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Director's Desk

New Presentation Systems in Ross Hall Classrooms

In January 2001, the large lecture halls (Ross 101, 117, and 227) were updated with new presentation systems that are built into and run from specially designed podiums. Each podium has a slide-to-video converter, VCR, computer, document camera, and dual audiotape deck. The podiums can accommodate a laptop PC and provide Internet access. A simple touch-screen menu allows users to select and to operate the equipment they need. Those using more than one type of equipment during a presentation can switch their display effortlessly back and forth. The podiums operate the same way in all three classrooms. Ross 101 also offers front-screen side-by-side projection capabilities, so its touch-screen menu displays a second, identical set of equipment controls.

Following the completion of the large lecture hall project, small group classrooms have been upgraded this spring. Rooms 104, 105, 114, 115, 116, 116A, 224, and 229 were furnished with ceiling-mounted LCD projectors, wall-mounted equipment racks with VHS video playback units and VGA connections for computer hookup. Lobby A, Lobby B, 302, 303, and 323 were furnished with 32" TV/monitors and VHS VCR's. All rooms have network access. The equipment has been installed permanently, but does require an AV Technician to setup. Contact Classroom Services at least 48 hours in advance to make arrangements. Laptops for use with LCD projection can be reserved in advance through Classroom Services. Patrons can use their own laptops as well. However, if they require network access, they will need to contact us for hardware requirements. For reservations, questions, and further information, contact Classroom Services at 994-2856.

Anne Linton, Director,
Library Services
Wertlieb Media Resource Center New Open

The opening of the Wertlieb Media Resource Center (WMRC) commemorates the development of a local resource that provides a variety of educational materials and research aids in the field of long-term care. The collection is directed towards the needs of current students, alumni and other professionals in the healthcare field.

The establishment of this center honors Harvey Wertlieb, an undergraduate and graduate alumnus of The George Washington University (GW), and a distinguished long-term care administrator. It was made possible through the generous donations of the Wertlieb family and friends, many of whom are also GW alumni.

For long-term care research, this multi-media resource center includes three computer workstations with access to the Internet. The WMRC houses a growing monograph collection and other related materials. The WRMC's journal and multi-media collections have been fully integrated into the library's permanent collection. For ease of access, all materials, can be retrieved through the library's online catalog. The WMRC is located on the second floor of the library in Room 201 just to the left of the elevator, and its hours of operation are the same as the Library's. For reference assistance please contact the Reference Desk 202-994-2850, and for questions concerning the collection contact George Paul 202-994-3682.

The establishment of the WMRC within Himmelfarb Library affords both institutions the opportunity to offer a greatly expanded collection of resources in gerontology and long-term care to our students, faculty and to area professionals in health services and policy, public health medicine and other healthcare fields.
PARTNERS Project Presented at Regional Advisory Council Meeting

Patricia Wilson, Associate Director of Outreach Services, presented a review of the PARTNERS grants: PARTNERS - Primary Care Access to Training, Networks, Education, Research Services and PARTNERS - Consumer Health to the Regional Advisory Committee of the South East/Atlantic Regional Medical Library (SEA/RML) on March 30, 2001. Ms. Wilson discussed the highlights of PARTNERS' work with the 10 Non-Profit Clinic Consortium (NPCC) clinic staffs and patients. PARTNERS is a collaboration among the Himmelfarb staff, PARTNERS staff, the NPCC Clinics and volunteers from the GW School of Public Health & Health Services, the ISCOPEs project, Health Advocates, and Howard University students.

In February 2000 The George Washington University Medical Center's Himmelfarb Library was awarded the two PARTNERS grants. The major objectives were to equip 10 NPCC clinics with hardware, and web resources; to educate staff in resources like MEDLINE and HealthSTAR; and to train patients in health information resources to improve their health literacy and health decisions. The NPCC clinics provide an estimated 37 percent of the primary health care services to low income and uninsured residents of the District of Columbia. These grants were funded through the National Network of Libraries of Medicine and its Southeastern/Atlantic Regional Medical Library (RML) located at the University of Maryland - Baltimore.
Spotlight on... The Administrative Office

The Himmelfarb Library's administrative staff includes J. Marie Porter, Executive Assistant, and Jamila Shrestha, Library Specialist. Each of these ladies spends their day ensuring that the library facility offers a comfortable environment for faculty, staff and students and that staff and student concerns about the building are addressed as quickly as possible. Sometimes these responsibilities include interpreting library policies for our users. For our student workers, Marie and Jamila dispense paychecks on a biweekly basis.

J. Marie Porter keeps the library staff organized and our paperwork flowing to the correct departments. She reports and monitors the completion of facilities and housekeeping issues. Marie is the furniture police, too. Our chairs and tables seem to migrate to other areas of Ross Hall. So, periodically, Marie "rescues" the furniture and returns it to Himmelfarb. Always welcoming and cheerful, Marie is the first contact a new library staff member works with when they arrive. For special occasions, Marie is our willing and able party planner.

Ever wonder how all those library orientation and class handouts get copied and collated? Very likely Jamila Shrestha is involved. Jamila assists all the library staff. More importantly, Jamila works in Interlibrary Loans processing faculty and student requests. She is our special projects support person, often handling the arrangements for any special event held here in Himmelfarb. Jamila also assists Marie in reporting and following up on facilities and housekeeping issues.

Stop by and say hello to these two library VIPs!
FACULTY: Make Your Orientation Reservations
Bring Your Reserve Readings to Himmelfarb Now!!

Faculty, now is the time to reserve space on Himmelfarb's orientation schedule for the fall semester. Many of you have used our services in past semesters to introduce your students to the specific resources they will need to successfully complete your course. The library wants to continue to assist you. Please call Pat Wilson (202-994-2853 or email: mlbphw@gwumc.edu) to reserve time on our schedule.

Planning on putting materials on reserve at Himmelfarb? Now is the time to prepare the material and drop it off at the Circulation Desk. In order to guarantee that your reserves will be available by the beginning of classes in the fall, make sure the materials are in our hands by August 1, 2001. Much time is necessary to prepare these articles and get them into our catalog or scanned into Prometheus. Don't be disappointed. After the semester begins, we request that materials be given to us 2 weeks prior to the date that they will be used in your class.

If you haven't already done so, check out the new Reserves link on our Himmelfarb Library Web Page /services/reserves/. You will find a step-by-step set of instructions for e-reserves, reserve request forms, important links to the Prometheus Help Desk and other critical information about reserves. Faculty can also call Zaheer Arastu 202-994-1827 for further information.
Himmelfarb Library Welcomes New Staff

The Himmelfarb Library welcomes Janet MacDonald as temporary, part-time technical services librarian.

Janet received an M.A. in classical archaeology from the University of Cincinnati and an M.L.S. from Simmons College in Boston. After serving in various academic libraries in the U.S. and Canada, she joined the Library of Congress from which she retired in 1999 as a Senior Cataloger. She also is a part-time reference librarian for the Fauquier County Library System.
Technical Services Q & A

Q: Is there any information about the Reserves Services available online?

A: As a matter of fact, yes! The Himmelfarb Reserves Department has recently added comprehensive information about its Reserve Services to the library web site. This site provides detailed information on subjects such as Prometheus and Electronic Reserves; how to place an item on reserve; how to locate a reserve item; and copyright and fair use policies.

Q: Can I download the necessary forms from your site?

A: Yes. Forms are available in Adobe PDF format for you to print. Please complete the request form and return it to the Reserves Department via fax 202-223-3691 Attn: Zaheer Arastu, interdepartmental mail, or come in and drop it off at the Circulation Desk.

Q: Sounds great! Where can I find this web page?

A: Point your web browser to: /services/reserves/.

Q: How do I get articles from journals that the library does not subscribe to?

A: There are several ways of doing this.

Using Ovid MEDLINE . . .

1. Perform your search.
2. Go to the Citation Manager at the bottom of the screen. Select the Order button on the right hand side.
3. Enter your order information and click Continue.
4. Enter Delivery / Billing information and click on the Order Items button.
5. Your order will be submitted via DOCLINE.

Using PubMed . . .

1. Perform your search.
2. Select an item.
3. Click on Order in the toolbar at the top of the PubMed search page.
4. Enter your registered User ID and Password. If you do not have a User ID and Password, please contact Deidre Washington for details 202-994-2860.
5. Accept Copyright Compliance Warning to continue.
6. Enter a Not Needed After Date.
Using the Himmelfarb Library Online Request Form . . .

1. Find your citation.
2. Go to the library homepage at: http://www.gwumc.edu/library.
3. Click on Electronic Request Forms under the Hot Links heading.
4. Click on either the Journal ILL Request or the Book or Chapter ILL Request link.
5. Enter your request and delivery information and click on Place Request.

Q: I came across a great resource for the library’s collection. How do I go about recommending a title for purchase?

A: We value your input. To suggest a title use our "Library Purchase Recommendation" form, which can be found under Electronic Request Forms on the library home page (http://www.gwumc.edu/library) or contact George Paul, Acquisitions Librarian, at (202) 994-3682 or email: mlbgpp@gwumc.edu. Other forms on this page allow you to order additional copies of library materials and voice comments, concerns, and suggestions.
New Web Resources

The library has recently added two new links to useful resources for faculty and students. A new guide to Reserve materials is available from the Reserves Collection link on the library's home page (or /services/reserves/). The guide includes procedures and forms for placing various types of materials (journal articles, books, book chapters, personal copies of books) on reserve in the library. In addition, instructions are provided for putting materials on E-reserve in Prometheus. It may be necessary to obtain copyright permission for certain items. The guide provides faculty with information on the fair use policy as well as a sample letter for use in requesting permission. Included in the guide are standard processing times, contact names, and information on how to locate materials once they are on reserve.

The library has also added a link to the Pathology Slide Browser resource, used by second year medical students studying Pathology. The link is available from the Information for Students-Selected Resources and Links section of the library's home page (or https://inside.gwumc.edu/edu/path). This resource provides digitized images and accompanying text for the Pathology labs studied throughout the second year. Access is restricted to students in the class.
Savvy Searcher

Whether you're on rotation or on vacation this summer, you may find that you want to access Himmelfarb Library's electronic information sources. Even if you're not in the Library, you have several options for accessing databases and textbooks.

**ALADIN**

To access ALADIN, select the off-campus link for the resource that you'd like to use from the Library homepage. The system will prompt you for a borrower identification number; simply enter your Social Security number, then click on "Validate." In "Health & Life Sciences" you will find databases such as MEDLINE, HealthSTAR, PsychINFO, and CINAHL, full-text evidence-based medicine databases such as Clinical Evidence and the Cochrane database, plus Journals@Ovid with the full-text of selected journals.

Troubleshooting: If ALADIN does not recognize your Social Security number, stop by the Gelman Library Circulation Desk (1st floor near entrance) and ask them to swipe your GWorld card for off-campus access. If you're unable to stop by Gelman Library, send an email to himmelfarb@gwu.edu

**MDCONSULT**

Be sure to sign-up for your own login name and password to MDConsult before you head off for the summer, stop by the Himmelfarb Reference Desk to do so. Once you have a login name and password, you can login to MDConsult from any computer by going to their website at http://www.mdconsult.com. MDConsult provides a wide array of full-text medical information including journal articles, textbooks, practice guidelines, patient education materials, and drug information.

Troubleshooting: If you forget your login name or password to MDConsult, you can contact them directly at 1-800-401-9962, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. CST. Don't hesitate to call, as MDConsult's customer service is terrific: a real live person answers the phone right away and is ready to help! If you have any other difficulty using MDConsult, please let us know right away by emailing himmelfarb@gwu.edu or calling 202-994-2850.

**Internet Resources**

Internet Resources are available from the Library's homepage. This database of websites was created by Himmelfarb Library to link you to the top healthcare websites. You can search the database by title or topic, or browse the topic list. Each topic area will provide you a list of the top 12-15 websites with links and descriptions of the information that each site provides. If you're in a clinical setting, you may find the sections on Clinical Guidelines, Clinical Medicine, and Pharmacology and Drug Information particularly useful, or you may check for websites in a specialty field such as Anesthesiology or Dermatology.
Troubleshooting: This is a publicly available resource so you shouldn't have any difficulty accessing it. The linked websites are all also publicly available, though some may require free registration. If you do experience difficulty, please email: himmelfarb@gwu.edu or call 202-994-2850.
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Library Hours

Holiday Hours

Mon., May 28, 2001
(Memorial Day) 9:00am-Midnight

The Library is open to GW Medical Center Personnel

Monday-Friday 7:30 am-Midnight

Saturday-Sunday 9:00 am-Midnight

The Library is open to University Personnel:

Monday-Friday 7:30 am-6:00 pm

The Library is open to the public:

Monday-Friday 7:30 am-2:00 pm
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