

Promoting International Exchange and Cooperation:
the Medical Library Association's Librarians Without
Borders® Program

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MLA Librarians Without Borders®

How does MLA's program differ from Librarians Without Borders, Canada and Libraries Without Borders/Bibliothèques sans frontières?

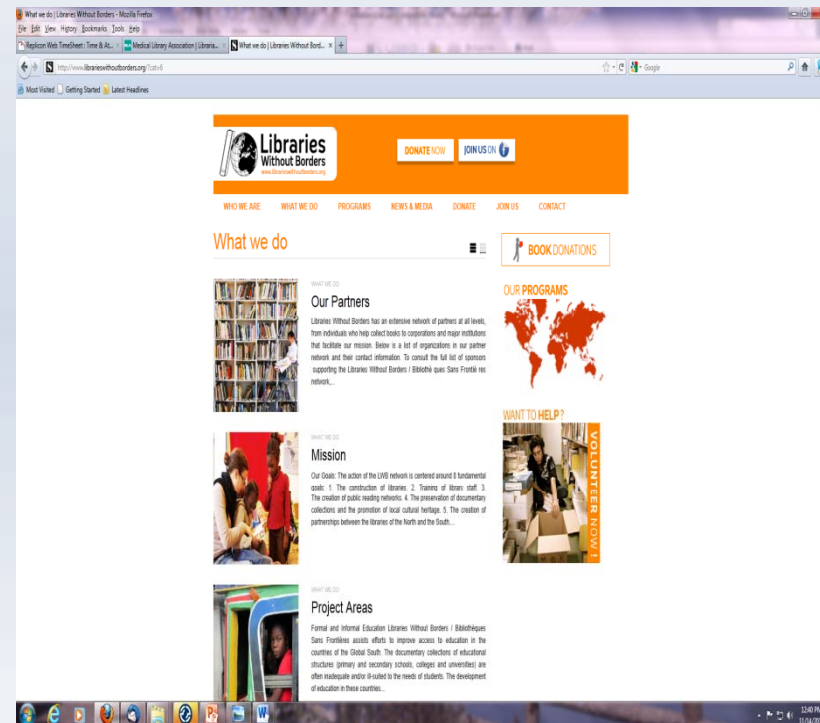
Librarians Without Borders (Canada)

- Build sustainable libraries and support librarians in serving these populations.
- Work with five universities in Canada.
- Currently working in Guatemala.



Libraries Without Borders/Bibliothèques sans frontières

- Facilitate the growth of libraries in developing countries in Africa, Asia and the Americas.
- Promote and safeguard local heritage and knowledge.
- Take book donations.
- Train staff to manage libraries and their programs.



MLA Librarians Without Borders®

Year	Evolution of Program
1898	MLA founded as an international organization by US and Canadian proponents
1934	MLA joined IFLA
1947	MLA worked with UNESCO to assist WWII ravaged libraries
1948	Committee on International and National Cooperation (now International Cooperation Section) established
1963	Cunningham International Fellowship established
1980	Program of bilateral agreements with sister associations established
1999	International Cooperation Section launched sister library program
2005	Librarians Without Borders® Global Strategic Initiative established
2005	Medical Library Disaster Relief Fund established
2007	Librarians Without Borders® E-Library Training Program established
2008	Librarians Without Borders® Grant established
2009	Librarians Without Borders® Advisory Committee established
2011	Librarians Without Borders® Job Exchange Program in process



MLA Librarians Without Borders®

“Our association has always been a very internationally minded group. Years ago, we discussed the idea of adding the word “American” to our name. We decided against it because membership was not then, and is not now, limited to any one country.”

MLA President Eileen Cunningham, 1948 Presidential Address



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- MLA believes that the key elements in improved health for all peoples are the ability of each nation to strengthen and build health sciences information capacity through qualified health sciences librarians, implementation of supporting technological infrastructure, and access to quality information.
- MLA supports capacity building programs at the association, section, chapter, and individual member areas.
- MLA believes that building capacity will be most effective and long-lasting when partnerships are created with groups sharing similar goals, particularly partnerships with international agencies where shared goals intersect with available expertise and infrastructure.

MLA Strategic Statement 2005



GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS/PROGRAMS

- LIBRARIANS WITHOUT BORDERS® E-LIBRARY TRAINING
- FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS
- BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER LIS GROUPS
- MEDICAL LIBRARY DISASTER RELIEF FUND
- SISTER LIBRARY PROGRAM
- JOB EXCHANGE



MLA Librarians Without Borders®

<http://www.mlanet.org/resources/global>

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http://www.mlanet.org/resources/global/

Most Visited Getting Started Latest Headlines

For more Information, contact [Carla J. Funk, CAE](#).

LWB® international news updates are posted routinely on the [MLA Connections Blog](#).

MLA/LWB® Key Initiatives and Reports

- **Librarians without Borders® Advisory Committee** (established 2009)
- **Reports**
 - [Task Force on Global Initiatives \(May 2003–May 2005\) Final Report](#)
 - [Task Force on Librarians without Borders® \(May 2006–May 2008\) Final Report](#)

E-library Training Initiative, Funded in Part by the Elsevier Foundation

- MLA ["Train the Trainers" CE Course](#)
- [HINARI Access to Research in Health Programme: Train the Trainers Online Course](#)
- [HINARI Access to Research in Health Programme: Short Course](#)
- Elsevier [YouTube video](#), Building a Global Research Future (June 2011)
- Elsevier [YouTube video](#) on Librarians Without Borders initiative (January 2010)
- Elsevier grant for e-library training initiative announced ([MLA press release, January 2010](#))
- Elsevier grant for e-library training initiative announced ([MLA press release, January 2007](#))
- [E-library Training Initiative brochure](#)
- [E-library poster](#)
- E-library training [workshop reports](#): ([Vietnam](#) | [Nigeria](#) | [Nepal](#) | [Zanzibar](#) | [Tanzania](#) | [Cambodia](#) | [The Gambia](#) | [Burundi](#) | [Fiji](#) | [Zambia and AHILA Mozambique](#) | [Solomon Islands](#) | [Moldova](#) | [Australia](#) | [Mongolia](#) | [Jamaica](#) | [Florida, USA](#) | [Papua New Guinea](#) | [Nepal](#) (2010) | [Belgium](#) | [Guyana](#) and [photos](#))
- MLA "Train the Trainers" CE course [reports](#): ([MLA 2009](#) | [MLA 2010](#) | [EAHIL 2010](#) | [EAHIL 2011 \(Istanbul\)](#) | [London 2011](#) | [Florida State University 2011](#) | and [photos](#))

Grants and Scholarships

- **Cunningham Memorial International Fellowship**: ([fact sheet and application form](#)) | [past recipients](#))
- **MLA Librarians without Borders® Grant**
 - [Grant announcement](#)
 - Award press releases [2011](#), [2010](#), [2009](#)
 - [Report](#), [photos](#) from 2009 recipient

Resources

- **Disaster/Emergency Preparedness and Recovery**
 - [Medical Library Association Disaster Relief Fund](#) (Thank you letter from ALA/CALA)
 - [Resources for Disaster/Trauma/Emergency Medicine](#)
 - US National Library of Medicine
 - [Disaster Recovery and Environmental Health Links](#)
 - [Online Resources for Hurricanes, Floods, and Disaster Preparedness and Recovery](#)
 - [Resources for Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine](#)
- **Media**
 - [Media](#)
 - [Tips on Becoming a Sister Library](#)

THE JOURNALS of The Endocrine Society

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www.endo-society.org/journals

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E-Library Training Initiative Partners

Funded by the Elsevier Foundation; Coordinated by Lenny Rhine

AGORA- Access to Global Online Research in Agriculture

AHILA- Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa

CISMI- Center for Scientific and Medical Information in Hanoi

COSTECH- Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology

DANIDA- Denmark's development assistance to developing countries program

ELSEVIER FOUNDATION

FAO- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

HINARI- Health InterNetwork Access to Research Program

ICML- International Congress on Medical Librarianship

INASP- International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications

ISABU- L'Institut des Sciences Agronomiques du Burundi

ITOCA- Information Training and Outreach Centre for Africa

NHEICC- National Health, Education, Information and Communication Center, Nepal

NIPH- National Institute for Public Health, Cambodia

OARE- Online Access to Research in the Environment

PAHO- Pan American Health Organization

POLHN- Pacific Open Health Learning Net

UNEP- United Nations Environment Programme

WHO- World Health Organization

WHO/AFRO- Regional Office for Africa

WHO/Europe- Regional Office for Europe

WHO/SEARO- Regional Office of South East Asia

WHO/WPRO- Regional Office for the Western Pacific



MLA Librarians Without Borders® Fellowships and Awards

<http://www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/>

Cunningham Memorial Fellowship

First awarded in 1973

1979 Awardee- Catherine Pi-Ying Yang from Taiwan

Collaborate with European Association of Health Information Librarians, Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa, and others to promote the fellowships.

Now a three week fellowship that funds Fellow to attend MLA's annual meeting and two other library sites for study.

For 2013, Cunningham grants will be awarded to attend the International Congress on Medical Librarianship in Boston, MA



Fellowships and Awards

***MLA Librarians Without Borders® Grant**

Funded by FlySheet Med-Informatics, Inc., Taiwan. Thank you to Min-Lin Fang and Peggy Liu.

2009 Grace Ajuwon, University of Ibadan, Nigeria for purchase of books and computers

2010 Agnes Chikonzo, University of Zimbabwe to support information literacy training

2011 Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences to provide access to HINARI resources to Catholic University of Santa Maria, Arequipa, Peru



Medical Library Disaster Relief Fund

http://www.mlanet.org/resources/global/mla_drf.html

Began in 2005 to help U.S. medical libraries after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to restore services.

Came out of MLA's work with the U.S. Library Associations' Library Disaster Relief Fund to help Asian libraries after the 2005 earthquake and tsunami.

Latest grant to Chinese medical libraries to help after the 2009 earthquake- partnered with the Chinese American Librarians Association with this grant.

Continue to seek grant giving opportunities for Haiti medical libraries.



Bilateral Agreements

http://www.mlanet.org/resources/global/lwb_partnerships.html

AGMB

AHILA

CHLA/ABSC

EAHIL

KMLA

NG-MLA

Basics

- Publications exchange
- Official representation
- Member fees for annual conferences/CE
- Arrange visits for each other's members

Results

- Joint conferences with CHLA/ABSC
- Planned job exchange program with KMLA
- AHIP membership for associations' members at MLA member rates

MLA/ICS HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY PARTNERSHIPS

http://ics.mlanet.org/partnership_committee.html

- Former International Cooperation Section's Sister Library Project
- Work with UK based Partnerships in Health Information
- Lists resources, grants, database, training and other tips

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the website for the International Cooperation Section (ICS) of the Medical Library Association (MLA). The page is titled "INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION SECTION" and features a navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT, JOIN, and CONTACT. A sidebar on the left contains a list of links including "Bylaws", "Cunningham Fellowship", "ICS Newsletter", "Library", "Membership Directory", "MLA Meetings", "Officers", "Partnership Committee", "Job Exchange", "MLA President's Page", "Librarians Without Borders (LWB)", "Blog", and " Flickr Photos". The main content area includes a table with links for "Become a Partner", "Education Resources", "Partnership Database", and "Grant Information". Below this is an "INTRODUCTION TO: Health Science Library Partnerships Committee" section, which describes the committee's mission and lists its members: Marcus Banks, Daniel Dollar, Shane Goodbitt, Margarita Gonzalez, Rulliang Guo, Jie Li, Uju Mollie, Fred Rand, and Lemmy Rhine.



**International Meeting
MLA, ICML, ICAHIS,
and ICLC
May 3-8, 2013
Boston, MA**

MLA through the joint National Planning Committee will be awarding Cunningham grants for the 2013 meeting.

Applications due on April 1, 2012.

<http://www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/>



Information in an Interdependent World
May 3–8, 2013 🦋 Boston, MA

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CONCLUSION

- * Resulted in Closer Relationships with Existing Partners
- * Identified New Opportunities for Partnerships
- * Given Medical Librarians Training Opportunities in U.S. and in Their Home Countries
- * Given Everyone the Opportunity to Share Ideas
- * Strategic & Global -- MLA's Commitment for the Long-Term

THANK YOU!!

QUESTIONS?

