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MLA Philadelphia Regional Chapter Program:
Improve Your Speaking Skills

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The Chapter hosted an informative program, "Improve Your Speaking Skills," on March
1ˢᵗ. Tom Guggino, from GPI Communications, spoke about becoming a more effective

public speaker. Mr. Guggino's diverse background includes coaching executives on doing presentations, doing marketing consulting, producing and directing commercials, and lecturing at the University of Pennsylvania. He also conducts private coaching sessions with clients to assist them in building on their strengths as presenters and to help them in creating a successful presentation.

Mr. Guggino's PowerPoint slides demonstrated the importance of keeping a presentation simple. He used them to delineate why presentations fail, and how they succeed. He also used pictures and video clips from movies and C-SPAN. The C-SPAN clips were of people public speaking. He asked the audience what they thought of the speakers' actions, what they were saying and the manner in which they were speaking. These examples served to illustrate what people should or should not be doing while public speaking. He also interwove stories into his presentation because "facts tell, stories sell." Using stories can further illustrate your topic, and the audience will be more likely to retain the information presented. Folders for the audience contained useful handouts that supplemented his presentation.

Mr. Guggino gave advice on becoming a more effective presenter. Prepare ahead of time for the presentation. If possible, take a look at the area where you will be presenting beforehand to determine if there could be any potential problems. Opening statements should give the audience reasons to pay attention.   Avoid distracting behaviors, which he called "tells." Pacing, playing with one's hair, or exaggerated gestures will make the audience pay more attention to the presenter than to what is being presented. As you speak, be connected with what you are saying. Do not focus on what you will say later. When using a joke in the presentation, it should not be "telegraphed"- i.e., "I'm going to tell you a joke." Humor should flow from and be integrated into the presentation.

Mr. Guggino's presentation was both reassuring and empowering. He pointed out that the audience "will leave mentally" if the presentation fails. He encouraged those in the audience to find his/her strengths and apply them. His presentation provoked the audience to question their current presentation techniques, but also inspired them with practical ideas for improvement. **§**

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NIH Announces Final Plan – A Bold but Controversial Move

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The much discussed, highly-anticipated NIH policy for broadening access to the biomedical literature was announced on February 3 (http://www.nih.gov/about/publicaccess/). This significant development in the open access (OA) movement represents a dramatic response to protests from scientists, librarians, and the taxpaying public over cost and subscription barriers to retrieval and use of critical scholarly published literature. The overarching view of these groups is that access to timely, relevant, and accurate biomedical information is vital to the health of our nation and to its education and research programs, and that the current publishing model does not adequately address this need.

Here is how the new NIH plan is supposed to work:

Beginning on May 2, all existing NIH-funded investigators are encouraged to submit to PubMed Central (PMC) an electronic version of the final manuscript of any paper resulting from NIH-funded research, as soon as it is accepted for publication. At this time, the author will also specify when the final manuscript is to be made freely available through PMC. The NIH encourages authors to allow posting as soon as possible, and within 12 months of the publisher's official date of publication.

The announced provisions of the final NIH policy represent a retreat from the strength of the original plan. There are the two main changes:

  1 – The original plan's "requirement" to submit papers to PMC has been reduced to a "request," now making submission entirely voluntary.
  2 – The original plan's 6-month embargo period for making papers freely available online has been extended to 12 months.

Another interesting change is the wording indicating there will be no penalty to investigators who do not comply with the paper submission request. Earlier drafts implied that non-compliance could harm applicants' chances for future NIH grant funding. This new policy indicates that this is no longer the case.

The NIH states that this plan is still a work in progress, with final procedures to be resolved and modified according to stakeholder needs and input. From a librarian's point of view, there may be questions concerning which version of a paper is finally posted in PMC (the author's final manuscript or the publisher's final version?) and how this and associated full-text links are handled in PubMed. More importantly, perhaps, is how this development will impact the publishing world overall and affect libraries and the serials pricing crisis in general.

It is interesting to note that several publishers have already responded to the plan by agreeing to handle the posting of papers to PMC for their authors. The American Chemical Society says: "the ACS will post, for public accessibility 12 months after publication, the peer-reviewed version of authors' manuscripts on the National Library of Medicine's PubMed Central during 2005." (http://pubs.acs.org/pressrelease/nih.html). BioMed Central has also agreed to manage the paper posting process for all of its authors, to save the author time and trouble. http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/about/pr-releases?pr=20050204

Controversies remain over this policy. Open Access advocates are disappointed that the final policy is weaker than the original, but they acknowledge the positive precedent it sets and hope that other funding agencies follow suit. Publishers remain concerned about the impact this opening of access will have on their subscription base. Not-for-profit publishers believe the policy duplicates what many of them are already doing; that is, making content freely available online 6-12 months after publication. They indicate that the NIH could apply the millions they are spending to manage this program to biomedical research instead.

Both sides complain that authors may be placed in the awkward position of deciding whether to please their funding agency (NIH); or their publisher, who might request that they either delay posting to PMC or refuse to submit papers altogether. (1) To add a further barrier to compliance with the policy, the NIH exhorts authors and their institutions to ensure that PMC submissions are consistent with copyright agreements they have made with publishers.

Christine Chastain-Warheit, who serves on the MLA Scholarly Publishing Task Force, reports that at the upcoming MLA Annual meeting, the Task Force will be surveying chapter and section members regarding the NIH policy and Open Access (OA) in general. Using these results and other means to collect membership comments, the Task Force hopes to gain more understanding of the significance of OA to medical libraries. They ultimately plan to serve as an information resource for institutions regarding this hot topic. Everyone is encouraged to participate in these surveys at the San Antonio meeting.

For an excellent analysis of the implications of this latest NIH plan, see Peter Suber's SPARC Open Access Newsletter, issue #83, March 2, 2005 at: http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/newsletter/03-02-05.htm §

1. Weiss, Rick. NIH grant recipients are 'asked' to post data. The Washington Post [serial on the Internet]. 2005 Feb 4 [cited 2005 Mar 7]; A15. Available from http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A62156-2005Feb3.html

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Core Book Titles in the Health Sciences:
Current Status, and a Personal Perspective

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The "Brandon List" was first published in July, 1965, and, for forty years, health sciences librarians relied on it to guide their collection development decisions, and to gauge the quality of their book collections. Developed initially by the late Al Brandon of the Levy Library at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine for use primarily by small medical libraries, its audience quickly expanded to include librarians in health sciences libraries of all sizes. Dorothy Hill, another Levy Library staffer, joined Mr. Brandon in producing this list, and continued it after his retirement. It is interesting to note that neither Brandon nor Hill ever claimed that their lists were anything more than the carefully considered opinions of two experienced (and respected) collection development librarians.

With the retirement of Dorothy Hill in April 2004, the announcement was made that the Brandon/Hill Selected Lists (as they came to be called) would no longer be published. Needless to say, health sciences librarians (and, without doubt, publishers) reacted with concern.

Even after thirty years "in the business," and nearly as many years participating in the selection of titles to be purchased for a medical school library, I liked checking the Brandon/Hill List to be sure I hadn't overlooked an important purchase, especially in an area that might not have been a focal point for my library. Therefore, I was pleased when I was approached by Doody Enterprises to be a Librarian Selector for a new product that they hoped would fill the void created by the demise of the Brandon/Hill List.

Basically, the process for creating "Doody's Core Titles in the Health Sciences" involved Content Specialists providing a first list of important titles in their areas. Then a panel of up to three Librarian Selectors reviewed these lists and added to them. Finally, the Librarian Selectors scored each title using a rating scale. Not only did this entire process take place online, but it was also enhanced by the provision of links to information about the books listed. This was, indeed, a modern and efficient way of arriving at authoritative, albeit subjective, lists of core books in health sciences by subject area.

I enjoyed the process immensely. I found that, as a librarian, I was able to add to the suggestions of the Content Specialists, who were largely physicians practicing in a given area of medicine, by drawing on my experiences in dealing with patrons in health sciences libraries. The result, I believe, is a product that is quite comprehensive and, the same time, selective. The Doody's product, available online, will be updated annually.

I am writing about this product and my experience in contributing to it because I shared the concern that a Brandon/Hill alternative would not exist. I am not promoting this

product and was not paid for my participation in it. I wanted to let you all know that there *are* resources out there that can assist in collection development decisions. Another good tool is provided by MLA on its Collection Development Website; it consists of <u>Subject-Based Resource Lists</u> (http://colldev.mlanet.org/subject.html), in areas ranging from allied health to veterinary medicine. **§**

Chapter Sponsors Mini-Public Health Forum, to be Held April 6th

Roughly twenty-five years ago, the world was starting to deal with one of the largest public health issues of the 20th century, HIV/AIDS. Public health can be looked at in terms of immediate crises and/or global, ongoing responses. Bioterrorism and SARS are recent examples of how public health issues are dealt with when crises occur, while responses to new diseases and issues such as mental health are ongoing public health concerns. As medical librarians, we are continually faced with having "working knowledge" of the systems and structures that the public health community relies on every day. Being aware of the information needs and knowing where to locate them are not often that apparent.

The Mini-Public Health Forum will take place on Wednesday, April 6th at Bluemle Auditorium on the campus of Thomas Jefferson University Medical School from 8:00AM to 3:30PM. Start the day with continental breakfast as you check-in for the day. The lively format will enable speakers to stop and start their talk, entertain questions and throw out questions to the attendees. The speakers are Marla J. Gold, MD, Dean, Drexel University School of Public Health; Trevor Hadley, PhD, Director of the Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research at the University of Pennsylvania; and Kristine Alpi, Library Manager of the Public Health Library at the New York City Department of Public Health. We are very pleased to be offering 6 MLA CE hours for this event.

At the conclusion of the program, the successful participant should be able to:
- ❑ Discuss current information retrieval strategies relevant to a variety of public health issues including HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C, and mental health.
- ❑ Develop a search strategy for finding public health statistics, reports and treatment guidelines.
- ❑ Describe how to best work with their local public health office to meet and/or anticipate their information needs.
- ❑ Identify public health trends in the coming years and develop a greater understanding of their possible impact on the medical library.

In order to register, please complete the registration form
(http://www.mlaphil.org/MLAPHbrochure.pdf)
and send along with your check to:
Jessica Ward
Mail Stop 449

245 N. 15th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102-1192

Registration Deadline: March 25 §

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From the Chair

Winter snows created some havoc with our February program on public speaking, but despite a postponement, we had a successful event. See the article by Rebecca Raszewski in this issue of the *Chronicle* to read all about it!

Planning and publicity for the Mini-Public Health Forum in April have been our major thrust in the last few months. Tom Cummiskey has worked long and hard to secure the wonderful speakers and to see that the event qualifies for CE credit. Please spread the word among your non-librarian colleagues, in particular. We want to attract top-notch presenters in the future - so let's make this event successful and well-attended.

In the *Chronicle* last spring I talked about the importance and rewards of volunteerism. Sad to say, my words didn't have much impact. The same stalwart Chapter members run for office and volunteer their time. While our membership is small, only 142, the number of people who actually participate remains approximately 30. Surely, we can do better than that. Younger members' input is especially valuable - your point of view, learning styles and interests are of great importance in a graying profession.

Having descended from my soapbox, I wish you all a productive and enjoyable spring. See you at Public Health Day and the Annual Dinner. **§**

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From the Editor

As we edge closer to spring, and distance ourselves from all the coughing, sore throats, etc., I am so pleased to be able to bring you this issue of the *Chronicle*, with a number of excellent contributions, along with the recurring columns. Please take special note of Rebecca Raszewski's impressions of the Chapter's "Improve Your Speaking Skills" program, which was presented on March 1. In addition, there is a very important article by Karen Albert that elucidates NIH's final plan for open access.

Also included in this issue is my report on the status of resources for core book titles in the health sciences in the wake of the demise of the "Brandon/Hill List." I hope you find it interesting and helpful.

And I urge you to take a look at our two new member profiles of Jo-Ann Babish and Stephanie Ferretti.

My final words: Don't miss the Chapter's Mini-Public Health Forum! §

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From the Program Committee Chair

On Tuesday, March 1, 2005, 24 MLA/SLA members attended "Improve your Speaking Skills" presented by Tom Guggino at Thomas Jefferson University. Tom led a spirited discussion using video clips to demonstrate his teaching points. His presentation focused on the presentation process, which can help reduce preparation time, improve content, relax presenters and enable presenters to focus on subject matter. For anyone who is interested in scheduling a private session with Tom, he can be reached at _gpi_communications@verizon.net_

The Philadelphia Regional Chapter MLA Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2005. The location will be the 33rd floor of the Loews Philadelphia Hotel in the Lescaze meeting room and terrace. See the hotel's website at: http://www.loewshotels.com/hotels/philadelphia/tour_function.asp.The Sam Ruttenberg Jazz Trio will perform during the cocktail hour from 5-6:30pm. He's played with Count Basie, Lena Horne, Dave Brubeck, Lionel Hampton and Charo. Listen to his trio at: http://cdbaby.com/cd/ruttenberg. Look for your annual dinner invitation in early April. §

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From the Chapter Council Chair: Chapter Council Presents Sharing Roundtables at MLA 2005, San Antonio

Networking and sharing information/anecdotes/"how we done it good" are among the richest and most enjoyable activities at an MLA National Meeting. Finding someone who just solved one of your most vexing problems - priceless!

That's why so many meeting attendees look forward to the annual Chapter Council Presents Sharing Roundtables. This luncheon provides a forum for likeminded people to spend an hour or two sharing stories and information on a chosen topic. Each topic table has a facilitator and recorder so participants can concentrate on the discussion. This year in San Antonio there are 30 topics, ranging from the traditional - budgeting, marketing, strategic planning, to the cutting edge - wireless technology, digital depositories, virtual reference. Check the website at www.mlanet.org for the complete list of topics.

You must sign up for the lunch when you register for the conference and indicate which topic you want. A limited number of FREE tickets are available for new members/first time attendees, so register early. You will leave with some new friends, a bunch of business cards - and some new ideas! §

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Member & Library News

Anne Seymour, Associate Director for Information Services, University of Pennsylvania Biomedical Library, has been asked to serve on the National Program Committee for the 2007 MLA Annual Meeting, to be held in Philadelphia. (Editor's Note: The last time the national MLA meeting was held in Philadelphia, there were no Chapter representatives on the NPC.)

Dan Kipnis, Education Services Librarian, Scott Memorial Library, Thomas Jefferson University, and **Gary Childs**, Education Librarian, Hahnemann Library, Drexel University Health Sciences Libraries, have co-written "Educating Generation X & Y: Teaching Tips for Librarians," which appeared in *Medical Reference Services Quarterly* v. 23, no. 4, Winter 2004, p. 25-33.

Sharon Easterby-Gannett, Medical/Systems Librarian, and **Ellen Justice**, Medical Librarian, both at Medical Libraries, Christiana Care Health System Newark, DE, have co-authored "Medical Informatics Intervention: Teaching the Teaching Residents at Christiana Care Health System," in *A Guide to Developing End User Education Programs in Medical Libraries*, edited by Elizabeth Connor, Haworth Press, 2005.

Ellen Justice, Medical Librarian, Christiana Care Health Services Medical Libraries, was profiled in *The News-Journal*, Wilmington, DE, on December 7, 2004. In an article entitled "This Job is Strictly for the Curious: Medical Librarians Find Answers for Caregivers and Patients," she details a typical day on her job, and how she feels about her work; her photograph (reading *JAMA*) is included. The link to the online version is: http://www.delawareonline.com/newsjournal/health/2004/12/07thisjobisstrict.html

Dan Kipnis, Education Services Librarian, and **Anthony Frisby**, Director of Education Services, both at Scott Memorial Library, Thomas Jefferson University, are co-authors of a book chapter, "Using Computer-Based Case Studies for Developing Information Searching Skills and Implementing Evidence-Based Medicine at Jefferson Medical College," in *A Guide to Developing End User Education Programs in Medical Libraries*, edited by Elizabeth Connor, Haworth Press, 2005.

Karen M. Albert, Director of Library Services, Talbot Research Library, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, has just published a review of a new journal, *Journal of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (JNCCN)*, in *JAMA*, v. 293, no. 9, March 2, 2005, p. 1114-1115.

As reported in the *Chestnut Hill Local*, **Jackie Knuckle**, Library Director, Chestnut Hill Hospital, received the Chestnut Hill Hospital Service Excellence Award in 2004.

Liz Mikita, Education Services Librarian, **Anthony Frisby**, Director of Education Services, and **Dan Kipnis**, Education Services Librarian, all at Scott Memorial Library, Thomas Jefferson University, have had a poster presentation accepted for the Medical Library Association Meeting, San Antonio, May 2005 : "Developing and Sustaining a Web-Based Library Newsletter."

Staff Changes:

Brad Long has been promoted to the position of Serials & Electronic Collections Librarian, Scott Memorial Library, Thomas Jefferson University; he had been Senior Information Services Librarian.

The Biomedical Library at the University of Pennsylvania welcomed **Robert Cagna** as the Head of Access and Document Delivery Services on January 10. He came to Penn after ten years at the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), where he served most recently as Senior Research Information Specialist and Webmaster. He's already joined the Chapter (according to Anne Seymour, no arm twisting necessary!)!

Jenny Pierce has accepted the position of Public Services Librarian at the Health Sciences Library, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Stratford; she is presently Director of the AIDS Library, Philadelphia Fight, Philadelphia. **§**

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Meet your Fellow Chapter Members:

Profile #1: Jo-Ann Babish

Present Professional Position: Director, Library/CME Services, Moses Taylor Hospital, Scranton PA.

Past Professional Positions: I have worked at Moses Taylor Hospital for 27 years! Although my title has always been Director, Library Services, I have also been responsible for other functions at various times. Until this past year, Media Services was part of the Library Department and for a few years in the late 90's the public relations function was one of my responsibilities. Last year I added Director of CME services to my title. Prior to working at MTH, I very briefly worked at a public library in the Scranton area. Before moving to this area from Philadelphia in 1978, I worked for a year at Moss Rehabilitation Hospital after completing my MLS degree.

What do you find most interesting about the work? I truly love searching for information! The variety of people and the types of requests we answer still keeps the job fulfilling. The ability to work on my own, develop projects and for the most part, get the go ahead to do them is very satisfying. An example that is a source of pride for the library staff is our successful consumer health library that I was able to establish in our lobby 6 years ago. This particular hospital is a great place to work – many employees have worked here for as long as I have! For the most part, that longevity is a good thing and helps make the workplace a family atmosphere. My recent involvement with CME has been positive for several reasons. There is a definite link between continuing medical education and knowledge based resources. Since it is necessary for me to attend the educational programming that I help plan, it gives me a unique access to physicians and other potential library users. Having a CME secretary to take care of much of the necessary paperwork helps make this additional responsibility doable.

What qualities or traits do you find most helpful? I would say the most important trait is self motivation. Since I am the only librarian (along with support staff), it is up to me to learn and implement new technology and new ideas. It is a challenge to do that while operating under the budget constraints that can plague community hospitals. Patience and persistence are also useful since a hospital library is not usually considered by administrators to be as essential as we all know we are!

What do enjoy doing for fun? Gardening, exercise, reading, hopefully more traveling with my husband as our almost adult children become more independent.

Is there anything about you that others might be surprised to know? I am a big American Idol fan – I was dragged into watching it two years ago by my 21-year-old daughter and now I can't miss it! We have even gone to the concerts together – a great bonding experience!

Why would you encourage members to become actively involved in the Philadelphia Regional Chapter? I have served several roles on the Chapter Board over the years. It has been especially valuable to me since I work in a geographic area located a couple of hours from Philadelphia where most chapter members work. My involvement gave me opportunities to meet and work with other librarians who are now friends. As Chapter Council Representative and Alternate for the chapter, I was able to travel to annual meetings that I might not have otherwise attended. I would recommend that chapter members attend chapter functions, think seriously about joining a committee and work their way up to board positions. The time and efforts involved are very doable and it is rewarding to have a positive impact on a chapter level.

Profile #2: Stephanie Ferretti

Present Professional Position: My current position is Associate Director, Library and Educational Information Systems, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. I joined PCOM in July 2002.

Past Professional Experience: Since moving to Pennsylvania from NYC, I spent five years as the Serials and Assistant Systems Librarian at Gwynedd Mercy College, as well as the Associate Director for Technical Services at Temple University's Health Sciences Center Libraries for five years.

What do you find most interesting about your work? I love the challenges each day brings. There is always something new to learn, a new technology or new product we want to explore. I love working with the students and faculty during orientations and information literacy classes.

What qualities or traits do you find most helpful in your work? I find that patience and a sense of humor help me. Of course, a willingness to try new things doesn't hurt!

What do you enjoy doing "for fun"? For fun, I've taken up golf or should I say it's taken me. I enjoy our garden in the summer; I have a 3 X 3 ft square plot where every year I try to grow the perfect tomato. I also enjoy cooking when I have the time. I love relaxing and sharing a meal with friends, especially around the holidays.

Is there anything about you that others might be surprised to know? I left the Library field for a few years while living in NYC to travel. I worked for a marketing company doing promotional travel with some stars of the movie the "Wiz." This will surely date me.

Why would you encourage members to become actively involved in the Philadelphia Regional Chapter? It's important to be involved; we can all contribute something to the organization by staying involved locally. You get to work with a lot of special people and share your professional experience and expertise. Being the Treasurer has given me the opportunity to meet, interact and share ideas with colleagues in the area, both on the board and at program meetings. §

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Development Report

Development activities are winding down for the year as almost all vendors contacted have responded one way or another. We received contributions from eleven of them. Listed alphabetically, they include:

American Association for Cancer Research
EBSCO Information Services
Emery-Pratt
HSLC
Lippincott Williams & Wilkins
Majors Scientific Books
Rittenhouse Book Distributors
Swets Information Services
TDNet
Thomson Scientific
Wert Bookbinding

To date we have received $4,050.00 from these vendors, a healthy boost in support of our various programs and Continuing Education sessions, for which we are most grateful. §

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Membership Update

The Membership Committee has received approximately 50% of the renewals based on last year's total members. Thank you to all who have sent in renewal forms thus far. If you have yet to renew your membership, please visit http://www.mlaphil.org/membapp.html to obtain the renewal form and further information.

There are some changes regarding renewals this year. Current chapter members can now renew for up to three years in advance! This is noted on the "amount enclosed" line of the membership application/renewal form.

In other news, the Membership Committee has been communicating with the Community College of Philadelphia regarding a future event that they are planning which is focused on different styles of librarianship; this may provide us with a venue that may allow us to reach prospective members. More information regarding this event will be available in a future edition of the *Chronicle*. §

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Hospital Librarian Retirees Wanted!

Please let me know about any hospital librarian retirees from our Chapter (or any other chapter for that matter) so that they might be recognized by their peers during the annual national MLA meeting in San Antonio in May. **§**

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Calendar

National Library Week April 10 - 16, 2005

PALINET Workshops
Location: PALINET, 3000 Market St., Suite 200, Philadelphia, PA
Registration & Information: (215) 382-7031 or fax (215) 382-0022 or
http://www.palinet.org/
Also see website for other Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey locations.
Workshops at the Philadelphia site:
    March 22 Descriptive cataloging (AACR2).
    March 31 Digital rights management.
    April 6 OCLC WorldCat searching basics for new users.
    April 7, June 7 OCLC Connexion client for current OCLC catalogers: learning the new interface.
    April 8, June 14 Fireworks Basics.
    April 20, May 31 Dreamweaver basics.
    April 21 OCLC Cataloging basics for new users; Connexion browser interface.
    May 4 OCLC Connexion browser for current OCLC catalogers; learning the new interface.
    May 9 Open source for libraries.
    May 10 OCLC ILL basics for new users; WorldCat resource sharing interface.
    May 11 OCLC Cataloging basics for new users; Connexion client interface.
    May 18 Introduction to CONTENTdm.
    May 24 Authority control.
    May 27, June 30 Dreamweaver: beyond the basics.
    June 1-2 Basic subject cataloging using LCSH (2-days)
Palinet now offers many online workshops; go to http://www.palinet.org/

DIALOG Workshops
Location: 1735 Market St., Phila., PA 19103
Registration & Information: (800) 334-2564 or
http://training.dialog.com/sem_info/calendar/penn.html
For web-based training and free online courses, see
http://training.dialog.com/sem_info/calendar/webtraining/

April 6
Mini-Public Health Forum
Sponsor: Philadelphia Regional Chapter/MLA
Location: Thomas Jefferson Univ., Bluemle Auditorium, Rm 101, 233 S. 10th St., Phila.
Time: 8 am to 3 pm
Cost: $100 MLA/SLA/PALINET members/ $130 Non-members/ $65 Students
Registration: http://www.mlaphil.org/MLAPHbrochure.pdf
Information: Jessica Ward, (215) 762-1069, *jjr36@drexel.edu*

April 6-9
SCIP's 20th Annual International Conference & Exhibition
Sponsor: Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals
Location: Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 East Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL
Information:
https://www.123signup.com/servlet/SignUpMember?PG=1857182300&P=18571911522
02100&Info
Registration: http://www.scip.org/05annual/registration.php

April 7
Currents & Convergence: Navigating the Rivers of Change; ACRL's 12th National
Conference
Sponsor: Association of College & Research Libraries
Location: Minneapolis, MN
Information & Registration: http://www.ala.org/acrlconftemplate1.html

April 9-10
IAIMS Can Make a Difference: Leverage Your Clinical Informatics Enterprise
Sponsor: IAIMS Consortium
Location: Seaport Hotel, Boston, MA
Information & Registration:
http://www.iaimscons.org/iaimsconsRoot/Meeting2005.html

April 11-13
The 3 R's: The Right to Read, The Right to Learn, The Right to Grow
Sponsor: New Jersey Library Association
Location: Ocean Place Conference Center, One Ocean Blvd, Long Branch, NJ, 07740
800-411-6493
Information: Nancy O'Grady (732) 283-1200
Registration: http://www.njla.org/conference/2005/registration.pdf

April 29-May 1
DASER-2 Summit: Challenges & Opportunities.
[DASER=Digital Archives for Science & Engineering Resources]
Sponsor: American Society for Information Science & Technology
Location: College Park, MD
Information: http://www.asist.org/

May 3-4
National Legislative Day
Sponsor: American Library Association   .
Location: Washington, DC
Information: http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/nlld/nlldsts.htm
Registration: http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/nlld/LegDayReg05.pdf

May 5   SAVE THE DATE!
Philadelphia MLA Annual Meeting and Dinner
Location: Loews Hotel, Philadelphia
Information: Check website for details which will be forthcoming.
http://www.mlaphil.org/

May 14 - 19
MLA '05 Futuro magnifico!
San Antonio, TX
http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2005/index.html

May 17-18
WebSearch University
Sponsor: Information Today, Inc.
Location: Hilton New York, 1335 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019
Information: http://www.websearchu.com/dailyschedule.shtml
Registration: http://www.websearchu.com/registration.shtml

May 24
TOXNET
Sponsor: NN/LM Middle Atlantic Region
Location: New York Academy of Medicine
Information: (212) 822-7354 or *edaniels@nyam.org*
Registration: http://nnlm.gov/mar/online/request.html
June 5-8
Special Libraries Association Annual Conference
Sponsor: SLA
Location: Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Information: http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2005/geninfo/index.cfm
Registration: http://www.sla.org/content/Events/conference/ac2005/regform/index.cfm

June 17
UMLS Basics
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