

AAHSL New and Developing Health Sciences Libraries Committee

Annual Report 2018

New and Developing Health Sciences Libraries (NDHSL) Mentoring Program

- The NDHSL Mentoring Program was established to provide library deans, directors, or those in a library leadership role, for new and developing medical schools, with advice and guidance, as well as the opportunity to work together and to network within the AAHSL community. Mentors are AAHSL directors who have agreed to advise and guide the new library directors or medical library leaders, of new and developing medical colleges. AAHSL mentors work with AAHSL mentees as they learn about their new roles, and in their future goals.
- In addition to the more formal mentor-mentee relationships that have formed or are in progress, there have been a significant number of requests for informal advising from library leaders within new and developing medical school libraries. Over the past year, AAHSL NDHSL Committee members and other ‘founding’ library directors for new schools of medicine have provided formal and informal consulting for library leadership within a number of institutions. Following is a selected list of institutions that have contacted AAHSL members:
 - California Health Sciences University - COM, in Clovis, CA
 - California University of Science and Medicine SoM, in Colton, CA.
 - CUNY SoM in New York, NY.
 - Drexel University - Branch SoM at Reading Hospital / Tower Health, in Reading, PA.
 - Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine, in Scranton, PA.
 - Kaiser Permanente Zion Medical Center - plans for a new SoM in Pasadena, CA.
 - Marist College - planning for a new SoM, in Poughkeepsie, NY.
 - Seton Hall University / Hackensack Health SoM, in South Orange, NJ.
 - University of the Incarnate Word COM, in San Antonio, TX.

NDAHSL Committee Meetings

- The NDHSL Committee held an open “Meet & Greet” meeting on Sunday, May 20, at the 2018 MLA Conference in Atlanta. Fifteen AAHSL / MLA members met for a business lunch, sponsored by AAHSL, at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta.
- The NDHSL Committee is holding an open business meeting on Thursday, November 1, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Foothills I, 17th floor, at the Hyatt Regency Austin. Twelve AAHSL members are planning to attend.

NDAHSL Marketing, News & Publicity

- NDHSL Special Paper Accepted for Publication in the JMLA Six AAHSL members, who have served as founding deans, directors, or library leaders within new schools of medicine, are the authors of a special paper on born-digital libraries, that was accepted for publication in the January 2019 issue of the Journal of the Medical Library Association (JMLA). The paper, entitled:

Building New 21st Century Medical School Libraries from the Ground Up: Challenges, Experiences, and Lessons Learned, was submitted by Nadine Dexter, Joanne Muellenbach, Elizabeth Lorbeer, Debra Rand, Matthew Wilcox, and Bradley Long. The paper evolved in response to the increasing number of library leaders within new medical schools seeking advice on how to build born-digital libraries from the ground up.

NDHSL Website

Enhancements to the NDHSL Website have been suggested as a future project. 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 Towell, the incoming chair, is interested in leading this, and other, projects.

Membership

Submitted by Joanne Muellenbach, Outgoing Chair (2016 – 2019)

Kathleen Carter (2016 – 2018)

Jo Cates (2017 - 2020)

Brenda Seago (2017 - 2020)

Fay Towell, Incoming Chair (2016 – 2019)

Matthew Wilcox (2016 – 2019)

Jeff Williams (2018 - 2021)

Board Liaison: Nadine Dexter