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SEPTEMBER 28 CCML MEETING AT MICROMEDEX
SUBMITTED BY AMANDA ENYEART

Have you ever been curious about how a vendor develops and produces online products? What role do the library and librarian play in the process? Get the inside scoop at our next CCML meeting on Wednesday, September 28. Join our host, CCML member Kate Page, at Micromedex headquarters at 6200 S. Syracuse Way in Greenwood Village. Rich Klasco, MD, Chief Medical Officer for Thompson Scientific and Healthcare, will discuss the ins and outs of the development of such products as Drugdex, Toxicology Databases, and Diseasedex. The talk will be followed by a tour of library facilities.

The meeting will begin at 8:00 A.M. when the Education Committee sponsors a discussion session to share information from the Rocky Mountain EBHC Workshop and the MCMLA Annual Meeting. Attendees will be on hand to relate important and interesting information from both meetings. Refreshments and networking follow at 9:00, and the main program will run from 9:30 until 10:30. Please also plan to stay for the business meeting from 10:45-11:45.

Directions to the facility are included in this month's mailing. You may park in the building parking lot and take the elevator to the third floor. Check in with the Micromedex receptionist for directions to the meeting room. CQ

**CCML MEMBERS PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN
EBM CONFERENCE**

The 7th Annual Rocky Mountain Evidence Based Health Care Workshop was held in August at Keystone Colorado. The workshop provides intensive, problem-based EBHC training to groups of clinical practitioners, health journalists, health care policy makers and consumer advocates. Each CCML Librarian co-tutored a small group session with an international EBM expert and a local clinician. Large group plenary sessions addressed topics of interest to all groups and included discussions on the Cox 2 trials, ghostwriting, and conflict of interest in clinical trials.

CCML Librarians in attendance were: Debbie Weaver, Shandra Protzko, Lisa Traditi, Lynne Fox, Catherine Reiter, Stephanie Weldon, Lilian Hoffecker, and Beth Tweed. CQ

**FREE MONEY AKA: CCML's
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT FUND \$\$\$
SUBMITTED BY NADINE GINKEL**

Want to take an MCMLA CE course, but your library simply can't afford it? The Professional Development Fund is designed to encourage CCML members to participate in professional development opportunities. Special funds are designated to provide financial support to members who wish to attend regional continuing education courses and professional meetings or programs.

Guidelines:

- The applicant must be a regular member of CCML for at least one year, or an emeritus member.
- Professional Development funds are to be used for courses, meetings, and programs held in Region 4 of the National Network/Libraries of Medicine. National programs are not covered.
- Awards of up to \$100 per applicant may be granted each year.
- The award will not exceed the registration fee or charge for the continuing education course. Funds are not intended to be used for meals or travel expenses.
- Institutional matching of funds is not required.
- Applications must be received by the chair of the Education Committee, four weeks prior to the course/program.

More information and the application form can be found on the CCML web pages - <http://www.ccmlnet.org/profdev.html>

Or contact Lisa Traditi (lisa.traditi@uchsc.edu or 303-315-7356) for additional information. CQ

Perplexity is the beginning of knowledge --
Kahlil Gibran

**PARALIBRARIANS SPECIAL
INTEREST GROUP
SUBMITTED BY JIM HONOUR**

The Paralibrarians SIG is meeting quarterly. We last met on Thursday, July 14, 2005 at Exempla St. Joseph Hospital. We were pleased to have fifteen people in attendance with three who drove in from Ft. Collins! We had a social period, introductions, a thumbnail history of our organization, announcements and presentation by our speaker. Stephanie Weldon was kind enough to give us an abbreviated and expert tour of some PubMed features. Thanks again Stephanie for instructing us!

The Medical Paralibrarian October meeting will be held at Denison Memorial Library in the Library Conference Room at 11:30 on October 12, 2005. Rare book collection librarian, Emily Epstein, will give us an overview of Denison's history of medicine collection that is housed in the Waring Room and may give us a peek at some of the rare books Denison has shelved in the cage. CQ

MENTORS NEEDED

Are there volunteers from the Denver SLA chapter (RMSLA) who are willing to serve as informal mentors? Currently there are about 10 MLS students in the Information Management Certificate program (for Special Librarians) at Emporia. Many of these students would appreciate having someone who can give them a behind-the-scenes look at the profession, share work experiences, or be a role model and resource. Here is an opportunity to make a great contribution to student learning.

If there are volunteers who are interested, contact Jim Agee at: jim.agee@emporia.edu
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**Visit the CCML Student/Volunteer
Networking Webpage at:**

<http://www.ccmlnet.org/students.html>

**CALL FOR ISABEL T. ANDERSON COLLECTION
RECOMMENDATIONS
SUBMITTED BY SHANDRA PROTZKO**

The Isabelle T. Anderson collection of library science materials is a project of the Education Committee of the Colorado Council of Medical Librarians (CCML) and is integrated into the Denison collection. Books, videocassettes, audiocassettes and MLA course syllabi are included in this collection. The Education Committee has \$400 to spend on new library science materials for the Isabelle T. Anderson (ITA) collection and we need your help. Undoubtedly, you are reading some gem right now, a book you would like to share. So please assist your colleagues and others interested in the library profession and kindly let us know which titles you think should be added to the collection.

Curious about what's in the ITA collection? Browse this collection by going to IMPULSE <http://library.uchsc.edu/>, Denison Library's catalog. Once there, choose *Word Search*; then type *Isabelle Anderson*. CCML members may borrow from the ITA collection free of charge.

Please contact Shandra Protzko at protzkos@njc.org or use the suggestion form linked from the ITA Collection page on the Denison Memorial Library website: <http://denison.uchsc.edu/isabelle.html> CQ

KUDOS TO KATE!

Kate Elder writes:

“I recently received a nice honor at work and have been talked into sharing it with CCML. It was the Colorado Department of Human Services "Employee of the Year" (despite the singular form, there were several more than just me!). I was originally nominated for employee of the month at Ft. Logan by one of our psychologists and the CDHS selection committee then chose me for the state award, too. Here is the info”

FROM the CDHS, Office of Behavioral Health and Housing
Kathleen Elder

Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan Library ONGOING CONTRIBUTION

Kate is a terrific Librarian and tireless worker. In the spirit of doing more with less, Kate took over the children's librarian job 2 years ago, essentially doubling her workload. Kate quickly went about converting office space near the medical library for the new school Library.

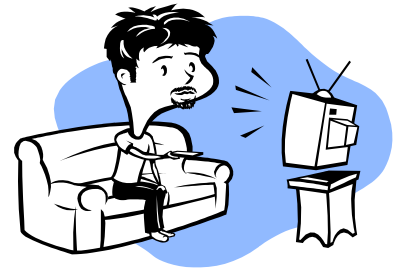
Kate is extraordinarily helpful to staff at Fort Logan that need research and resources in a variety of areas. Regardless of how busy she is, Kate always puts down what she is doing so that she can talk to the person who has just come in. Her attitude is always pleasant so that people never seem to feel they are putting her out by asking her to help, simply that she loves her job and would be happy to help them. Though she says she is always behind in her work, requests for information usually arrive as quickly as they would from a library with more employees, while Kate is a one-woman show.

In addition, she also supervises four patient volunteers. She spends time teaching them filing, shelving, and other tasks. She treats them not as patients, but as people like anyone else who deserve respect and dignity.

I cannot think of anyone more deserving. Kate is truly an asset to Fort Logan.

Congratulations Kate and thanks for sharing! CQ

MUSINGS BY MAXWELL
SUBMITTED BY DICK MAXWELL



Maybe a larger screen would help.

Some party pooping researchers from Otago University in Dunedin, New Zealand reported in the July, 2005 issue of the Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, that the amount of TV children watch can be correlated with how likely they are to finish college. They followed close to 1000 New Zealanders from the age of five to twenty-six years. They say that those who graduated from college averaged about 50 minutes less per day in front of the TV (turned on, you have to assume) than did high school dropouts. Yes, cynics, they did control for IQ, behavioral problems, and socioeconomic status.

Some have criticized the study for failing to analyze the content of the programs being watched, but one of the co-authors, quoted in Science, said “the type of TV that kids *do* watch doesn’t seem to do them any good.”

Wait just a minute, now. If that’s true, then why am I paying for who knows how many channels, including some with names like Discovery, History, and Science? Don’t I absorb great quantities of knowledge even...or maybe especially...when my jaw goes slack and my eyes glaze over? I’m like a sponge at that point. If television isn’t a powerful learning tool, why is it that, in my declining years I’m able to remember the words to the theme from “Gilligan’s Island” flawlessly, and recite some of the pithier speeches made by Sergeant Joe Friday to various annoyed criminals...and don’t get me started on Eddie Haskell.

Content has to make a difference. Think of the sociological and psychological laboratory quality learning opportunities presented by the current glut of reality shows. Large numbers of people are thrown together in situations where they face mock danger, icky food choices, and other people competing against them for cash. None of these people is at all self-promoting or aware of the cameras and audience of millions. What better tool to study fascinating and spontaneous interactions between individuals?

What about entertainment “news”? Don’t try to tell me that that’s not educational. Since each of us has a fairly good chance of winning millions of dollars in one or the other of the mega lotteries out there, isn’t it important to study how the rich and famous handle such wealth? Without these shows, you might be tempted to stay with one spouse, forgo plastic surgery or liposuction or tattooing of the eyebrows or any of the infinite physiology-altering options the rich have to choose from, and simply give some of the dough to charity, set your family up, and buy a good meal from time to time.

Please.

Sports? Of course we learn from sports. Don’t you listen to our savvy, Mount Rushmore-quality political leaders and our well paid news readers? Some of the people who would criticize a president are dismissed as “Monday morning quarterbacks.” The witness brought before a Congressional committee to finally explain the things that the others were unable to articulate due to concerns about possible perjury and jail time, becomes the “clean-up hitter.” A politician “fences” with the press, or, if that fails, does an “end run” around them by going directly to the public, members of which are slack jawed and in full sponge mode. This might explain a few things.

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The CSI shows that have proliferated over the last couple of years (coming up, “CSI Castle Rock”) are pumping out useful, educational information at a staggering rate. Frequently, ordinary folks like us suddenly find themselves at the center of a crime scene, with evidence simply begging to be gathered before it’s too late. Thanks to the lessons learned from watching the shows, we gauge the likely age of the maggots, putting a few in a handy Ziploc bag. We diligently pick up every loose hair and every flake of whatever, bagging and labeling those as well, and make special note of that unique, lingering odor. A quickly formed theory (the victim’s third cousin twice-removed did it by remote control using his satellite dish, a robotic dog, and a GPS receiver, all from the comfort of his San Bernadino estate) proves to be right on the money.

Two other studies in the same journal issue suggest that lower test scores in mathematics and reading result from too much TV watching before the age of three, and from a child having a TV in his or her bedroom. This elitist view discounts the probability that future generations will extend our already impressive lead among the nations of the world in the art of television watching. It’s not important to be Number One any more?? We are training these youngsters to be the...I forget what the point is...I have to go...Emeril’s cooking something with pork fat on the Food Network. cQ

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

♪ GETTING TO KNOW YOU ♪

One of the objectives of the CCML Membership Committee is to recognize CCML longstanding members. This month we would like to profile Carol Miller, Bettye Snipe and Jerry Carlson.

Carol Miller has been a member of CCML since 1986. She is a Denver native and graduated from Colorado State University, majoring in sociology with minors in biological science, history, and education. After a season of ski bumming around Colorado, she took a job at Public Service Company of Colorado-now called Excel Energy. She was the only librarian in the professional and employee library. After spending many years as a full time mom, she was hired by Lyn Hammond in 1985 to work in the library at National Jewish as a technician. Carol enjoys doing the various tasks that the job requires, serials control, cataloging, and herding e-journals which as we all know is similar to herding cats!

An outdoor enthusiast, Carol likes to hike, bike, and play tennis.

Bettye Snipe joined CCML in 1982. She is currently employed by TRICARE Management Activity, and has been with the company since 1979 when it was known as OCHAMPUS.

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Bettye works with folks from several different departments within TRICARE – the Policy Office, which formulates health care policy and reviews the medical literature to assess evolving medical technologies and appropriateness of care issues; the Program Integrity Office, which like Superman “aims to clean up fraud and abuse in our program”; and the Legal Office. What does she like most about her job? Working with the people there of course!

Before moving to Colorado in 1977 with her husband, Bettye lived in Okinawa and worked at Army Libraries in Camp Kue and Machinato. While living overseas, she was able to travel to Taiwan, Bangkok, The Philippines, and Korea. On her way back to the states, she spent time in Guam and Hawaii.

In 1977, with her husband positioned at the Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Bettye began Library School at DU and received her MLS in 1979.

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In her spare time, Bettye can be found walking the aisles of her favorite fabric store, D'Leas, in Cherry Creek. She is also a crafter, and has made wearable art jackets, music boxes, petal soaps, clothing for African-American dolls (down to their shoes!), and has even made a porcelain doll. She's also been involved in Denver's modeling and acting community, with experience in Petite modeling, industrial videos, voice overs and print work.

Bettye is an active volunteer. She has worked with seniors and at Ronald McDonald House. She is active in Blacks in Government, and managed The Black Employment Program at TRICARE for 10 years. She has also managed a fashion show during Black History Month for the past 6 years.

Betty has 3 sons and 7 grandchildren to round out her already well-rounded life. Her youngest lives in San Diego, the middle son, who recently retired from the Army Reserves after a tour of duty in Kuwait last year, lives in Cheyenne, and her oldest son lives in Aurora.

Jerry Carlson has belonged to CCML since late 1989. He is employed at Poudre Valley Health System (formerly Poudre Valley Hospital) in Fort Collins, where he has worked since 1989.

Jerry has nearly always been in healthcare, starting with his first paid job as a hospital janitor (he had previously done volunteer work at the public library and his church). During college he worked as a pharmacy intern, pharmacy technician, library shelver, and math and chemistry tutor. After Jerry received his BS in Biochemistry he spent about two years between biomedical lab research and pizza delivery. "It was then that I really assessed where I belonged in science - namely passing on the knowledge that already existed, not generating new data. To me that meant teaching, writing, or library work." While working on his MLS Jerry had a graduate assistantship at the University of Illinois Biology Library. Following graduation and marriage,

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Jerry and his wife, Kathy, moved to Cheyenne, where he volunteered at the VA Hospital Library, unloaded trucks and sold furniture at Sears, and did substitute teaching until his current job presented itself.

What aspect of his job does Jerry like best? "As a one-person operation, I get both the joy of building collections and laying their access points, and the thrill of the hunt that comes with reference work."

Jerry has a lot of hobbies, "Singing's a biggie - church and community choirs, occasionally combined with theater." Most recently he played Teddy in the non-musical, Arsenic and Old Lace. He missed the Music Man auditions because of another major hobby: travel. "This time it was to the Smokies to celebrate my in-laws' 50th wedding anniversary; we've also been to England, Paris, Sweden, Germany, China, the Carribean, Canada, and Mexico besides most of the U.S. It's mostly in our travels that I indulge in photography. At home I read (mostly history, which figures largely in my travels as well), garden, and cook."

Jerry's family in Fort Collins includes his wife Kathy (who doubles as the Wyoming State Law Librarian) and "three dachshunds Brynhild (answers to Hildy), Syglinde (answers to Lindy if she feels like it), and Angel (answers to Stinkpot)." Jerry was born in East Moline, Illinois where his mother still lives in the family home. His Dad died in 2002, and his sister Cheryl lives just up the river in Hampton with her husband, son, and daughter. "My ancestry is nearly pure Swedish (one great-great-great grandfather emigrated to Sweden from France with King Carl XIV John, formerly Napoleon's Marshall Bernadotte), of which I'm proud, just as I expect anyone to be proud of their own ethnic heritage (with people of mixed ancestry having more heritages to be proud of). It doesn't put me above anyone - it's just something to share."

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IN MEMORIAM: LIZ SCHLESINGER

SUBMITTED BY RUTH GILBERT & ROZ DUDDEN

Liz Schlesinger, former librarian at the Jefferson Center for Mental Health, died at the age of 84 on August 6, 2005, after suffering several years from Alzheimer's disease.

After attending high school in Buckhannon, WV, she took college courses there in the 1930s, then in Baltimore in the 40s, Kansas in the 60s, and Denver in the 70s. During this time, she received a diploma in nursing and an associate's degree in library technology. Since her two sons, John and Robert, were born in the 50s, she was quite busy during every decade.

Before her marriage in 1951, Liz had a ten-year nursing career, finishing as Director of Nursing at the Menninger Hospital in Topeka, KS. She later became a full-time volunteer at her children's elementary school, where she organized the library to such a high standard that in 1968 it became a demonstration elementary school library for the Topeka Public Schools.

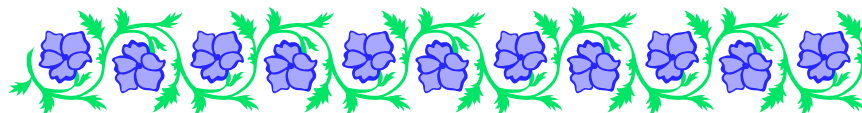
After moving to Denver in 1969, Liz worked at Smiley Middle School Library and took courses in library technology. In 1974 she was hired at the Jefferson Center for Mental Health (JCMH) to develop the library from the ground up. Her experience as a psychiatric nurse was invaluable; she obtained a grant in 1976, and she developed an outstanding clinical library. Liz joined CCML in 1978; she was also active in the Association of Mental Health Librarians, serving as local arrangements chair when the national conference was held here in 1984. Kate Elder commented: "Liz was bright and fun and very dedicated to her library patrons."

In her retirement letter of August 28, 1989, Liz wrote: "It has taken more months than you can imagine for me to come to a resolution of feelings about leaving this agency which has been so important in my life. I've "grown up" here -- psychologically as well as professionally. Fond feelings for the Jefferson Center for Mental Health will be with me forever. But it is time to move on to another phase of my life while I still have energy and enthusiasm to explore other interests while growth can yet occur." She retired October 31, 1989 at age 69. Pat Perry remembers a retirement dinner for Liz at Café Berlin.

When Linda Van Wert took over the JCMH Library, Liz continued to work part-time for a month to help her learn about that special library and its users. Linda said, "Liz even taught me to videotape educational conferences for the staff." After her retirement, Liz had many interests, one of which was tutoring two children from a low-income family for two or more years. Nancy Simon summed up some memories: "She was a gourmet cook and a Nuggets fan; two of her great loves were classical music and her poodle, Jazz." We were lucky to have known this lovely lady.

In her will, Liz suggested that contributions could be made to Habitat for Humanity (1500 W. 12th Avenue, Denver 80204) or the Colorado Symphony (999 18th St., Suite 2055, Denver 80202)

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I haven't lost my mind; I have a tape back-up somewhere. ~Author Unknown

CALENDAR

2005

- Sept. 28 Meeting at Micromedex
- Oct. 13 Exec. Comm. Mtg., St. Joseph's Hospital, Russell Pavilion, Robinson Room 8:30-10:30 am
- 17 Council Quotes Deadline
- 24 Mailing Deadline
- 26 Mailing

- Nov. 3 SC3 Meeting; CoALL convenes; RMSLA records
- 16 Meeting at National Jewish Hospital

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- Jan. 12 Exec. Comm. Mtg., St. Joseph's Hospital, Russell Pavilion, Robinson Room, 8:30-10:30am
- 16 Council Quotes Deadline
- 23 Mailing Deadline
- 25 Mailing
- 30 Renewal Notices Mailing
- Feb. 15 Meeting at Childrens Hospital
- Mar. 8 Exec. Comm. Mtg. & Luncheon
- 13 Council Quotes Deadline
- 20 Mailing Deadline
- 22 Mailing
- 30 Renewal Notices Return Deadline
- Apr. 19 Annual Meeting

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Knowledge is the small part of ignorance that we arrange and classify.
-- Ambrose Bierce

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