



Season's Greetings!

December Meeting Details

The next meeting of the CPHSLA will be held December 10 at the Community Health Information Library in Hershey, PA. (http://www.psghs.edu/comm_health/)

Registration and refreshments will be in the conference room on the second floor of the Cherry Drive Medical Building at 9:30 a.m. The business meeting is slated for 10:00 a.m., followed by a tour of the Community Health Information Library. Lunch will be at a local restaurant called Your Place from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. They have a lunch buffet for \$5.75 or you may order from the menu, as we each will pay for our own. The afternoon program regarding consumer health libraries will be held back at the conference room of the library. A panel discussion about resources and services is planned, along with an idea-sharing time to talk about how medical libraries would start a consumer health service.

You may register upon arrival, however, **PLEASE let Patrice [717-531-4032 or chil@psghs.edu] know you will be attending so she can give an accurate count to the restaurant and have the conference room arranged accordingly.**

The Cherry Drive Medical Building is located about 1/2 mile east of the Hershey Medical Center on Rt. 322. *See map on page 3.* Fox's Market is across the street.

From the Editor...

A *hearty* hello goes out to all members. I apologize for the briefness of this issue. I wanted to get a newsletter out quickly, especially with the information regarding the upcoming December meeting. Although there were six weeks between the fall and winter meetings, I felt my time was really strained between updating the Glover Memorial Library's entire journal holdings on UCMP and my son's 1st birthday party. Both went quite well and at least I didn't throw up icing after updating the journal holdings! (Although my son's pony -- a gift from his grandfather -- bit my boss's thumb. Why was she petting his mouth?)

I hope each and every one of you experiences the best of the holidays and have a safe, enjoyable time with family and friends. As I write this column, it is Thanksgiving Day Eve and I know I have much to be thankful for and I am sure you do too. Even though our fellow CPHSLA members may not be normally included in the list of things we are thankful for, I implore you to recall the times when a fellow member was so very helpful and came through when you needed it most.

As always feel free to contact me with any information about you or your facility that you are willing to share with the group. Thank you and take care.

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Central Pennsylvania Health Sciences Library Association
Fall Meeting Minutes
Bucknell University
Lewisburg, PA
October 28, 1999

ATTENDANCE: Patrice Hall, Community Health Information Library; Edie Asbury, Holy Spirit Hospital; Laura Goodman, Holy Spirit Hospital; Elinor Snow, Centre Community Hospital; Mike Heyd, Susquehanna Health System; Gayle Stauffer, Cecil C. College; Cinthia Stellabotte, Altoona Hospital; Tracie Kahler, Altoona Hospital; Martha Ruff, Harrisburg State Hospital; Eileen Kocher, Danville State Hospital; Susan Robishaw, Penn State Geisinger Health System

CALL TO ORDER: President Goodman convened the Business meeting at 2:11 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Membership dues for 2000-2002 are due by June 30, 2000 when all memberships expire. Dues are \$10.00 for 2 years.
- Tracie is working on the updated membership packet, to be completed by January.
- Notify Julie Woodling of any corrections to newsletter mailing list.
- Notify Edie Asbury of address corrections for mailing labels for the Duplicate Journals Exchange List.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There were no corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. They were approved on a motion by Mike Heyd, seconded by Elinor Snow.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The treasurer's report reflected a checking account balance of \$1037.24, which is an increase of \$133.19 from the previous report. The certificates of deposit remain the same valuation of \$8592.73 An accounting of interest accrued in 1998 revealed a total of \$387.58.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Program Committee: No report

Special Projects Committee: (Patrice Hall) Described former project (Investigation of group participation in OCLC. Patrice would like suggestions for future projects.

Exchange List Committee: (Edie Asbury) Due date is January 14th for the next list. The list is published every 3 months. If you broadcast your list on the listserv, Edie will print paper copies from that to be mailed to libraries not participating in the listserv.

Member-at-Large Committee: (Martha Ruff) Judy Welch is recuperating from back surgery. Cards and letters would be welcome. Martha will post her address on the listserv.

Newsletter: (Julie Woodling) Editorship has been transferred. Members in attendance applauded the excellent job Julie did with her first issue. Tracie passed on Julie's request for submissions.

Nominating: (Martha Ruff) The slate of candidates was unanimously approved. New officers are as follows: Patrice Hall, Vice President; Laura Goodman, President; Martha Ruff, Treasurer; Gayle Stauffer, Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS:

Laura would like to update the membership directory. She is looking for suggestions for questions/information which should be included on the membership application form and in the directory. Suggestions from the group included: Type of library automation system used by each library, databases used, (extraordinary) personal subscriptions to magazines/journals not typically indexed which may be of interest to other libraries. Eric has provided a New Member List on the CPHSLA listserv, however, not all members subscribe to the listserv. Many members would like to receive hard copies for easy reference. In the past the printed copy included a list of institutions, and a list of members by institution as well as the alphabetic list of members.

The question of whether or not CPHSLA should have a Web site was raised. We apparently have the money to fund such a project. We were reminded that there are several issues which must be resolved first, one of which is where the web site would "live;" other issues are who would be responsible for designing it and who would maintain it. We are not an entity of MLA, so it is not likely that we could hang our web site off theirs. **Special Projects** will look into what it takes to have a Web site.

The **NEXT MEETING** will be held at the Consumer Health Information Library in Hershey on December 10.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. to attend the videoconference on Building the Earth's Largest Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle T. Stauffer



**Central Pennsylvania Health Sciences
Library Association
Treasurer's Report
October 28, 1999**

CHECKING ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

	Previous Checkbook Balance	\$904.05
Credits		
	Deposits	\$133.19
Total Credits		\$1037.24
Expenditures		0.00
Total Expenditures		0.00
Current Balance		\$1037.24

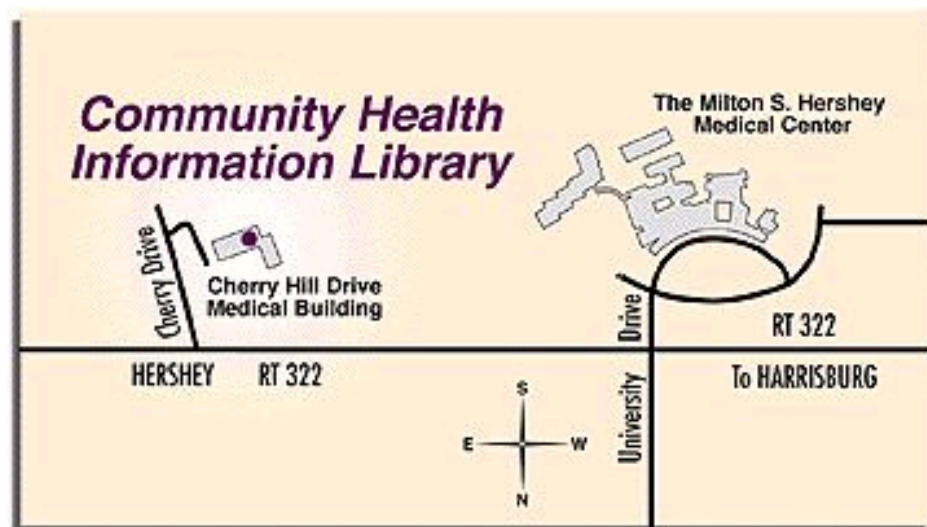
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Initial Amount	Renewal Interest	Renewal Value	Renewal Date	1998 Interest
\$5,000.00	4.280	\$7,185.10	12/03/98	\$325.82
\$1,000.00	4.520	\$1,407.63	11/23/98	\$ 61.76



Map of Hershey area for December 10th Meeting

- December 10th Meeting**
- 9:30 Registration / Refreshments
 - 10:00 Meeting/Tour
 - 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
 - 1:15 Program
- ✓ **Remember:**
Please RSVP Patrice
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Spun from the Web



By Julie Woodling, MLIS

As I began skimming the 1999 issues of *Medicine on the Net* for something worthy to mention to you all, my attention was immediately drawn to the January "Site of the Month" -- The Virtual Hospital @. The Virtual Hospital (VH) is a free digital health science library that was founded in 1992 by the University of Iowa. The URL is www.vh.org and it has received between 4.5 million and 7.4 million hits each month in 1999. The Virtual Hospital delivers information to health care providers at the point-of-care to help them take better care of their patients and delivers information to patients at home to help them live healthier lives. The University of Iowa Health Care currently sponsors the project, while former sponsors include the National Library of Medicine, Apple Computer, Inc., and the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences.

On the VH homepage, visitors have the choice of selecting from "Welcome", "Healthcare Providers", "Patients", "Common Problems" or "Beyond Virtual Hospital". Once in either the "Healthcare Providers" or "Patients" area, you will see the information in the Virtual Hospital is organized in a number of ways. According to the Virtual Hospital, one way that the information is organized is from a **librarian's perspective**: by type of information (textbook, teaching file, etc.), by organ system, or by the discipline that created the information. Another way the information is organized is from a **user's perspective**: by problem. Here, authoritative medical information from within the Virtual Hospital is linked to the most common medical problems seen at their institution, as determined from inpatient and outpatient census data. Also an annotated bibliography of the "Healthcare Providers" and "Patients" information is available; the "Providers" bibliography has MeSH given for each entry.

Every page on the Virtual Hospital shows accountability for the content by stating the author's name, degree, and peer review status of the content. The author's affiliation and creation and last revision dates appear on the title page of every textbook or booklet. VH also makes the content easily accessible by requiring the media on each page to be stored in a format that can be viewed by a browser without the aid of helper applications or plug-ins. In addition to these user-friendly features, all the text in the Virtual Hospital is indexed and made free-text searchable via their search engine.

In the Medical Reference area of "Beyond the Virtual Hospital" section, there are several links, one of which is the [Hardin Meta Directory of Internet Health Sources](#). This site was listed in *BMJ*'s Netlines as a comprehensive starting point. It is actually a Meta-list of Internet sites in various medical subject areas. The Medical Reference area also has a link to a list of Health Agencies, Professional Health Societies and Non-Profit Consumer Health Organizations.

Over the past five years the Virtual Hospital has received positive reviews in publications such as *JAMA*, *The Lancet*, *American Family Physician*, *American Medical News*, *USA Today*, *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, and *Time*.

CHECK IT OUT!

References:

BMJ 1999; 319:790 (18 September)
Medicine on the Net January 1999 5 (1) 15-17

Other Upcoming Meetings

ALA Midwinter Meeting 2000

San Antonio, Texas,

January 14-19, 2000

<http://www.ala.org/events/mw2000/index.html>

SLA 2000 Winter Meeting/Educ. Conference

St. Louis, Missouri

January 20-25, 2000

<http://www.sla.org/conf/winter2000.shtml>

Computers in Libraries 2000

Washington, DC

March 14-18, 2000

<http://www.infotoday.com/cil2000/cil2000.htm>

MLA 2000

Vancouver, BC Canada

May 5-11, 2000

<http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2000/index.html>

IEEE Advances in Digital Libraries 2000

Washington, DC

May 22-24, 2000

<http://lsdis.cs.uga.edu/ADL2000/ADL2000CFP.htm>

SLA 2000 Annual Conference

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June 10 - 15, 2000

<http://www.sla.org/conf/2000conf/index.html>



Take time to enjoy a
Winter Day!

