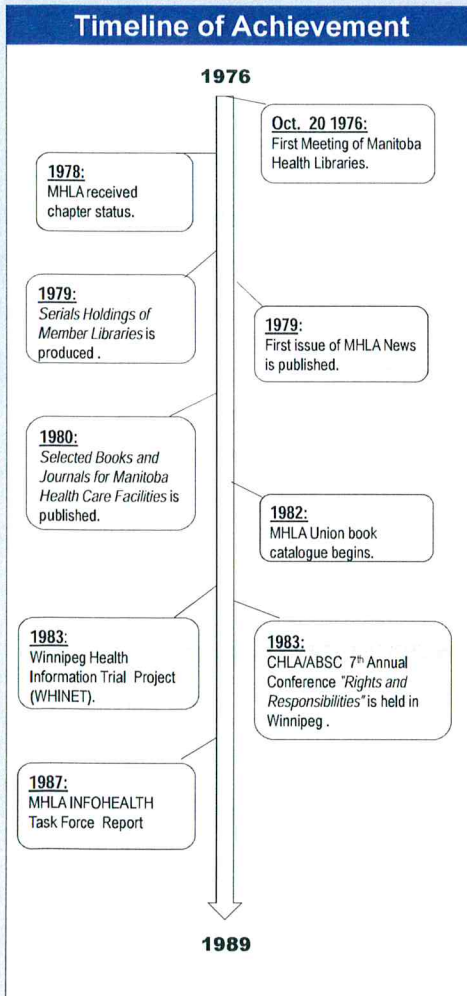


Honouring Our Heritage: Manitoba Association of Health Information Providers (MAHIP) Chapter History Project

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Timeline of Achievement



Background

The Manitoba Association of Health Information Providers (MAHIP), formerly Manitoba Health Libraries Association, has been in existence since 1976. The membership wished to undertake a history project to reflect almost 35 years of chapter activity. The identified goals of the project were:

- an open-access digital repository of association documents and supplementary materials
- a timeline of association achievement.

"Twenty-one attended and voted unanimously to organize on a formal basis."

Methods and Selection Criteria

A working group from the association was formed to gather, sort and organize association documents.

Selected core documents reflecting the course of the association's history were digitized and posted on a wiki.

Selection Criteria:

- Membership Directory,
- Executive meeting agendas and minutes,
- Programme reports,
- Status reports on memberships, finances, and strategic planning,
- Annual General Meeting notice, nomination slate, biographies, agenda, minutes, financial statements and President's report,
- Committee minutes if any,
- Significant correspondence, other than newsletters and directories from other organizations,
- Photographs with copyright permission from the photographer (include a signed letter authorizing reproduction) and background information such as when, where, who, etc.,
- MHLA newsletter and published documents.

"My initial impression of MHLA Members was their tremendous spirit of cooperation."

Digital Archive

- MHLA News Issues 1979-2000
- Executive Members from 1976-2010
- MHLA Constitution and Bylaws 1977
- Birth and Growth of the Manitoba Health Libraries Association
- INFOHEALTH Task Force Report
- Task Force on the Future Directions the Manitoba Health Libraries Association 1993
- Access to Knowledge-Based Health Information in Manitoba: A Position Paper 1998

"The chapter then was composed of a wide range of people working in diverse settings, resourced at various levels, but their willingness to share and collaborate was amazing."

Results

MAHIP has created an accessible and rich resource for the history of health libraries and health information provision in the province of Manitoba. The following outcomes were achieved:

- A retention policy for association materials
- An organized collection of documents for deposit to the Manitoba Archives
- An online repository of digitized materials and personal interviews:
- A timeline of achievement reflecting the highlights of association history

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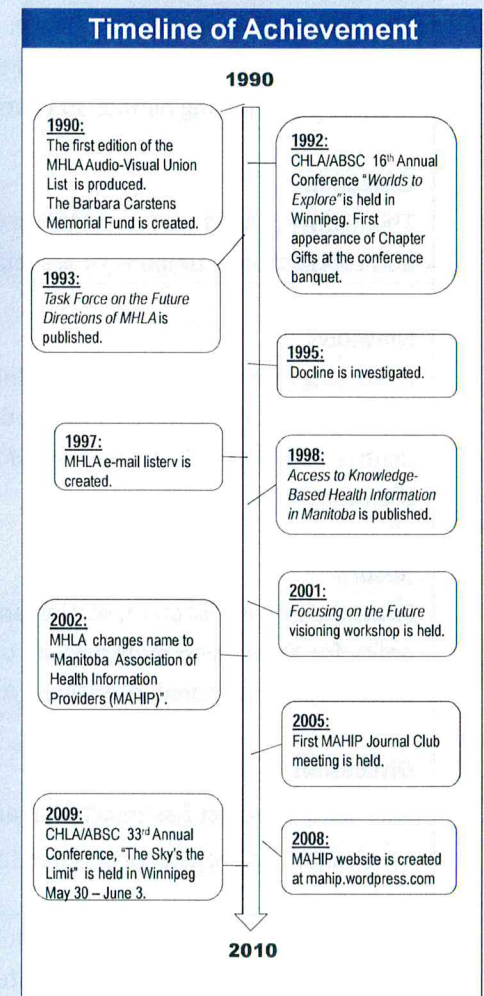
"Being a member of MHLA/MAHIP played a significant factor in my professional development as a health librarian."

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Background

The Manitoba Association of Health Information Providers (MAHIP), formerly Manitoba Health Libraries Association, has been in existence since 1976. The membership has been inspired to undertake a history project to create an accessible and dynamic repository of association documents and memories, reflecting almost 35 years of chapter activity.

Objective

The history project was undertaken with the goal of establishing an open-access digital repository of association documents and supplementary materials and establishing a timeline of association achievement.

Methods

A working group from the association was formed to gather, sort and organize documents related to the creation, business and activities of the association. Criteria were developed for the retention of documents. Selected core documents reflecting the course of the association's history were digitized and posted on a wiki developed as the online platform for the repository. Personal reflections about the association were captured and added to the repository.

Results

From the initial collection, sorting and organizing of association documents, the MAHIP history project has resulted in the following outcomes: a retention policy for association materials, an organized collection of documents for deposit to the Manitoba Archives and a dynamic, online repository of digitized materials and personal interviews. A timeline of achievement reflecting the highlights of association history has been developed.

Discussion

This history project has resulted in an accessible and rich resource for the history of health libraries and health information provision in the province of Manitoba. The project contributes to the heritage of health librarianship in Canada.

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