

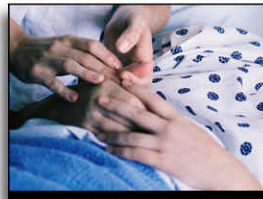
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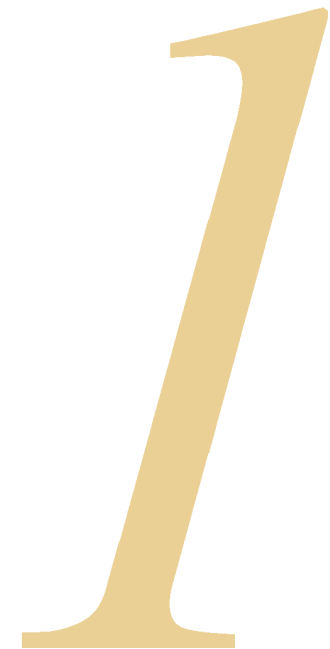
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## **Medical Librarian of the Year,** David Zwerdling

Judy Burnham, senior librarian at the University of South Alabama Biomedical Library, was recently named the Academic Medical Librarian of the Year by the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association. Burnham received this award at the MLA Tri-Chapter meeting held in New Orleans. The award recognizes an academic medical librarian who demonstrates significant achievement, the potential for leadership, and continuing excellence. “We are extremely proud of Judy and her many accomplishments,” said Thomas Williams, director of the Charles M. Baugh Biomedical Library. “This honor reflects her hard work and dedication to her profession.”



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## Nursing and Hospital Libraries in the State of Israel, David Zwerdling

This series of articles investigates the status of nursing information in the state of Israel available to its 20 nursing schools and 75 hospitals. In this issue, we focus on the library resources available to the Recanati School for Community Health Professions.

The Mathilda and Leon Recanati School for Community Health Professions is a school within the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) and has affiliations with the Barzilai Medical Center (BMC), a community and teaching hospital in Ashkelon, Israel.

Established in 1978 within the Faculty of Health Sciences at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, the School was one of the first two schools in Israel to grant academic degrees in the health professions, which includes nursing. Widely recognized by its program of excellence in health professions education, Recanati's program curriculum quickly became a curriculum model adopted by many other institutions.

There are three tracks in the program: a 4-year nursing program (B.N.); a 4-year physiotherapy program (B.P.T.); and a 3-year paramedic program (B.EMS). In addition, there is a 2-year supplementary program leading to an academic degree for registered professionals without the academic preparation.

Besides the bachelor's in nursing (B.N.) program, the School also offers a graduate nursing program leading to a master's degree in nursing (M.N.) with special clinical emphasis. In addition, the School also offers a program for immigrant nurses in order to qualify them for Israeli licensing as registered nurses, with an option to continue on to further studies towards a bachelor's degree in nursing (B.N.) This year the nursing program has 45 students, with 40 on a waiting list.

The nursing program like other university programs depends on the Aranne Central Library at BGU for access to information. But besides the

central, there are other libraries that are also available to students in the program, the most important ones being the Soroka Medical Library at the adjacent Soroka Medical Center and the Beit Hais Library, which formerly housed the life sciences materials. This collection has since been relocated and merged into the existing Aranne Central Library collection.

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The Aranne Central Library is run by qualified library professionals, with management and senior level positions all holding library degrees.

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Ben-Gurion University, and like any other university library it continues to deal with the usual challenges that accompany growth and constant change.

As of October 2000 the library held almost 800,000 volumes, including 540,000 monographic volumes, 5000 journal titles (260,000 vols.), and subscriptions to over 100 electronic databases. The main collections are primarily in engineering, humanities, social sciences, and the sciences.

Since the library is the central university library rather than specifically a medical library, it is not accredited (nor needs to be). While it does not have special services geared specifically to nursing, it has computer connections to the Soroka Medical Library. Students have the capability to search both library catalogs.

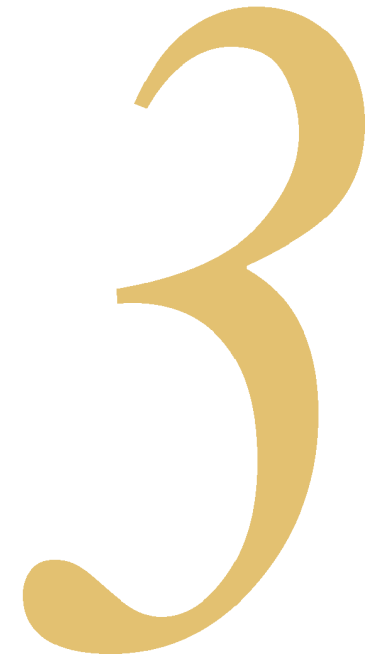
In late 1989, the library completed systems implementation which includes the online catalog. The Alpha-Web (Internet version of the catalog) provides direct links to full-text journals, as well as

links to other university libraries.

For more information about the Aranne Library, go to: <http://www.bgu.ac.il/aranne/>

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Watch for the next feature in the series when we focus on the Soroka Medical Library.



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## Author, Author! January 2002 Edition, Margaret (Peg) Allen

This column features items published by NAHRS members in other publications. In addition to journal and online articles, we feature books and book chapters, as these don't always appear in database searches. It's especially important for librarians to write for nursing and allied health audiences, as illustrated by many of the following examples.

If you'd like to take over this column, please contact me at PegAllen67@alumni.macalester.edu. I'd be happy to work with you the first time. Using EndNote® to format citations makes it a lot easier.

Three items co-authored by Kris Alpi of the Weill Medical College of Cornell University:

**Alpi, K. M., Fisher, J., et al.** (2001). New York Online Access to Health (NOAH): New York libraries partner to provide quality consumer health information in English and Spanish. *Bridging Cultures: Ethnic Services in the*

*Libraries of New York State*. I. Kuharets, B. Cahalan and F. Gitner. Albany, New York Library Association: 170-5.

This article reviews the evolution of NOAH, the New York partnership to provide access to quality health information in English and Spanish. It describes the challenges of a partnership project with only one part-time staff person and many volunteers. Those involved in other partnership projects involving different types of libraries will find this instructive. The article also notes the need to publicize this type of website in public libraries, as those needing information in other languages are less likely to have computer and Internet access at home. It also serves as an example of publication in a work designed more for the non-health science library environment. Those of us serving nursing and allied health should be aware that client diversity is a significant issue for patient education, and that many nursing and allied health programs do not have access to a health science librarian.

While not mentioned in this chapter, the server for the NOAH website was out of commission due to the September 11 disaster. After a few days, content was moved to another server and access information posted to listservs.

**Rambo, N., Zenan J. S., et al.** (2001). Public health outreach forum: Lessons learned. *Bulletin of the Medical Library Association*, 89(4): 403-406.

This part of the special report summarizes the lessons learned from the panel presentations and two-day workshop at NLM. One interesting finding was the public health professionals' need for synthesized information, not bibliographies. Those interested in working with public health professionals—including nurses, dietitians, environmental scientists and other allied professions—will find this must reading.

**Zenan, J. S., Rambo N., et al.** (2001). Public Health Outreach Forum: Report. *Bulletin of the*

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*Medical Library Association*, 89(4): 400-403.

This special report reviews the planning and format for a two-day forum held at NLM in April. The purpose was bring together those who worked on the NN/LM funded public health outreach contracts. It serves as an example of collaboration via email. Presentations from this forum are available on the NN/LM website at <http://nmlm.gov/partners/phof.html>.

From Virginia Balance, College of the Bahamas Nursing School:

**Joling, C.** (2001). Canadian librarians, international work, 2. Virginia Ballance, Bahamas. *Feliciter, Journal of the Canadian Library Association*, 47(4): 206-8.

Virginia describes her work in the Bahamas in this article compiled by Joling. For those who haven't met Virginia at MLA, this is your opportunity to "meet" a charming NAHRS member. All will enjoy reading about the chal-

lenges she faces in her nursing school library. These include environmental hazards—hurricanes and mold—as well as a lower level of information literacy held by entering students. This is a challenge faced by many serving nursing and allied health programs, especially those with students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The first part of this article covers Canadian librarians working in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The series appears useful for those interested in working in other countries.

**Ballance, V.** (2001). The Yarmouth castle disaster of 1965 and its legacies. *Journal of the Bahamas Historical Society*, 23(41-8).

Virginia writes that "in the autumn of 2000 I gave a talk at the local historical association about a disaster at sea in the Bahamas and its ramifications internationally and locally—many of which had an impact on health care in the Bahamas." Local people and volunteers worked together to treat survivors. Long-term impact included improved interna-

tional safety regulations, an intensive care unit in the hospital, and the "Yellowbirds" volunteers who eased the job of nurses, which contributed to increased quality of nursing education in the Bahamas.

**Friedman, Y.** (2001). Managing trauma and stress caused by terrorism. *American Journal of Nursing*, 101(12): 59-60.

In this timely article in AJN's "Nursing Resources" section, Yelena features website content related to coping with the psychological aspects of terrorism. Each description includes title, URL, publisher, and a description of pertinent resources on the site. Publishers include professional associations and U.S. government agencies.

**Allen, M.** (2001). MEDLINE: a guide to effective searching (book review). *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*, 20(3): 98-99.

While I review books for *Library Journal*, I usually don't note them in this column. This

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one is an exception, because the book would be an excellent reference for motivated nursing and allied health professionals, as well as health science librarians. It has excellent examples noting the added value of indexing and the benefits of using MeSH and other MEDLINE record features.

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## In the Literature..., Cynthia Burke

People still think that librarians have “cushy” jobs. We just sit around waiting to check out books, collect fines, or to say “SHH!” to noisy patrons. On the contrary! There is an increasing amount of literature regarding the stress levels of librarians. The sites below look at stress in librarians—and others—and ways to minimize stress in a highly dynamic work environment. These are things that we may already know, but it does not hurt to be reminded. Let’s reflect on this past year and find positive ways to de-stress for today and the upcoming year. Have A Less Stress New Year!

### **International Stress Management Association – USA Branch**

<http://www.stress-management-isma.org/ISMA-USA.html>

This non-profit group is one of several international branches of the UK-based association (<http://www.isma.org.uk/index.htm>). The US

branch is based in Yonkers, NY. The association seeks to support research in “several professional interdisciplinary stress management fields.” These fields include nursing and allied health. The ISMA Library contains bibliographies of books and articles, stress instruments, and links to other sites. The online membership directory lists the names and email addresses of all members, and includes an address, institutional affiliation, and research specialty for some. The site also offers a free online newsletter. Anyone interested in stress research nationally and internationally should visit the ISMA site.

### **John Koppersmith’s Technostress Site**

<http://www.jkup.net/index.html>

John Koppersmith is a reference librarian at the University of California, Berkeley. He also worked on the California Digital Library, University of California. At the homepage, there is an animation of a person running around in a

box. Does that remind you of anyone you know? The site contains links to full-text articles, abstracts, and workshop information on technostress, from the early 1990s to the present. Koppersmith also includes general stress resources, and sites from the United Kingdom. This site would be of interest to all librarians and anyone who uses information technology to accomplish most of their job duties.

### **“Stress At Work” – National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)**

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/stresshp.html>

NIOSH, a US government agency, provides information in the public domain about job stress. Their booklet *Stress...at Work* is available in HTML or PDF format. NIOSH conducts job stress research, evidenced by the NIOSH Stress Research Program and Occupational Health Psychology (OHP) page. There are links to sites and bibliographies

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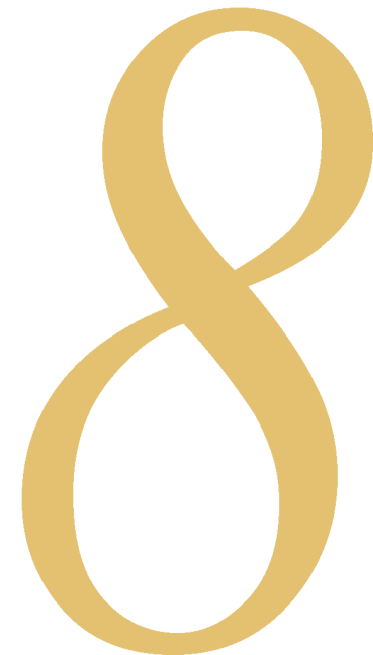
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about job stress. This site would be of benefit to anyone interested in general information and research about job stress.

### **Stress, Inc.: The Commerce of Coping**

<http://stress.jrn.columbia.edu/site/index.html>

Stress, Inc. is the work of the 1998 New Media Workshop Class, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. The site is an interactive game board, allowing one to learn about stress and its devastation in a fun way. Visitors to the site can take a quiz, learn about the history of stress, and how stress has impacted the pharmaceutical and publishing industries. There is even a game called "Stress Out Bob." Users are supposed to be able to stress him out worse than themselves. This site would be useful in health-care and journalism courses.



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