

NORTERN LIGHTS HEALTH LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION (NOLHLA) CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2002-2003

Introduction - creation of a chapter:

The Northern Lights Health Libraries Association was established in May 2002. With the participation of the local colleges and university, and the anticipated formation of the Northern Medical School library service, it was felt we now have sufficient institutional representation make the Chapter viable.

Preceding this was the Sudbury Health Libraries Association (SHLA) (1992-2002) and The Sudbury Health Science Libraries Association (SHSLA)(1987-1992). Members also joined in the Ontario Hospital Library Association (OHLA).

The associations formed and developed under the leadership of the late Don Hawryliuk. Members of the Association included library staff from each of the then 4 Sudbury hospitals and the Public Health Unit. Professional contact and cooperation was sought and maintained with the two Sault Ste. Marie hospitals, Laurentian University, INCO and Falconbridge, and North Bay Psychiatric Hospital. A union list of health serials was the Association's main project.

We mention Don Hawryliuk was a founding member for a special reason - Don passed away during the fall of 1999. As a long-time member of CHLA, Don would have been very proud to see this chapter of CHLA formed.

As the most recent chapter to join CHLA, NOLHLA has been fortunate to take advantage of the experience of other chapters, most particularly from our neighbouring colleagues in Northwestern Ontario, members of the Northwestern Ontario Health Libraries Association (NOHLA).

In 2001, the last serials list was created by SHLA of joint holdings. By 2002, many of us had started to take advantage of DOCLINE & SERHOLD. To date at least 5 of our libraries in NOLHLA now contribute to this document delivery service. In an effort to facilitate resource sharing at the Northern Ontario level, we have put each of our libraries in the first cell and will perhaps explore creating a freeshare group through CISTI.

After the first year, we have seen many advantages to belonging to CHLA and we look forward to many successful years ahead.

Operating year:

May 2002 - May 2003

Number of Members: 15/Institutions represented - 11

Carolyn Lupton, Sudbury Regional Hospital, Founding President
Millie Cayen, Sudbury & District Health Unit
Jami van Haaften, Northeastern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre
Claudette King, Northeastern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre
Barbara Lee, Nipissing University
Barbara Gill, North Bay Psychiatric Hospital
Kathy You, Sault Area Hospital
Joanne Muellenbach, Northern Ontario Virtual Library
Julie Demenico, Timmins District Hospital
Jo-ann Larose, Northeast Mental Health Centre
Lionel Bonin, Laurentian University
Diane Henry, Collège Boréal College
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Executive elected May 2003:

President

Jami van Haaften, Cancer Library,
Northeastern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre

Vice-President/President Elect

Jo-ann Larose, Health Science Library,
Northeast Mental Health Centre

Secretary

Millie Cayen, Resource Centre,
Sudbury & District Health Unit

Other items to note:

These are events or activities that have impacted on the health libraries in this chapter:

1. Laurentian University Library was required to change their online catalogue to SIRSI from MultiLiS. This change required a year of test databases and training for LU staff and affiliated libraries who are partners of the catalogue. This affected several libraries in the Sudbury area, as the following are partners of LU's online database: Northeast Mental Health Centre, the Northeastern Ontario Regional Cancer Centre, the Sudbury Regional Hospital, the North Bay Psychiatric Hospital, and Laurentian University, of course. Huntington University

and University of Sudbury, who are associated with NOLHLA through educational opportunities only, are also affected by these changes. The launch of the new online catalogue is scheduled for the beginning of the 2003-2004 school year.

The benefits of being a partner are numerous:

- financial advantage being that individually each health library would not be able to afford this web-based catalogue;
- technical advantage is that LU is in charge of the implementation of installation and training;
- library advantage is the control and ability to create reports that was not available in the MultiLiS version;
- collectively some of the health libraries can easily share resources and patron databases;
- marketing advantage is that our catalogues are all web-based and customer friendly.

Although the training has been intensive at times, the end result will be dramatic.

Northern Ontario Medical School:

Although major development of the library service for NOMS must await the appointment of a library director, NOLHLA tries to stay abreast of news stories and meetings that may bear some impact on our group, as an association and as individual libraries. Hospital library staff participate in teaching hospital facility planning meetings. The final outcome of what the library service will look like is yet to be determined.

Submitted by:

Jami van Haaften and Jo-ann Larose

Education Sub-committee formed September 2002

Jo-ann Larose

Year's Activities:

- MLA Video - E-journals
- DOCLINE tutorial - Carolyn Lupton
- Rita Vine - Searching Faster and Smarter on the Web
- CHLA conference 2002 (Waterloo) - attended by Carolyn, Jami, Millie, Jo-ann, Kathy and Joanne; with Jami presenting at the Poster Session
- Membership survey
- OLA teleconference - How to select and manage electronic resources
- OLA Teleconference - The Internet controversy
- PDA presentation (video)
- Gaston Roy, Sudbury Regional Hospital IS Manager - asp.net presentation