

AAHSL New and Developing Academic Health Sciences Libraries

Annual Report 2017

New and Developing Academic Health Sciences Libraries (NDAHSL) Mentoring Program

- The NDAHSL Mentoring Program has been established to provide new library directors, or those in a medical library leadership role, for new and developing medical colleges, with advice and guidance, as well as the opportunity to work together and to network within the AAHSL community. Mentors are AAHSL who have agreed to advise and guide the new library directors or medical library leaders, of new and developing medical colleges. AAHSL mentors will guide AAHSL mentees as they learn about their new roles, and in their future goals.
- Thus far, seven individuals have signed up as mentors, and four individuals as mentees. One mentor-mentee match has been made, between E. Lorbeer and D. Schmick, and three matches are in progress.
- In addition to our Mentoring Program, there has been informal advising of new and developing medical school libraries taking place. This involves active support from committee members to those who are creating new medical school libraries at other institutions. We will continue to review the new medical schools on the AAMC and AOA sites, and reach out to the new and developing medical school libraries.

NDAHSL and New Medical Schools Spreadsheet

Members of the NDAHSL Committee updated the New and Developing Medical Schools spreadsheet in the fall 2017. The spreadsheet includes approximately 55 allopathic and osteopathic medical schools that have developed, or are in the process of developing, since 2000, along with details regarding their library directors, or those in a medical library leadership role. We have contacted the library leaders on several occasions over the past year: to notify them about AAHSL, the NDAHSL Committee, the Mentoring Program, and to invite them to events, highlighted in the following section. A copy of the spreadsheet has been provided to our AAHSL President – Neil Rambo.

NDAHSL Committee Meetings

- The NDAHSL Committee met via teleconference on Thursday, February 9, 2017.
- The NDAHSL Committee met via teleconference on Monday, April 24, 2017.
- The NDAHSL Committee held an open “Meet & Greet” meeting on Sunday, May 28, at the 2017 MLA Conference in Seattle. Eleven AAHSL / MLA members met for a brunch, sponsored by AAHSL, at the Loulay Kitchen and Bar.
- The NDAHSL Committee met via teleconference on: Friday, September 22, 2017.
- The NDAHSL Committee met via teleconference on Monday, October 30, 2017.
- The NDAHSL Committee held an open business meeting on Thursday, November 2, from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Berkeley Room at the Taj Boston.

NDAHSL Marketing, News & Publicity

- NDAHSL Poster at MLA 2017. Three AAHSL NDAHSL members (Joanne Muellenbach, Nadine Dexter, and Debra Rand) presented a poster on: Development of a Mentoring Program for 21st

Century Library Leaders Within New and Developing Medical Schools: Process and Outcome, on Monday, May 29, at the MLA 2017 Annual Meeting in Seattle.

- MLANews “Born Digital” Article Series. The last two articles in the series were published in 2017: *Development of a Medical Informatics Program in “Born Digital” Libraries* was published in January 2017 by Joanne Muellenbach and Debra Rand; and *The Start-Up Culture at the “Born Digital” Library* was published in March 2017 by Nadine Dexter and Bradley Long. Authors of the series include Nadine Dexter (editor); Bradley Long; Elizabeth Lorbeer; Joanne Muellenbach; Debra Rand; and Matthew Wilcox. Nadine has been in contact with an editor for the *NEJM Library Hub*, who may be interested in publishing a reformatted version of the series.
- NDAHSL Panel Presentation Abstract Submitted to MLA 2018. AAHSL NDAHSL members (Joanne Muellenbach, Nadine Dexter, Debra Rand, Elizabeth Lorbeer, and Matthew Wilcox) have submitted the abstract: 'Born Digital' Health Sciences Libraries Serving New, 21st Century Medical Schools: Process and Outcome, for the MLA 2018 Annual Meeting in Atlanta.
- Matt Wilcox, Fay Towell, Neil Rambo, and Ann Seymour were featured in an article entitled: Do Medical Schools Still Need Books? It was published on 10.3.2017 by INSIDE HIGHER ED. (<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2017/10/03/do-medical-schools-still-need-books>)
- Nadine was contacted by Nancy Tannery, who will be teaching an online health sciences librarianship course, with ten students, at the University at Buffalo this semester. Nancy requested permission to use the following article from the “Born Digital” series in class: A Tale of New and Developing Health Sciences Libraries.
- Joanne was contacted by Michael Kronenfeld, University Librarian, A.T. Still Memorial Library, Mesa, AZ. Michael asked if library directors from osteopathic medical schools can participate in the AAHSL NDAHSL activities, and if we plan activities at the MLA annual meeting. Joanne replied ‘yes’ to both questions. Michael replied that there is a group of library directors for new osteopathic schools that want to get together at MLA. He will share my response with them, and encourage them to join AAHSL.

NDAHSL Website

We discussed possible enhancements to our website, so that our Committee, and information about our Mentoring Program, would be easier to find. We also discussed the development of promotional materials that could be posted on our website, with links from our emails to our new medical school libraries. Fay and Kathy will continue to work on this project.

Membership

Submitted by Joanne Muellenbach, Chair (2016 – 2019)

Kathleen Carter (2016 – 2019)

Fay Towell (2016 – 2019)

Matthew Wilcox (2016 – 2019)

Jo Cates (2017 – 2020)

Board Liaison: Nadine Dexter