

Library and Information Week 2023

This year Library and Information Week was held from 31 July to 6 August, with the theme of "Where's the Source?". Here is how some health libraries celebrated the occasion.

Health Libraries Australia ran a trivia quiz throughout the week, via the ALIAHealth e-list. Two prizes were awarded for correct answers each day.

The Questions

- 1) At the beginning of the correspondence section in each new issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, who is pictured writing medical notes, and in whose temple is he or she sitting?
- 2) Whose lecture began about 8 O'Clock on Wednesday Evening, Oct 1., 1823, delivered at the Theatre, St. Thomas's Hospital, to an audience upwards of 400 students, of the most respectable description, so genteel a surgical class as never before witnessed, gentlemen of cultivated manners and good education?
- 3) What is the minimum number of peer-reviewed articles a journal must publish to be considered for inclusion in Medline?
- 4) Dr Waldo Nelson dragooned his wife and three children into helping him compile the index for "Nelson textbook of Pediatrics". How did his daughter Ann gain her retribution?
 - a. she ran over him with a lawnmower
 - b. she put a horse's head in his bed
 - c. She introduced a line in the index. Under "birds, for the," she listed the entire book, pages 1-1413
 - d. she successfully sued for royalties
 - e. she pursued a career in geriatrics
 - f. all of the above
- 5) Correctly spell the last name of HLA's convenor

The Answers

- 1) Hippocrates writing his medical notes in the temple of Asclepius begins the correspondence section of each issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.
- 2) "Sir Astley Cooper", as reported in the first paragraph on page 3 in the first issue of the first volume of *The Lancet*.
- 3) 40 peer reviewed articles before NLM will consider a journal for Medline inclusion.
- 4) The correct answer was C, as always. The wife of the author of "Williams Obstetrics" did something similar, helping with the indexing and inserting "chauvinism, male, 1-1130 pages".
- 5) Siemensma, Gemma