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## Message from the Chair

I find it always amazing how the year flies by!

Those of us with children counted the year from September to June, how the school year flew by and how the kids grew up in the meantime...before our eyes...and we didn't see it coming.

Once they grew up and out it was tuition payments and and then they were off and out on their own. Our youngest was married in April so you have a nostalgic mother writing this note to the membership.

As they were growing up we tried to give them the support and assistance that they would need to stand on their own and be productive members of our society. As parents, looking back, we think there were times that we did a good job and there were times that we could have done better but we tried our best under the circumstances. So also is the chairmanship of an organization or a section.

This year started off with a bang and much enthusiasm. We had many goals that were considered to be feasible for this year. Recruitment and retention were at the top of the list. And although I wanted to use the "warm touch" and call new members directly, others warned me that this was too time- consuming and "electronic touch" would work better in this technology age. I should have listened so this goal was not accomplished.

The social bookmarking project was completed with the translation of our "Recommended [Cancer] Web Sites" into <http://delicious.com> bookmarks. The Google scholar project is ongoing; and there will be discussion at this year's meeting if the section should contribute dues or partial payment of dues for new members that would be recruited (hopefully) from each of the NCI designated cancer sites. I hope that this move would give us more information about what is going on across the country in cancer-affiliated organizations that would be of interest to our section members.

And where will the future be taking us? Fortunately we do have some new energetic members and our incoming chair, *Julie Esparza*, is one of those. She was able to schedule the bulk of our meetings on Sunday our business meeting and our primary sponsored program. Thank you Julie! She has many ideas that she will want to pursue with our section in the coming year...so if she asks for help and support please volunteer. This is not a one-person job but it is a section and fortunately she will lead us into the future this coming year.

**Margaret Vugrin, MSLS**  
Cancer Section Chair



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR-ELECT

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### **Cancer Librarians Section Business Meeting**

Sun, May 17, 2009: 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Convention Center

Room 307A



We will have a breakfast thanks to our first fundraising efforts. The MLA Board was enthusiastic in their approval of this new effort. We received \$500 from [CIG Media Group](#), [New England Journal of Medicine](#), and [Wiley-Blackwell](#) for a total of **\$1500** in support for the Cancer Librarians section.

The menu will include:

Fresh Orange Juice

Fresh Seasonal Berries

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Scones with Haleakala Cream

Plain and Flavored Croissants

Breakfast Strudel

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Homemade Island Preserves

Kona Blend Coffee

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Array of International Teas

(I'm still working on whether or not we will also have a hot breakfast casserole).

**Julie Esparza,**

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## CLS PROGRAMS AT MLA2009

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Here is the time and date of our Primary Sponsored Program and the Program we are co-sponsors of with the Dental Section.

### **Fusing Culture and Community to Improve Health Literacy**

Primary Sponsor - Cancer Librarians

Co-Sponsors - Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section, Complementary & Alternative Medicine SIG, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Health Sciences Librarians SIG, and the Mental Health SIG

Sunday May 17, 2009 11:00am-12:30pm.

#### **Abstracts:**

### **Connecting an underserved community with health information and services: fusing culture, community, and education for Somali Bantu refugee children in Buffalo, NY**

Diane G. Schwartz, Director of Libraries, Medical Library, Kaleida Health, Buffalo, NY; Elaine Mosher, Medical Librarian, Emily Fostet HSL, Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY; Karen Lamson, Medical Librarian; Helen Anne Wolf, Nurse; Donna Slawek, Nurse Practitioner; Elizabeth Eisenhauer, RN, Medical Library, Kaleida Health, Buffalo, NY; Tracy Diina, Director, -, Literacy Volunteers of America, Buffalo, NY; Kavita Ahluwalia, -, College of Dental Medicine, Columbia University, New York, NY

### **Health literacy support for patients and professionals: facilitating access to multilingual patient education materials.**

Jill T. Boruff, Liaison Librarian, Life Sciences Library, McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada; Martina Plejic, Information Specialist; Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information, Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information, Oakville, ON, Canada

### **Unexpected Outcomes of the Health Information Literacy Research Project**

Sabrina Kurtz-Rossi, Project Coordinator, Health Information Literacy Research Project, Medical Library Association /SKR Consulting, Medford, MA; Andrea Harrow, Medical Librarian, Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Library, Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles, CA; Kim Hart, Medical Librarian, Billings Clinic Medical Library, Billings Clinic, Billings, MT; Holly Kimborowicz, AHIP, Health Science Librarian; Lake Hospital System Medical Library, Lake Hospital System, Painesville, OH

### **Health Consumers' Cancer Information-Seeking Needs and Behaviors: An Analysis of Usage Patterns within the "Cancer TRAIN" Web Information Portal**

Katherine L. Schilling, AHIP, Asst. Professor

### **3rd Annual Lecture on the Evidence Base supported by StatRef**

Open Access and the Evidence Base – the Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Primary Sponsor – Dental Section

Co-sponsor- Cancer Librarians Section

Wednesday, May 20

9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

#### **Abstract:**

For the past 100 years, medical libraries have focused on building the best collection of resources—print and then online. Initially medical libraries looking at open access looked at institutional compliance. This session's discussion will focus on the impact of open access on libraries. Whether you work at a hospital library with access to hundreds of journals or a major academic health sciences library with access to thousands of online journals, will the body of research available to you dramatically expand with open access? What is the potential impact on the current structure of journal-based publishing as the primary distribution point for emerging research? Will the law of unintended consequences bring about results that haven't been thought of yet? These are some of the questions this session will attempt to address as the operational reality and the impact of these changes begin to emerge.



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## THE GOOD WE CAN DO

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On March 25 Dana-Farber had its annual Women's History Month Program, one of the most successful programs sponsored by the Cultural Observances Committee. Instead of the usual panel discussion, picking a handful of women from throughout the Institute to talk about their work, the paths they took, and obstacles encountered, we presented a short film by and about a doctor who is an almost nine-year ovarian cancer survivor. The film was actually a compressed version of the original hour long film about the misdiagnosis, diagnosis, and treatment. What is most compelling about the story is the approach that the doctor/patient took toward her own recovery. After the film the patient, her medical oncologist, the director of the CAM department and the director of the adult survivor clinic took questions from the audience. My connection is that I was a member of the Cultural Observances Committee (COC) and had met the patient about 30 months before.

In September 2006 a woman came to my office and asked if I could recommend any journals where she, as a physician and cancer survivor, might submit her story. She felt that her story should be in front of physicians. Barrie Cassileth had recommended one journal, but they had rejected the essay. She later sent me the essay and I thought it was compelling. I asked if she would mind having my husband look at it; he has worked as an editor and is writer.

In the fall of 2007 she moved to the Boston area after her disease had come back. She had told me about making a film, showing a trailer at one film festival and how it was received. Then last December at one COC meeting someone suggested that perhaps for upcoming observance programs, we might have a series of events, even a film. By this time I knew that the film was almost complete and the crew was looking for funds for distribution (In fact, I was their first donor). I suggested this film, and, as they say, the rest is history.

I donated to the project and suggested it be shown at DFCI because, like the patient and her film crew, I believe the story is important. One of their goals is to sell it to medical schools to educate future doctors. Another goal is to create a short series of films elaborating on the key aspects of recovery and to sell those to cable television.

It is somewhat ironic that I was instrumental in getting this story an audience. For most of my time at DFCI, I acted on the knowledge that I was the sole librarian and therefore should serve the entire Institute, including the occasional patient who came in. The irony comes from the fact that my now former supervisor had told me that I should not be working with patients, that was why the patient/family resource center existed. It is also ironic because the film producer may do some filming for the DFCI survivor clinic. As with the rest of life, I just try to do what I believe is right.

The screenshot shows the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Patient Care', 'Research', 'Cancer Information', 'How to Help', and 'About Dana-Farber'. A search bar is located on the right side of the header. The main content area features a large banner with the text 'Dedicated to Discovery. Committed to Care.' and an image of medical professionals. Below the banner, there is a 'Quick Links' section with options like 'New Patients', 'Make an Appointment', 'Get a Second Opinion', 'Find a Doctor', 'Clinical Trials', 'Refer a Patient', and 'Cancer and the Family'. A featured article titled 'Dana-Farber Is...' is visible, along with a 'The Jimmy Fund' logo at the bottom right.

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## TWENTY YEARS IN ONE JOB

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Twenty years in one job has been a huge experience and, when you read this, it will be behind me. As someone once told me, I had an easy act to follow. Virtually none of the collection had been catalogued and document delivery wasn't offered. My first major project was to catalog the collection as I had no idea what was in it. It was an act of self-defense. I wondered how people would react to this. When two people, on the same day, thanked me for me doing it, I was relieved.

For eighteen years I was allowed to do pretty much whatever I wanted in the library. It was a case of benign neglect on the part of my supervisor. I kept my budget reasonable and offered new services. Remember when having Medline on CD-ROM was progressive? Administration and the Library Committee were satisfied and they trusted my judgment. Working with researchers

## Twenty years in one job - continued from page 5

was new; I had a clinical background. I was always pleased that I never needed to ask someone to spell something.

In the early years that I was at Dana-Farber there was a more casual atmosphere. Looking back I see how much that has changed. It is a more corporate environment than it used to be. The top management has changed and that has influenced the culture. The Institute also at least doubled in terms of FTEs in the 2 decades I was there, new programs were added, and outreach was expanded to the point of opening facilities in about a handful of other hospitals and one freestanding office in NH within the space of a few years. In addition a new clinical center is under construction. In the first decade, one new building came online.

With the change in management I encountered a brick wall. In less than two years the journal/book/database budget was slashed in half; the library currently subscribes to fewer journals than in 1988. An assistant was added to the staff in 1986; my last one left in 2007 and has never been replaced, making the library probably the only department to shrink in the face of serving more people, not to mention providing more complex services. I was unable to crack the belief system that everything was on the Internet, that if Harvard had something, DFCI didn't need to subscribe, and if Harvard didn't have something, then DFCI probably didn't need it. That last journal was Nature Reviews Oncology. I did point out that, given that that was our business, it might be good to keep it.

What will happen to the library, I don't know. I tried to prove the ROI to no avail. Benchmarking against some of your institutions was rebuffed with the argument that your libraries were independent, not affiliated with a university, and therefore had to be larger. Secretly I hope that people will rise up and revolt and demand what they deserve. Sadly what I heard, for the most part, was sadness and dismay and resigned acceptance of the situation.

**Christine Fleurie is the former library director at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.**

She can be reached at [chrisfleurie@gmail.com](mailto:chrisfleurie@gmail.com). If you are interested to learn more about the film project, you can contact Chris, or go to the Web site [www.thekasiaproject.com](http://www.thekasiaproject.com).

## CLS MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



- **Mark Vrabel**, MLS, AHIP, past CLS Chair, was appointed 2009 Calendar Editor for *MLA News*.
- **Karen Albert**, AHIP, Senior Director for Education and Information Services, Talbot Research Library, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, PA, was elected to the MLA Nominating Committee 2009/2010.
- **Christine Marton**, MSc. MIST., CLS Newsletter Editor, was appointed MEDLIB-L Coordinator for 2008-2010 and Chair-Elect, Cancer Librarians Section. She published a journal article on the information needs of cancer patients in the January 2009 issue of the *Journal of Hospital Librarianship*. <http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/content~content=a907763459~db=all>

A screenshot of the Informaworld website. The page displays a search result for an article titled "Using the Web to Meet the Information Needs of Adult Cancer Patients and Their Caregivers" by Christine Marton. The article is published in the Journal of Hospital Librarianship, Volume 9, Issue 1, January 2009, pages 15-22. The page includes navigation links, a search bar, and a list of related articles.

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## SURVIVOR'S DAY 2008

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On October 11, 2008, Jan Orick, director of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's Biomedical Library, and Gloria Hayden, public services librarian, promoted MedlinePlus as part of St. Jude's 12<sup>th</sup> annual Survivor's Day celebration. Orick and Hayden greeted over 100 participants at their booth where they handed out pens, bookmarks, and brochures provided by the NN/LM. A laptop was set up, and one-on-one demonstrations were featured. "St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, located in Memphis, Tennessee, (website: [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)) is one of the world's premier pediatric cancer research centers. Its mission is to find cures for children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases through research and treatment."

Photos from Survivor's Day at St. Jude Children's Hospital



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## CLS RECOMMENDED WEB SITES: OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW EDITORS

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The **MLA Cancer Librarians Task Force** that maintains the "Recommended Web Sites" web page has openings for new volunteer editors. The URL and charge are listed below:

**Cancer Librarians Section Recommended Web Sites**  
[http://www.selu.com/cancerlib/recommended\\_websites.html](http://www.selu.com/cancerlib/recommended_websites.html)

"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."

Cancer Section members are invited to take responsibility for an existing topic or develop a new subject list. The following topical areas are currently available for adoption.

- Alternative Medicine
- Drugs & Biologics
- Statistics and Epidemiology

Editing does not require a large time commitment and provides an valuable service to both MLA and oncology professionals. Plus, it is a nice way to earn AHIP points.

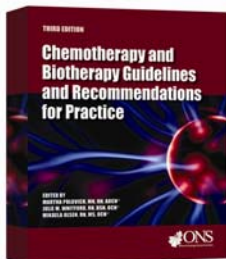
Contact Frank Davis, Task Force Chair, if you are interested in volunteering. Suggestions for new resources to add to the Recommended Web Sites list are also welcomed.

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Web: <http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/MCL>

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS FROM ONCOLOGY NURSING SOCIETY

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### **Chemotherapy and Biotherapy Guidelines and Recommendations for Practice (3rd ed.)**

Edited by M. Polovich, J.M. Whitford, and M. Olsen  
2009. 371 pages. Spiral bound. ISBN: 978-1-890504-81-6  
376 pages

Used by more than 72,000 healthcare professionals, this new edition has been revised and updated to reflect current procedures and practices. Includes sections on:

- Principles of antineoplastic therapy
- Cancer therapy goals and response
- Fundamentals of administration, pretreatment, treatment and post-treatment care
- Side effects of cancer therapy and immediate complications of cytotoxic therapy
- Treatment schedules, including dose category and determination
- Nursing and chemotherapy flow charts
- Information on safe management of chemotherapy in the home
- Clinical practicum and evaluations

Previous editions were part of the Doody's Core Titles and STAT!Ref and select content was available via <http://www.guidelines.gov> Available from J. A. Majors through Baker & Taylor book distributors. Additional details at <http://www.ons.org/publications/books/books.shtml>



### **Advancing Oncology Nursing Science**

Edited by J. Phillips and C. R. King  
2009. ISBN: 978-1-890504-76-2  
519 pages

Provides a strong state-of-the-art assessment for cancer nursing research. Oncology nurses and other healthcare professionals will also be able to utilize this text as a foundation for developing future research directions and breaking down the science for dissemination and use in everyday practice. This new text also makes a significant contribution to the evidence-based-practice agenda, synthesizing information on bodies of substantiated science that can be translated into clinical practice and health policy. From practitioners to nurse investigators, from faculty to graduate students, all manner of health professionals will want to add this title to their nursing library. Available from J. A. Majors through Baker & Taylor book distributors. Additional details at <http://www.ons.org/publications/books/books.shtml>

**Note:** Section member Mark Vrabel, MLS, AHIP provided reference assistance to both publications, and contributed an original table to *Advancing Oncology Nursing Science*, using the Institute for Scientific Information [ISI] Web of Science® to identify the most frequently cited articles authored by the ONS Distinguished Researchers from 1992 through 2008. Mark is acknowledged on pages 28 and 30 of the *Advancing Oncology Nursing Science* book.



# UPCOMING CANCER CONFERENCES IN 2009

## American Society of Clinical Oncology

May 29-June 2, 2009

Orlando, Florida

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



## National Cancer Research Institute Cancer Conference

October 4-7 2009

Birmingham UK

<http://www.ncri.org.uk/ncriconference/>



## Third International Cancer Control Conference

November 8-11, 2009

Cernobbio, Como, Italy

<http://www.meet-ics.com/cancercontrol2009/>



## The European Association for Cancer Research

September 20-24, 2009

Berlin, Germany

<http://www.eacr.org/meetings.php>



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## JOURNAL ARTICLES ON CANCER INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN 2009

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### **The Journey Project: a case study in providing health information to mitigate health disparities.**

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*Journal of the Medical Library Association*

2009 Jan;97(1):30-3

PMID: 19159008

The Journey Project, part of the Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries' Social Work Information Specialist in Context Fellowship, was designed to merge social work and consumer health librarianship skills in order to improve the provision of health information to patients. A resource notebook was created encompassing the many dimensions of cancer health information. A social work informationist distributed the notebooks and provided individualized consultations with respect to patients' health information needs. Areas of congruence as well as key differences between social work and consumer health librarianship emerged during the course of the project. Merging the two professions into the role of a social work informationist increased the ability to attend holistically to clients' health information needs.

### **The information needs of partners and family members of cancer patients: A systematic literature review.**

E. Adams, M. Boulton, E. Watsson  
Oxford Brookes University,  
School of Health and Social Care, United Kingdom.  
Patient Education and Counseling, 2009 Apr 28.  
PMID: 19406609

**OBJECTIVE:** This review examined the extent to which the information needs of partners and family members of cancer patients has been addressed in the literature. **METHODS:** We conducted a systematic search of four databases for papers published between 1998 and 2008 which assessed the information needs of partners and/or family members of adult cancer patients. **RESULTS:** Thirty-two papers were included in the review. Eleven categories of information need were identified. There was a predominant focus on breast or prostate cancer, leaving a knowledge gap in relation to other cancers. Few papers moved beyond the diagnosis and initial treatment phase, and most did not distinguish between met and unmet needs. Those that did, indicated that partners/family members are more likely to have unmet needs for information about supportive care than for medical information. The concept of 'information need' was generally poorly developed and theorised in the papers. **CONCLUSION:** Establishing the information needs of partners and family members of cancer patients is an important, but as yet neglected, area of research. In order to develop our understanding of this area more empirical research, with sound conceptual and theoretical foundations is required.

### **Older cancer patients' information and support needs surrounding treatment: An evaluation through the eyes of patients, relatives and professionals.**

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*BMC Nurs.* 2009 Jan 19;8:1

PMID: 19152675

Providing cancer patients with adequate treatment information is important for patients' health, well-being and satisfaction. Nurses play an important role in patient education. So far, few studies focused on the specific information needs of older cancer patients surrounding chemotherapy treatment. Given the growing incidence of cancer among older individuals, insight in these needs is crucial. This article describes the views of older cancer patients, their relatives and professionals on older patients' specific communication needs regarding chemotherapy treatment.



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