

UCSD librarians William E. Maina and Faith A. Meakin selected to participate in Health Sciences Library Management Intern Program

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Two University of California, San Diego librarians have been selected to participate in the first year of a national Health Sciences Library Management Intern Program administered by the Council on Library Resources, Inc. Under contract with the National Library of Medicine.

They are: William E. Maina, coordinator of the library computerized literature searching service at UC San Diego, and Faith A. Meakin, head of the Biomedical Library reference department at the UC San Diego School of Medicine.

Only one other librarian, Carol G. Jenkins of the University of Oregon, was selected for the program. Applications were received from 34 candidates and 7 finalists were invited to Washington D.C. for interviews. It is considered extraordinary that two candidates from the same institution should be chosen for these prestigious awards.

Each intern will spend the 1978-79 academic year working closely with the director and top administrative staff of a major academic health sciences library. They will also spend some time at the National Library of Medicine. The program is designed to increase the number of librarians who, in addition to having the background for director level positions in academic health sciences libraries, also have a firm grounding in management processes and techniques.

The interns will receive stipends of up to \$25,000 to cover their basic salary and benefits. Cost of travel and other activities required by the program and some assistance with moving expenses are also provided.

Maina will intern with Samuel Hitt, director of the Health Sciences Library at the University of North Carolina. He received a B.A. degree in English and an M.L.S. from UC Berkeley and has participated in a graduate training program in medical librarianship at the UCLA Biomedical Library.

Maina began his career in 1972 as a reference librarian at the Biomedical Library at UC San Diego. Three years later he was selected to introduce the use of computerized bibliographic retrieval systems to the entire university library system.

Meakin will intern with Glenn Brudvig, director of the Bio-Medical Library at the University of Minnesota. She received a B.A. degree in English and an M.L.S. from Syracuse University. She worked at the UCLA Biomedical Library under a public health service internship in medical librarianship and, in 1967, moved to her present position at UC San Diego. In 1974 Meakin served as president of the Statewide Librarians Association of the University of California.

The Council on Library Resources, Inc. is a private operating foundation established in 1965 by the Ford Foundation to assist in finding solutions for the problems facing libraries, particularly those of academic and research libraries.

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