

# TRLN ANNUAL MEETING 2007: DIRECTORS' REPORTS

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## The Most Exciting Things That Your Library Did Last Year

We **significantly expanded access** to and awareness of the special collections at HSL, particularly the New York Academy of Medicine Collection of International Medical Theses, which harbors many gems; and established a new Special Collections Librarian position to help us develop these collections.

We **developed NC Health Info**, a consumer health information portal for all North Carolinians, with a grant from the State Library of NC, and in cooperation with a steering committee of librarians from health and public libraries in NC.

We **installed and used videoconferencing** in three HSL classrooms, which have already been used heavily for doctoral theses defenses, collaboration between Highway Safety colleagues at Carolina and in New Zealand, and a library science class at Carolina and Glasgow, Scotland.

Three librarians **co-authored six articles** with faculty to present published evidence for family physicians on vaccinations, colic, and other topics. The UNC Family Medicine Department has offered the possibility of faculty appointments to librarian co-authors meeting their qualifications, with one already appointed.

We **hosted Craig Silverstein from Google** at a SRO event on campus; sponsored a program on "Publishing Choices" with Heather Joseph, Executive Director of SPARC; and dedicated the Sam W. Hitt Medicinal Plants Garden in memory of HSL's emeritus director.

Carol Jenkins completed a year long project leading to **the creation of the UNC Information Technology Strategic Plan**.

## The Biggest Challenges Facing Your Library in the Coming Year

Finding strategies to staff and fund technology infrastructure needed to become a **true digital library**.

Moving staff toward **a new vision** for library services incorporating some new service functions and eliminating others; while keeping up with increased demand for use of the library overall.

Strengthening **planning and assessment processes** to be more nimble and results oriented; and building a culture of evidence based practice in the library.

Finding the best strategies to **raise knowledge among authors** about publishing issues, and supporting new publishing practices including open access.