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ant part of the collection. Our history information is not only about the books physicians used at the time they were practicing, but it also contains information about the history of medicine, history of obstetrics and gynecology, biographical or historical information on famous obstetricians, gynecologists, and other famous figures, as well as the histories of some medical schools.

Museum — The History Museum is the visual history of obstetrics and gynecology. You can find a display on forceps, destructive instruments, pelvimeters, sounds, pessaries, kegel meters, vibrators, models, IUDs (including the Dalkon shield), birth control pills (from the very complex to the very simple), condoms, and medicines of many types.

Publications Support — Resource Center staff provide publication assistance to College staff by verifying the references that are used in our publications. Often we find that a reference has been replaced by something newer or is rather questionable and should not be used. We provide alternatives if necessary. Staff attend committee meetings and often are asked for input as to what kind of questions we get from members and consumers that would be relevant for guideline development.

Website — The Resource Center maintains its section of the College Website and often provides information to other staff about a broken link or the need to update a page. We provide the “coding” for the documents to Web services staff to use to provide access to the documents on the Web page.

Conclusion

Many health association libraries are an integral part of their organizations. They provide traditional and non-traditional services not only to the organizational staff, but to members and non-members as well. The **Medical Library Association’s Health Association Libraries Section** provides members with feedback on how other societies may be handling a specific need within their organization. We like to help each other evolve and grow as librarians and libraries. Without each other we would not be able to learn adaptive techniques, fulfill the needs of our organization, and thrive. 🌱

Endnote:

1. **Dunikowski L. G., Embrey A. C., Hawkes W. G., Riedlinger J. E., Taliaferro M. G., Van Hine P. M.** “The Health Association Libraries Section survey: finding clues to changing roles. *J Med Lib Assoc* 2013; 101:318-22.

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BORN AND LIVED: I was born in and grew up in Cleveland Ohio. I attended the **University of Dayton** for my undergraduate degree and the **Clarion University of Pennsylvania** for my Masters of Science in Library Science.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND ACTIVITIES: I first started my medical library career at the **Winchester Medical Center** in Winchester, VA in 1990. I started the library at the **Association of American Medical Colleges** in 1992. I have been with the **American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists** since 1996. I started as the reference librarian and became the director in 2002. I have been involved in local library societies and **HALS** for many years. I have served as president, chair, chair-elect, secretary, and treasurer. I am currently the Chair of **HALS**.

FAMILY: I have been married to my husband, **William** for almost 23 years. We have two daughters. **Caroline** is 19 and a freshman at **Beloit College** in Beloit, WI. **Catherine** is 15 and a freshman at **St. Maria Goretti High School** in Hagerstown, MD. We live in Lovettsville, VA.

IN MY SPARE TIME: In my spare time I enjoy reading, crocheting, walking my dog, and baking.

FAVORITE BOOKS: Any mystery that doesn’t talk about women’s health.

PET PEEVES: Asking me what my pet peeves are.

PHILOSOPHY: Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree. — **Martin Luther**

MOST MEMORABLE CAREER ACHIEVEMENT: Becoming the Director of the **Resource Center**.

GOAL I HOPE TO ACHIEVE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW: Adding more services for our members to use the **Resource Center** electronically.

HOW/WHERE DO I SEE THE INDUSTRY IN FIVE YEARS: Continued evolvement of the profession. We won’t lose the books because they are important. But we will have to expand our electronic access to books as well as journals. Many of us may be remote or become telelibraries/librarians. 🌱



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This leads me to mention that the November issue of *ATG* (the **Charleston Conference** issue) will be guest edited by **Charles Lyons** from **SUNY-Buffalo**. **Charles** says that the general plan is to have articles focusing on: library eBooks as e-textbooks, innovative textbooks on reserve, open textbook publishing, working with commercial textbook publishers, and university bookstores. I have recently been fascinated by all the e-textbook innovation and news. Apparently there is a move to have the purchase price of e-textbooks added to the overall course fee. See the latest article in *Information Today* by none other than **Chuck Hamaker**! “EBooks on Fire: Controversies Surrounding eBooks in Libraries.”

<http://www.infotoday.com/searcher/dec11/Hamaker.shtml>

Moving right along — the **Addlestone Library** is over eight years old and we are renovating. The **South Carolina Historical Society** in the Fireproof building on Meeting Street (across from the Mills House Hotel) is moving many of their rare manuscripts to our Special Collections Department. All shelves are being compacted to make room for additional seating and storage. This means that the Technical Services Department (my department) will have to move from the second floor to the first floor for four plus months (April-August, 2014)! What fun it has been to plan, plan, plan and relocate, relocate, relocate, right at the end of the 13/14 fiscal year! However, it will all be over by the time you come to Charleston for the **34th Charleston Conference**.

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