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Resource for Maine

18,000 USED LIBRARY LAST YEAR

Nearly 18,000 healthcare people -- physicians, nurses, technologists, pharmacists, social workers, dietitians, hospital administrators and students -- used the Maine Medical Center Library during the past year. The current holdings of this library -- which has been designated by the National Library of Medicine as the Resource Library for Maine -- include 8,000 monographs and texts, 6,400 bound journals and 480 current journal subscriptions.

"The medical library exists," explains Chief Librarian Eleanor C. Cairns, "to provide complete and up-to-date medical information for doctors, nurses and other hospital personnel for their continuing education and the improvement of patient care. All members of our library staff believe this and work towards this goal."

The requests for literature and data from professionals at MMC and elsewhere in the state are filled by a full-time staff of eight. During 1975 more than 500,000 photo copies of library materials were furnished on a one-day service basis. The staff also supplied nearly 500 literature searches and bibliographies through MEDLINE, the computerized medical information retrieval system.

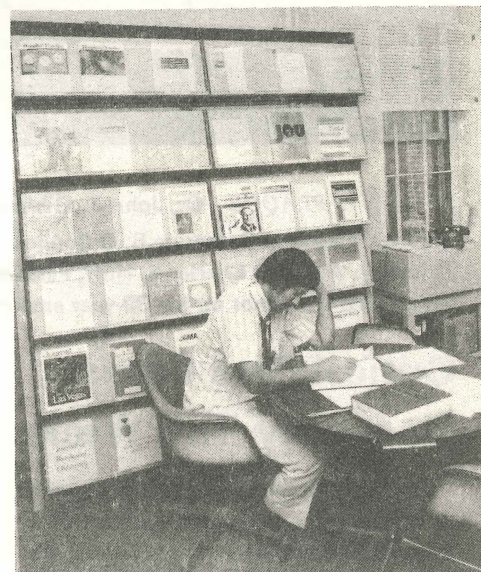
The holdings of the National Library of Medicine and the Countway Library at Harvard University are easily available to

any physician in Maine through the library's teletype service.

The library receives an infinite variety of requests for literature searches. Information may be needed by a doctor in Presque Isle who's preparing a talk on whooping cough; or a staff physician may want an update on chemotherapy for treatment of prostatic neoplasms, or a request may be received for the current findings on gold toxicity among patients with arthritis. Reference Librarian Jane Cooper finds this keeps her job interesting. "I especially enjoy working with the hospital's medical students and residents. It's satisfying to help them learn how to find the information they need."

"The hospital library is no longer a luxury," said Ms. Cairns, "it's a necessity if physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals are to stay abreast of

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LIBRARY USER -- Roger S. Rittmaster, M.D., 1st year postgraduate resident in Internal Medicine from Tufts University Medical School, is a regular user of the MMC library for study and reference work. (MMC A/V Dept. Photo)

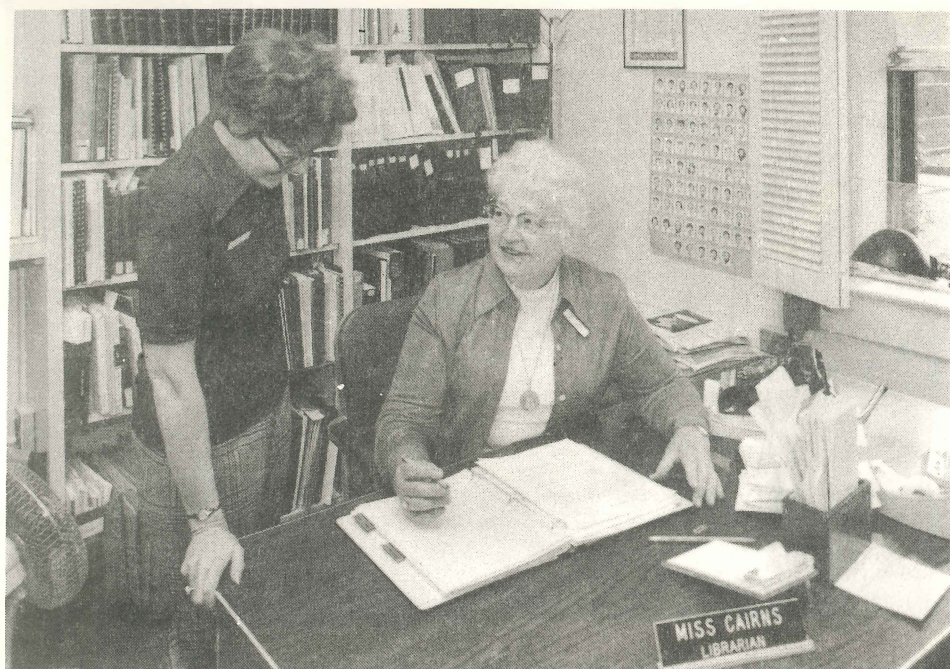
SIX PRESENTED SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS

Six nursing department employees have been awarded a total of \$2,980 in loan and scholarship grants to further their education in the nursing field. Agnes E. Flaherty, R.N., director of Nursing, announced Friday that funds were shared by Janice Cipriano, UC, SCU; Andrea Baillargeon, NA, P3cd; Barbara Reckitt, NA, Nursery; Marilyn Berry, LPN, P3cd; Margaret Cash, LPN, Nursery; and Winnifred York, R.N., Delivery Room.

The loans and scholarships were granted from the following hospital funds: Goldie Davidson Loan Fund, Edith H. Doane Loan Fund, James Regan Nursing Scholarship Fund, Scholarship Fund of the Women's Auxiliary of the Cumberland County Medical Association, Cummings Nurses' Scholarship Fund, William Holloway Scholarship Fund, Mary Skillin Nursing Scholarship Fund, Nurses' Scholarship Fund and the Barbara Taylor Scholarship Fund.

Elizabeth Hargitt, R.N., assistant director of Nursing for Personnel Counseling, is chairman of the hospital's Scholarship and Loan Fund Committee which reviews applications and makes the awards. Other committee members

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CHECKING YEAR-END STATISTICS - Chief Librarian Eleanor C. Cairns, right, and her secretary, Mrs. Patricia Pierce, scan the record sheets for fiscal 1976 which indicated that more than 18,000 healthcare professionals used the MMC library during the year (MMC A/V Dept. Photo)



PRESENTS PLAQUE —Dr. John F. Gibbons, right, chief of Radiology, presents an engraved plaque to Catherine B. O'Connor, R.T., at a retirement coffee in her honor Thursday. At left is Charles E. Huff, Personnel department consultant, who also congratulated Miss O'Connor on her 32-year employment record at MMC (MMC A/V Dept. Photo)

Critical Care Course Underway This Week

The excellence of an MMC program to train registered nurses in the care of patients with complex and critical needs has attracted several participants from outside the state of Maine. Included in the 21 registrants for the current course are two nurses from Arizona, one each from Maryland and Connecticut and the remaining 17 are from other Maine hospitals and the Medical Center.

The four-week program which began Monday is designed to assist the participant in acquiring sufficient knowledge for the planning, delivery of and care for the critically ill patient, and for directing of others in this nursing specialty.

Judy Thomas, CCRN, unit teacher in the hospital's Special Care Unit, is the instructor. The five-part course — sponsored by the MMC Department of Nursing — has been presented periodically since 1975

MARKETPLACE

AVAILABLE: Piano and voice instructions for adults and children. Contact Mrs. Norma Churchill, 839-6307 after 6:30 p.m.

FOR RENT: Room for female in private home, kitchen privileges & use of washer/dryer, \$40/week. Call 797-3872.

WANTED: Female roommate to share modern 2-bdrm apt. in Olde English Village, So. Portland. Near Maine Mall, 295 and bus line. Rent incl. heat, parking, stove, refrigerator. Call Sharon at 774-1748 after 7 p.m. weekdays, anytime on weekends.

FOR SALE: 2 radial, studded snow tires (size SR 13) \$60; one radial spare tire, size 13, \$30. Call Sue at 2163.

FOR SALE: 1974 Crown Mobile home 12 x 65, 2-bdrm, den, kitchen with gas stove & gold appliances, living room, bath with tub, paneling, gold wall-to-wall throughout. Must be moved. \$8,000 firm. Call Joe at 781-3660 after 10:30 a.m. or Charlie at 774-2802.

SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS From Page 1 include: Dr. Paul M. Cox, director of the Special Care Unit; Elizabeth Carriuolo, nurse recruiter; Joseph Martell, chief accountant; and Peter C. Barnard, director of Development. Miss Flaherty is an ex-officio member of the committee.

Anyone wishing to help with the development of this nursing scholarship and loan program is invited to inquire further at the hospital's Development office on the main floor of the General building.

MMC ACTIVITY GROUP ADDS FIVE MEMBERS

Five new members were welcomed to the MMC Employees' Activity Committee at the group's meeting Wednesday, September 29. Art Stevenson, EAC chairman, introduced Gerry McCallum, Research; Jeff Zipper, Pharmacy; Anne Ezzillo, Outpatient; Gerry Mundi, Purchasing; and Stan Meserve, Housekeeping.

Plans for the new season include a bus trip to Boston, Saturday, December 4, at \$7.00 per person, and the annual excursion to the Ice Follies at Boston Garden in February. More details will be published later on these events.

Judy Castle, Outpatient, will be in charge of a Baked Food sale in the Admitting Lobby, Wednesday, October 27. She will welcome any offers to help with this project. Proceeds help support the EAC programs throughout the year.

A report from the nominating committee chaired by Arthur Stevenson and election of officers will highlight the October 13 meeting. Other nominating committee members include Beverly Cookson, Claudette Champagne and Marlene Valeriani.

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advances in their field."

In addition to the Chief Librarian the staff includes: Jane Cooper, assistant librarian and reference librarian; Mildred Matthews, nursing librarian; Rose Thompson, cataloger and serials librarian; Patricia Pierce, secretary to the Chief Librarian; Deborah Thurston, circulation desk; Deborah Glasier and Paul Doucette, library assistants. The library also is fortunate to have the nearly full-time volunteer services of Isabelle Allen, who handles all transactions related to MMC's participation on the International Book & Journal Exchange.



AT RETIREMENT COFFEE— Dietitian Rebecca Robertson shows Charles E. Huff, Personnel department consultant, left, and Chief Dietitian Eleanor M. Gee where she plans to add her newly-awarded 30-year MMC service pin to her charm bracelet. Mrs. Robertson also received an engraved MMC plaque at Thursday's retirement coffee. (MMC A/V Dept. Photo)