Budget
In order to maintain serial subscriptions, with an across the board cut of -2% for FY2009, the monograph and historical materials literature budgets have been reduced. While we continue to acquire substantial amounts of foreign language medical materials, we are of necessity being more selective with monograph acquisitions. Projections for the FY2010 budget are for a flat budget, at best, but the final budget decisions have not yet been made by Congress.

MeSH and NLM Classification Training for Catalogers
Using Medical Subject Headings (MeSH®) in Cataloging, the training course developed by NLM Cataloging Section staff, is now available on the NLM Cataloging website at http://www.nlm.nih.gov/tsd/cataloging/trainingcourses/mesh/index.html. NLM staff held an in-person training session using this course on April 29 at NLM for local medical librarians as well as librarians attending the BIBCO/CONSER OpCo meeting.

The NLM Classification training modules will be completed by ALA Annual and will be posted to the NLM Cataloging Website by summer or fall 2009.

Web Archiving
NLM has embarked on a web collecting and archiving project using the Internet Archive’s Archive-It software. The scope of this project is to pilot three collections of born digital websites and web documents of interest to NLM and to make preliminary recommendations on collecting policies, workflows, level of staff effort needed to sustain this activity and responsibilities of collecting areas. We are beginning with three collections: 1) disaster-related published material “grey literature” including sites that document the medical and health effects of acts of nature, terrorism, accidents or pandemics 2) materials published by non-governmental agencies, also considered to be “grey literature” in the areas of biomedicine and health care, as well as works on biomedical aspects of technology, the humanities, and the physical, life, and social sciences and 3) materials that document twenty-first century medicine and health which may be of historical importance in the future.

NLM Digital Repository
A Digital Repository Implementation Group has been formed to pilot the implementation of Fedora and additional companion tools as needed, as a repository for ingest, management, display and preservation of NLM’s digital collections. The group will begin with the preparation, ingest and presentation of NLM’s collection of historical cholera monographs, which is scheduled for completion by September 2009.

Jennifer Marill and Ed Luczak published a paper “Evaluation of Digital Repository Software at the National Library of Medicine”, summarizing the results and
methodology used in the Digital Repository Evaluation and Selection project which resulted in the selection of Fedora. The paper is available in the May/June 2009 issue of *DLIB*, http://www.dlib.org/dlib/may09/marill/05marill.html.

**NLM Classification**
The 2009 edition of the NLM Classification was released in April, incorporating the 2008 MeSH vocabulary and updates to the W and WZ schedules (Health Professions and History of Medicine).

**RDA**
The National Library of Medicine has continued working with Library of Congress and the National Agricultural Library to plan a coordinated approach to testing RDA prior to making a joint decision on implementation. The three libraries have been developing testing methodology, in consultation with colleagues experienced in research design, and the criteria to be used for assessment, based on usability, technical, operational and financial factors. Over 90 applications for test partners were reviewed and 21 participants were selected, because of a limited number of copies of RDA available for the test. The group considered type of institution, type of materials to be cataloged, number of staff, and the type of ILS system and OPAC used as factors in the selection. The methodology and criteria for assessment will be discussed with test partners at a meeting during ALA.

**Electronic Journals/Licensing**
NLM has completed the extract license data from the Meridian Electronic Resources Management system for import into Relais Enterprise, a key component of NLM’s automated interlibrary loan and document delivery operations. The ILL terms from NLM’s licenses are now listed on the request forms so that staff can easily determine any licensing restrictions on ILL to expedite processing.

**Personnel**
Nancy Fallgren began work on June 22 as a metadata librarian in the Cataloging Section, working on metadata issues related to the implementation of the Digital Repository. Prior to coming to NLM, she worked at Johns Hopkins University as a digital access/metadata librarian.

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