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2. the point at which a nervous impulse passes from one neuron to another



President's Column

As we proceed through the year and approach those hot summer days, sipping cold ice tea and hoping to get a break along with our students, ALHeLA members are reminding us of where our focus should be.



Our members have represented our association in several arenas this Spring. In April, ALHeLA was at the Alabama Library Association in Mobile, exhibiting with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. In May, ALHeLA was present at the Alabama Public Health Association's meeting in Mobile along with Health InfoNet of Alabama, managed by Kay Hogan-Smith at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Also in May, ALHeLA members from the Biomedical Library at the University of South Alabama once again developed a Cyber-cafe for the Medical Association of the State of Alabama at their meeting, complete with Web 2.0!

All these activities serve to fulfill our mission and share our expertise about medical information throughout the state. On that note, I would like to remind readers to apply for our scholarships so they can join our energetic association. The deadlines are at the end of June. Please visit our web site for details: <http://southmed.usouthal.edu/library/alhela/awards.htm>

I also want to extend my thanks to our members who take time to maintain our web page, edit our newsletter, manage our resources, and so much more. The planning for our next annual meeting in Tuscaloosa is well underway. Check this newsletter and our web site for updates on our next great meeting!

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MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

ALHeLA 2007 Annual Meeting

ALHeLA Annual Meeting: Tuscaloosa, AL

Plan to join your colleagues for two fun days of networking, learning new skills, and sharing ideas at the ALHeLA annual meeting, Wednesday, September 26th through Friday, September 28 at the Sheraton Four Seasons Capstone in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Please plan to arrive by 4:00 on Wednesday, to participate in a “meet and greet” mentoring activity to promote Health Sciences Librarianship to the SLIS students. Liz Lorbeer (lorbeer@uab.edu) has volunteered to coordinate this event. ALHeLA will provide a networking supper after the event for all participants.

Meeting details will be available on the ALHeLA website in June and the packets will be mailed out in mid-July. Please contact Lee Vucovich (lvucovi@uab.edu) with questions or suggestions.



CE Opportunities Planned for Annual Meeting in September

Steven MacCall, PhD (UA School of Library and Information Studies), Katy Allen, MLIS (UASOM-Tuscaloosa, Health Sciences Library) and students from the School of Library and Information Studies will conduct an all-day CE session on Thursday about Web 2.0 technologies and their use in health sciences library environments. The morning session will be aimed at a very basic level and is intended for those who have yet to dip their toes into the waters of Web 2.0 technologies. The afternoon session will build on what is learned in the morning session and will also be suitable for those who are looking for ideas about advanced techniques. Library school students will be available for lots of one-on-one instruction in support of the speakers' topics. Technologies to be covered include RSS, tagging, blogs, wikis, and podcasting.

On Friday morning, Sheila Snow-Croft, MLIS from the NN/LM SE/A Regional Library at the University of Maryland, Baltimore will present "Patient Safety Resource Seminar: Librarians on the Front Lines." The issues of medical errors, patient safety, and quality healthcare are increasingly important in our institutions. This interactive seminar focuses on ways medical librarians can become more involved in the patient safety processes and activities within their institutions and organizations. For more information, please see <http://nmlm.gov/training/patientsafety/>.

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News Around the State



ALHeLA Librarians at ALLA Meeting

Justin Robertson, Judy Burnham and Geneva Bush Staggs exhibited for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine at the Alabama Library Association annual meeting held in Mobile April 17-19.

ALHeLA Librarians at MASA

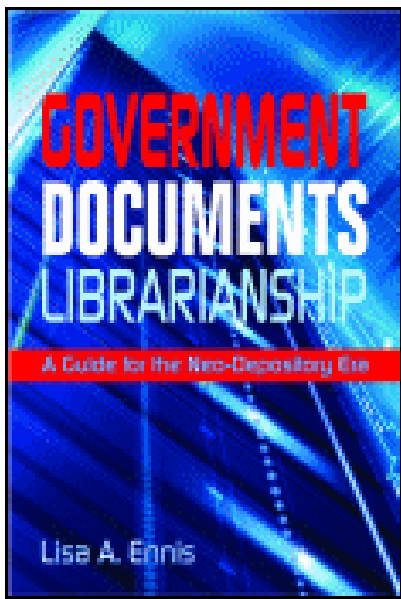
The Biomedical Library hosted the 5th Annual CyberCafe at the Medical Association of the State of Alabama Annual Session held in Birmingham, April 12-14. Pictured is the focal setup featuring the display provided by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine as well as Justin Robertson and Judy Burnham consulting with physicians on the use of new technologies such as blogs, RSS feeds and readers, and wikis. Visit the CyberCafe web site at <http://southmed.usouthal.edu/library/masasite/> and be sure to click on Judy Burnham's continuing education presentation and see her handout at <http://southmed.usouthal.edu/library/masasite/class.htm>.



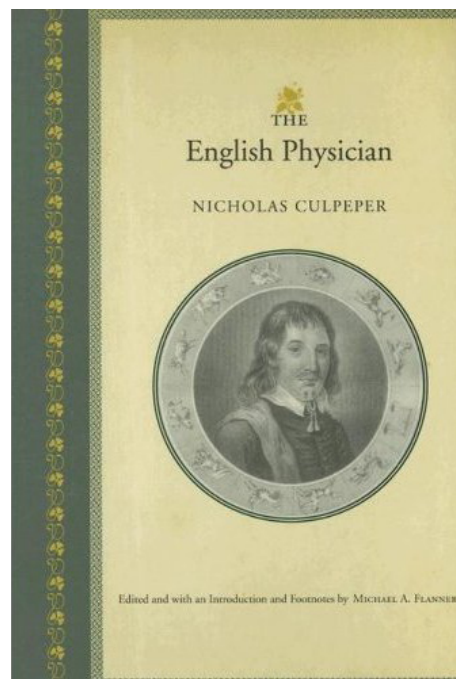
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Books abound at LHL

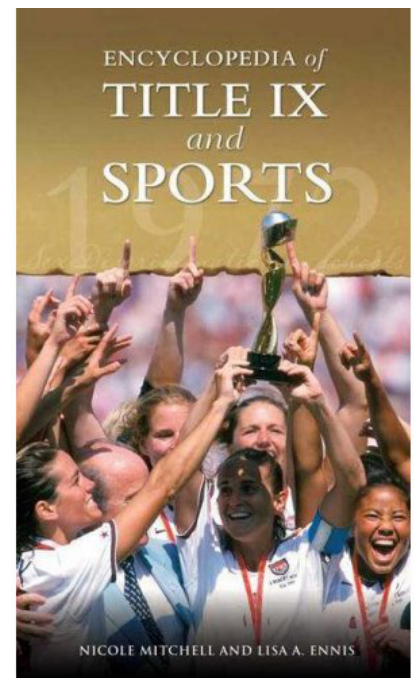
Wunderkind Lisa Ennis, historian extraordinaire Michael Flannery, and LHL newcomer Nicole Mitchell all have books in various stages of publication.



Government Documents Librarianship-
Lisa Ennis



The English Physician-
Nicholas Culpeper, Edited
with an Introduction by
Michael Flannery



*Encyclopedia of Title IX
and Sports-*
Nicole Mitchell and
Lisa Ennis

News Around the State cont...

A number of ALHeLA's members attended MLA in Philadelphia this year, including UAB's Nancy Clemmons who took time out of her very busy retirement schedule to accept an MLA Fellowship!



Above Nancy with her award.

Right Nancy enjoying one of the conference's social events.



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UAB's Michael Flannery presented "Building a Retrospective Collection in Pharmacy, or Why the Materia Medica Matters."

We got the chance to meet Michelle Kraft, the Krafty Librarian.
<http://www.kraftylibrarian.com/>



Nicole Mitchell and Lisa Ennis got some quality time with Lucretia McClure at the [Bearded Pigs](#) concert.

New Member Spotlight



Kent Snowden

Born in Anderson, Indiana, Kent moved with his family to Cullman, Alabama when he was 14. After graduating from Cullman High School in 1983, Kent attended Jacksonville State University where he earned a B.S. in 1988 and an M.S. Ed. in 1989. This was followed by a M.L.S in 1994 from the University of Alabama. Currently, Kent is the Library Director at Troy University in Montgomery.

ALHeLA Awards Reminder!

ALHeLA Achievement Award

This award honors an individual for outstanding service to ALHeLA or to the medical library profession through service, leadership, or research.

Student Scholarship

This award provides a library school student with free registration, two nights lodging, and one CE course for the annual ALHeLA meeting. Registrants must be enrolled in the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alabama or be a permanent resident of Alabama enrolled in an accredited program.

For guidelines, see the Winter 2007 issue of *Synapse* at

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Misc Corner

Looking for something to read this summer?

Be sure and check out Joshilyn Jackson best selling author of *Between*, *Georgia* and *gods in Alabama*.

For a sneak peek take a look at [her blog](#), “Faster than Kudzu.”

From the Editors

We hope you enjoy this latest installment of *Synapse*! Don't forget we are always thrilled to get your ideas and comments about this newsletter. Just let us know if you have anything you'd like included. Don't wait for the call just go ahead and send us your info!

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Don't forget to nominate someone for the Achievement Award and Student Scholarship!