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A Farewell Message from Alison Bunting

As many of you know, I will retire from UCLA at the end of December 2002. I welcome this opportunity to thank all my friends and colleagues in Region 7 for the support you've provided me and, more importantly, PSRML. I began my professional career in June 1970 as an interlibrary loan/reference librarian in the UCLA Biomedical Library. Funding for half of my position came from the RML grant and my primary responsibility was to verify and find locations for the hundreds of "free" interlibrary loan requests that were arriving daily in the days before union lists and DOCLINE. At that time, searches of MEDLARS (MEDLINE's predecessor) took three weeks to complete since they needed to be run on the NLM mainframe computers.



My next assignment was to provide consulting and training services throughout Region 7. Though the rigors of travel proved difficult at times, I loved the opportunities to get to know and work with so many librarians and library managers. We shared and continue to share a common passion—to get information to health sciences library users where and when they need it.

In the 80's we made the transition from providing mediated searches to teaching health professionals how to do their own. Some wondered if librarians would be considered obsolete; instead, most health professionals gained a new appreciation of librarians' skills and talents. The 90's brought the Internet and National Library of Medicine's landmark decision to provide free access to MEDLINE. And finally the Web made it possible for NLM to begin to provide consumer health services—something we'd been suggesting for many years.

I chose a career in health sciences librarianship because as a student I was impressed by the cutting edge services expected by our users and the leadership and support provided by NLM. I've never been disappointed. It is of course impossible to predict the future, but I expect that NLM and health sciences librarians will continue to lead the pack in providing responsive and innovative information services to health professionals and consumers.

I'll always treasure the memories and friendships developed during my work with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM). I'm moving to a rural part of our region

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and have confidence that the health professionals and consumers I encounter will be continually benefiting from the NN/LM and PSRML products and services. If not, a little outreach on my part will be in order! [AB](#)

[Editor's Note: Alison will always be remembered for her leadership and her scholarship—especially her definitive history of the Regional Medical Library Program from 1965 to 1985 (see [Bulletin of the Medical Library Association](#) 75(3 Supplement): 1-62, July 1987). She has indelibly affected so many of us with her warmth, sense of humor, dedication to fostering a diverse workforce, and commitment to equal service for all.]

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¡Bienvenido a MEDLINEplus en español!

By April Cunningham
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[Editor's Note: April Cunningham was the PSRML Intern during Summer Quarter 2002; she is currently in her second year at UCLA's Department of Information Studies. For her internship project, April prepared several publicity items about MEDLINEplus en español; this article was designed for a newsletter. These will be available from the PSRML web site in the future. Network members may use or adapt the text of this article for their own institutional newsletters and other media.]

The authority and reliability of the MEDLINEplus web site is now available in Spanish. The launch of MEDLINEplus en español at <http://medlineplus.gov/spanish/> offers the wealth of the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) excellent consumer health information to the growing number of bilingual and monolingual Spanish-speaking Internet users. MEDLINEplus en español—along with allowing a broader segment of the population to access timely and critical health information—will be a new tool for health care providers to communicate with Spanish speakers about prognoses, treatments, and medications.

In the relatively short time since its launch in 1998, the original MEDLINEplus has been widely praised as one of the most comprehensive consumer health information sites on the Internet. The Health Information Resource Center, *Consumer Reports*, and the *Wall Street Journal* have each recognized MEDLINEplus as an outstanding example of health information delivered on the Internet. MEDLINEplus is offered free of charge and without advertisements by the world's largest medical library, the US National Library of Medicine.

Users can search in Spanish and find more than 400 health topics, over 40 interactive health tutorials, and a Spanish language health encyclopedia. This site fills the growing demand for health information on the Internet for a population that is going online more and more rapidly. A Pew Internet Project report, "Hispanics and the Internet" available at <http://www.pewinternet.org/reports/toc.asp?Report=38>, found a 25% increase, from March 2000

through February 2001, in the number of Hispanics adults who have used the Internet. According to the report, 50% of Hispanics age 18 and over have been online.

The number of health topics covered by MEDLINEplus en español will continue to rise as the site develops. At the same time, the original MEDLINEplus remains an important resource for locating English language materials about issues in Hispanic health.

The report for Healthy People 2010, an initiative to improve the nation's health, identifies health communication as an important element for a healthier community. According to the report, improved health communication boosts health promotion and disease prevention. Access to health information means that consumers who do not have access to health professionals can still educate themselves about their own health and the health of their families. Disparities in the availability of health insurance plague U.S. communities, but access to quality health information can be made more equitable by taking advantage of the reach of the Internet.

Quality health information on the Internet empowers users. Patients can prepare themselves with information prior to visiting healthcare professionals, can verify or validate information after it has been dispensed, and can get up-to-date information that is not as easily available elsewhere. MEDLINEplus en español is designed to maximize the strengths of the Internet by providing materials that are accurate, current, valid, appropriate, intelligible, and free of bias—the elements of a good health information site as defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In addition, MEDLINEplus en español is free to users and completely confidential.

For more information and assistance in using these resources contact PSRML at 1-800-338-7657 or on the web at <http://nmlm.gov/psr/>.

EFTS is Moving Right Along...

EFTS is on target and moving right along! For example, did you know...?

- Savitt Medical Library at the University of Nevada, Reno, is the first Resource Library in the Pacific Southwest to join EFTS. Norman Huckle, Head of Document Delivery Services at Savitt, is greeting this new opportunity with enthusiasm. (Although Savitt is the first *Resource Library* to join, the Library of the California Academy of Sciences was the very first from the Pacific Southwest. Who will be the first hospital library to join???)
- The EFTS office at the University of Connecticut has a new toll-free number, (866) 561-5045.
- EFTS has a new web site, <http://efts.uchc.edu/efts/index.html>.

Resource Libraries in the Pacific Southwest met on September 18, 2002; EFTS was a major agenda item. Although Savitt was first to set a specific date to join EFTS (October 1, 2002), others will be following soon and will be announced on the PSRML electronic announcement list (if you are not signed up, go to <http://nmlm.gov/psr/lserv/rg7/>).

MLA Chapters are beginning to make plans to implement EFTS among their member libraries. We encourage MLA chapter members to contact their respective chapters:

- Hawaii–Pacific Chapter of the Medical Library Association (HPCMLA): Alice Witkowski (witkowski@hml.org, (808) 536-9302 ext. 103)
- Medical Library Group of Southern California and Arizona (MLGSCA): Craig Haynes (craig@library.ucsd.edu, 619-543-2772)
- Northern California and Nevada Medical Library Group (NCNMLG): Maryann Zaremska (mzaremsk@chw.edu, 415-353-6321)

What paperwork do you need? All of the forms you need to register and set up your deposit account are available at <http://efts.uchc.edu/efts/forms.html>. This includes the following:

- Registration Form (for deposit account): You will need to include contact information for the ‘responsible person’, your LIBID, and your library’s Federal ID Number. The ‘responsible person’ should be the head or director of the library.
- You will need to send a deposit that approximates three months worth of interlibrary loan charges or \$100, whichever is greater. Checks should be made payable to “University of Connecticut Health Center – EFTS”. Your institution’s name, LIBID, and "EFTS" must be clearly visible on the check to ensure that it is posted to the proper account. Visa and MasterCard can also be used to establish a deposit account. Contact EFTS for any questions about the deposit account.
- Memorandum of Agreement: This form must be signed by the ‘responsible person’ and an institutional fiscal officer. The two signatories cannot be the same individual.

Do you charge for loans? If you do, you need to decide how you are going to send your loan charge data to EFTS. Will you use Clio, ILLiad, QuickDoc, or the EFTS File Builder program? You can download the EFTS File Builder program at <http://efts.uchc.edu/efts/program.html>.

More information about EFTS is available in the following:

- Policies and Procedures for EFTS
<http://efts.uchc.edu/efts/policies.html>
- EFTS FAQ
<http://efts.uchc.edu/efts/faq.html>
- DOCLINE – EFTS FAQ
http://www.nlm.nih.gov/services/doc_efts.html

If you have any questions about EFTS, you can call Julie Kwan at the toll-free PSRML number, (800) 338-7657. You can also contact Coleen Giblin at the toll-free EFTS number, (866) 561-5045. -- JK

Lining Up Your \$ Resources

The National Library of Medicine has created a new resource grant program that has replaced the *Internet Connection for Health Institutions* and *Information Access* grant programs; applications for these programs are no longer being accepted.

The purpose of the *Internet Access to Digital Libraries (IADL)* grant program (<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/ep/iadl.html>) is to help health-related organizations initiate new digital information services or extend existing services to a larger audience using the Internet. This

audience includes the organization's health professionals, staff, researchers, librarians, and/or clients.

Eligibility: Domestic, public or private, non-profit health-related organizations.

Support: Up to \$45,000 plus up to \$8,000 for additional sites (up to fifteen sites).
The grant can be for one or two years, but the amount stays the same.

First award cycle for new applications:

Application Receipt Date: *February 1*
Merit Review: *June-July*
Board of Regents Review: *September-October*
Earliest Project Start Date: *December*

The second and third submission cycles for 2003 are *June 1* and *October 1*.

NLM strongly encourages IADL applicants to involve librarians in their plans for providing training and services. PSRML staff can assist you in completing an application or training plan for an IADL grant.

In addition to the IADL grants, NLM offers two other grants for resource support: *Information Systems* and *Integrated Advanced Information Management Systems (IAIMS)*. Summary information and links to program fact sheets can be found on the NLM Fact Sheet: Overview of Extramural Programs at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/factsheets/extrapro.html> or by visiting PSRML's Funding Opportunities page at http://nnlm.gov/psr/funding_ops.html.

Contact us at 1 (800) 338-7657 or at psr-nnlm@library.ucla.edu for more information or assistance.

Get the resources to support your vision! HS

Express Outreach Awards Announced

The second round of express outreach awards for 2002 has been completed, and four Network member librarians are signing agreements with PSRML. One project received \$3,500 in funding, and the other projects received \$6,000 in funding, covering the time period from October 1, 2002, to September 30, 2003. The projects all strive to improve access to health information for health professionals, health consumers, and public librarians, and to promote the awareness and use of products and services available from the NLM and the NN/LM. Target groups include both urban and rural populations, minority groups, and the medically underserved.

Congratulations to the following librarians on their successful proposals. Reports on the progress of these projects will appear in future issues of *Latitudes*.

Sally Chu, Degnan Medical Library, Contra Costa Regional Medical Center, Martinez, CA
Project Title: "Outreach to Consumers in Contra Costa County"

Description: A Consumer Health Resource Library will be established to provide MEDLINEplus training to outpatients in the adjacent Family Practice Center waiting room. One-hour workshops

covering MEDLINEplus, PubMed, and ClinicalTrials.gov will be provided to librarians and library assistants from 23 branches of the Contra Costa County Public Library system. Local church groups with minority populations will also be targeted for training.

Gary Freiburger, Arizona Health Sciences Library, Tucson, AZ

Project Title: "Handhelds in Healthcare Fair"

Description: Two sessions of the fair will be held, one each in Phoenix and Tucson, targeting health care providers in Arizona, as well as students in the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, and Public Health. Each fair will include about ten vendors demonstrating their hardware and software products, to acquaint health care providers with software and web services for PDAs, and to promote the use of handheld technology in medical practice, research, and education. The fairs will be ideal sharing forums, where peers can learn from one another.

Terry Henner, Savitt Medical Library, University of Nevada, Reno, NV

Project Title: "Assessing Potential of Handheld Computing Applications in Public Health"

Description: This project will provide PDAs to several public health professionals employed by the Nevada State Department of Health Division and Washoe County Health District Department, in order to identify information seeking applications that might benefit from the use of handheld computing technology. A train-the-trainer program will also be developed to help key public health professionals promote PDA usage within their institutions.

Ellen Richards, Marshall Medical Community Health Library, Placerville, CA

Project Title: "Health Literacy & Information and Referral Resource Awareness"

Description: Partnering with about ten community-based organizations in El Dorado County, twelve workshops providing hands-on practice will be offered, covering searching of PubMed, MEDLINEplus, and other health resources on the web. Evaluation strategies for online health information will also be included. Target populations include grandparents raising grandchildren, school nurses, public health and mental health educators, and parish nurses. Recommendations of best web sites will be compiled and shared among the groups.

Express Outreach Awards will be accepted on a continuing basis throughout the year. For more information and to apply, please refer to the PSRML Express Outreach Awards page, located at: http://nmlm.gov/psr/outreach_award_info.html.

Congratulations to our awardees! AC

Project-Oriented Medical Library Internships: Perspectives from the USC Norris Medical Library

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Internships are great opportunities, both for the library and the student. Project-centered internships are often very beneficial since the student gains practical experience while the library enhances its available services and resources. Some examples of possible projects include:

- curriculum development, script creation, and course instruction for user education

- weeding, collection development policy revisions, bibliography creation, and specialty area development
- organization and accessibility of electronic resources (taxonomies, usability)

For example, during the latter half of 2001, the USC Norris Medical Library provided internship opportunities for two students from the Department of Information Studies at UCLA. Dominique Turnbow worked on multiple projects: site map creation and usability testing for the Keck School of Medicine Web site, an evaluation of the electronic resources pages available on the Internet from the library's Web page, and development and implementation of a bibliographic instruction class for Dreamweaver in cooperation with the other intern, Natalie Kamper. Natalie also participated in user education by providing instruction and assistance in curriculum development for database searching and productivity software classes. The bibliographic instruction class developed jointly by the two interns was designed for Dreamweaver, a software program designed to enable the user to "create, build, and manage websites and Internet applications" (<http://www.macromedia.com/software/dreamweaver/>). Course development included creation of an instructor script, handouts, and a demonstration Web site.

These two interns provided invaluable assistance on their respective projects. The library was able to enhance its available services and resources. The Keck School of Medicine Web site has been redesigned since the Web usability study was conducted. The Dreamweaver course is now taught multiple times every semester and is very popular. Without the work performed during these internships, it would have taken the library longer to implement necessary additions to its array of services and resources.

Internships also provide students with unique outside-of-the-classroom learning experiences. Internships are a good way to put into practice what has been learned in the classroom. They give students the opportunity to test out their own ideas and views based upon what they have learned and to apply these ideas to a real world setting. Students get the chance to experience a new organizational culture. Internships play a major role in the socialization of new professionals as they transition from student roles to employee roles. Finally, internships look good on résumés, build professional self-confidence, and help students make specific career choices.

If your library is interested in providing an internship opportunity for a graduate student in a library and information science program, please contact the following:

San Jose State University, School of Library and Information Science
California State University at Fullerton

Dr. Feili Tu, Medical Informatics, 408-924-2416, feilitu@wahoo.sjsu.edu (San Jose and Fullerton)

Practicum Contacts: Blanche Woolls, 408-924-2490, bwoolls@wahoo.sjsu.edu (San Jose)

Elizabeth Martinez, 714-278-2064, emfuture@hotmail.com (Fullerton)

URL: <http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/classes/practicums.htm>

UCLA Department of Information Studies

Keri Botello, Internship Coordinator

310-206-9392, kbotello@ucla.edu

URL: <http://is.gseis.ucla.edu/internship/>

University of Arizona, School of Information Resources & Library Science

Lisa Hussey, Program Manager

520-621-3565, lhusssey@u.arizona.edu

URL: http://www.sir.arizona.edu/courses/indiv_st.html

University of Hawaii, Library and Information Science Program
Dr. Diane Nahl, Program Chair
808-956-5809, nahl@hawaii.edu
URL: <http://www.hawaii.edu/slis/courses/690/>

[Editor's Note: Dominique Turnbow graduated in June 2002 and is now Virtual Services Librarian at the Irving P. Ackerman M.D. Health Sciences Library at Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center. Natalie Kamper graduated in June 2002 and is now an Associate Fellow at the National Library of Medicine. Christina Mayberry also is a recent graduate; she joined the Norris Medical Library staff in August 2002.]

Granting CME Credit to Physicians for Attending Classes!

Congratulations to Eris Weaver for being the first Network librarian in the Pacific Southwest Region to complete the process for awarding Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit for PubMed training. Eris taught an Introduction to PubMed class in August and by competently filling in the paperwork was able to grant her physician attendees CME credits awarded by the National Institutes of Health/Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (NIH/FAES) Committee.

For more information on how you too can award CME credit for 1 or 2 hour PubMed classes, or, new this year, the Introduction to Consumer Health Resources at NLM classes, see

<http://nmlm.gov/train/nlmsys/>

The paperwork may seem daunting at first--you do need to follow the guidelines for publicity, evaluations and disclosure information. Fortunately, there is a handy checklist on the website. If you have any suggestions on how we could make the CME process easier or more streamlined, contact Kay Deeney at kdeeney@library.ucla.edu or 800-338-7657. KD

Nursing Home Web Site for California Consumers

Check out the new California Nursing Home Search (CalNHS) (<http://www.calnhs.org/>) website! It is a free public service for California seniors, caregivers, family members, providers, and consumers.

The site is produced by the California HealthCare Foundation (CHCF), a private nonprofit health foundation formed in 1996, and committed to improving California's health care delivery and financing systems. CHCF also produced CalMedicare.org, a site highlighted in the July/August 2002 issue of *Latitudes* (see http://nmlm.gov/psr/lat/v11n4/medicare_ca_consumers.html).

"[California Nursing Home Search] provides consumers with comprehensive, consumer-friendly comparative information about the quality of California nursing homes, as well as alternatives to nursing home care, government programs and services, and other helpful resources," according to the description on the home page.

The site includes a **How to Select a Nursing Home** section that provides a step-by-step guide to finding a good facility; a **Nursing Home Visit Checklist** that offers a list of points to consider and questions to ask while visiting a facility; a **Paying for Care** section that explains how nursing facility care is paid for and describes payment options and eligibility requirements; sections on **Nursing Home Alternatives** and **Resident and Family Rights**; a dictionary of Nursing Home terms; and a comprehensive **Resources** page.

Those outside of California can access nursing home information at Nursing Home Compare (<http://www.medicare.gov/nhcompare/home.asp>). A comparison of California Nursing Home Search with the CMS Nursing Home Compare site is linked from the CalNHS site at <http://www.calnhs.org/documents/resources/CHCFvsCMScomparison.pdf>.

Let your patrons know about this helpful resource! HS

WebMIRS: Providing Internet Access to NHANES II and III Data and Images

Do you like to experiment with new technologies? If so, here is another resource under development. WebMIRS is a graphical Java program designed to provide access to the NHANES II & III databases of medical survey data and x-ray images. You can access this site at <http://archive.nlm.nih.gov/proj/webmirs/index.php>. The WebMIRS web site describes itself as follows:

“The Web-based Medical Information Retrieval System (WebMIRS) is a research tool that facilitates the dissemination of multimedia biomedical database information across the Internet. In its initial implementation, it is based on data from the multi-year NHANES II and NHANES III surveys (National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys) collected by the National Center for Health Statistics. Subsequent versions will expand the number of data repositories to which access is provided.

“Some of the fields for which WebMIRS is potentially relevant include: epidemiology, multimedia databases, medical imaging, radiology, bioinformatics, vertebral morphometry, and computerized x-ray image understanding and analysis. Examples of biomedical research areas that may potentially benefit from the use of WebMIRS data include all of those targeted by the NHANES II and NHANES III surveys, such as: osteoarthritis, cardiovascular conditions, kidney and bladder disease, tobacco use, and exposure to pesticides (for NHANES II); and diabetes, high blood pressure/cholesterol, gallbladder disease, musculoskeletal conditions, respiratory and allergy conditions, diet, vision and hearing, and dental care (for NHANES III).”

The site has links to installation instructions (including a registration form), a User Guide, and background information on NHANES.

WebMIRS is a project from the Communications Engineering Branch (CEB), Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications. CEB research and development activities in image engineering focus on the capture, storage, processing, online retrieval, transmission, and display of both biomedical documents (mainly journals) and medical imagery. Other projects from the CEB are listed at <http://archive.nlm.nih.gov/proj/projects.php>.

[Editor's Note: Based on an email message from Marjorie A. Cahn, Head, National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology (NICHSR), National Library of Medicine]

2002 Internet Librarian Conference Registration

A record 23 Network members from the Pacific Southwest Region took advantage of the PSRML-sponsored group rate for the *Information Today/Internet Librarian 2002* conferences held in early November in Palm Springs, California! During the past four years of sponsorship, this is the highest number of librarians we have been able to assist. We were pleased to see so many members participate in this meeting to explore new developments in the Internet technology industry.

Additionally, three staff members from Network libraries were awarded PSRML professional development awards for fees and travel expenses: Marian Hicks, Cleveland Chiropractic College; Milya Jacobson, Redwood Health Library; and Marjorie Geiger, Health Library, Navapache Regional Medical Center. Please look for upcoming *Latitudes* articles from them detailing their conference experiences. With their insights, we will be able to glean new methods in using and developing Internet based strategies in our roles as information providers. KR

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MEDLINE/PubMed End-of-Year Activities

Once again end-of-year processing has begun. What does this mean? First, NLM will temporarily halt adding new, fully-indexed MEDLINE citations to PubMed. NLM indexing staff will continue to index citations but these records will be held and not added to PubMed until the normal update schedule resumes.

During this time you will see an increase articles labeled [PubMed – In Process]. These citations will not have MeSH terms, and the bibliographic citation data, e.g., pagination values, will not have been checked for accuracy. Once the end-of-year activities are complete (tentatively targeted for December 2002), these records will be updated, and PubMed will use 2003 vocabulary in the MeSH translation tables and MeSH Browser as well as in the citation data.

NLM Classification 2002 – Now Available

The National Library of Medicine has announced the 2002 edition of the *National Library of Medicine Classification*. Beginning with 2002, the *NLM Classification* (www.nlm.nih.gov/class) is being published annually in electronic form only. Publication of printed editions ceased with the 5th revised edition, 1999.

The new online environment offers many advantages over print, including hyperlinks between terms and the MeSH Browser and class numbers; however, the biggest improvement will be in NLM's ability to keep the *Classification* current with changes in MeSH.

Journal Database in PubMed Replaces Journal Browser

PubMed's Journal Browser has been replaced by the new Journals database. "Journals" works more like other Entrez databases and includes journals found in all Entrez databases. The record for a journal can be displayed in a fuller format with more journal information than previously available in the Journal Browser. Links to LOCATORplus are still available.

MEDLINE Record Links to Genes and Proteins

For over a year, NLM indexers have been providing links between MEDLINE records and records for genes or proteins in LocusLink, the NCBI database that provides information about genetic loci, including information on official nomenclature, aliases, sequence accessions, phenotypes, EC numbers, MIM numbers, UniGene clusters, homology, map locations and related web sites. At the present time, there are six organisms in LocusLink - human, mouse, rat, fruitfly, zebrafish and HIV-1.

Journal articles that focus on the basic biology of a gene or protein from one of the six organisms are candidates for gene indexing. "Basic biology" includes areas such as function, structure and genetics. When creating the link, the indexer also provides a concise statement in the LocusLink record summarizing the new information about the gene or protein that is reported in the article. LocusLink is available at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/LocusLink/>.

NLM Completes the Reorganization of its Bibliographic Databases

NLM's project to reorganize its databases is now complete. All citations from AIDSLINE, BIOETHICSLINE, HISTLINE, HSTAR, POPLINE, and SPACELINE have been migrated to MEDLINE/PubMed, Locatorplus, or the NLM Gateway.

MEDLINE Continues to GROW!! More than half a million articles added during 2002

NLM indexers have reached a new milestone as 502,056 articles were indexed for MEDLINE during 2002. NLM's new processing procedures are crucial to this workload increase. For example, in 2002 publishers submitted 292,000 (56%) of the articles electronically compared to 114,000 (22%) in 2001. Even more are expected for 2003 when over 600,000 articles are anticipated.

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2 - 3	Los Angeles Latino Book and Family Festival, http://www.latinofestivals.com/home/schedule/los-angeles-11-2-2002/ , Los Angeles, CA (PSRML Exhibit)
4 - 6	Internet Librarian, <i>Navigating in Turbulent Waters</i> , http://www.infotoday.com/il2002/default.htm , Palm Springs, CA
4 - 6	Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy, http://www.academyhealth.org/seminars/fall2002/ , Washington, DC
8 - 13	Association of American Medical Colleges, http://www.aamc.org/ , San Francisco, CA
9 - 13	American Medical Informatics Association, <i>Biomedical Informatics: One Discipline</i> , http://www.amia.org/meetings/annual/current/main.html San Antonio, TX
10 - 15	National Congress of American Indians, NCAI 59th Annual Session,

	http://www.ncai.org/main/pages/national_calendar/NCAI/Annual2002/flyersdiego.pdf , San Diego, CA (PSRML Exhibit)
11	Los Angeles Public Library, <i>Consumer Health Information</i> , Los Angeles, CA (PSRML Workshop)
15 - 18	California Library Association, <i>Building Our Strengths</i> , http://www.cla-net.org/conf/conf.html , Sacramento, CA
18 - 22	Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives, 2002 Annual Conference, <i>Libraries, Museums, and Archives: The Coconut Tree of Life</i> , http://www.uog.edu/rfk/piala/piala.html , Chuuk State, the Federated States of Micronesia
December 2002	
2	NTCC, <i>PubMed</i> (1-day), http://nml.gov/mar/online/description.html , Los Angeles, CA
3	NTCC, <i>TOXNET on the Web</i> (1-day), http://nml.gov/mar/online/description.html , Los Angeles, CA
4 - 6	Arizona Library Association, <i>Culture, Connections and Community</i> , http://www.azla.org/2002/index.html , Phoenix Civic Plaza South, Phoenix, AZ
4 - 6	CSRHA Second Annual Rural Health Conference, <i>Shoulder to Shoulder; Building on Our Successes for Rural Solutions</i> , http://www.csrha.org/conference/ , Sacramento, CA
February 2003	
27 - March 1	The City of Los Angeles Marathon XVIII, http://www.lamarathon.com/run/expo.html , Los Angeles, CA (PSRML Exhibit)
March 2003	
12 - 14	Computers in Libraries, http://www.infotoday.com/cil2003/ , Washington, DC
16 - 19	Internet Librarian International 2003, <i>Connecting Content and Technology</i> , http://www.internet-librarian.com/ , Birmingham, United Kingdom
21	Hawaii-Pacific Chapter of the Medical Library Association, http://www.hml.org/hpcmla/Homepage.html , Honolulu, HI
21 - 23	Information Architecture Summit 2003, Making Connections, http://www.asis.org/Conferences/IA03/index.html , Portland, OR
April 2003	
3 - 5	American College of Physicians, http://www.acponline.org/ , San Diego, CA (PSRML Exhibit)
6 - 12	National Library Week, http://www.ala.org/pio/factsheets/NLW.html
28	NTCC, <i>PubMed</i> (1-day), http://nml.gov/mar/online/description.html , Los Angeles, CA
29	NTCC, <i>NLM Gateway & ClinicalTrials.gov</i> (half day), http://nml.gov/mar/online/description.html , Los Angeles, CA

30	NTCC, <i>TOXNET</i> (1-day), http://nnlm.gov/mar/online/description.html , Los Angeles, CA
May 2003	
2 - 7	Medical Library Association, <i>MLA '03: Catch the Wave!</i> , http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2003/index.html , San Diego, CA
27 - 31	Joint Conference on Digital Libraries, http://www.jcdl.org/ , Houston, TX
30 - June 5	American College of Nurse-Midwives, http://www.midwife.org/meeting/ , Palm Desert, CA (<i>PSRML Exhibit</i>)
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