

Northern Lights Health Libraries Association (NOLHLA)

Chapter Report

May 2011

**CHLA/ABSC Chapter President's Report**

**Official Chapter Name:**

Northern Lights Health Libraries Association (NOLHLA)

**Operating year for this report (month/year to month/year):**

June 2010 to May 2011

**Number of Members:**

Membership

Members number 12 staff members from nine institutions

Hospitals

North Bay Regional Health Centre

Sault Area Hospital

Sudbury Regional Hospital

Colleges

Cambrian College

Collège Boréal

Sudbury and District Health Unit

Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers

University

Laurentian University

Northern Ontario School of Medicine

**Number of CHLA/ABSC Members in Chapter (if known)**

6

**Executive for the operating year being reported on:**

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Secretary/ Secrétaire: William Land, Sudbury Regional Hospital

Trésorière/Treasurer: Julie Rancourt, Collège Boréal

**Executive for the forthcoming year (if known at this time):** *due June 2011*

**OUTLINE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ON WHICH YOU ARE REPORTING:**

The hospitals in the region experiences milestones which impacted on library service. The North Bay Hospital with the North East mental Health Program, and two months later moved to a new hospital facility. The Sault Area Hospital moved to a new facility in March.

Some institutions with NOHLA membership also participate in a regional joint licensing initiative, lead by Patty Fink (NOSM) and Sophie Regaldo (St. Joseph's Care Group, Thunder Bay). Members who are teaching institutional affiliated with NOSM explore options to share resources and lower costs through voluntary joint licensing agreements.

At the same time members followed the development of the Canadian Virtual Health Library. One members is a stakeholder via COAHL, one through OCUL and a third will be a stakeholder through membership in HKN..

**Dates and topics of meetings**

June 25, 2010  
October 29, 2010

December (lunch)  
Jan 2001 – CHVL webinar  
April 27, 2011

## **Workshops**

January 2011 - Canadian Virtual Health Library update

## **Project**

NOLHLA archives, and documents relating to our former association SHLA were organized chronologically and scanned, to create PDF files

- Live access to the Internet – Internet FTP, Telnet searching (Archie, WAIS) and Gopher \$40 = 25 hours
- 1983 - Regional Health Care Library – proposed – minutes of first meeting
- Library survey - survey tool, not results
- Workload measurement
  - Cataloguing – prepare, type, sort and file catalogue cards
  - Cataloguing (purchased) – order book and card sets, receive, verify classification, sort, file reorder missing cards
- 1996 –Feb. - Memo – discontinuation of Ontario Hospital Assoc. library
- 1996 – May - Formation of Inter-Hospital Library Committee – to prepare framework for planning and coordination of hospital library services

## **New member:**

Hospital in North Bay recently merged with local Northeast East Mental Health Program, and moved into new hospital facility in January. The hospital hired librarian Bonnie Brownstein April 18th.

## **New Facility:**

Sault Area Hospital has moved into its brand-new building, and the Health Sciences Library has moved into its beautiful new location. The bright, comfortable and spacious room features a wall of windows looking out into a garden courtyard, shelving for all resources in one room, and an office for the librarian. At the end of March, SAH also said goodbye and happy retirement to Linda Johns, the clerk for the library for more than 15 years. Linda's touch will be felt long into the future in the goodwill and professionalism she generated for the library.

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