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Editor's message

I am looking forward to being the Editor of the *Journal of the Canadian Health Libraries Association (JCHLA)* for 2006. Through various communication avenues (e.g., attending conferences, reading and participating on listservs, examining blogs, etc.), I see the outcome of innovative, creative, and educational work. Furthermore, I recognize that we are very busy; however, writing a paper, case study, report, or a column detailing your research and innovative services will benefit all of us in the health librarianship field. JCHLA is a result of a collective effort and I encourage you to participate.

This issue of JCHLA contains an article about the history of the William Osler Library at McGill University. The authors, Christopher Lyons and David S. Crawford, provide details about Dr. William Osler's contributions to medicine and to the field of health librarianship. Think about including the Osler Library — a renowned "history of medicine" library — on your itinerary the next time you travel to Montreal. Eugene Barsky offered to write a series of articles examining Web 2.0 issues — a very timely subject. The first article in the series is entitled "Introducing Web 2.0: RSS trends for health librarians". Other articles in subsequent issues will

discuss blogging, podcasts, and social networking tools. Wendy Hunt, the Publicity Chair for the 2006 Canadian Health Libraries Association / Association des bibliothèques de la santé du Canada (CHLA / ABSC) conference in Vancouver, has written an enthusiastic report detailing both the educational and entertaining reasons for attending the conference. Checkout "A Word from the President / Le mot de la présidence" to see how proactive Tamsin Adams-Webber and the CHLA / ABSC Board members have been on the issue of budget cuts to Health Canada's Sciences Library Network. Susan Murray's Consumer health information column contains information about creating a top 10 list of Canadian consumer health Web sites.

Gillian Griffith, the Assistant Editor of JCHLA, and I will be working together to develop the content for each journal issue in 2006. Peruse Gillian's Current research, and News and notes columns to remain up to date with the latest research and events. Next, I would like to thank Rebecca Zakoor, past JCHLA Editor, who provided me with many "Pearls of Wisdom" regarding the role and responsibilities of a journal editor. Lastly, I look forward to communicating with you about your ideas and JCHLA contributions.

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