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Editor's message

The two feature articles in this issue are very timely as they highlight important trends and innovations for health librarians. The third and final article in Eugene Barksy's insightful "Introducing Web 2.0" series is presented. The article titled "Introducing Web 2.0: social networking and social bookmarking for health librarians" is coauthored with Michelle Purdon. The authors discuss a wide range of interesting tools, and I highly recommend that you take the time to discover what is new on the social side of the Web. Heather Morrison and Andrew Waller contributed an excellent paper titled "Open access for the medical librarian". The authors highlight the history, trends, challenges, and opportunities facing the open access publishing model. These two articles demonstrate just how quickly technology is moving. If you have been instrumental in implementing a Web 2.0 innovation or have led a project incorporating technology for a new service, let me know. A report about your project in the *Journal of the Canadian Health Libraries Association* would be welcomed.

Check out Linda Slater's "A word from the President". Linda's column provides an interesting report on the Margaret Ridley Charlton plaque dedication that took place on 1 May 2006. Librarians do make a difference and provide significant contributions! In Susan Murray's "Consumer health information" column, she unveils the top 10 Canadian consumer health Web sites. I am certain that you will want to add these top 10 sites to your list of favorites. Gillian Griffith, in her "News and notes" column, provides you with details about a new Canadian digitizing project as well as meetings, conferences, and workshops to help you keep up-to-date with all the latest advances in technology and health librarianship. Gillian's second column, "Current research", provides an overview of research being conducted. Finally, three of our colleagues — Marybeth Gaudette, Barbara Gray, and Melanie Wise — have written interesting and informative book reviews. Check out the reviews and determine if you want to read the books!

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