Message from the CLS Chair

I’ve been enjoying the fall like weather here in the Lone Star State, Texas. It will be my first winter in the city of Houston. The Cancer Librarians Section has been busy working towards our goals and keeping our members up to date with what we are doing and what MLA has to offer.

Update on CLS 2014-2015 goals:
Here are our goals for the current year, along with a status update if available:

- Increase membership. From MLA Section Roster on demand reports that there are 8 new members from 2013. New invitations will include information about linking to the CLS Core Collections. Ann Marie Clark is expected to migrate CLS website, and possibly the listserv, to MLA hosted WordPress software platform by end of 2014.

  We are working on revamping the section brochure to highlight benefits of membership and current section projects. I’ve sent out the first iteration to CLS Officers for evaluation, highlighting our collaboration and cooperation within the profession to enhance leadership. We added our section poster from MLA 2014 created by Margaret Vugrin and Jennifer Walker, and information on our oncologic resources which includes the link to the resources.

This year Donna Gibson will provide us with a section program at MLA ’15 on topics that are engaging, timely, and relevant. CLS will be lead sponsor for one program that will be held during the 2015 meeting. We are sponsoring Growing ORCID: Enhancing the Scholarly Communication Landscape, which will feature invited speaker(s). Cancer Librarians will also be co-sponsors for Data Curation and the Relevancy of Open Access and Librarians, Evidence, and Systematic Reviews: Limitless Possibilities, both with a format of contributed papers.
Since our endeavor to lobby the National Library of Medicine (NLM) to improve the ClinicalTrials.gov database by requiring closed trials to list results and include publication links, healthcare clinicians, researchers, and consumers will now benefit from seeing the results of all trials. Frank Davis, CLS Past Chair, was an invited guest at the Government Relations Committee (GRC) meeting held on May 19, 2014. It was mentioned that the ClinicalTrials.gov database should remain a cornerstone of any advocacy effort, due to its huge size and the fact that it is part of NIH. GRC will continue to explore ways to advocate for improved reporting of clinical trial results. The Government Relations Committee invited Cancer Librarian participation to further this effort. Davis thought CLS would be interested in partnering. **CLS members can volunteer.** Volunteering on this front would put you on the cutting edge of changes to such a vastly important database that will eventually make it mandatory to report their results.

Perform routine semi-annual review and update for MLA Cancer Librarians Recommended Web Sites, including verifying links, adding new resources as needed, and removing any resources that no longer meet criteria for inclusion. CLS members are being encouraged to join the Recommended Web Sites project, either by taking over existing topics or starting new ones. Four people are needed as section editors, and it is good for those who need AHIP points. This site will be updated at the end of November 2014. The due date to sending updates to Ann Marie Clark is November 24, 2014. Mark Vrabel of ONS promoted our Section’s Core Cancer Library on MEDLIB-L just this past October.

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- Update on the evaluation for switching the CLS website to WordPress software. Ann Marie Clark expects to migrate CLS website, and possibly the listserv, to MLA hosted WordPress software platform by end of 2014.

- Begin planning programming for MLA 2016. Planning will start at MLA ’15, with our new chair-elect (to be determined).

**How you can help?**
The strength of Cancer Librarians Section resides in our members. Please consider getting involved in the work of the Cancer Librarians Section. Here are some things you can do:

- Volunteer to help with any of the goals listed above. You can email me (lolzewski@mdanderson.org) with your interests. I’ll be glad to help you get started. It isn’t that much work. This is a great way to meet people, influence policy, and enhance our professional image. Plus, it can earn many AHIP points.

- Contribute to this newsletter. Share something about your work or your library, brag about your latest accomplishments, review a book that you think is especially useful for your fellow cancer librarians or our patrons, or write something else you think would interest our members. If you’re interested in contributing, please contact our newsletter editor, David Duggar (ddugga@lsuhsc.edu).

- Run for a section office. This winter we will be electing a chair-elect, a secretary, and a member to represent CLS as a candidate for the MLA Nominating Committee. Holding a section office will help you...
feel more connected to the section and your fellow members and give you a chance to participate in projects and goals beyond your library. Contact Frank Davis, Immediate Past Chair (frank.davis@uky.edu), if you’re interested in running for office or wish more information.

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I would especially like to thank Frank Davis for all the impromptu questions he helped answer for me. I really appreciate Doug Duggar and Ann Marie Clark for their expertise and keeping everything together and a thank you goes out to Donna Gibson for her collaboration over the past several months.

Lisa Olzewski
Chair, CLS 2014-2015

SECTION PROGRAMMING AT MLA 2015

At the 2015 MLA Annual Meeting, we are taking the lead on one program and co-sponsoring two others. Make a note of the following programs and be sure to include them on your agenda. These sessions are not to be missed and will deliver on the latest challenges medical librarians are facing!

Growing ORCID: Enhancing the Scholarly Communication Landscape
Lead: Cancer Librarians Section
Cosponsors: Molecular Biology and Genomics SIG, Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section, Scholarly Communications Committee
Description: ORCID is an open, nonprofit, community-driven organization that is striving to change the scholarly communication landscape by providing unique and persistent personal identifiers that connect researchers with their research activities. These identifiers are not anchored to the researcher’s current place of employment but facilitate a record with the potential of showcasing the full scope of a researcher’s contributions. Librarians have an opportunity to support their user communities. They can assist researchers in obtaining their ORCID IDs, help populate ORCID records with publication data, educate researchers about the value of having a unique identifier, or help disseminate the unique ORCID IDs in institutional systems. This session will provide an overview of ORCID and explore how librarians are introducing and implementing ORCID in their organizations.
Librarians, Evidence, and Systematic Reviews: Limitless Possibilities

Lead: Health Association Libraries Section

Cosponsors: Health Disparities SIG, Clinical Librarians and Evidence-Based Health Care SIG, Research Section, Cancer Librarians Section, Leadership and Management Section

Description: Librarians play a critical role in gathering, filtering, appraising, and managing evidence to improve the delivery of health care, including health systems improvement and library effectiveness. Not only are librarians engaged in the development of clinical guidelines, they also play a pivotal role on the systematic review team as the expert searcher and information manager. In 2011, the Institute of Medicine released guidelines. Standard 3.1.1 states, “Work with a librarian or other information specialist trained in performing systematic reviews to plan search strategy,” and standard 3.1.3 states, “Use an independent librarian or other information specialist to peer review the search strategy.” These standards emphasize the value that information professionals deliver. This session will focus on librarians as team contributors in all aspects of the systematic review process, with particular focus on how librarians navigate challenges throughout the process.

Data Curation and the Relevancy of Open Access

Lead: Technical Services Section

Cosponsors: Scholarly Communications Committee, Molecular Biology and Genomics SIG, Cancer Librarians Section, Research Section

Description: Open access is centered on providing online access to academic, peer-reviewed literature with no cost barriers to the reader and few copyright ones. Ten years into the open access movement, the idea of open focuses on providing similar access to more than just peer-reviewed literature, but also data (open data), books (open books), educational resources (OERs), and more. What work needs to be done to ensure that research, data, literature, and records are preserved and made open? What is done to curate, archive, organize, store, and make research, data, and other works open and accessible to the patron from the point of origin? How do librarians make research accessible and open? What collaborations exist for this purpose? This session will explore these questions and many other issues of librarianship as they relate to open access.

We hope to see a strong attendance from the Cancer Librarians Section as well as all interested individuals. If you would like to write up a summary of any of these sessions, please contact Donna Gibson (gibsond@mskcc.org). This is a wonderful opportunity to share session highlights with those who are unable to attend and a great way to contribute to your association!

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**MINUTES OF CLS 2014 BUSINESS MEETING**

The minutes of the Cancer Librarians Section 2014 business meeting held during the MLA Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 18, 2014 can be found on the Section’s website. The direct link to these minutes is: [http://www.selu.com/cancerlib/newsletters/CLSMLABusinessMeetingMinutes2014.pdf](http://www.selu.com/cancerlib/newsletters/CLSMLABusinessMeetingMinutes2014.pdf)
**CLS Recommended Web Sites: Call for Volunteers**

We are seeking volunteers to assist the Recommended Web Sites project. Members interested in joining can share editorial responsibility for an existing topic or develop new subject lists.

This is a good opportunity to earn AHIP points, provide service, and network with colleagues. Editorial duties are not difficult. Topics are updated twice yearly. Editorial duties can often be completed within an hour.

“The purpose of the MLA Cancer Librarians Recommended Web Sites project is to provide medical librarians with a resource to use in their daily practice and teaching. Secondly, it is our contribution to the Medical Library Association so that the headquarters staff can refer oncology professionals to a list of quality health web sites. Our goal is to have a limited number of resources that meet the quality criteria for currency, credibility, content, audience, etc., as described on our website.”

The site is linked to the Cancer Section homepage or can be directly accessed via the following URL: [http://www.selu.com/cancerlib/recommended_websites.html](http://www.selu.com/cancerlib/recommended_websites.html)

CLS members wishing to volunteer or suggest websites can contact Frank Davis at frank.davis@uky.edu or 859-323-3983.

**Get Involved with the Cancer Librarians Section! Run for a Section Office!**

*Librarians are Limitless* is the theme for the 2015 MLA meeting in Austin. One good opportunity to stretch your limits is to run for a CLS office.

Our election will be held in early 2015. This year, we have two offices to fill: Chair-Elect/Program Chair and Secretary. Chair-Elect is a 3 year commitment: Chair-Elect the first year, then Chair, then Past Chair. The Chair-Elect plans our MLA programming working with MLA and other sections. Secretary is a 2 year commitment. The Secretary takes the minutes at the Section’s business meeting during the annual meeting of MLA and is responsible for preparing minutes of all meetings of the Section and other duties as prescribed by the Bylaws and Parliamentary Procedure. We also need to choose a CLS member to run as our section’s candidate for the MLA Nominating Committee Membership.

Further information can be found in our [CLS Bylaws](http://www.selu.com/cancerlib/recommended_websites.html). If you would like more information about what it’s like to hold these offices, or to nominate or volunteer to run for office, please contact Frank Davis, Immediate Past Chair, at frank.davis@uky.edu or 859-323-3983.
NEW MEMBERS IN 2014

As of November 5, 2014, the Cancer Librarians Section had 10 new members (9 individual and 1 corporate) join between January 1, 2014 and October 31, 2014. We welcome these new members who have joined/re-joined since December 31, 2013:

Christine Beardsley  
Maureen Clark  
William Cohen  
Baptist Health South Florida

Mira Geffner  
Barbara A. Platts  
Janette Ransom  

Irma Sauvola  
Peter Shipman  
Brannen Elizabeth Vick

YSABEL BERTOLUCCI MLA ANNUAL MEETING GRANT

The Ysabel Bertolucci MLA Annual Meeting Grant recognizes Ysabel Bertolucci’s exemplary career as a member of the Medical Library Association and her many contributions to its Sections, Chapters and Board. Endowed in 2014, the Bertolucci Grant recognizes a health sciences librarian who is involved in nursing, allied health, consumer health or international librarianship. The recipient receives a certificate at the Association’s annual meeting and a stipend of up to $1000 to be used for travel and conference-related expenses for attending the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting. For further information on criteria for eligibility and submission, please see https://www.mlanet.org/grants/bertolucci.html. The deadline for application is Dec 1, 2014.

MEDICAL INFORMATICS SECTION/MLA CAREER DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Looking for support for a career development activity? The Medical Informatics Section/MLA Career Development Grant provides one individual up to $1500 to support a career development activity that will contribute to advancement in the field of medical informatics. The application deadline is December 1, 2014. The full grant application, including eligibility requirements, is available at: http://www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/.

For additional information, contact Mark MacEachern, Jury Chair, at markmac@umich.edu<mailto:markmac@umich.edu>.
Review of:

According to the American Childhood Cancer Organization (https://acco.org), brain and central nervous system cancers are the second most common cancers in children 14 and under (21% of all cancers) and the third most common cancers in adolescents (10% of all cancers). An estimated 2240 children and 540 adolescents will be diagnosed with brain and central nervous system cancers in 2014.¹ For these children and teens and their families, this devastating diagnosis will mark the beginning of a long, arduous journey involving hospitalization, surgery, chemotherapy, a host of often-painful procedures, and significant personal and family upheaval. Nothing can make this journey easy, but knowledgeable, compassionate guides can help. *Childhood Brain & Spinal Cord Tumors: A Guide for Families, Friends, and Caregivers*, combines the wisdom of many such guides into one well-written and extremely useful book.

The book is written by a pediatric nurse practitioner with experience in pediatric brain and spinal cord tumors and two parents of childhood cancer survivors, one of whom is a physician. Together, they offer broad knowledge and diverse perspectives on the medical and psychosocial issues associated with pediatric brain and spinal cord tumors. As the authors indicate in the Foreword, the book “gives family members virtually everything they need to know in order to deal with this frightening diagnosis. It provides a framework for them to understand all of the issues they will face on the path from diagnosis through treatment and beyond" (xv).

Chapters are arranged in the order in which they are likely to be needed. The first few chapters discuss diagnosis and provide useful information on brain and spinal cord anatomy and types of tumors, including helpful diagrams. Also included are emotional responses to diagnosis and a chapter on telling family members, friends, and school officials about the child’s diagnosis. The next ten chapters focus on various phases of clinical care: choosing a treatment, coping with procedures, working with the treatment team, hospitalization, venous catheters, surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and peripheral blood stem cell transplantation. Each chapter covers clinical issues but also provides practical tips to help families cope—information which can be difficult to find in standard information resources for cancer patients and families. Examples abound, but some of the most useful ones include:

- Tips for managing pain and fear during medical procedures. Sadly, many clinicians do not tell patients and families about all available options unless asked, so this information may make the difference between a terrified, traumatized child and a child who is able to cope with medical procedures relatively easily.

• How to make a child’s hospitalization bearable and at times even fun. Many children with brain or spinal cord tumors require long and/or repeat periods of hospitalization, and many families may have no experience with hospitals other than for childbirth. The authors’ practical tips for working with hospital staff and helping your child play while hospitalized will be very helpful.

• Detailed information on the processes and procedures associated with the major classes of treatments: surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, and stem cell transplant.

• An entire chapter on common side effects of chemotherapy and how to cope with them. Included are lots of quotes from parents about what worked for their children.

The remainder of the book addresses primarily psychosocial issues, followed by a few chapters on the end of treatment. Psychosocial topics include the impact of cancer on siblings and how to address it, restructuring family life and keeping a marriage healthy under the tremendous stress of cancer treatment, practical tips on what family and friends can do to help, behavioral changes associated with treatment, and sources of support. Also included: an excellent chapter on school, with extensive information on special education rights, resources, and processes (mostly focused on the United States with a brief reference to Canada); a chapter on nutrition filled with practical tips on helping the sick child eat well; and a chapter on medical and financial record-keeping that will be incredibly helpful to families strapped for money and time. The book ends with chapters on ending treatment and living life as a recovered cancer patient, recurrence, and death and bereavement, plus a brief chapter on recent improvements in treatment. Three appendices follow, featuring information on blood tests and what they mean; an extensive list of resource organizations arranged by topic, ranging from pediatric neurosurgeons to camps, financial assistance, and much more; and an equally extensive list of books and websites covering medical information, memoirs, books for pediatric patients and siblings, school, support groups, and more.

I really can’t say enough good things about this book. It is packed with helpful information that is current, accurate, and written at a level appropriate for most families who are somewhat educated and medically literate. While most of the medical information may be readily available elsewhere (though not always so well-presented), the psychosocial and other non-clinical information likely is not—and certainly is not available in one handy package. I highly recommend this book for families of pediatric patients with brain and spinal cord tumors, as well as for extended families and friends. Families and friends of pediatric patients with other types of cancers should consider one of the other books produced by Childhood Cancer Guides (http://www.childhoodcancerguides.org/).

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