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# Synapse

ALABAMA HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by Nancy Clemmons  
ALHELA President

Over the past several weeks since our last issue of SYNAPSE, I have tried to jot down items that I wanted to share.

Our union list workshop on March 30 is an exciting project. We are extremely fortunate to have Maureen Battistella to help guide us through our plans and discussions. Her experience with the North Alabama Union List of Serials will be invaluable. Pat Rodgers and Mary Ann Donnell have helped lay a good foundation for the project. I am optimistic that the participants can make some significant progress in expanding resource sharing among our state health science libraries. We are proud that eight Alabama libraries were able to meet the early deadline for submitting their holdings to NLM's SERHOLD project. (See related articles elsewhere in this issue)

It is wonderful to know that so many Alabama librarians are finally able to take the NLM Online Training in May. All prospective and recent trainees may want to read the article by Christine A. Matthews, "Supplemental Training Program for MEDLARS Searchers," Medical Reference Services Quarterly, Winter 1983, 2(4):21-30. The intense week of classroom training by NLM is just one important phase of the lengthy educational process of searchers. This article gives a good checklist of some of the other elements of training.

Those who are lone searchers may be seeking opportunities to swap experiences with other searchers. The Alabama Online Users Group sponsors regular workshops and a newsletter. If you are interested in such a group, you may contact Cherie Feenker, Secretary/Membership Chairperson, Alabama Online Users Group, Science, & Technology Department, Birmingham Public Library, 2100 Park Place N., Birmingham, Alabama 35203. Annual dues are \$5.00.

Thanks to all of you who completed the union list and evaluation forms in the last issue. It is not too late to send them in. The union list questionnaire will help with the workshop plans. We are still looking for a few more committee members and names of those willing to serve as future officers of ALHELA.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 30, 1984

AlHeLA Union List Workshop - Clanton, Alabama - Holiday Inn - Contact: Maureen Battistella, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, UAB, Birmingham, Alabama 35294 (205-934-2460)

April 4-6, 1984

Southeastern Hospital Conference and Southeastern Conference of Hospital Librarians - Atlanta, Georgia - Georgia World Congress Center

April 11-13, 1984

Alabama Library Association - Birmingham, Alabama - Hyatt - Health Sciences Roundtable - April 12, 9:30 - 11:30 AM

May 7-11, 1984

Initial Online Training - MEDLARS - Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences - Birmingham, Alabama.

May 15, 1984

Deadline for June issue of SYNAPSE.

May 25-31, 1984

Medical Library Association - 84th Annual Meeting - Denver, Colorado

July 9 - August 11, 1984

LS 535 - Medical Librarianship (time to be arranged). Contact: Ruth Fenske, Graduate School of Library Service, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

August 15, 1984

Deadline for September issue of SYNAPSE.

October 10-14, 1984

Southern Chapter - Medical Library Association - Key Biscayne, Florida

April 10-12, 1985

Alabama Library Association - Mobile, Alabama - Riverview Plaza Hotel

May 24-30, 1985

Medical Library Association - 85th Annual Meeting - New York, N.Y.

# MEMBERSHIP - 1984

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There is still time to renew! Remit \$10.00 membership dues to B. J. Gramka, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, UAB, Birmingham, AL 35294. Membership includes Directory of Alabama Health Science Libraries and the newsletter, SYNAPSE.

## SPOTLIGHT

Health Science Library  
Providence Hospital and School of Nursing  
Mobile, Alabama  
by Mary Ann Donnell, Librarian

Not all hospital libraries have good, useful nursing collections. But the Providence Health Science Library in Mobile began as a library for the Providence School of Nursing in the 1950's

By 1980 it was apparent that the library could be serving the entire hospital so its expansion began. Today it has over 3000 books counting those in the physicians' lounge and 150 journal titles by subscription and donation, in all the major fields including administration and allied health. The library maintains the hospital's audiovisual collection as well as the self-study modules for the employees' professional growth and development.

The library's focus on nursing education will change in June 1985 with the closing of the diploma program which has operated since 1903; however, the clinical and administrative nursing collection will remain a high priority.

The two FTE staff consists of one MLA certified librarian and one library assistant.

# INTRODUCING THE 1984 OFFICERS

The Executive Committee for 1984 again brings to the Association diverse backgrounds and a wealth of experience. The Committee welcomes your comments, ideas, etc.--contact them anytime!

Serving as President is Nancy Clemmons. Nancy is Head of Reference at Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences and a member of the Medical Library Association, the Alabama Library Association, and the Southeastern Library Association.

Rebecca Buckner, Vice-President/President-Elect, is the librarian at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Gadsden. Becky brings experience to the Executive Committee after serving as a Member-at-Large during 1983. She also holds membership in the American Library Association and the Alabama Library Association.

Billie Jean Gramka, Secretary/Treasurer, (and know as B.J. to her friends) is the Head of Cataloging at the Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences of the University of Alabama in Birmingham. B.J. received her B.S. degree from Auburn University and her M.S. in Library Science from Florida State University. She is a member of the Medical Library Association, Southern Chapter/MLA, Beta Phi Mu, Health Science OCLC Users Group, and the On-line Audiovisual Catalogers.

Hugh Thomas, Member-at-Large, is the Director of the John E. Meyer Eye Foundation Library of the Eye Foundation Hospital in Birmingham. He has a Masters of Science degree in Library Science in Education from Jacksonville State University. Hugh maintains membership in the Jefferson County Hospital Librarians' Association and the Southeastern Hospital Librarians' Association.

Betsy Pertzog, Member-at-Large, is the librarian at the VA Medical Center in Tuscaloosa. She graduated from the University of Alabama. Betsy is a member of the Alabama Library Association and the Medical Library Association and hold MLA Certification.



## Committee Work

The following committees have been formed to work on projects during the year. If you have not signed up for one there is still time! Notify Nancy Clemmons, President, of your preference.

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Union List

# Union List

by Pat Rodgers

Since the formation of the new Region 2, one of its first priorities has been to get as many libraries on the Region 2 Union List as possible. The first edition of the union list only had two libraries from Alabama--Lister Hill at UAB and the Biomedical Library at USA. The next edition will have eight more libraries from Alabama on it--

Cunningham Wilson Library, St. Vincent's Hospital (Birmingham)  
Clyde L. Sibley Medical Library, Baptist Medical Center-Montclair  
(Birmingham)  
Medical Library, Carraway Methodist Medical Center (Birmingham)  
Medical Library, Baptist Memorial Hospital (Gadsden)  
Health Sciences Library, University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa)  
Health Science Library, Providence Hospital & School of Nursing (Mobile)  
William Bruce Mitchell Medical Library, Northeast Alabama Regional  
Medical Center (Anniston)  
Health/Reference Library, Alabama Department of Public Health  
(Montgomery)  
Medical Library, VA Medical Center (Tuskegee)

AlHeLA has been acting as coordinator of the project to form an Alabama health sciences union list and to contribute these holdings to the Region 2 Union List and to NLM's SERHOLD project.

Because I already edit Synapse and I need to spend more time on my job responsibilities, I must turn over the responsibility to someone else. Maureen Battistella has agreed to take on the job. She brings to the project great experience for she worked on the North Alabama Union List of Serials. She's a very vivacious person and I'm sure she will carry on with vigor!

To further the union list project and to encourage more participants, AlHeLA is sponsoring a union list workshop on March 30. Maureen has planned a super program to which I hope you all can come. See you there!

WORKSHOP DETAILS FOLLOW!!!

# Union List Mini-Conference

AIHeLA SPONSORS MINI-CONFERENCE ON UNION LISTING; ALL INVITED

AIHeLA is sponsoring a free one-day mini-conference Union Lists of Serials in Alabama's Health Libraries. The program is open to all interested parties and will be held March 30, 1984, 10:00 - 3:30, at the Holiday Inn in Clanton, Alabama (Exit off Highway 65). Advance registration is recommended.

Basic considerations in union listing will be covered in the introductory sessions and a three person panel will discuss union listing in the health sciences environment. The afternoon program will focus on the status and future of AIHeLA's union list project which makes use of the University of South Carolina, School of Medicine's computer facilities to provide serials holding data to the RMLS and NLM. To date, eight AIHeLA basic health science library units have united to share resources through union listing.

For more information, call Maureen Battistella, Lister Hill Library Acquisitions Librarian at 205-934-2460.

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## REGISTRATION FORM (no fee required):

### ALABAMA HEALTH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

#### UNION LISTS OF SERIALS IN ALABAMA'S HEALTH SCIENCE LIBRARIES

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LIBRARY: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend; enclosed is check for \$6.90 made out to AIHeLA to cover luncheon: roast beef, new boiled potatoes, broccoli with cheese, sherbet.

\_\_\_\_\_ I cannot attend, but am interested in finding out more about the Alabama Health Libraries Union List Project; please contact me.

#### RETURN REGISTRATION FORM TO:

Maureen Battistella, Acquisitions Librarian  
Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences  
University of Alabama in Birmingham  
University Station  
Birmingham, Alabama 35294

OR CALL 205-934-2460

**MINI-CONFERENCE ON UNION LISTING**

March 30, 1983 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Holiday Inn Clanton, Alabama  
RSVP Requested by March 20, 1984

10:00 - 10:15 Coffee and Registration

10:15 - 10:30 Welcome

Maureen Battistella, Acquisitions Librarian, Lister Hill  
Library, University of Alabama in Birmingham, Birmingham, Ala.

10:30 - 11:00 Basic Introduction to Union Listing

Lee Pike, Coordinator, Alabama Library Exchange and Co-Project  
Director of the North Alabama Union List of Serials, Huntsville,  
Ala.

- What is a union list of serials?
- Advantages & disadvantages of union listing
- Networking & resource sharing: union listing in a multi-type  
environment

11:00 - 12:00 Panel Session: Serials Union Listing in the Health Sciences  
Environment

Ina Sims, Medical Librarian, Baptist Medical Center-Montclair,  
Birmingham, Ala.

Lisa Rains, Chief Medical Librarian, University of Alabama  
Health Sciences Library, University, Ala.

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch Break (see registration form for menu)

1:00 - 2:00 AIHeLA Union List of Serials Project: Groundwork, Creation  
and Maintenance

Pat Rodgers, Coordinator of Technical Services, Biomedical  
Library, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Ala.

- Description of the AIHeLA ULS Project
- Inventory of the serials collection
- Reading SEMPUL record data elements
- Preparation of the initial list
- Update & maintenance of the union list

2:00 - 3:30 AIHeLA Union List Participants Organizational Meeting - Open  
session, all invited

- Discussion of the AIHeLA union list survey
- Governance of the union list
- Role of AIHeLA in regards to the union list
- Scope of the union list
- Policies for interlibrary loans
- Update cycle for hard copy union lists
- Statistics



# Book Prices

When it comes to preparing budgets, figures such as those on this page and the following are very helpful. The data was prepared by Majors Scientific Books, Inc. (Dallas) who have allowed AHeLA permission to print it in the SYNAPSE.

## NEW BOOK RECEIPTS — 12 MONTH STATISTICAL SUMMARY

(Dallas Only)

January 1 - December 31, 1983

### 1983 NEW BOOK RECEIPTS SUBJECT CATEGORIES

Subject	No. of Titles	% of Total	Value @ List	Avg. List	Subject	No. of Titles	% of Total	Value @ List	Avg. List
Administration	24	1.2	\$ 763.20	\$31.80	Medical Education	1	.1	\$ 45.00	\$45.00
Allergy	9	4.4	331.85	36.87	Medical Ethics	6	.3	121.15	20.19
Allied Health	86	4.4	1721.55	20.02	Medical Practice	2	.1	34.00	17.00
Anatomy	33	1.7	1582.05	47.94	Microbiology	13	.7	555.15	42.70
Anesthesiology	24	1.2	890.45	37.10	Nephrology	23	1.2	1148.75	49.95
Biochemistry	41	2.1	2426.90	59.19	Neurology	75	3.9	3163.30	42.18
Bioengin & Instr	4	.2	229.45	57.36	Nursing	194	10.0	3687.70	19.01
Biostatistics	1	.1	22.95	22.95	Nutrition	16	.8	502.40	31.40
Biomechanics	1	.1	69.00	69.00	Oncology	42	2.2	2217.00	52.79
Cardiovasc Syst	79	4.1	3318.65	42.01	Ophthalmology	35	1.8	2196.65	62.76
Cell Biology	13	.7	712.54	54.81	Orthopedics	41	2.1	2714.55	66.21
Communicat Disord	23	1.2	604.60	26.29	Otorhinolaryngol	5	.2	131.95	26.39
Data Proc/Medicine	6	.3	227.70	37.95	Parasitology	6	.3	251.00	41.83
Dentistry	40	2.1	1719.55	42.99	Pathology	35	1.8	1910.20	54.58
Dermatology	28	1.4	1356.55	48.45	Patient Education	2	.1	33.95	16.98
Diagnosis	26	1.3	615.25	23.66	Pediatrics	52	2.7	2396.85	46.09
Dictionaries/Term	1	.1	19.95	19.95	Pharmacology	36	1.8	1199.89	33.33
Drug Abuse	6	.3	136.45	22.74	Pharmacy	17	.9	596.15	35.07
Emergency Med	25	1.3	1105.55	44.22	Physical Medicine	9	.4	375.95	41.77
Endocrinology	32	1.6	1324.60	41.39	Physiology	40	2.1	1809.05	45.23
Family Medicine	14	.7	418.65	29.90	Psych/Behav Sci	172	8.8	5496.30	31.96
Gastroenterology	23	1.2	1068.25	46.45	Public Health	40	2.1	1051.60	26.29
Genetics	12	.6	698.20	58.18	Radiology & Imag	91	4.7	4843.20	53.22
Geriatrics/Geront	23	1.2	939.65	40.85	Rehab/Phys Disab	15	.8	426.15	28.41
Gynecology/Obst	53	2.7	1144.55	21.60	Respiratory Syst	19	1.0	763.50	40.18
Hematology	24	1.2	1165.70	48.57	Rheumatology	10	.5	414.90	41.49
History of Med	9	.4	248.05	27.56	Sexology	3	.1	64.65	21.55
Immunology	21	1.1	986.35	46.97	Sports Medicine	6	.3	209.40	34.90
Infection Control	2	.1	47.45	23.73	Surgery	106	5.4	7024.10	66.27
Infectious Dis	18	.9	797.90	44.33	Toxicology	14	.7	569.65	40.69
Internal Medicine	40	2.1	1447.95	36.20	Tropical Medicine	1	.1	75.00	75.00
Lab Med & Technol	18	.9	744.95	41.39	Urology	19	1.0	947.10	49.85
Learning Disabil	15	.8	375.80	25.05	Veterinary Med	17	.9	832.85	48.99
Legal Medicine	9	.4	299.10	25.46					
					TOTAL				
					MONOGRAPHS:	1946	100.0%	\$77,370.38	\$39.76
					TOTAL CONTINUATIONS:				
					(Not included above)	796		43,313.31	54.41
					TOTAL (COMBINED):	2742		\$120,683.69	\$44.01

Note: Above figures do not include undergraduate titles.

## NEW BOOK RECEIPTS — 12 MONTH STATISTICAL SUMMARY

(Dallas Only)

January 1 - December 31, 1983

This information is to assist you in acquisitions and budget planning.

<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Number of Titles</u>	<u>* (Numbered Series)</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Value at List Price</u>	<u>Average List Price</u>
Academic Press	120	(51)	4.4	\$ 5,504.25	\$45.87
Addison-Wesley	27	(3)	1.0	760.30	28.16
Appleton	54	(8)	2.0	1,583.20	29.32
Arco	23		.8	286.20	12.44
Aspen	68	(6)	2.5	2,019.65	29.70
Brady	19		.7	290.05	15.27
Brunner-Mazel	20		.7	544.45	27.22
Butterworths	46	(9)	1.7	3,004.95	65.33
Churchill	154	(48)	5.6	3,553.10	23.07
College Hill	14		.5	379.00	27.07
Davis	34	(8)	1.2	973.70	28.64
Dekker	29	(22)	1.0	1,845.50	63.64
Elsevier	177	(133)	6.5	14,957.05	84.50
Futura	19		.7	774.50	40.76
Grune	87	(18)	3.1	3,566.15	40.99
Harper & Row	13		.5	413.50	31.81
Igaku-Shoin	11		.4	703.50	63.95
Kluwer-Boston	83	(39)	3.0	4,413.75	53.18
Lange	10	(1)	.4	206.00	20.60
Lea & Febiger	43	(1)	1.6	1,580.75	36.76
Lippincott	81	(4)	3.0	2,965.45	36.61
Liss	81	(74)	3.0	4,888.50	60.35
Little Brown	68		2.5	2,533.15	37.25
Macmillan	11		.4	399.55	36.32
Masson	21	(4)	.8	1,135.50	54.07
McGraw-Hill	31	(4)	1.1	1,331.40	42.95
Medical Economics	30	(6)	1.1	885.10	29.50
Medical Exam	76	(14)	2.8	1,980.25	26.06
Mosby	130	(11)	4.7	4,612.55	35.48
Oxford	59	(10)	2.1	2,140.40	36.28
Pergamon	15	(1)	.5	1,150.50	76.70
Plenum	119	(79)	4.3	7,323.00	61.54
Praeger	17	(6)	.6	564.60	33.21
Quintessence	12		.4	820.00	68.33
Raven	125	(50)	4.5	5,602.15	44.82
Reston	16		.6	309.20	19.33
Saunders	114	(16)	4.2	5,430.70	47.64
Slack	17		.6	450.00	26.47
SP Medical	19	(5)	.7	733.15	38.59
Springer	27	(13)	1.0	691.95	25.63
Springer Verlag	135	(56)	4.9	7,712.55	57.13
Thieme Stratton	24	(4)	.9	868.45	36.19
Thomas	41		1.5	1,509.95	36.83
Univ. Park Press	58	(8)	2.1	2,193.55	37.82
Urban & Schwarz.	13	(2)	.5	489.50	37.65
Wiley	92	(29)	3.4	3,782.80	41.12
Williams & Wilkins	74	(7)	2.7	3,356.50	45.36
Wright-PSG	65	(9)	2.4	2,026.00	31.17
Yearbook	65	(29)	2.4	2,822.10	43.42
**Misc.	55	(8)	2.0	2,615.34	47.55
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>2742</u>	<u>(796)</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$120,683.69</u>	<u>\$44.01</u>

\* Included in total number of titles received.

\*\* Receipts of fewer than 10 titles per publisher.

Note: These figures do not include undergraduate titles.

# SDI Update

By Mary Ann Donnell, Providence Hospital, Mobile

## DRGs ... Supplement 1

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by Mary Ann Donnell, Providence Hospital, Mobile

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# RML Satellite Librarian

by Nancy Clemmons

On March 6, Marian Brennan will begin her job as the Region 2 Satellite Librarian. Although she will have an office at Lister Hill Library, she will spend much of her time traveling around the states of Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida. Her responsibilities will involve providing consultation, training, resource sharing coordination, public relations, and other programs within the southeast. See last month's SYNAPSE for further details about her position. Marian, another University of Alabama GSLS graduate, is coming back to Alabama after serving as the librarian at the Eisenhower Osteopathic Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colorado. While in library school Marian served as a graduate teaching assistant and as an intern in psychiatric and medical libraries.

## Position Open

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA/BIOMEDICAL LIBRARY Public Services Coordinator

Faculty, tenure-track position available in Biomedical Library using NOTIS online integrated system. Reports to Associate Director of Libraries (Head, Biomedical Library). Primary responsibility delivery of reference service in the Biomedical Library. Supervises 3 librarians and 6 support staff in the Biomedical Library and the Medical Center Branch. Responsible for circulation, reference, database searching, bibliographic instruction and ILL.

Required: ALA accredited MLS and achievement of MLA certification within 3 years of employment; 5 years public services experience, preferably in health sciences libraries, demonstrated leadership and supervisory skills, database searching experience.

12-month appointment at Assistant Librarian rank or above (equivalent to Asst. Professor). \$18,500+, depending on education and experience. 20 days vacation, university-subsidized insurance, state retirement, TIAA/CREF option. Submit resume and names of 3 references by April 16, 1984, to: Patricia G. Ramage, Chairman, Biomedical Library Search Committee, Library Administration, The University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL 36688. An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

# News from Lister Hill

LISTER HILL LIBRARY ANNOUNCES NEW FEE STRUCTURE FOR ONLINE SERVICES  
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 1984

by Nancy Clemmons

For the past ten years, it has been necessary for Lister Hill Library to recover partial costs for online services. In order to insure a more reliable level of cost recovery, the Lister Hill Library will change the fee structure for MEDLINE and other computer database searches effective February 1, 1984.

Fees will no longer be based on the number of years (or files) searched. Instead, the fees will recover the actual costs of computer time used and the costs of printing the search. In addition, the fees will partially recover the library's costs for providing online services (equipment, supplies, manuals, training, telephone, postage, salaries, and other indirect costs) through a Basic Charge. The Basic Charge will be:

\$ 7.00 UAB faculty, staff, and students  
\$10.00 Health professionals not affiliated with UAB  
\$15.00 Other users

The new structure will more fairly distribute charges among users whose requests generate a large number of citations vs. users who require only a few citations and between complicated, multi-term searches and simple one-term or author searches. Because fees will be based on the length and complexity of the search, charges will not be known until after the search has been run, but patrons can minimize their charges by being specific about their requests, selective about the kinds of articles they are looking for (English language only, review articles, case reports, comparative studies, age groups, etc.), or by asking the searcher to limit the retrieval to specified number of citations. A comparison of the old vs. the new fee structure based on a sample of six searches is available from the Reference Unit at Lister Hill Library, ext. 2230.

## New Reference Librarian

Mary Helen Stringer has accepted the position of Reference Librarian. In addition to performing her regular reference duties and computer searches, she will act as the Library's liaison to the School of Nursing. Mary Helen is a recent graduate of the University of Alabama Graduate School of Library Service where she prepared for medical librarianship. Her education included an internship at the Birmingham VA Medical Center Library. She has served as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Cerebral Palsy Center.



BOOK SALE  
Lister Hill Library/Birmingham Public Library

The Lister Hill Library's annual book sale will be held this year on May 19, 1984 from 9:00 - 4:00. This year's book sale will be conducted jointly with the Birmingham Public Library at the Birmingham Civic Center. Contributions, volunteers, comments and attendance are invited. Call LHL at 934-2460 for more information.

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## It's Happening! HSLRT

"Automation in Alabama's Health Sciences Libraries"  
Beth Owens, Moderator-Elect  
Health Sciences Librarians Roundtable

The Health Sciences Librarians Roundtable (HSLRT) program at this year's Alabama Library Association meeting promises to be very informative! The program is entitled "Automation in Alabama Health Sciences Libraries" and we have several speakers that will inform us about their experiences with library automation.

Dick Fredericksen, Director of Lister Hill Library, will start off the program with a summarization of the Matheson Report and its implications for libraries. Pat Ramage will report on NOTIS, an integrated system in use at the University of South Alabama Biomedical Library. Debbie Grimes from Shelton State in Tuscaloosa, which has a nursing collection, will tell about Apple applications in the junior college library. Ina Sims, librarian at Baptist Medical Center - Montclair in Birmingham will finalize the program with a report on how a union list was compiled for the Jefferson County Hospital Librarians Association using a mainframe computer.

This year's AlaLA convention will be held in Birmingham at the Hyatt, April 11-13. HSLRT's program will be held 9:30 - 11:30, Thursday morning, April 12. We always learn from others experiences, so this program should prove to be beneficial to us all!

# Graduate Study – UA

## PROGRAMS OF STUDY IN MEDICAL LIBRARIANSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

The Graduate School of Library Service offers a Master's of Library Service (M.L.S.) degree with specializations appropriate for careers in medical libraries and medical media services. Depending on the student's career goal, two options are available within this specialization.

Medical Media/Librarianship--combines the skills of a media specialist with those of a librarian. Graduates will be prepared to work in small hospitals, designing and producing media in support of patient and staff educational programs, as well as administering the library. Students choosing this option will take the core courses, three advanced courses in media (LS 540, LS 541, and LS 542), and an internship in medical libraries/media services. Three electives complete the 36-credit, one-year program, with LS 507, LS 562, and CHS 560 being strongly recommended.

Those wishing a more broad-based preparation would combine the medical media and general medical librarianship (see below) options in a 48-credit dual program.

Medical Librarianship--combines a background in library and information science with management and bibliographic studies appropriate to medical libraries, be they in large hospitals or medical schools. Students choosing this option will take the core courses and LS 507, LS 512, LS 562, and at least one management course chosen from among LS 503, LS 508, and LS 532. Three electives round out the 36-credit, one year program. Students without medical library experience are strongly advised to include LS 573 as one of the three electives.

A sixth-year degree program in medical librarianship leading to an Educational Specialist's degree (Ed.S.) is also available for those already holding a master's degree in librarianship.

### Selected List of Courses

#### Core Courses

- LS 500. Organization of Information
- LS 501. Dissemination of Information
- LS 502. Research Methods
- LS 504. Media Production and Utilization
- LS 535. Medical Librarianship

#### Information Resources

- LS 507. Information Sources and Services
- LS 511. Information Resources: Social Sciences
- LS 512. Information Resources: Sciences
- LS 513. Information Resources: Government Publications
- LS 562. Computer-Based Information Systems

### Educational Media

- LS 540. Advanced Media Production and Utilization
- LS 541. Media Services
- LS 542. Instructional Design and Development
- LS 576. Internship in Media Services

### Management

- LS 503. Systems Analysis
- LS 508. Administration and Management
- LS 532. Special Libraries and Information Centers
- LS 573. Internship in Medical Libraries

### Other

- CHS 560. Introduction to Medical Sciences
- LS 506. Cataloging and Classification
- LS 560. Library Automation
- LS 561. Fundamentals of Information Science
- LS 577. Internship in Information Studies

### LS 535: MEDICAL LIBRARIANSHIP

LS 535: Medical Librarianship will be offered during the Second Summer Session at the University of Alabama, Graduate School of Library Service, July 9 - August 11.

The course is an introduction to medical librarianship, suitable for library school students and practicing librarians. Although only intensive individual study prepares one for the Medical Library Association Certification Exam (to be given in November), this course may serve to get you going in your studying.

For further information, please contact Ruth Fenske, Graduate School of Library Service, University of Alabama, P.O. Box 6242, University, AL 35486. Early inquiry is advised for those wishing to take the course for credit.

### FELLOWSHIPS FOR STUDENTS IN MEDICAL/MEDIA LIBRARIANSHIP

Most of you have probably received a mailing on the new program in medical/media librarianship offered by the University of Alabama, Graduate School of Library Service. For academic year 1984-85, two fellowships (\$4000 plus tuition) funded by Title II-B of the Higher Education Act will be available for those wishing to practice medical media/librarianship.

Applicants to the program will be expected to meet the admission criteria of the university and the Graduate School of Library Service. For the fellowships, preference will be given to members of an ethnic minority and to those currently working in hospitals with high minority populations and in economically depressed rural communities. Additional forms of financial aid are available for qualified applicants who are not in the target group for the fellowships.

The Graduate School of Library Service is currently recruiting applicants for the program in medical/media librarianship. Referrals from members of the Alabama Health Libraries Association are most welcome.

For further information, please write to the Graduate School of Library Service, P.O. Box 6242, University, AL 35486.

INTERIM AND SUMMER AT GSLS  
Courses Appropriate for Continuing Education

Interim, May 14-June 1

LS 563	Records Management	Juli Rutledge
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1st Summer, June 4-July 7

LS 504	Media Production and Utilization	Philip Turner
LS 505	Selection and Acquisitions	Dorothy Broderick
LS 508	Administration and Management	Joe Acker
LS 533	Archives and Special Collections	Joyce Lamont
LS 534	School Media Centers	Philip Turner
LS 556	Conservation and Collection Management (tentative)	
LS 560	Library Automation	Joe Acker

2nd Summer, July 9-August 11

LS 458	Basic Printing	Glenn House
LS 502	Research Methods	Ruth Fenske
LS 504	Media Production and Utilization	Philip Turner
LS 506	Cataloging and Classification	Gordon B. Neavill
LS 507	Information Sources and Services**	Aydan Kalyoncu and Adria Beckham
LS 521	Materials and Services for Young Adults	Joan Atkinson
*LS 535	Medical Librarianship	Ruth Fenske
LS 540	Advanced Media Production and Utilization	Philip Turner
LS 553	Introduction to the Book Arts	Glenn House
LS 562	Computer-Based Information Systems	Joan Atkinson

For further information, contact the Graduate School of Library Service, University of Alabama, P.O. Box 6242, University, AL 35486.

\*See article elsewhere in the newsletter.  
\*\*Includes a one-credit database searching module.

