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**From:** Tooley, M.J.  
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Dear all -

Surprise! I know I told you last week Alexa would be the guest "Working" editor while I was on vacation. Well, that whole vacation idea pretty much fell apart this week so I have asked Alexa for a rain check. Thanks Alexa for getting today's message started for me!

FIVE MORE YEARS! FIVE MORE YEARS! Whatever does that mean?

I am proud and delighted to share with you the news the HSHSL has been selected as the new Region 1 regional medical library in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine for 2021-2026. We received the Notice of Award this morning. We will be serving the states of NC, VA, MD, WV, KY, DE, PA, NJ and DC under Tony's leadership. All regions have been reconfigured so this is a new world. Unfortunately, we competed against wonderful, talented colleagues from Pitt and UVA. So, while it is a happy time for us, there is a lot of sadness especially at Pitt, where there has been an RML for the last 10 years.

Additionally, we will also serve all seven regions as the Network Web Services Office (NWSO) under James' leadership, managing the web platforms used by the NNLM.

This has been nine months in coming and I was more involved with this than in any other proposal we've written. I can attest to the excellence of our proposals and the total creative dedication of everyone who worked on this. I am so proud! And happy we won't be saying goodbye to any of our dear RML colleagues. BTW, I believe this is the longest running award at UMB – over 35 years!

Lots of RML news – today we honor Colette Beaulieu for 35 years of service in the RML which makes her the longest tenured RML employee across the U.S. Congratulations Colette!

Also from the RML – April is National Poetry Month! To celebrate, NNLM SEA is hosting a Healthy Haiku Contest. If you submit a health-related poem, you'll be entered into a lottery to receive a free registration to ALA 2021 or MLA'21. What's a Haiku? It's a three-line poem with a 5-7-5 syllable pattern. Here's [more info](#) on the contest, including how to enter.

The [Meet-the-Makers talk](#) on April 6<sup>th</sup>? The topic is *Baltimore's Grassroots Response to the Pandemic*. There's still time to RSVP! This talk is a joint initiative between the HSHSL and the Grid. Hope you are planning on attending.

And on the COVID-19 front, Alexa, our member of the Emergency Response Team reports a 63% vaccination rate at UMB.

UMB has a new "[Return to Campus Plan](#)." We all know that some people in the Library, and from around campus, returned 6 months ago – and some people never left! But, the point is that UMB is talking about how more staff will be coming back to campus beginning this summer. Of course, there will be conversations about this here in the Library, too. More info to come...

And the new UMB Strategic Plan is moving forward. The first step is working on the Values. As a member of the Steering Committee I have been asked to talk with our team about the proposed values. I will be sharing the slides from yesterday's Town Hall on the proposed values on Monday. I am planning on focusing my office hours next Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> on the values so please join me and share your thoughts. You can email me as well if you can't make it to the office hours.

The April Fools Connective Issues was a huge hit and I received dozens of positive emails including from Dr. Jarrell. Hope you enjoyed it too!

And finally. I am delighted to report that Aphrodite, Alexa, and I nominated Miranda Young, housekeeper on the First Floor of the HSHSL as Environmental Services' *Employee of the Month* for April. No surprise – she won! Congratulations to Miranda. Here is the [announcement in the Elm](#) and the banner below. Don't recognize Miranda in this picture? It's because she's standing still!

**APRIL 2021**

UMB ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

**MIRANDA YOUNG**  
*Custodial Services*

Miranda is admired for her commitment to keeping the first floor of the Health Sciences and Human Services Library looking beautiful. She is praised for her hard work, positive attitude, and productivity.

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And some seasonal humor – Easter Island!



Stay safe and well!

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