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Director's Desk

Spring 2006 will see many new and exciting changes in Himmelfarb Library's resources and services. As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, the Library is pleased to provide full-text access to our Elsevier subscriptions, such as Brain Research, back to 1995, and we are also evaluating a new search product called Scopus with an innovative, easy-to-use interface to the published biomedical literature. The popular Dean's Series of Information Updates will be repeated in February for those who could not make the fall sessions. See the calendar on p.9 for details. Finally, With the relocation of Classroom Services, the Bloedorn AV Study Center (BAVSC) has undergone a major reconfiguration into a student-centered learning area. The collection has been weeded of outdated materials; anatomic models have been located on open shelving; and many videos have been integrated with the book collection on the Terrace Level to promote utilization. The Audiovisual Circulation Desk has been moved to the middle of the Study Center to create collaborative computing spaces and a student lounge created in its former location. Printers and computer workstations have been rearranged within the remaining space to promote utilization. We hope that these changes will allow the BAVSC staff to focus more fully on curricular support services. Contact Catherine Harris at 202-994-2857 or mlbcrh@gwumc.edu to schedule a software consultation or contact Alexandra Gomes at 202-994-1825 or mlbawg@gwumc.edu for questions regarding computers or multi-media in the curriculum. We look forward to working with faculty staff, and students in the upcoming months!

Best wishes for a successful year!

Anne Linton, Director, Library Services



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Himmelfarb Library Food and 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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Third Floor Renovations

As the curriculum continues to move toward group projects and collaborative activities, the Library has rearranged portions of the Bloedorn Audiovisual Study Center (BAVSC) to better support these activities. In mid-December, in conjunction with the move of the Classroom Services department to the first floor, a new student lounge was created in one corner of the BAVSC. This space will provide a new, convenient place to socialize, study, and eat on this floor of the Library.

The BAVSC help desk was also moved to a more central location in order to provide better service to our patrons throughout the computer lab.

Finally, several computers were relocated within the BAVSC in order to provide study space that is more conducive to groups of people studying together. We hope these changes will result in a collaborative study space that better meets the needs of our patrons, both in terms of space and service.



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Classroom Services Relocates

Classroom Services has moved to the first floor of the Library in an effort to improve service to faculty, staff, and students through closer proximity to Ross Hall classrooms. All telephone numbers and e-mail addresses remain the same but staff and equipment pick-up are now located across the hall from the Library's main Circulation Desk. Look for the familiar faces of Lynn Povanda, Sean Owens, and Elizabeth Mehari behind the glass door! Truman Chambers and Kinny Padh will continue to provide in-class support. Call 202-994-2856 or e-mail your classroom and equipment reservations to classrooms@gwumc.edu.



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Khue Tran Retires

After fourteen years of coordinating the binding of journals at Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library, Khue Tran has retired. Khue's scientific background gave her a fine eye for detail and methodical thoroughness that will benefit the library for years to come. Khue and her husband, who is also retiring at the same time, plan to do some traveling to visit relatives who are located across the globe from Viet Nam to Paris. They also hope to spend more time with both their sons and their two grandchildren, all of whom live close to them in Germantown. Best wishes to Khue on her retirement – we all will miss her.



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What's New at Biomedical Communications

Poster Printing is new at Biomedical Communications! Our brand new Kodak large format poster printer can print up to 60 inches wide so you can display your research for the world to see. No more searching for printing companies online or paying costly set-up fees and shipping charges. You can have your posters printed right here on campus within a day or two at very reasonable and competitive prices. You will also receive the personal attention of our staff to make sure that your poster is printed with no mistakes.

In addition, Biomedical Communications offers poster design services, or we can advise you on how to prepare your own posters for printing. With Research Day approaching, here are some tips to help you create attractive poster presentations:

- › When using PowerPoint to create a poster that is smaller than 36x48, please choose a page set-up size that is 100 percent of your final poster size. If you are creating a poster that is larger than 36x48, choose a page set-up that is 1/2 the size of your final poster and be sure that it is proportional to your final poster size. For example, if you would like a final poster size of 48x96, choose a page set-up of 24x48.
- › Choose a standard font such as Times Roman or Arial.
- › The author's text should be 1/2 the size of the title text.
- › The main text should be approximately 2/3 the size of the header text.
- › Imported images need to be 150-300dpi JPEG files.
- › It is illegal to download images from web sites without prior written permission.
- › Use the proper logos. Logos can be obtained for downloading at <http://graphics.gwu.edu/standardset.htm>.

You can find even more information about posters and our other services on our web site at www.gwumc.edu/biomed. We're also available to talk with you personally Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm in Ross Hall room 310, by phone at 202-994-2904, or you can email us at photo@gwumc.edu.



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Greater Electronic Access to Himmelfarb Resources In 2006

The start of 2006 is a perfect time to take a moment to detail briefly Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library's ongoing efforts to connect our users to an ever greater number of electronic resources. Our library continues to move ahead not only to increase the amount of content available electronically, but also to enhance the ease of utilizing that information both here at the library and from remote locations.

With the clear preference of so many users for electronic resources, we are continuing to reduce the number of journals to which we subscribe in print. For the 2006 subscription year, we continue to work toward our final goal of nearly all-electronic access. Only the Browsing Collection, now housed on the first floor on the 23rd Street side, will be available in both print and electronic formats. All other titles will be available in electronic format only, hopefully by 2007. Currently, 693 titles continue to be available in print, with 140 titles making up the Browsing Collection available on the first floor. All other print journals are shelved on the second floor alphabetically by title. The title list guides near the journal shelves on both the first and second floors will help in identifying the location for a specific title.

Effective January 2006, Himmelfarb was able to negotiate a contract for increased electronic access to Elsevier titles owned by the library. In all, we were able to obtain electronic access from 1995 to the present for 183 journal titles through Elsevier's Science Direct platform. This is a great increase in electronic journal access for Himmelfarb, both for the current year and for the years back to 1995.

In terms of textbooks, we have also increased the number accessible electronically. Currently, we have 157 textbooks which can be accessed electronically, an increase over the 135 titles we had in 2005.

In 2006, Himmelfarb also acquired access to a new database called "Scopus", which we are encouraging users to try as an alternative (or in addition to) to databases such as MEDLINE. Scopus combines the content of MEDLINE and another similar database called Embase from 1995 to the present in a new search interface similar to many of the popular search engines. The database also makes it possible to identify how many times any given article has been cited and to link directly to the articles which are cited by or which cite any given article. This can increase the subject access in a fairly simple-to-use manner. The addition of Scopus brings our database total to 65 databases, some of which easily link to the full text electronic journal article.

Changes to print and electronic journals, textbooks and databases are noted on the library's homepage under the link "Print and Electronic Updates". Go to www.gwumc.edu/library to check on journal availability. However you find them, please do make use of the many new resources available through Himmelfarb.

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Once you have found citations relevant to your research, you may want to keep track of them through RefWorks, a citation management tool. RefWorks is a web-based alternative to other desk-top citation products. Refworks may be used anywhere you have access to the Internet and does not require users to maintain multiple copies of software and databases. For more information, go to the library's e-database page at [/eresources/edatabase.cfm](#).

Call or e-mail Kathe Obrig, Associate Director, Collection and Access Services, at 202-994.8906 or mlbkso@gwumc.edu with any questions or feedback about electronic resources.



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Savvy Searcher -- RefWorks

Himmelfarb Library is pleased to announce the availability of RefWorks, a web-based citation management tool. RefWorks is similar to EndNote or Reference Manager and allows users to store and organize a library of citations, insert the citations into a paper, and format the paper according to whatever bibliographic style is required.

Using RefWorks, users can import citations directly from multiple databases (including Ovid MEDLINE & Scopus), via text files (from PubMed), and from library catalogs (including Himmelfarb Library's). Imported citations can be organized into folders, edited, and accessed from any computer with Internet access.

To get started, first set up an account in RefWorks, then import citations that you're already working with (from Reference Manager or End Note), or begin a new database of citations. A Ref Works Quick Start Guide is available online at (www.gwumc.edu/library/tutorials/pdf/QuickStartGuide.pdf)

Currently, RefWorks can be accessed from on-campus locations via the link of Himmelfarb Library's webpage. From off-campus locations, RefWorks is available via the VPN. For more information about off-campus access, please consult the Off-Campus Access Instructions (www.gwumc.edu/library/resources/offcampusinstr.cfm) or the Library's Reference Desk (202-994-2850 or himmelfarb@gwu.edu).

Scopus

Through the end of September 2006, Scopus, a new interdisciplinary database, will be offered for evaluation by Himmelfarb Library. Scopus contains citations and abstracts for articles published in more than 14,200 peer-reviewed journals from more than 4,000 international publishers. Scopus is the largest citation and abstract database in the world and covers the contents of MEDLINE and EMBASE, in addition to other subject areas.

The advantage of using Scopus lies not only in its breadth, but also in its linking of citations based on cited and citing articles. For articles published from 1996 through the present, Scopus includes links to all articles in the original publication's bibliography. Scopus also links to articles that have cited the original publication. By connecting the cited and citing articles, Scopus allows researchers to follow a chain of research publications and locate articles that might have been overlooked with more traditional subject and/or keyword searching.

Currently, Scopus can be accessed from on-campus locations via the link of Himmelfarb Library's webpage, or directly at www.scopus.com. From off-campus locations, Scopus is available via the VPN. For more information about off-campus access, please consult the Off-Campus Access Instructions (www.gwumc.edu/library/resources/offcampusinstr.cfm) or the Library's Reference Desk (202-994-2850 or himmelfarb@gwu.edu).

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

National Glaucoma Awareness Month
Prevent Blindness America
www.preventblindness.org

National Blood Donor Month
American Association of Blood Banks (AABB)
www.aabb.org

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

February

PCOS (Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome) Awareness Month
PCOS Awareness Campaign
www.pcoscampaign.com/pcosmonth.html

Heart Month
American Heart Association
www.americanheart.org

AMD/Low Vision Awareness Month
Prevent Blindness America
www.preventblindness.org

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

Kids E.N.T. (Ears, Nose, Throat) Health Month
American Academy of Otolaryngology
American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery
Head and Neck Surgery, Inc.
www.entnet.org/KidsENT

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Featuring AccessMedicine & Global Health

AccessMedicine is a collection of full-text clinical and basic sciences textbooks available through the library's E-Texts link. Titles in the database include Harrison's Online, Tintinalli's Emergency Medicine, Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment, Hurst's The Heart, Goodman & Gilman's The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics, Metabolic and Molecular Bases of Inherited Disease, and more. The Lange Educational Library series expands the resource with a collection of additional clinical medicine and basic sciences texts.

Users can search the entire database by keyword. Search results provide links to the specific textbook and chapter that are relevant. Links are also provided for quick access to content, news updates on the topic, and related practice guidelines, content, and web resources. Users can e-mail, print, or download portions of the textbooks to PDA.

The Lange self-assessment tool for USMLE preparation, USMLEasy, is also available to students for USMLE test preparation. Using McGraw-Hill's online testing service, students can practice for the USMLE Steps 1 & 2 exams for free.

Other **AccessMedicine** features include Practice Guidelines, a differential diagnosis tool which is downloadable to PDA, and customizable patient handouts.

Global Health is an international public health database that offers deep subject coverage of information related to human health and communicable diseases published since 1972. Subjects covered include:

- Communicable diseases (including HIV/AIDS)
- Tropical diseases (including field and experimental studies)
- Parasitic diseases and parasitology (medical entomology)
- Human nutrition (including food composition, food poisoning, effects of diet on health, nutritional disorders, and experimental aspects)
- Community and public health (including chronic diseases, occupational health, health status indicators, the impact of agriculture on health, and cancer epidemiology)
- Medicinal and poisonous plants (including pharmacology, tissue culture, animal studies, plant composition, allergens, and toxins)

Available to users through the library's E-Databases/MEDLINE link, **Global Health** can be searched using the familiar OVID interface, and provides subject-specific bibliographic information from English and foreign language journals, books, research reports, patents and standards, dissertations, conference proceedings, annual reports, public health, developing country information, and other difficult-to-obtain material.

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