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The Senate Committee on Libraries prepared a "Resolution on Scholarly Communication and Library Serials Acquisitions" this spring. Presented to the Faculty Senate on April 9, 2004, it was passed after some discussion. The full text of the resolution can be found at: [http://www.gwu.edu/~facsen/faculty_senate/pdf/Agenda4-9-04.pdf](http://www.gwu.edu/~facsen/faculty_senate/pdf/Agenda4-9-04.pdf). The purpose of the resolution is two-fold. First, the resolution serves to alert faculty to the serious budget impact of changing pricing paradigms for serials. Second, the resolution encourages faculty to consider the role they can play in the scholarly publishing process to support reasonable price increases and promote high-quality alternatives to traditional scholarly publishing venues through their activities on editorial boards, review committees, and professional associations. To learn more about this issue, visit Gelman Library’s Changes in Scholarly Communication site at: [http://www.gwu.edu/gelman/guides/general/scholarly.html](http://www.gwu.edu/gelman/guides/general/scholarly.html).

To engage in a lively discussion of this issue from all viewpoints, go to Nature’s Web Focus: Access to the Literature at [http://www.nature.com/nature/focus/accessdebate/](http://www.nature.com/nature/focus/accessdebate/). See the article on the Journals@Himmelfarb project to learn how changing pricing paradigms are affecting Himmelfarb collections.

_Anne Linton, Director_

.Library Services_
Himmelfarb Joins AHEC for Latino Summer Program

Himmelfarb Library has once again been asked to participate in the Area Health Education Center’s (AHEC’s) summer enrichment program for high school students from the Latin American Youth Center. In addition to academic enrichment, the five week program introduces students to the variety of educational and professional opportunities in the Health Sciences.

Based upon the content of their science classes, the Himmelfarb staff presents five sessions in the preparation and use of reliable information. With the Internet so much a part of students’ lives, the high school students receive instruction in finding and evaluating electronic information sources. Part of this class is to learn how to determine the difference between medical/professional sources and those directed towards consumers. Students are shown how to use Microsoft Word and Excel to write reports. In the two PowerPoint sessions students learn to create a PowerPoint show to represent their research visually. Finally, students are instructed on presentation skills so that they gain experience on giving oral reports in a professional manner.

As part of Himmelfarb’s community outreach, this program offers both the students and our staff opportunity to work together.
Journals Shift Project

The Library has recently started a project to shift another ten years, 1970-1979, of the bound journals from the second floor stacks area to an offsite facility in Maryland. The decision was necessary because the second floor journal area had become so overcrowded that newly bound journals often would not fit into their correct location on the shelf. Patrons should continue to locate journals through Webcat, which will be updated to reflect any change to what is onsite at Himmelfarb before the journals physically leave GWUMC. Photocopies of articles or the volumes themselves can be requested at no charge by George Washington University Medical Center faculty, staff and students via the Online Request Form. The plan is to complete the project by the end of the year.
Library Staff Selected to Present at MLA

Again this year, members of the Himmelfarb Library’s staff had abstracts selected for presentations at the Medical Library Association’s (MLA’s) Annual Meeting. This year’s meeting is being held in Washington from May 21 – 26.

Dr. Shelley Bader, EdD, MLS, Associate Vice-President for Educational Resources and Alexandra Gomes, MSLS, MT, Assistant Director for Curriculum and Technology Services are presenting a poster on the development of enterprise-wide HIPAA training at The George Washington University. Researchers and library faculty also completed HIPAA and Research training. Dr. Bader’s and Ms. Gomes’ poster details the development and implementation of the web-based instructional modules used for certification.

Patricia Wilson, MIS, Associate Director for Public Services; Richard Billingsley, MSLS, RN, Coordinator of Information and Instruction; and Leah Pellegrino, MSLS, Head, Cataloging and Reserves will present a poster describing a pilot study of the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) at the bedside. The software used in the trial was (Griffith's 5 Minute Clinical Consult©.) The poster details the development of the trial and compares PDA use by medical students, physician assistant students, and residents.

Integrating our Medical Informatics curriculum into the 1st year problem-based learning course is the subject of the poster that will be presented by Laura Abate, MSLS, Electronic Resources and Instructional Librarian; Anne Linton, MS, AHIP, Director of the Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library; and Patricia Wilson, MIS, Associate Director for Public Services at the Medical Library Association national meeting in May. The poster is an overview of our continued efforts to provide a seamless integration of informatics with the problem-based learning curriculum.

A fourth poster accepted for the MLA meeting is “Empowering the Faculty to Choose” by Laura Abate, MSLS, Electronic Resources and Instructional Librarian; Leah Pellegrino, MSLS, Head, Cataloging and Reserves; Anne Linton, MS AHIP, Director of the Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library; and Patricia Wilson, MIS, Associate Director for Public Services. The poster outlines efforts to acquaint faculty with the problems and possible solutions to the scholarly publishing crisis. The poster details steps taken by Himmelfarb librarians to increase awareness of alternative publishing venues and to publicize the university memberships in open access initiatives.
Print versus Electronic Media in Medical Publishing

In the days when print media reigned supreme, one occasionally had difficulty tracking down a reference. Perhaps the author did not cite the item correctly, or it appeared in an obscure journal that no nearby library owned. Web-based sources for reference and research are now gaining in popularity. Though convenient to use, these sources introduce a new accessibility wrinkle—they can outright disappear. In “Going, going, gone: Lost Internet references”, Robert Dellavalle and his colleagues look at the frequency, style, and stability of Internet references in the New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA, and Science from a six-week period in each of the last three years.

Key findings:

- 30% of articles had at least one Internet reference
- Frequency of Internet citation increased in the two medical journals during the study period
- Inactive references increased over time – 3.8% at 3 months, 10% at 15 months, 13% at 27 months
- Commercial Internet sites were most likely to have become inactive (46% of inactive references at 27 months were .coms)
- Organizational Internet sites were the most stable (5% of inactive references at 27 months were .orgs)
- Use of access dates in citations varied greatly among the journals and throughout the study period

Source:

While frowned upon in theory, duplicate publication is a reality within medical literature. A recent article from JAMA examines this phenomenon and reports on different patterns that emerge among the duplicates. Erik von Elm and colleagues find that 8.3% of the articles in a series of systematic reviews are duplicate publications. Further, 63% of those duplicate publications provide no cross-references to the articles from which they stem.

Source:
Himmelfarb Library Spotlights Acquisitions/Collection Development and Cataloging/Reserve Departments

What happens to a book before students and faculty can pull it off the shelf at the Himmelfarb Library? Maybe you have asked yourself this question before, or maybe you would simply like to know more about the library staff whose work is more behind the scenes than at the public service desks.

Meet the staff of the Acquisitions & Collection Development Department and the Cataloging & Reserves Department: George Paul, Leah Pellegrino, Yvonne Lee and Kristina Womack! New books and audiovisual material go through their four pairs of hands before they hit the shelves. The journey of a new book at the Himmelfarb Library looks something like this: the title is located on the website of a medical book vendor and ordered. At the same time, a record for the new book is created in the library's online catalog. Once the book is received by the Acquisitions Department and the invoice is paid, it makes its way to the Cataloging Department where final adjustments are made to the record in the catalog and a call number is assigned. Finally, the book gets physically processed with the Library’s stamp and a call number label and it is ready for the shelf!

Besides making sure that new books and audiovisual items are available for circulation to Library patrons, the Acquisitions and Cataloging Departments also maintain the bibliographic records in the online catalog so that they always reflect the current status of the collection. In addition, the percentage of records for electronic resources such as e-books and e-journals is constantly growing. The Cataloging Department also handles the Library's course reserves services, which include hard copy reserve items, such as books and journal articles, and electronic reserves in Blackboard.

The staff of the two departments is constantly facing the challenges of rapid developments in the field of library automation and other technologies. We strive to provide excellence to our patrons, always keeping in mind that the accuracy of our work plays an important role in the process of locating materials in the library, which are needed for study and research.

The staff of the Acquisitions & Collection Development Department and the Cataloging & Reserves Department is:

George Paul

“I joined the Himmelfarb staff in 1987, where I served as Access Services Librarian, until joining Library Operations as Acquisitions Librarian in 1994. In addition to selecting titles for the monograph collection, I work with the Bloedorn Audiovisual Center Staff to select and order non-print materials for our collection. In addition, I oversee the maintenance of the collection and organize our annual book sale. As a DC resident, I enjoy dining and going to the movies and theater with friends.”
Leah Pellegrino

“In September 2001, I arrived at Himmelfarb Library as the Electronic Resources Librarian. However, when the opportunity became available, I decided to “switch gears” and moved over to Cataloging and Reserves. It’s been a fun and rewarding challenge, and a learning experience. In my free time, I enjoy reading (no surprise there!), cycling (I participated in the New York to Boston AIDS ride in July, 2001), music (from Jazz and Classical to Rock and Roll), being outdoors and spending time with family, friends, and my two cats.”

Yvonne Lee

“I’ve been at Himmelfarb for the past six years. I first started in the Reference department but presently divide my time between Acquisitions, Reference, and Cataloging. Being the Jack-of-all-trades at the Library makes my job more interesting. When I’m not at the reference desk, my main job is to order books for the library and enter book information in the Library catalog. Outside of work, I keep busy as a wife and mother of three school aged girls. I enjoy cooking, music, landscaping, camping, and spending time with my family.”

Kristina Womack

“I have been with the Himmelfarb Library as a Library Specialist for cataloging and reserves since September 2003. One of the aspects that I enjoy the most about my work is that I get to handle all the new books before hardly anybody else has seen them. However, I do not recommend cataloging a vividly illustrated dermatology book right before lunchtime… (It may come back to haunt you). In my free time, I enjoy reading, shopping, spending time with my two cats and my husband (not necessarily in that order), and traveling to my native country of Germany.”
Registering for Blackboard

In an ongoing effort to get all faculty oriented to the Blackboard Course Management System, the Library is sponsoring two additional introductory Blackboard sessions this summer. The first is on July 20th from 1-4 pm, while the second is on August 10th from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm. Both sessions will be held in B-103, the Library's computer training room. Registration is required and may be done by calling 202-994-2850.
Library Welcomes New Staff

Betsy Gardiner

I am the new Reference Librarian. This is my 2nd experience at Himmelfarb, after having done an independent study in library school with Director Anne Linton in 2001. I am also a Registered Nurse with a hospice background and attended library school while raising 3 daughters. I am very interested in Consumer Health Information, worked for INOVA Health System’s HealthSource, their community health and wellness education department. I’m a bit of a news junky and filled in at the News Reference Desk at NPR. In addition to working and spending time with my wonderful family, my “spare” time is spent quilting, doing needlework, cooking, walking, and fixing things around my house! Thank you all for being so welcoming!!!

Melinda Fallen

Melinda Fallen joined the Himmelfarb family on February 9th at the Reference Desk; however she is not new to the Medical Center. Many of us know her from the VPHA’s Office. At the library, she is a part-timer, who works Monday – Thursday evenings from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm and Saturdays from noon – 5:00 p.m.

She is the mother of three - “two men and a little lady” and jokes that she has “no spare time!” She suffers from “volunteer-itis.” When not working, most of what would be spare time is spent volunteering in her church Outreach Department as the Outreach Coordinator, where they feed and clothe the homeless and as a Volunteer Chaplain at the DC Department of Corrections. When time allows, she enjoys reading, dancing, theatre, “treasure hunting”. (also known as “grunging”) and decorating.

Biswajit “Kumar” Mojumdar

Kumar joined the Himmelfarb Library on March 25th as the new part-time Programmer/Web Development person assigned to the Web Services Department. This is Kumar’s first experience at the Himmelfarb Library. He also works full-time at the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Southwest, Washington, DC. He likes being outdoors so in his spare time he plays tennis. He likes watching football, working out at the gym and hanging with his friends. Kumar says “it feels great to be at GWU, feels like “Back to School.”
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New Acquisitions & Collections

Book Titles

CHIEN, KENNETH R. MOLECULAR BASIS OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE: A COMPANION TO BRAUNWALD'S HEART DISEASE (2ND ED).
RC682.9 M64 2004

DALE, JEREMY. MOLECULAR GENETICS OF BACTERIA (4TH ED).
QH434 .D35 2004

DILSIZIAN, VASKEN. ATLAS OF NUCLEAR CARDIOLOGY.
RC670.5 .R32 A86 2003

FANELLI, GREGORY C. THE MULTIPLE LIGAMENT INJURED KNEE: A PRATICAL GUIDE TO MANAGEMENT.
RD561 .M856 2004

LEUNG, JACQUELINE M. CARDIAC AND VASCULAR ANESTHESIA: THE REQUISITES IN ANESTHESIOLOGY.
RD87.3 .H43 C345 2004

MILLS, STACEY E. STERNBERG'S DIAGNOSTIC SURGICAL PATHOLOGY (4TH ED).
RD57 .D53 2004

MOHR, J.P. STROKE: PATHOPHYSIOLOGY, DIAGNOSIS, AND MANAGEMENT (4TH ED).
RC388.5 .s8528 2004

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QH647 .C4 2004

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RC925.7 .E842 2004

SEHGAL, PRAVIN B. SIGNAL TRANSDUCERS AND ACTIVATORS OF TRANSCRIPTION (STATs): ACTIVATION AND BIOLOGY.
QP552 .T68 D56 2003

VOET, DONALD. BIOCHEMISTRY (3RD ED).
QP514.2 .V64 2004

ZHOU, JIZHONG. MICROBIAL FUNCTIONAL GENOMICS.
QH447 .M53 2004
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Database Digest - Savvy Searcher goes off-campus

Off-campus access to Library resources is vital for our students, faculty, and staff. It’s particularly important to students and residents who are completing rotations in hospitals in Maryland and Virginia, and to all those who continue their long hours of work and study from a home computer.

Off-campus access can be a confusing topic if only because as technology evolves, so do methods of access. This spring has proved particularly challenging with the permanent retirement of the kocc proxy server for security reasons and the imminent deployment of its replacement. However, even in this changing landscape, one method of off-campus access has remained secure and reliable: Aladin (http://www.aladin.wrlc.org). To securely login to Aladin, enter your last name and Social Security Number on the Aladin login page.

Aladin is available to all GWUMC faculty, staff, and students. Aladin provides access to nearly all Himmelfarb Library databases and electronic textbooks, and a rich collection of electronic journals. On the Himmelfarb Library homepage, users will frequently see links to Aladin in the ‘off-campus’ column of links for E-Databases/MEDLINE, E-Journals, and E-Texts. Instructions at the bottom of each of these pages provide succinct instructions for accessing Aladin and finding those resources within the Aladin system.

Aladin is run through the Gelman Library and features its resources as well as those from Himmelfarb Library. To access Himmelfarb databases and e-texts, simply browse Aladin’s databases alphabetically, or select the subject Medicine/Health Sciences to focus on resources supplied by Himmelfarb Library. In Aladin, most electronic journals can be located by using the E-Journal Title Finder, and some are available through the Journals@Ovid database. If you have difficulty locating a resource in Aladin, please refer back to the guides at the bottom of the E-Databases/MEDLINE, E-Journals, and E-Texts pages on Himmelfarb Library’s website, or contact the Reference Desk at 200-994-1826.
Ah, Spring. Another crop of newly-graduated medical students leave our campus for points widespread. They take with them a commitment to the practice of evidence-based medicine as well as superior skills in searching and evaluating the medical literature. Yet, they leave behind access to the familiar Ovid/MEDLINE interface, available to GW students via the Library’s homepage.

All is not lost! That commitment and those skills can still find expression through the PubMed/MEDLINE interface, which is freely available via the World Wide Web.

In the last issue of Savvy Searcher, we showed you how the Ovid and PubMed interfaces compare. We illustrated the searching power of both and, concurrently, demonstrated the edge the Ovid interface offers in terms of user-friendliness—particularly as it guides searchers to select appropriate Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) and sub-headings to refine their query.

PubMed offers the same finesse, though you have to know where to find it.

Take a look at PubMed’s opening page, (you’ll find it at www.pubmed.gov).

In the tool bar to the left you’ll see a link to the MeSH database. Clicking on that link will take you to another search screen that will allow you to perform a more Ovid-like search. As with Ovid, the most effective search approach in the MeSH database is to break down your query into distinct concepts, and search on each concept individually. For example, with the search query, “What is the role of exercise in controlling diabetes in the elderly?” you might begin by searching on the key concept, diabetes.

Type diabetes into the MeSH Database search box and you will immediately receive a list of all the MeSH terms to which diabetes maps. Since our query is concerned with diabetes in general, rather than a specific type of diabetes, the MeSH term Diabetes Mellitus is appropriate.
Here you have the option to select this term and send it to the search box, but to truly recreate the Ovid experience and further refine your search, click on the hyperlinked search term and select applicable subheadings from the list provided:

1: Diabetes Mellitus
A heterogeneous group of disorders that share glucose intolerance in common.

- Subheadings:
  - analysis
  - blood
  - congenital
  - diabetes
  - diabetes mellitus
  - diagnosis
  - drug therapy
  - endocrinology
  - epidemiology
  - genetics
  - history
  - immunology
  - metabolism
  - microbiology
  - mortality
  - nursing
  - ophthalmology
  - pathology
  - pharmacology
  - prevention
  - psychology
  - radiography
  - rehabilitation
  - surgery
  - therapy
  - toxicology
  - ultrasound

- Restrict Search to Major Topic headings only
- Do Not Explode this term (i.e., do not include MeSH terms found below this term in the MeSH tree)

See Also:
- Diabetes Insipidus
- Diabetes Diet
- Prediabetes State
- Scleroderma Arthritis
- Osteoarthritis and Related Conditions Advanced
Send the search term and selected subheadings to the search box by clicking on “Send to”, (PubMed will automatically prepare to AND your search statements, though you do have the option to change the Boolean operator to OR or NOT by selecting from the pull-down menu).

Your search query-in-progress will appear in a search box, and you can then enter the next concept in your query: exercise.

Repeat the process and send the selected search term and its subheadings to the search box. Once all the concepts of your query are represented, click “Search PubMed” to launch the search.
As in Ovid, you’ll need to apply limits to your search in order to capture the elderly component of the query. Do so by clicking on “Limits” from your results screen and making the appropriate selections:

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Run the search again by clicking on “Go” next to the search box. The number of records retrieved will be smaller and more focused than the retrieval rates before applying your limits. In this example, the original search, without limits, yielded 819 records. After applying age and language limits, the retrievals dropped to 127—that’s 692 irrelevant records you don’t have to browse.

Ovid displays the progression of your search in a table on the main search screen, so you can combine terms out of sequence and experiment with different combinations. PubMed offers the same convenience from its history screen.
The history screen displays each search you’ve done during your online session. As in Ovid, the searches are numbered, so you can combine various concepts by manipulating their search numbers, as demonstrated below:

Using the History feature here, we have recreated the same search query. You could continue to experiment with other concepts and combine them in various ways to perfect your search strategy.

Once you have created an ideal search strategy, you may want to save it to run it again later, in order to retrieve new citations of recently-published research. PubMed’s Cubby feature will allow you to do just that. To take advantage of the Cubby, you must first create an account; it’s free and does not require any personal information. Click on the Cubby link from PubMed’s homepage.
Follow the links to register with Cubby; you’ll be asked to create a user name and password. Then, either type in your search query or re-run it from the History screen, keeping in mind that History search numbers, (e.g. #3), cannot be used as they will lose their significance after you end your session. The Cubby will capture your query and allow you to give it a name, (the search string, itself, will appear as the default name, but you can change it to something useful to you).

The search query will remain in your Cubby until you remove it. You can check for new citations for your query by accessing your Cubby, selecting the search you want to run, and clicking on “What’s new for selected.”

PubMed will retrieve any citations that were added to the database since the last time you ran the search.

Thus, even after you’ve left the homey halls of Himmelfarb Library, you’re never without free and easy access to MEDLINE.
Faculty Publications

The George Washington University Medical Center
Compiled by the Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library from MEDLINE and other sources through April 2004


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