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The 2019 sponsored, no-holds-barred health sciences lively lunchtime gathering began with greetings from **Wendy Bahnsen** on behalf of luncheon sponsor Rittenhouse Book Distributors. Moderator **Rena Lubker** introduced the presenters.

Ramune Kubilius provided a brief annual update on health sciences publishing world developments, noting trends noted during the year since the 2018 conference. Themes from the findings highlighted in her handout (Figure 1; <https://doi.org/10.18131/g3-yvaf-3330>) that mirrored 2019 conference schedule themes included preprints, transformative agreements, and Plan S. She introduced two lunch attendees: SSP/Charleston Conference scholarship winner and library school student Lynnee Argabright, and Lisa Palmer, a co-author of a survey of health sciences institutional repositories, described at the 2018 Lively Lunch. That article was published in the October 2019 issue of *JMLA* [107(4): 488–498, PMC6774547].

The session featured a synopsis of issues that keep health sciences libraries up at night, more discussion about the impact of expansions on libraries of academic medical affiliation, and a report on a consortium's considerations made when leaving Big Deal licenses and entering into new, OA-friendly arrangements. All three topics provided fodder for lively discussion at the end.

Are there trends or commonalities in the issues that concern health sciences collection managers across institutions? **Susan Kendall** entitled her comments "Talking of Many Things: Keeping Collection Managers on Our Toes." Kendall based some of her highlights on themes that developed in editing the

2018 book *Health Sciences Collection Management for the Twenty-First Century*. She found that many of the issues collection managers are wrestling with currently tend to revolve around one of these three big-picture questions: What makes up current health sciences collections? For whom are they being collected? And how do we assess how well our collections are meeting the needs of our users? For the first question (what makes up our collections), she noted the vast range of materials that can be considered part of our collection. The range of acquisition models is equally vast and includes owned, rented, shared, on demand, in the public domain, open access, and free materials. Librarians struggle with how they can collect and present all these different types of resources in a sustainable way. The second question she posed is: For whom are we collecting? Our users want a lot of different things: accessibility, discoverability, and personalization of resources to their needs, including being able to remix the material for use in their own curricula, handouts, and publications. At the same time, librarians care about these factors; they also care about how they're going to be able to present, control, and preserve materials for users in the future. Sometimes the different considerations compete. Finally, she posed the question of assessment, which is so important today. There are traditional means of collection assessment like counting volumes, benchmarking, collecting usage statistics, but now we're being asked much more difficult questions like how do our collections and libraries lead to better health outcomes, more research dollars, or higher graduation rates? Librarians can find themselves in the position of having to contribute to metrics they don't think are responsible, and she pointed to some organizations that are considering the question of what

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Health sciences collection management for the twenty-first century / Susan K. Kendall, ed. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield ©2018 & "Get to Know Susan K. Kendall" IN BMJ Insiders Sept. 9, 2019

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Annual "Developments" update

Ramune K. Kubilius, Collection Development / Special Projects Librarian, Northwestern University Galter Health Sciences Library & Learning Center. Professional profile.

Publication related to 2018 Lively Lunch: The Institutional Repository Landscape in Medical Schools and Academic Health Centers: A 2018 Snapshot View and Analysis, *Journal of the Medical Library Association* 107(4): 488-98, October 2019

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DEVELOPMENTS 2018/2019

News and trends that occurred or were noted since Charleston Conference 2018

Databases retired, 2nd wave of preprints, research data sharing, transformative Agreements...

(compiled by Ramune K. Kubilius)

U.S. National Library of Medicine

- TOXNET website to be retired, most content will remain available (Dec 2019)
- The National Library of Medicine (NLM) Board of Regents (BOR) approves NLM Collection & Preservation Policy...(Sep 2019)
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- PubMed
- Three resources fully digitized and added to NLM Digital Collections site: *Hospital and health administration index*, *Hospital literature index*, and *Cumulative index of hospital literature* (Sept 2019)
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- NLM signs 3-year memorandum of understanding with Medical Heritage Library (MHL) to promote free and open access to quality historical resources in medicine and human health sciences (June 2019)
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- LinkOut _____ (summer-end of 2019)
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- (Feb 2019)
- PMC updates Associated Data box: display of unique identifiers assigned to supplemental material files by publisher when available (Nov 2018)

Figure 1. DEVELOPMENTS 2018/2019.

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OTHER — 2020

- RSNA-free trials in 2019, now for fee: *Radiology: Artificial Intelligence; Cardiothoracic Imaging; Imaging Cancer*
- NEJM's free *Catalyst Innovations in Care Delivery* becomes peer review "for fee"
- Graphic medicine: Conference: in Toronto, Canada (2020). Also: Charleston conference poster (2019); NLM traveling exhibit (launched 2018)... Organization & blog.

OCTOBER 2019

- JMLA's New Data Sharing Policy. Place brief "Data Availability Statement" at the end of articles' main text
- Launch of Research Data Management Librarian Academy (RDMLA)
- Retraction Watch database — retractionwatchdatabase.org — logged its 20,000th retraction
- The NIH Open Citation Collection: A public access, broad coverage resource (PLoS Biol 17(10))
- Open Publishing Awards @ Force 2019 includes: *Upper Limb Anatomy Models*

SEPTEMBER 2019

- Cabells announces it has reviewed & added the 12,000th publication to its Journal Blacklist
- Royal Society of Chemistry announces new partnership with American Chemical Society, German Chemical Society (Gesellschaft Deutscher Chemiker), Chinese Chemical Society, & Chemical Society of Japan to support strategic & financial development of ChemRxiv, a preprint server for global chemistry community
- Springer Nature signs memorandum of understanding for what it describes as "the world's largest transformative open access agreement" (with Projekt DEAL in Germany)
- Wiley announces partnership with American Society of Microbiology (ASM): new official co-publisher & distributor of ASM Press reference works, textbooks, and non-journal pubs; collaborating with Atypon...

AUGUST 2019

- Pilot: Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) disclosure platform, Convey Global Disclosure System (Convey)...central repository for individuals to enter & maintain their financial interest records...

JULY 2019

- Impactstory is renamed Our Research

JUNE 2019

- Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Yale University, & The BMJ launch medRxiv, preprint server for clinical research
- RA21 (Resource Access for the 21st Century) is transitioning into "The Coalition for Seamless Access"

APRIL 2019

- Springer Nature publishes its first machine-generated book (Chemistry)

MARCH 2019

- MedEdPORTAL now indexed by MEDLINE—AAMC partnership with American Dental Education Association

FEBRUARY 2019

- AMA will permit Site Licensees and their Authorized Users to conduct text & data mining of metadata of Licensed Material, subject to certain terms and conditions...
- UC terminates subscriptions with world's largest scientific publ, Elsevier: push OA to publicly funded research

JANUARY 2019

- Rittenhouse Book Distributors announcement: health sciences eBook database, R2 Digital Library, a multi-year honoree & recipient of gold award in LibraryWorks' 5th annual Modern Library Awards (MLA)

NOVEMBER 2018

- Final report (highlights presented at 2018 Health Sciences Lively Lunch) — *Early Career Researchers-The Harbingers of Change?* / Harbinger Project Team of Researchers and Authors (CIBER Research Ltd.)
"Developments" handout is available in DigitalHub (Tiny url <https://tinyurl.com/yxnkgsjb>)

responsible metrics are (the Bibliomagician blog provides comment and practical guidance from the LIS-Bibliometrics community). Kendall summed up with the statement, “We are all collection managers now,” meaning librarians in all kinds of roles, from data librarian to clinical librarian, have in common that they’re putting users in touch with collections that they’ve helped build in some way. Librarians face the same challenges today as they have in the past, though packaged differently, and flexibility will be key. Our continuing librarian values will help us navigate the future.

The ever-changing academic library and affiliated hospital relationship landscape was explored by **Jean Guden**, who examined the effects of hospital acquisitions on academic libraries. She discussed challenges with negotiating licensing changes quickly, the commitment to communication, and other matters essential to ensuring access to resources for the new affiliates. Using the Medical University of South Carolina as the case study, a scenario was described of an expanded affiliate network (acquisition of four hospitals with 4,000 staff), requiring “go live” availability of licensed resources within a three-month time frame (November 2018–March 2019) that included several major holidays and a librarian’s sick leave. One immediate point emphasized was that communication with vendors and new partners should start immediately. Look for cost implications (costs will go up as the potential user base or geographic base grows). Several decisions and clarifications will likely need to be made regarding length of the license (new or multiyear, one time vs. continual costs), and to determine which licenses need to go through legal review for procurement. Most importantly, devise a communication workflow for vendors, the hospitals, legal, and procurement, as warranted. Keep records updated.

What goes into planning, preparing, and actively shifting toward a more open access–friendly landscape? How do consortia make decisions to leave or enter into deals on behalf of a multi-type academic library system? Are the interests of health sciences libraries represented? In her presentation, “University of California and Transformative Agreements,” **Sarah McClung** shared examples of recent collections decisions made by the University of California libraries and what lessons might be imparted to

other libraries, including those licensing in smaller groups or even solo. Encompassing 10 campuses, 5 medical centers, 3 national laboratories, and the California Digital Library, the University of California was in a good position for negotiating change. With 23,300 faculty members, there was good leverage, and the University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication already had endorsed the 2018 “Declaration of Rights and Principles to Transform Scholarly Communication.” There are many approaches to supporting open access, ranging from policies, subvention funds, collective models (e.g., Knowledge Unlatched), institutional repositories, open infrastructure, to read and publish agreements. Transformative agreements attempt to address the “Wild West” aspect of increasing author processing charges (APCs). To date, author choice led to either closed access, or open access that needs to be funded by library subvention plus grants, or by the library in full. The move toward transforming this model has so far resulted in a transformative agreement with Cambridge University Press (reached in April 2019), further negotiations with various publishers, and ceased negotiations with Elsevier in February 2019, which resulted in access to 2019 content being cut off. A consortial subscription to Reprints Desk was arranged to handle the anticipated time-sensitive requests for inaccessible Elsevier content. For a consortium of this size or any size, transforming scholarly publishing involves planning, and a designated communications team has to be the active voice. Various reports of the University of California’s recent journey can serve as resources: the Pathways to Open Access report, the aforementioned 2018 Declaration, the UC Call to Action, and the Negotiating Toolkit.

Session discussions included comments about hospital mergers and acquisitions, since they are almost always accompanied by hospital staff expectations of licensed resource access through the university. Education is needed that the cost for information access is not “free” and potential new users mean renegotiation of licenses, often resulting in a different licensing tier. The story has not ended in the University of California system, and studies continue to be done on the increasing costs of licensing. Faculty are active on Scholarly Communication committees and are represented at the negotiation table. For faculty, one direction being encouraged is open peer review.