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November 12, 2008, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SUBMITTED BY SHANDRA PROTZKO

Forensic Medicine presented by Dr. Stephen Putthoff

Frank Ames of Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine has graciously agreed to host the November 12 CCML Meeting. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Stephen Putthoff, Associate Dean of Biomedical Sciences at Rocky Vista University. Dr. Putthoff has served as a medic with the US Army Special Forces and as a member of the US Army Medical Corps with assignments at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center (Denver), Landstuhl Regional Medical (West Germany), and Brooke Army Medical (San Antonio), where he was Chief of Surgical Pathology. He is certified in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology by the American Board of Pathology and is a Fellow of the College of American Pathologists, the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, and the American Board of Forensic Medicine. Before coming to RVU, he served for twenty years at the University of North Texas Health Science Center with positions as Chair of the Department of Pathology and the Center for Human Identification (DNA/Identity) and Associate Dean of Medical Education. Following the tragic 1993 events in Waco, Texas, at the Branch Davidian Mount Carmel Compound, he helped process the crime scene and also performed many of the autopsies. He will discuss the intriguing and complex work of forensic medicine.

We will start the day with a short tour of the brand new library and other campus highlights, so please join us. Fruit, danish, bagels, coffee, tea, and juice will be available throughout the meeting.

Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2008

Location: Rocky Vista University of Osteopathic Medicine

The RVU campus is located at 8401 South Chambers Road (approximately one half mile north of I-470 on South Chambers). Directions and maps are available on line at <http://www.rockyvistauniversity.org/maps.asp> Best access from either I-25 or Parker Road is I-470, but keep in mind that I-470 is a toll road so carry a few dollars in quarters. Parking is free in lots on the northeast and northwest sides of the building. Please enter the building on the east side and pick up a name badge from the security station and continue down the hall to seminar room 122.

Schedule:

Tour Rocky Vista	8:30 – 9:00	
Networking/ Refreshments	9:00 – 9:30	
Main Program	9:30 – 10:30	
Break	10:30 – 10:45	
Business Meeting	10:45 – 12:00	cq

CHANGING THE TUNE OF ORTHOPEDIC SURGEONS SUBMITTED BY ADELAIDE FLETCHER



Recently the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services came out with a recommendation that antibiotic prophylaxis should be discontinued within 24 hours after major surgery because evidence showed that longer administration did not increase benefit, but might actually increase antibiotic resistance. The administrator to whom the library reports came in one day stating he had had a lot of trouble getting the orthopedic surgeons to comply with this recommendation, as they were in the habit of giving antibiotics well over 48 hours post-incision. He wanted to know if their societies or associations had anything to say. Sharon Martin took the search and found their society's position statement on it and gave it to him. Months later, he came back asking for a similar position statement from "whatever society the cardiovascular surgeons belong to." I asked him how the previous information we had given him worked out and he said "Great! They didn't want to do it, but when I showed them that memorandum, they changed their tune real fast." As he walked out the door I asked, "How much money did we save you?" He hollered back, "A LOT!"

DO YOU HAVE AN ADVOCACY STORY?

Do you have a story about a rewarding experience you've had as a health sciences librarian? We want to hear from you! We are looking for more stories like the above that demonstrate the value librarians provide to their organizations and/or the difference librarians can make in patients' lives. Documenting your story will not only provide qualitative support for health science libraries, it will help recruit people to our profession by showing what we do and why we love it. Submissions of 100-200 words can be sent to the Council Quotes' Editor or the Advocacy Committee Chair: Adelaide Fletcher. cq

RESOURCES FOR LICENSING ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

A recent Midcontinental Region of the NN/NLM webinar session led by John Bramble included a discussion of licensing E resources. Some helpful resources were presented.

LibLicense – Yale University Library <http://www.library.yale.edu/~llicense/index.shtml>

MLA http://www.mlanet.org/government/licensing/elicensing_position.html

NN/NLM MCR <http://nmlm.gov/mcr/rsdd/consortia/license.html>

SERU: Shared E resources understanding: <http://www.niso.org/workrooms/seru>

- Library Journal : June 1, 2008, Tenopir
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6561398.html>
- Document of understanding between libraries and publishers (not a contract).

Buying and Contracting for Resources and Services: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians
(How-to-Do-It Manuals for Libraries, No. 125) by Rick Anderson (Highly recommended)

<http://tinyurl.com/44lqn7> cq

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PARALIBRARIANS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

SUBMITTED BY DEBRA MILLER

**Medical Instruments in the Archives
CCML Medical Paralibrarian SIG meeting
University of Colorado Denver HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY
NOVEMBER 11, 2008, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Paul Andrews, Collection Development Technician of the Health Sciences Library, will share a fantastic presentation of "Medical Instruments in the Archives." Paul will present a "show and tell" that includes some of the following items: military field kits, the microscope, an Electrical simulation kit, and an older personal instrument like an Ophthalmoscope.

Make plans to attend this program that promises to be *intriguing* and *frightening* as we view medical instruments that were popular with doctors in *their* day.

FOOD: We will provide an afternoon snack.

LOCATION & CONTACT INFO: University of Colorado Denver Health Sciences Library

12950 E. Montview Blvd., Aurora, CO 80045

Meeting Location: 3rd Floor **TOWER ROOM**

Phone Number: 303-724-2152

DIRECTIONS & PARKING at the Health Sciences Library:

The Health Sciences Library is located on the Anschutz Medical Campus of the University of Colorado Denver. The campus is in Aurora, Colorado, on the north side of Colfax Avenue, between Peoria Street and Fitzsimons Parkway. The library is located at 12950 East Montview Boulevard, immediately north of historic Building 500.

More location directions: <http://hsclibrary.uchsc.edu/about/directions.php>

VISITOR parking rates and lot locations

<http://administration.ucdenver.edu/admin/facilities/parking/amcloc.htm>

REMINDER - This may be the last Para-meeting

A new Convener will need to be elected at our next meeting in November and will serve starting April 2009 for one year. If you are interested in filling this position, know of someone ideally suited to act as Convener, or if you would like more information about the position, contact Debra Miller by telephone at 303-724-2131 or by email [@debra.miller@ucdenver.edu](mailto:debra.miller@ucdenver.edu)

Thank you and we hope to see you at the meeting!

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If you would like to be removed from the CCML Paralibrarian list please send an email to Debra Miller @ debra.miller@ucdenver.edu cq

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congrats to Laura!

MLIS Degree and New Job

Laura Cullerton worked for three years at the Denver Medical Library as the library clerk. She graduated with an MLIS from DU on August 15 and now has a new job as solo librarian at Platt College, which is a graphic arts and nursing school in Aurora.

Congrats to Jeff! New Position

Jeff Kuntzman, the list manager for CCML and former Web Services Librarian at the University of Colorado Denver Health Sciences Library (UCDHSL), has been named the new Head of the Information Technology Department at UCDHSL!

♪ GETTING TO KNOW YOU ♪

Council Quotes and the membership committee tries to feature interviews with members who have been in CCML at least 10 years. This month's featured members are Sara Katsh and Kerry Skidmore.

SARA KATSH

SUBMITTED BY DEBRA TAYLOR

Sara has been a member of CCML since 1974. We don't need to ever ask Sara where she works now, as she has worked for AORN for 36 years! When asked what she likes most about working there, two names currently come to mind. "Ronda and Melissa" Sara says, "Working with Ronda and Melissa. They are two amazing AORN librarians who have raised the level of technical and reference services beyond my wildest dreams." Sara also enjoys "participating on interdepartmental AORN teams, "particularly where publishing is involved" and "having the privilege of being a part of the medical library community and working with/being mentored by the stars we have in CCML." *Continued next column*

Sara has an extended family and they are very important to her, "2 sisters, a brother-in-law, and a niece (14) and nephew (18) in the Seattle area, and I worship them all!" When Sara was asked to provide a hobby, she then responded with "guilt." Maybe we can provide Sara with some anti-guilt coping techniques. Thank you Sara for being the one to organize, institute, implement, provide, and carry on for those who can't!

KERRY SKIDMORE

SUBMITTED BY SALLY MACGOWAN

Kerry has been a CCML Member since 1993. He proudly has one of the original "Native" stickers; he was born and raised in Glenwood Springs. His MLS is from Brigham Young University and he was Library/A-V director at St. Marks Hospital, Salt Lake for 11 years before returning to Cheyenne. He now works as Librarian for the Eastern Colorado Health Care System, Dept. of Veterans Affairs in Denver, and as Learning Resources Coordinator for the Cheyenne VA Medical Center.

The Cheyenne VA is the smallest facility in the Veterans Health Care System, but the medical center has a veteran catchment area encompassing Western Nebraska, Southeast Wyoming, and all of Northeastern Colorado from Longmont to the border to Routt County. It is an exceptionally busy facility and well regarded by the veteran population. In this environment the administrative services must be very flexible. The education services were assumed under the library in 1998 and it continues to manage both today. Fortunately, the medical center has taken a leadership role in the development of innovative information systems and technology. It has developed an extensive infrastructure which the library staff has been able to exploit to provide extensive information

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systems to drive and track education as well as to develop online library resources which became the core of the virtual library.

Several years ago the virtual library was offered to the medical center's Network director to serve as a VA Rocky Mountain Network service consolidation. The Denver facility was unable to rehire a permanent librarian and since this facility is the major tertiary care resource for the network, the staff at Cheyenne developed a memorandum of understanding with Denver to implement the Virtual Library and provide professional library service. They have reactivated the library, recycled almost 60,000 lbs of materials, and remodeled the physical plant to accommodate electronic access. Kerry is attached to the Denver facility electronically and

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weekly, in person, so along with one library technician the two of them function as the medical library. The Denver facility's current goal is to restore the patient education resource functions and integrate the patient education services into the physical plant. While a librarian position will not be added, the Denver facility is proposing hiring a PHE instructor. Eventually, the entire original library space will be reoccupied and more electronic resources added.

Kerry discovered recently that he has been a medical librarian for 30 years. He states, "Boy, has it changed. We sure did not have Virtual Libraries in 1978, we were—virtually—the library. It is more fun now, and busier."

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MUSINGS BY MAXWELL SUBMITTED BY DICK MAXWELL

A recurring feature on *The Late Show with David Letterman*, and now a print collection, is something called Fun Facts. Dave usually mentions that they come from someone at the mythical Federal Bureau of Miscellaneous Information. They vary considerably in their connection with actual facts.

I've given up on ever hearing any library-related facts as part of this informative exercise. Probably he and the writers have a deep-seated fear or resentment of libraries, stemming from some sort of traumatic incident or incidents during childhood. It happens more frequently than any of us would care to admit.

At any rate, to make up for that lack, and in a shameless display of unoriginality, here are some possibly useful library facts. Whether they're fun or not is a whole different question.

*Melville Dewey in his later years was tormented by rhetorical questions: "What the hell is wrong with the alphabet, anyway? Or color? What was I thinking?"

*Tom Swift was in fact not the biological father of Tom Swift, Jr. The younger Swift learned this only after he and his chum, Bud, invented DNA testing (*Tom Swift, Jr. and the Mystery of the Double Helix*).

*The total cubic feet of air in the function-deprived atriums of libraries built over the last 15-20 years is enough to fill 3987 hot air balloons...but is generally not hot enough to cause them to rise.

*While customers of libraries are generally referred to by librarians as "patrons," a recent Gallup survey reveals that 82.9% say that they would prefer to be called Alan (+/-18% margin of error).

*In the Ancient Library of Alexandria, the most challenged scroll was "Cleopatra Unbound," featuring graphic hieroglyphs. Thanks to the efforts of librarians such as Demetrius of Phaleron, it was never actually banned.

*The most frequently checked out scroll in that same library was "Cleopatra Unbound."

*Pixar has acquired the movie rights to "Cleopatra Unbound" and will release the animated feature in time for Christmas 2010.

*The most likely use of RFID technology in libraries will be implanting the devices in each and every Alan to provide accurate statistics for the first time.

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- *The statistics kept by the Shoeless Joe Jackson Public Library in Pine Hill River Run, Idaho, won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 1955. The award is on display there and is said to be viewed by 4.7 million visitors a year.
- *Until 1988, one of the divisions in the annual Pikes Peak Hill climb race was for book carts. A series of frightening crashes resulting in a variety of broken bones and lost work days led to the event's cancellation. The decision was controversial and was quickly followed by a (failed) lawsuit by three-time defending champion Eleanor (Flash) McGregor.
- *The bookmobile division of that same race continues and was won in 2008 by someone in the Unser family. Rules require that the onboard public access PC not reboot at any point during the climb, and that any phone call from an Alan must be answered by the driver.
- *In 2007, 3,456,098 pages produced by the Government Printing Office bore the popular and informative notation "This Page Intentionally Left Blank."
- *It will take a long time to replace that forest.
- *Forty-seven pages, inexplicably, said "This Page Unintentionally Left Blank."
- *The most frequently given explanation for overdue or lost books in school libraries, for the eighth year in a row, was "Some dude took it."
- *In every medical library, at some point during the year, someone will mispronounce "annals," making someone else's day.
- *The fiscal year 2006 budget for the Library of Congress was \$603,622,800.
- *Holy mackerel (found in Dewey sections 230 and 590 or 630)
- *Congress has apparently not yet been informed that it's all free on the internet.
- *The 530 section in the Dewey classification was originally intended to be "Psychics," not "Physics," but, ironically, no one anticipated the mistake and by the time it was noticed, there actually was such a field of science.
- *330, "Economics," appears to be the least-used section of the actual Library of Congress.
- *Librarians who work at the National Library of Medicine are not, as rumored, all licensed to perform routine screening tests up to and including colonoscopies and angiograms. The licensing requirement has been waived.

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PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES

<http://healthmap.org/en> **HealthMap**

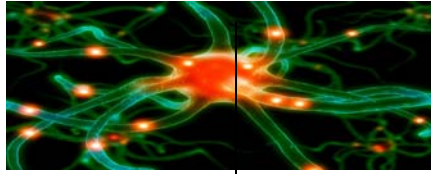
HealthMap brings together disparate data sources to achieve a unified and comprehensive view of the current global state of infectious diseases and their effect on human and animal health. This freely available Web site integrates outbreak data of varying reliability, ranging from news sources (such as Google News) to curated personal accounts (such as ProMED) to validated official alerts (such as World Health Organization). HealthMap provides a jumping-off point for real-time information on emerging infectious diseases and has particular interest for public health officials and international travelers.

<http://www.health-evidence.ca/home> is a web site designed to provide quality research evidence to public health decision makers from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. cq

NEUROCHEMISTRY AND THE MODERN READER

SUBMITTED BY SHANDRA PROTZKO

In the July/August 2008 issue of the *Atlantic*, Nicholas Carr piqued my interest with his article *Is Google Making Us Stupid?*



<http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/200807/google> (online, stupid is spelled stupid). Like Carr, I have this nagging feeling that my brain is changing, that I am losing my ability to read deeply, that I have become more comfortable with snack-size portions of data. I no longer recognize subtext. Whereas, I used to thrive on the mental gymnastics of in-depth reading, now I, too, often labor to read a longish article or book. In point of fact, I couldn't even get through the five page *Atlantic* article without stopping to shop online for gardening tools, add a title to my LibraryThing and throw in a load of laundry. Perhaps that is why Elmore Leonard appeals to me these days. His clipped, efficient sentences could have been sent via instant message.

Are you, too, often missing the "rich mental connections that form when we read deeply?" In his article Carr said, "quiet spaces opened up by the sustained, undistracted reading of a book...foster our own ideas." Photographers know the space around a subject is as important as the subject itself. Architects design buildings with the view in mind. Choose your metaphor. But more and more we skim the surface, lighting quickly on the sound bite or take home message, failing to submerge ourselves in sustained, complex, often ambiguous reading. And why is ambiguity important? It is important for

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On a Related Note:

"Reading This Will Change Your Brain A leading neuroscientist says processing digital information can rewire your circuits. But is it evolution?" <http://www.newsweek.com/id/163924>

Published Oct 14, 2008 By [Jeneen Interlandi](#) | *Newsweek*

New Book *iBRAIN*: Surviving the Technological Alteration of the Modern Mind by Gary Small

<http://tiny.cc/NQzRb>

"**Computer Searching Stimulates Older Brains**" By Crystal Phend, Staff Writer, [MedPage Today](#)
Published: October 14, 2008. Gary W. Small, M.D., University of California Los Angeles, and colleagues online in the *American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*.

<http://www.medpagetoday.com/Geriatrics/GeneralGeriatrics/tb/11256> cq

inspiration and insight. It fascinates me that the Japanese develop a mental circuitry for reading ideograms that looks different than that for reading an

alphabet. So what is all this "reading-lite" doing to our brains? Are we in danger of unwittingly letting our dendritic connections shrivel and die from disuse? Are we condemned to mental lives the size of post-it notes?

Okay, maybe that isn't the most obvious segue for a book review, but there you have it.

Haruki Murakami's *The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle: A Novel* is the tale of Toru Okada, a Japanese Everyman who loses his wife in a seemingly unsolvable mystery. Admittedly, plot summary is almost useless: man loses job, cat and wife, goes looking for wife, spends some time in a well, encounters a peculiar cast of characters including a team of psychics, a World War II veteran, and an unbalanced teenage neighbor girl. Weighty, menacing, befuddling, illogical, seductive and droll, Murakami's novel is just the thing to inject a bit of ambiguity into your life. I encourage you to make some time to immerse yourself in this book of personal responsibility and national tragedy, pop culture and alienation. And birdcalls. It may leave you saying, "What the hell...?" but won't you be the better for it? Plus, it's easier than learning economics. Google may be making you stupid, but before that happens, use it to locate this book at a nearby library and get reading!

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CALENDAR

2008

November

12 - General Membership meeting Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVUCOM)

2009

January

8 - Executive Committee meeting (8:30-10:30 at National Jewish, Molly Blank Bldg Rm J107)

19 - Council Quotes deadline

February

18 - General Membership meeting (National Jewish, Molly Blank Bldg Rm J105))

March

9 - Council Quotes deadline

12 - Executive Committee luncheon (TBA)

April

15 - Annual Meeting (TBA)

May

15-20 - MLA (Honolulu, HI)

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November Health Observances

American Diabetes Month

Jaw Joints - TMJ Awareness Month

National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

National Family Caregivers Month

National Hospice Palliative Care Month

Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

Prematurity Awareness Month

Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month

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