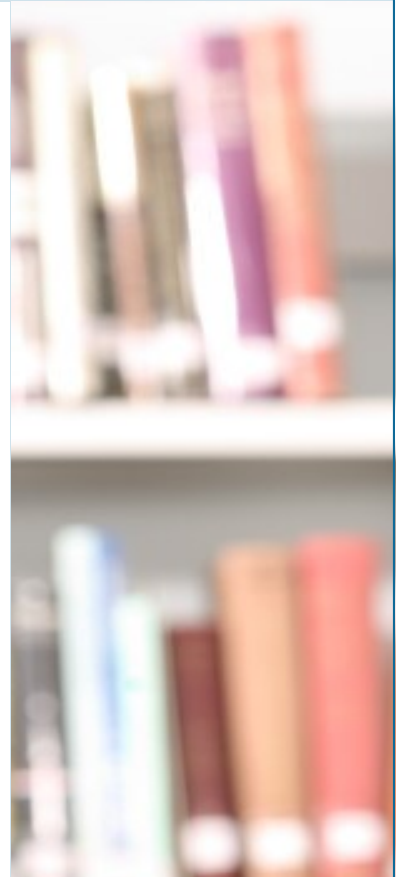




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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Steven J. Moore, MSLIS

I started my librarian career in June 2019, a time that retrospect may now consider "normal." Sladen Library had recently created an institutional repository for Henry Ford Health, and our director at the time, Gayle Williams, hired me to manage it. Once I settled in, Gayle would often joke how appreciative she was that I was "normal." (Little did she know!) And little did I know that working in a hospital was about to become anything but normal.

But librarians are an adaptive folk. For many of us, priorities shifted away from volunteer work and toward providing support to healthcare providers. MDMLG moved to virtual meetings and relied on remote collaborations for board and committee work. With such a monumental health crisis upon us, it was understandable that volunteer work would downshift. However, and no matter how much I gawk unconvinced at the calendar, nearly five years have since passed. Normal may have been redefined in a lot of ways in that time, but the mission, goals, and objectives of MDMLG remain.

To meet its goals as a professional organization, MDMLG relies on its membership and its executive board for engagement. During my year as President, I will be encouraging all of us to find opportunities to meet our organizational goals, either by seeking a new role, doubling-down on our current one, or looking for others to do the same. (continued on pg. 2)

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- **Steven Moore**, Librarian, Sladen Library, Henry Ford Health

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** (CONTINUED FROM PG. 1)

Do you have a new staff member at work? Encourage them to join MDMLG or attend a program or presentation as a way to gauge their interest. Are you already in a board position? Double-check that your meeting reports are all available on the MDMLG Wiki, or take a moment to update or review your procedural document.

Every year there are roles on the Executive Board and committees that need candidates whose skills align. Are you good at thinking big picture? Are you a party planner? Consider joining the Program and Professional Development Committee. Do you like to communicate ideas with others? Do you like to share your creativity and personality? Social media and *MDMLG News* is always in need of content. Whatever your talent, there is likely an opportunity for you to use it professionally.

Anyone interested in a position is encouraged to reach out to current or past members in that role to learn more about the opportunity. During our Winter General Business Meeting (TBD), a panel of board members and committee chairs will be available to share details of their roles and field any questions from membership. Opportunities (and AHIP points) abound!

So, let's get back to basics, back to normal, and continue making the most of what we can.

"A problem is a chance for you to do your best." - Duke Ellington

"Look on the bright side, Dad. Did you know that the Chinese use the same word for crisis as they do for opportunity?" - Lisa Simpson

"Yes. Crisitunity! You're right." - Homer Simpson

Sincerely,

Steven J. Moore, MSLIS, AHIP  
MDMLG President 2024-2025

## MDMLG EXECUTIVE BOARD AND COMMITTEE ROSTER 2024-2025

New members of the MDMLG Executive Board and MDMLG Committees, introduced at the annual summer luncheon in June, are listed below. Each Executive Board member began their role on August 1.

All Executive Board member roles receive voting privileges. Treasurer, Membership Service Officer, Secretary, and Outreach Officer are elected positions to two-year terms. President-Elect and Nominating Committee members are elected to one-year terms.

Committees are by both appointment and on a volunteer basis. To nominate an active MDMLG member to an elected position, please contact members of the Nominating Committee.

### **President**

Steven Moore  
Henry Ford Health, Sladen Library

### **Past-President**

Elizabeth Bucciarelli  
Eastern Michigan University, Halle Library

### **President-Elect**

Colleen Streeter  
Henry Ford Health, Sladen Library

### **Secretary**

Amanda Kelly  
Henry Ford Macomb Library

### **Treasurer**

Jennifer Bowen  
University of Detroit Mercy, School of Dentistry Library

### **Membership Services Officer**

Carla Brooks  
University of Michigan-Dearborn, Mardigian Library

### **Outreach Officer**

David Stewart  
Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine Library

### **Social Media Officer**

Michelle Rau  
Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine Library

### **Auditor**

Jill Turner  
University of Detroit Mercy, School of Dentistry Library

### **Webmaster**

Valerie Reid  
Retired

### **Archivist**

Ella Hu  
Wayne State University, Shiffman Medical Library

### **Student Representative**

Jillian Beckwell  
School of Information Sciences, Wayne State University

More information on the MDMLG Executive Board can be found [online](#).

# MDMLG COMMITTEE ROSTER 2024-2025

## **Nominating Committee**

Melanie Bednarski, Chair  
Brianna Andre  
Bethany Figg

The nominating committee is responsible for securing nominees for MDMLG elected officer and committee positions and, if necessary, coordinating the election.

*For those interested in nominating a member of MDMLG to the Executive Board, current officers and committee chairs will share details and answer questions about their roles during the Winter 2024 General Business Meeting (date/time TBD).*

### Elected Positions:

Every year: President-Elect - 3 year term (President-Elect, President, Past President)

Every year: Nominating Committee members

*Odd Election Years (2023, 2025, etc.):* Secretary - 2 year term

*Odd Election Years (2023, 2025, etc.):* Outreach Officer - 2 year term

*Even Election Years (2024, 2026, etc.):* Treasurer - 2 year term

*Even Election Years (2024, 2026, etc.):* Membership Services - 2 year term

## **Newsletter Committee**

Steven Moore, Chair

The newsletter committee publishes four issues of *MDMLG News* annually as a way to share information with MDMLG membership and those interested in MDMLG activities. Newsletter content includes news, announcements, upcoming events, job openings, training opportunities, member spotlights, interviews, feature articles, and more!

*There are open positions on the committee; please contact Steven Moore to join!*

## **Program & Professional Development Committee**

Colleen Streeter, Chair  
Bethany Figg  
Alyssa Huffman  
Rachel Melton

The Program and Professional Development Committee serves membership by planning continuing education courses and other programs and presentations throughout the year. Programs are intended to meet the training needs of MDMLG membership, both professional and paraprofessional.

## **MHSLA Representative**

## **MHSLA Alternate Representative**

Nancy Bulgarelli  
Stephanie Stebens

The Michigan Health Sciences Library Association (MHSLA) Representative acts as a liaison between MDMLG and MHSLA by attending all meetings of both executive boards and reporting on the activities and events of each organization. The MDMLG Representative is a voting member of the MHSLA Board.

## FALL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING ON SEPT. 18

Please join us virtually for our Fall General Business Meeting!

Following the meeting, the Program and Professional Development Committee is hosting a presentation by **Mark Giesler, PhD, LMSW**, Professor of Social Work at Saginaw Valley State University. Mark joined a small group of Michigan-based librarians to develop the NNLM Region 6 Michigan Mental Health Training Kit, published in June 2024.



The meeting is open to all MDMLG members; non-members who wish to attend the presentation are encouraged to attend as well.

Committee chairs and Executive Board members, be sure to share your meeting report with the MDMLG Secretary prior to the meeting.



Please contact Steven Moore with any questions.

For more information on NNLM Region 6 or the training kit, click the image above.

### **Schedule:**

1:00pm-1:45pm: General Business Meeting  
1:45pm-2:00pm: Break  
2:00pm-2:45pm: Presentation: "Navigating the Michigan Mental Health Training Kit" by Prof. Mark Giesler

**To access the meeting, please use [this link](#).**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming events and activities relevant to MDMLG members.

**September 18:** MDMLG Fall General Business Meeting, 1pm, [virtual](#)

**September 19:** [MDMLG Social Event](#), 5-8pm, Detroit FLEAT in Ferndale, MI

**September 19:** *The Addict's Wake* Virtual Film Screening, NNLM (streaming until Sept. 25), [virtual](#), free

**September 25:** "Climate Resilience Resources," NNLM Region 6, 2pm, [virtual](#), free

**October 2:** Mini-MHSLA Fall Program, 10am-2pm, [virtual](#)

**October 4:** "Specialized Bioinformatics and Data Management in Medical Libraries," 2pm, [virtual](#), free

**November 12:** "Graphic Medicine Discussion: The Most Costly Journey," NNLM, 2pm, [virtual](#), free

**November 21:** Medical Institutional Repositories in Libraries (MIRL) Symposium '24, 12pm, [virtual](#), free



## MDMLG SOCIAL EVENT ON SEPT.19 AT DETROIT FLEAT

The MDMLG Program and Professional Development Committee would like to invite you to an **informal, social networking event** on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at Detroit FLEAT in Ferndale, MI.

# MDMLG Social Event

**Thurs. Sept. 19**  
**5 - 8pm**

Join us and get social at Detroit FLEAT, a food truck park with a full bar + beer, cider, wine and more!

 **Detroit FLEAT**  
1820 9 Mile Rd  
Ferndale, MI

*More info at MDMLG.org* 

**We hope to see you there!**

### **Date & Time**

Thursday, September 19, 2024  
5:00pm-8:00pm

### **Location & Parking**

Detroit FLEAT  
1820 Nine Mile Road  
Ferndale, MI 48220

Please fill out [this brief registration](#) form to better give us an idea of how many people to expect.

## MDMLG MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – RENEW TODAY!

The MDMLG membership drive for the 2024-2025 year began in August. Please consider renewing your current membership or joining by completing the [online form](#).

Types of MDMLG membership:

- Regular (\$35)
- Students (Free!)
- Institutions (\$50)
- Emeritus/retired (\$15)



Membership provides great benefits, including but not limited to:

- Joining a network of health information professionals who have the same interests and concerns
- Free or discounted continuing educational opportunities for professional development
- Opportunity to serve on the MDMLG executive board and committees
- Access to Members-only portion of the MDMLG website
- Providing a sense of belonging to a community of health information professionals
- Your membership will make the organization stronger and expand the professional network of health sciences/medical librarians in the Metropolitan Detroit area and beyond.

*As a reminder, personal membership in MDMLG is required for anyone serving on an MDMLG committee or the Executive Board. Please note that institutional memberships allow for one representative to serve on committees; personal memberships must be purchased for any additional members from an institution with an institutional membership.*

## MDMLG MARGARET DANOWSKI STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

MDMLG will once again be accepting applications for the 2024 Margaret Danowski Student Scholarship Award to students enrolled in the Wayne State University School of Information Sciences or the University of Michigan's School of Information programs. This year we are pleased to have the ability to offer \$350.00, a certificate, and an invitation to attend the MDMLG Annual Summer Meeting and Luncheon.

The Outreach Committee will begin accepting applications on October 1st with an October 31st deadline. Details and an application link will be sent out after October 1st to WSU and U of M student listservs, as well as to relevant faculty at both institutions for distribution within library-related courses. The Committee and MDMLG President will then convene to discuss and decide the winner.

### Award Criteria:

- \* Students must be officially enrolled in the Wayne State University School of Information Sciences or the University of Michigan's School of Information
- \* Must be in good academic standing
- \* Must demonstrate enthusiasm for a career in the health sciences discipline of librarianship
- \* Must submit a complete application form, including a paragraph describing their career goals and how they relate to health sciences librarianship
- \* Applications are accepted electronically only

For more information, visit [MDMLG.org](https://mdmlg.org).

## RESOURCE ROUNDUP

### A RECAP OF RECENT REVISIONS TO RX RESOURCES

**ClinicalTrials.gov PRS Beta for Protocol Registration:** The National Library of Medicine's Protocol Registration and Results System (PRS) Beta will become the primary website for protocol registration and management your list of study records. Read [more](#).

**New NCBI Bookshelf Resources Available:** The National Center for Biotechnology Information's (NCBI) Bookshelf provides free online access to new books, documents, tutorials, search strings, and discovery guides. Read [more](#).

*Have an update? Share it with the Newsletter Committee for inclusion in the next newsletter.*



## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE MIRL 2024 SYMPOSIUM

Save the date for the Medical Institutional Repositories in Libraries (MIRL) Symposium, a free virtual event with a focus on Institutional Repository (IR) management, curation, and promotion in a health sciences environment.

- The fourth annual symposium will take place virtually on **Thursday, November 21, 2024**.
- There is no cost for participating, but registration will be required.
- Registration will open on September 23
- A program agenda will be announced shortly.

MIRL 2024 will feature a keynote by [Dr. Jennifer Beamer](#), SPARC | Visiting Program Officer US Repository Network, who will highlight the strategic mission of USRN to create a more cohesive network of repositories in the US, recent activities of the network, and what role medical IRs can play in the stakeholder community.



Questions about the event can be directed to Steven Moore, Librarian at Sladen Library, Henry Ford Health.

MIRL 2024 planning group members:

Lisa Buda, Rochester Regional Health

Jennifer Deal, Advocate Health - Midwest

Anthony Dellureficio, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Sara Hoover, The National Institutes of Health Library

Ramune Kubilius, Galter Health Sciences Library & Learning Center, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Steven Moore, Sladen Library, Henry Ford Health

Gbadeo Odularu, Howard University

Lisa Palmer, Lamar Soutter Library, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School

David Stewart, OUWB Medical Library, Oakland University

For more about the MIRL Symposium, visit <https://scholarlycommons.henryford.com/mirl/>.

## NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: RACHEL MELTON



*Hi! My name is Rachel Melton (they/them) and I'm excited to be a part of MDMLG!!*

### **What's your current position? How did you become a librarian?**

While I was in undergrad on a Pre-Med track, I realized I was living my parents' dreams, not my own. A friend suggested I be a librarian, since I already helped several friends with doing research; I thought it sounded fun, but I wasn't convinced enough to jump into grad school. I ended up taking a year off after graduating and got a part-time position as a Library Assistant at the Preston Medical Library/Health Information Center associated with The University of TN Medical School and University of TN Hospital. As soon as I started working in a library, I knew for sure what I wanted to do. So, I got my MIS from the University of TN - Knoxville (also where I did undergrad), while working at PML/HIC. I then worked as the Cataloging and Metadata Librarian for Idaho State University, before being promoted to Head of Cataloging and Government Documents. My current role is as the Resource Management Librarian at the Michigan School of Psychology. I do most of the systems administration and "back-end" librarianship, though I get to do reference and the general service aspects of the job, as well, which has been wonderful.

## JOB POSTINGS

Visit the Job Bank at [MDMLG.org](https://www.mdmlg.org)

Tenure Track Medical Librarian,  
**Oakland University** (July 2024)

Innovative, collaborative and service-oriented librarian expected to work with medical students and an interdisciplinary team of medical educators, clinical faculty, and researchers within the Department of Foundational Medical Studies at the School of Medicine.

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GME Librarian, **McLaren Health Care, Bay City** (July 2024)

Responsible for the organization, operation, and development of the medical library system to provide materials and services to support staff in providing excellent patient care, including conducting literature searches and providing instruction in use of Library's print and electronic resources and educational technology equipment.

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Associate Librarian, **Indiana University Indianapolis** (July 2024)

The Ruth Lilly Medical Library seeks a dynamic, collaborative, and talented Assistant Director for Research and Data Education. This position oversees our research team, which supports and tracks research efforts across IUSM (Indiana University School of Medicine) such as assisting with grant proposals, electronic lab notebooks, scholarly communication, artificial intelligence initiatives, and data management plan requirements.

## **Have you learned anything fun or interesting lately you'd like to share with the group?**

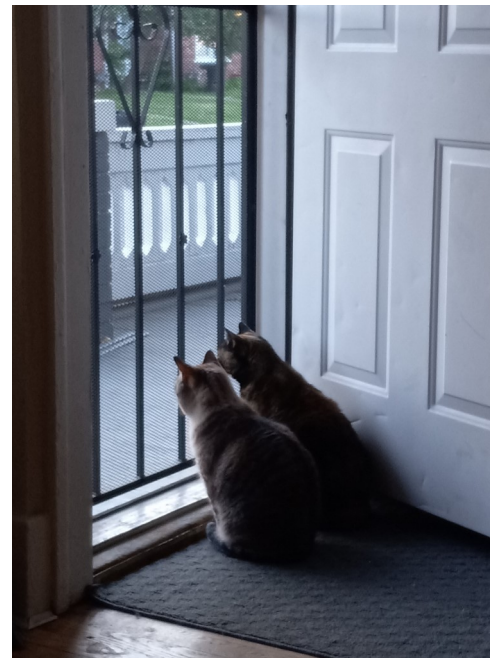
Since I don't have any formal background in Psychology, I have been doing a lot of reading to become more knowledgeable about the discipline. I read a very interesting book, *Neuroqueer Heresies* by Nick Walker, which discusses transitioning from a pathology paradigm to a neurodiversity paradigm, specifically related to autism. I highly recommend it, as it got me thinking about the broader implications of the pathology paradigm's approach and influence on medicine and general life. I also recently learned that Maslow's Hierarchy of Need is (unsurprisingly and without due credit) stolen from a Blackfoot Nation's concept of Community Actualization (<https://shanesafir.com/2020/12/before-maslows-hierarchy-the-whitewashing-of-indigenous-knowledge/>). Apparently, Maslow and the Canadian and U.S. governments spent considerable time white-washing and individualizing the system for Western consumption. A timely reminder that the keys to history and information are held by people with agendas who will tell a story that paints them how they want to be seen and events/systems how they want them to be seen, not necessarily how they are or were -- history is not constructed innocently or altruistically.

## **What's on your bookshelf right now?**

I currently have three books on my personal "reading/waiting to be read" shelf: one fiction recommendation from a friend, *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by TJ Klune, and two non-fiction, *The Psycho-Cultural Underpinnings of Everyday Fascism* by Marcia Tiburi (which I've started, but I have to chew the content, so it's taking a while!) and *Moneyless Society* by Matthew Holten. I'm also "work reading" *The Third Force* by Frank Goble, which is a book from our curriculum.

## **Most importantly, please tell us about your pets.**

Truly the most important part; I'll try not to go on all day! I have the pleasure to share my life with two VERY sweet kitties, Janet (named after Janet Weiss of Rocky Horror Picture Show) and Carol (named after Carol Burnette and Carol Danvers [aka Captain Marvel]). Janet is, as a Vet Tech once described, very spicy! They have a lot of gumption, they only talk when they have something to SAY, and they LOVE to hide under curtains, blankets, etc (sometimes we call them the nun :) and eat pork. Carol is speedy, chaotic, very loving, and talks often, especially at closed doors, because they are not allowed! Carol also loves to eat a cracker or anything else with a nice crunch. (In the photo, Janet is on the left and Carol is on the right)



## HISTORY OF MDMLG

The Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group (MDMLG) can trace its roots to the Biological Sciences Group established by the Michigan Chapter of the Special Libraries Association in 1946. It existed primarily as a social group until the mid-1950s when the members began to experiment with various projects. During the 1960s, several plans came into fruition including the production of a serial locator tool, the creation of a union catalog of monographs, and the establishment of an active interlibrary loan network. The group began the process of formal organization and chose its current name in 1970.

For more on MDMLG, its history, and current activity, visit [mdmlg.org](http://mdmlg.org).



## NEXT ISSUE

Please contact members of the MDMLG Newsletter Committee with any questions or content submissions for our Winter 2024 issue.

## FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!

Please follow and interact with [@detroitmedicalibrarygroup!](https://www.instagram.com/detroitmedicalibrarygroup/)

If anyone has any content, upcoming webinars, photos, or anything else they are willing to share, please contact our Social Media Officer, Michelle Rau.

If possible, please include a little background information. All feedback and suggestions are welcome.

## NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

- **Steven Moore**, Librarian, Sladen Library, Henry Ford Health