farmington, CT
(212) 822-7396

ShelveIt!

Stuart Kohler, Information Technology Librarian, Norwich University Libraries

ShelveIt! was designed as a computer-assisted tutorial to help train library work/study students. After some initial screens explaining the basics of how call numbers work, the student uses a mouse to click on virtual books to be arranged on a virtual shelf, followed by clicking on the right or left arrow button to move the selected book.

When the books are properly sorted in ascending order, the student clicks the CHECK ME button to see if they are correct. After sorting five sets in a row correctly, a "congratulations box" appears.

In response to a request from a medical librarian, the original ShelveIt! was modified from Dewey Decimal and LC to LC and NLM.

The program is released as shareware, proceeds going to the Friends of the Norwich University Libraries. To download a copy, point your browser to <http://www.norwich.edu/library/fonul/shelveit.htm> and select the NLM version link.

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