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Dan Richards was an active member and leader of the Medical Library Association (MLA). Board member, chair of the MLA annual meeting National Program Committee, and member of numerous other committees, author, and instructor were some of the many hats he wore in service to the association.

Dan was a person who acted on his beliefs. He believed in recognizing individuals for professional excellence and in 1986, helped establish the Louise Darling Medal for Distinguished Achievement in Collection Development in the Health Sciences, one of MLA's most prestigious honors. He also believed that fundraising was a vital component to the health of MLA and was instrumental in authoring MLA's fund development plan. One of his favorite fundraising ideas, "Dining for Dollars," combined his interest in fundraising with his interest in enjoying excellent food surrounded by good friends. Therefore, to honor Dan's culinary expertise, warm spirit, and interest in collection development and fundraising, we have developed our own collection, a collection of recipes contributed by MLA members, and friends. Net proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will be used to support continuing education in collection development.

One of Dan's favorite analogies was that of making a quilt that requires the work of many hands. This cookbook was a labor of love that required the work of many members, especially Jim Shedlock who volunteered to chair the project and edit the cookbook. We especially want to thank Jim and all members who took the time to contribute recipes, help with editing, and offer advice and support. We hope you find this book to be an exceptional dining companion as was Dan himself.