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I recently attended two workshops on electronic publishing and digital archives. A common theme to both workshops, and I suspect to many conversations on campus, was the imbalance found among the rights of authors, publishers, and the users of scientific literature in the electronic era. Many scientists and researchers want to address this imbalance by reclaiming the scholarly communication process. The recent proposal out of NIH represents a step in this direction. Congress has, in spirit, approved this proposal through the following wording: "Under this policy, NIH would request investigators to voluntarily submit electronically the final, peer reviewed author's copy of their scientific manuscripts; six months after the publisher's date of publication, NIH would make this copy publicly available through PubMed Central. The policy is intended to help ensure the permanent preservation of NIH-funded research and make it more readily accessible to scientists, physicians, and the public." To read more, go to:

<http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/newsletter/12-02-04.htm>.

If you would like to follow up on the question of author's rights, go to the SPARC (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) web page on "Copyright Resources for Authors" at <http://www.arl.org/sparc/author/>. SPARC has prepared two draft agreements for authors to use when negotiating with publishers regarding the retention of rights. Draft 2 is of special interest to researcher and educators who wish to use their published work in teaching and non-profit research. Comments on either draft may be sent to Rick Johnson, SPARC, at rick@arl.org. For additional information, take a look at the 2002 report, "Electronic Publishing in Science Seizing the Moment: Scientists' Authorship Rights in the Digital Age," from the AAAS at <http://www.aaas.org/spp/sfrr/projects/epub/>.

Happy reading and best wishes for a prosperous 2005!

Anne Linton, Director, Library Services



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Himmelfarb Library's Food & Drink Policy

The following restrictions apply to food and drink within Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library:

NO FOOD OR DRINKS allowed near any equipment or computer workstations.

Off-limit areas include:

- > All Bloedorn AV Study Center, computer labs
- > 1st and 3rd floor computer stations
- > B103 Classroom

NO EXCEPTIONS--this policy will be enforced with zero tolerance.

DRINKS must be in one of the following container types:

- > Mugs with a screw-on or snap-on top
- > Bottles with a pop-up closure (sports bottles) or screw-on cap (soda bottles)

No open bottles or other containers of any type for drinks

FOOD is only allowed in **modest** quantities (such as sandwiches, fruit or snacks).

NO FOOD DELIVERIES in the Library

CLEAN UP and dispose of trash properly.

No food evidence or empty containers left on the table, please!

REMEMBER: If you must eat while at Himmelfarb, the best spot is the 1st Floor Lounge.

**Thank you for your compliance.
Please be prepared for Library Staff to enforce this policy.**



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Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library 2005 Subscriptions Renewals

Through surveys, verbal feedback and library statistics, it has become apparent that a large number of faculty and students prefer journals in electronic format over print. Due to this fact and other considerations, Himmelfarb Library has begun to convert print titles to electronic access only for the subscription year beginning January 2005. Implementing the switch to electronic, however, requires numerous decisions. Maintaining both a print and online subscription is costly, both in terms of subscription cost and staff time. For electronic subscriptions, licensing contracts and pricing agreements vary greatly from publisher to publisher and must be carefully negotiated to preserve archival access, interlibrary loan rights and offsite access.

On the 2005 renewal list of 911 print journal titles, the following actions were taken:

- > 187 titles were switched to online access only* (21%)
- > 624 titles with print and online availability (68%)
- > Online access to these titles varies by publisher and can range from archival back to the mid-90's to only the last twelve months
- > 75 titles print only (8%)
- > Still not available online or available with restrictions that make accessibility impossible
- > 25 titles were completely cancelled due to low use* (3%)
- > 117 new online subscriptions* were added for 2005

This year's step is the first in a number that need to be taken as we transition from print to increased electronic only access. The Library is currently developing a webpage that will focus on subscription changes. (This webpage is to be added to the Himmelfarb web site; exact URL will be announced later.) We are looking forward to a year of increased communication as we re-assess our collection.



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Faculty Members – now is the time to start thinking about course reserve materials for the Spring 2005 semester! The deadline for submitting materials early was Monday, December 13, 2004. Submit them as soon as possible to ensure that all materials for your course(s) will be available to students at the start of classes. Materials are processed on a first come - first served basis.

Please note: We no longer accept paper request forms. All requests for reserve materials must be submitted online using either the "new hardcopy request" form (for print and audiovisual materials) or the "new Blackboard request" form (for Blackboard e-reserve materials). These forms are fast and easy to use!

For more information about placing materials on course reserve, and to access the hard copy and Blackboard forms, visit the Reserves Services home page (</services/reserves/>). If you have questions, please contact Kristina Womack (Reserves Specialist - mlbkrw@gwumc.edu, 994-1827) or Leah Pellegrino (Head, Cataloging & Reserves - mlblcp@gwumc.edu, 994-3685).



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Himmelfarb Welcomes New Staff

Janna Mattson

"I recently moved to the Washington D.C. area from New York City with my husband and daughter, who celebrated her first birthday in November 2004. Before I completed my MLS in May 2004 from The Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences at Queen's College in New York City, I worked at New York University Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences Library and the American Museum of Natural History Library."

Tangelyn "Tangy" James

"Hello, my name is Tangelyn James, but I would rather be called Tangy. I have been working here only about two months. While I am at work, I do a number of things such as making copies, answering the telephone, handing out pay checks and distributing the mail. So it is safe to say that I try to keep busy. If you ask me if I like my job I will say no, I love my job. Everyone is very nice and when I first came, all welcomed me with opened arms.

When I am not at work, I like to do a number of things; most importantly I enjoy spending time with my family. When I'm not with my family, I am out with friends. When I and my friends are together, we like to sit back and chill. If we are in the mood to do something we will stop by the mall and look at the new things. My other free time is spent talking about and looking at cars with my brother and my father. (it's kind of a family thing that my dad got me into when I was younger)."

Miss James eagerly accepted our offer and began her employment here in the Administrative Office on October 11, 2004. Her quiet, polite manner is quite refreshing. Tangy extends herself to assist each and everyone of us. Let us wish her a hearty and healthy future here at the Himmelfarb Library.



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Mid-Atlantic Chapter/MLA Annual Meeting Poster Presentation

“Sky Rockets 24/7” was the poster theme presented to the MAC/MLA meeting in Raleigh, N.C. this October by Anne Linton, representing members of the Journals@Himmelfarb committee. The poster represented the culmination of a year’s work by the committee. This intra-library committee has discussed the critical issues surrounding transitioning print journal subscriptions to electronic access only. In response to these discussions, collection development policies were created to reflect both print and electronic resources, a model electronic license was created, and department heads were surveyed as to the usefulness and format preference for titles in their subject area. These activities were outlined on the poster along with an analysis of the survey results. Anne reported the poster was well-received, garnering many positive comments.



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January

National Birth Defects Prevention Month
March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
www.marchofdimes.com

The parents of one out of every 28 babies receive the news that their baby has a birth defect.

National Volunteer Blood Donor Month
American Association of Blood Banks
www.aabb.org

An average of 38,000 units of red blood cells are needed per day in the United States.

Thyroid Awareness Month
American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists
www.aace.com

An estimated 27 million Americans are affected by thyroid disease, more than the number of Americans diagnosed with diabetes and cancer combined.

February

National Children's Dental Health Month
American Dental Association
www.ada.org

Only 28.1% of children enrolled in Medicaid received any dental services in 2001.

February 4th
National Wear Red Day 2005
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Health Information Center
www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/hearttruth
One in three American women die of heart disease.

February 14th
National Condom Day
American Social Health Association
www.ashastd.org
Over 65 million people living in the US have an incurable STD.

March

National Eye Donor Month
Eye Bank Association of America
www.restoresight.org

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Over 90% of all corneal transplant operations successfully restore the recipient's vision.

National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation

www.preventcancer.org/colorectal

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer in incidence and death in both men and women and is the number two cancer-killer among men and women combined.

National Multiple Sclerosis Education and Awareness Month

Multiple Sclerosis Foundation

www.msfocus.org/programs_events/prog_edumth.html

An estimated 400,000 U.S. citizens are diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

Visit <http://www.healthfinder.gov/library/nho/> for a more complete list of health observances.



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Changes to Full-Text and Local Holdings limits in Ovid

Changes in the Ovid system this fall have improved searching for Ovid MEDLINE, PsycINFO, CINAHL, and SPORTDiscus. These changes allow users to quickly determine if a journal is available at Himmelfarb and also to limit your search to get full-text articles electronically.

Local Holdings: If you check the box for "Local Holdings" on either the Main Search Page or the Limit page, your search will be restricted to journals available at Himmelfarb in either print or electronic format.

Print journals are denoted by the phrase "Himmelfarb Library print subscription (see Library Catalog for details)" in red, and electronic journals are marked with the phrase "Himmelfarb Library electronic access (see E-Journals page for details)" also in red.

To check the specific years of journal available, search the Library Catalog for print journals and the E-Journals page for electronic journals.

Full-Text: The 'Full-Text' limit restricts search results to most articles available in full text. This limit can be very helpful when you are offsite or need a full text article quickly. But **BE AWARE** that this limit will exclude some of our e-journals that cannot be linked through Ovid. Use the Local Holdings limit to retrieve results from all of the Himmelfarb's collection.



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First Consult

For the latest in evidence-based clinical care information, go to **FIRSTConsult** from the Evidence-Based Medicine section of E-Databases on the Library website. **FIRSTConsult** is a valuable diagnostic decision-making tool for medical students, residents, and practitioners, providing clinical information on conditions and diseases, procedures, and patient education resources. Evidence for information on diagnosis, treatment, and treatment outcomes is provided from National Guideline Clearinghouse, Cochrane Systematic Reviews, and *Clinical Evidence* – three critically evaluated, very highly regarded sources. It is updated weekly.

For clinical decision-making, use the Differential Diagnosis feature. Searchable by symptom, diagnosis options are ranked from most common to least common and by age group, with emergent conditions prominently displayed in red. Click on the diagnosis name for clinical benchmarks, and link to expanded information in the Medical Condition file or **MDConsult**.

Medical Condition files are searchable by your patient's condition. Files provide comprehensive information for diseases and conditions and include signs/symptoms, investigative tests, therapeutic options, prognosis, prevention guides, patient information, and evidence summaries. Clinical Pearls are an added feature to the evidence-based information, providing wisdom based on the clinical experience and judgment from practitioners on the **FIRSTConsult** Editorial Board.

Procedure Files feature 34 most common surgical and diagnostic procedures and provide systematic guidance for when and how to perform them. Files include indications, contraindications, step-by-step instructions, video clips and possible complications of specific procedures.

Patient Education files provide printable, easy-to-read information for over 300 medical conditions. Available in English and Spanish, the handouts can be customized with practitioner contact information and special instructions.



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