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### Director's Desk - Welcome Address

#### Welcome to a New Academic Year!

On behalf of the entire Himmelfarb Library staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new Medical Center faculty, staff, and students. I would also like to extend greetings to all returning faculty and students on the start of a new academic year.

The Library staff looks forward to meeting your information needs in the upcoming months. We also welcome your input! You may contact me at 202-994-1826 or [mlbaml@gwumc.edu](mailto:mlbaml@gwumc.edu). The Library's e-mail address is [himmelfarb@gwu.edu](mailto:himmelfarb@gwu.edu). The telephone number for the reference desk is 202-994-2850.

A major Library goal for the current academic year is improved access to electronic resources. The transition to a nearly-all electronic journal collection continues, and plans are well underway to debut a redesigned web page with streamlined access to electronic content. The transition to an electronic environment is a new experience for most of us and often requires taking a fresh look at how we use information. For instance, when there are no longer many print copies to browse, how do we keep current with the literature? Will electronic table-of-contents services, citation alerts features, and RSS feeds from databases work just as well as traditional methods? We believe that they will. Library liaisons will be calling departments to request the opportunity to review what electronic resources are available at the Medical Center and how to use the special features available through these resources most effectively. We would also like to hear about your needs and concerns as we make this transition to an electronic environment. We look forward to meeting with faculty, residents, and students during the upcoming year to partner in building a dynamic collection that meets the need of the Medical Center! See the list of Library liaisons below if you would like to schedule a meeting immediately!

Liaison Librarian	E-mail Address	Departments
Abate, Laura	<a href="mailto:mblea@gwumc.edu">mblea@gwumc.edu</a>	Microbiology, Immunology, and Tropical Medicine
Billingsley, Richard	<a href="mailto:mlbrab@gwumc.edu">mlbrab@gwumc.edu</a>	Clinical Management and Leadership, Health Care Sciences, Medicine, Nursing Education
Gomes, Alexandra	<a href="mailto:mlbawg@gwumc.edu">mlbawg@gwumc.edu</a>	Anatomy and Cell Biology, Ophthalmology

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Kahn, Cynthia	<a href="mailto:mlbcrk@gwumc.edu">mlbcrk@gwumc.edu</a>	Exercise Science, Prevention and Community Health, Surgery, Urology
Levett, Paul	<a href="mailto:mlbpri@gwumc.edu">mlbpri@gwumc.edu</a>	Emergency Medicine, Pathology
Linton, Anne	<a href="mailto:mlbaml@gwumc.edu">mlbaml@gwumc.edu</a>	Health Services Management and Leadership, Orthopaedic Surgery
Lyons, Laurie	<a href="mailto:mlblbl@gwumc.edu">mlblbl@gwumc.edu</a>	Health Policy, Neurological Surgery, Neurology
Obrig, Kathe	<a href="mailto:mlbkso@gwumc.edu">mlbkso@gwumc.edu</a>	Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pharmacology and Physiology
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Pellegrino, Leah	<a href="mailto:mlblcp@gwumc.edu">mlblcp@gwumc.edu</a>	Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
Sullo, Elaine	<a href="mailto:mlbejs@gwumc.edu">mlbejs@gwumc.edu</a>	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Radiology
Swope, Cynthia	<a href="mailto:mlbcds@gwumc.edu">mlbcds@gwumc.edu</a>	Anesthesiology, Environmental and Occupational Health

Library patrons will also see changes in the recently refurbished Bloedorn Audiovisual Study Center as we transition to a collaborative technology center [with gift funding from the GW Hospital Women' Board] and enhance our traditional audiovisual services with additional electronic content, particularly in the area of physical diagnosis and simulated cases, and improved consultation services in the areas of desktop publishing, presentation software, and poster preparation. Call Alexandra Gomes, Associate Director for Curricular Support and Technology at 202-994-1825 or [mlbawg@gwumc.edu](mailto:mlbawg@gwumc.edu) for additional information.

A Library is not all books or electronic resources! It is also the librarians and staff who work so hard to provide our services and resources. I am sorry to report that Patricia Wilson, Associate Director for Outreach Services, for 7 years will be leaving us at the end of August to spend more time with her family. We wish her well in her new endeavors!

*Best wishes for a successful year!*  
*Anne Linton, Director, Library Services*



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### Himmelfarb Library 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!***

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



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### Himmelfarb Library Welcomes New Staff

#### Paul Levett

I recently emigrated to the USA from England, and I have been working at the Himmelfarb Library as a reference librarian since March 2006. I went back to school in 2001 to study an MSc Information Management and amidst the bustle of early morning lectures and writing deadlines I remember how I was struck by how much more I was using library electronic resources compared with my undergraduate studies in the early 1990's. In my last job in London I worked for an academic library in two hospitals teaching nurses and allied health professionals to search the medical literature, and there I learned how valuable hands-on computer practice is to people when learning how to search an unfamiliar database. During the year you may see me at the library reference desk, in 1st year PBL tutorials, or in the classroom giving instructional training. With the support of my highly skilled colleagues at the Himmelfarb Library I look forward to serving your information needs.

#### Cynthia Kahn

Cynthia Kahn, MILS, MPH, AHIP, is new to the reference and instruction staff of the Himmelfarb Library. She has earned Masters degrees from the University of Michigan in Information and Library Science and in Public Health (Health Management and Policy). She comes to GWU Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library after one year in Portland, Oregon where she was the reference librarian for Legacy Health System. Prior to that, Cynthia spent six years in the District at the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) as Manager of the Mary H. Littlemeier Archives and AAMC Library.



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### Circulation and Access Policies

The Circulation Department at the Himmelfarb Library is responsible for the circulation of monograph, journal and reserve materials. In addition, the Department maintains the self-service copiers on the 1st floor. These copiers are functional with GWorld personal or departmental cards at the rate of \$0.07 per copy. Problems with GWorld cards should be reported to the GWorld office in the Marvin Center, Suite 501 or at 202-994-1795. Audiovisual materials may be borrowed at the AV Study Center located on the 3rd floor of the Himmelfarb Library.

Faculty, staff and students of The George Washington University may borrow materials. Your George Washington University ID serves as a library card once you register at the Circulation desk. Currently, monographs are loaned for 3 weeks while reserve material and the current 5 years of journals circulate for 3 hours. Monographs can be renewed twice either in person or over the phone as long as there is not a hold on that item and your record is in good standing (call 202-994-2962). Patrons can also renew books online at the Library's website in the "Renew Items" section. Journals and reserve materials cannot be renewed. Overdue fines are \$0.25 per day for monographs and \$1.00 per hour for current journals and reserve material. For journals older than 5 years and monographic series, the fine is \$1.00 per day. The maximum fine for an item is \$25.00.

The Circulation Department is also charged with enforcing Himmelfarb Library's Access Policy. The Library's primary mission is to serve the faculty, staff and students of The George Washington University Medical Center. Due to limited space and study facilities, GW University staff and students not affiliated with the Medical Center may not use the Library after 6 pm on weekdays or on weekends. Please be prepared to show your GWU ID when entering the Library after 2:00 pm on weekdays and on weekends.



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### The Reference Desk Is Your Link to Information

The Reference Desk provides an array of services to the students, staff, and faculty of GWUMC. These include: individual one-on-one instruction on using informational resources, such as electronic journals, textbooks or databases and group instruction on a variety of topics, such as searching MEDLINE and other biomedical databases, using EBM resources, accessing electronic journals and textbooks; and using various computer applications. We can also offer suggestions on locating the best sources for information. The reference librarians regularly provide curriculum support for various academic programs within the Medical Center. The reference staff offers personal consultation services to assist students and faculty with research projects. Online Search Services can be provided to staff and faculty for a small fee by completing the brief electronic form, found using the "electronic request forms" link. For resources not available at Himmelfarb, the librarians will assist users in finding other DC area libraries with the resources. Whatever your professional information needs, we will try to assist you in finding the best resources available.

The Reference Desk is staffed:

<b>Monday-Thursday</b>	8:30 AM - 8:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
<b>Saturday</b>	12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM

The telephone number for the Reference Desk is 202-994-2850. GWUMC users may also request services through library e-mail at [himmelfarb@gwu.edu](mailto:himmelfarb@gwu.edu). Information Requests will be answered on the next business day.



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### The Bloedorn AV Study Center, Microcomputer Lab, the Women's Board Teaching Center

The Bloedorn Audiovisual Study Center (BAVSC) is located on the third floor of Himmelfarb Library for the use of Medical Center residents, staff, faculty, and students. A valid GWorld ID card is required for all loan transactions.

The BAVSC contains more than 1500 videotapes, slide/tape programs, audio CD, and CD-ROM programs in the basic sciences and clinical medicine. An extensive audio CD collection is also available, which includes Audio Digest Journals on cassette. A variety of anatomical models are available for use in the Study Center. The BAVSC also provides study rooms and carrels equipped with PC's, slide projectors, and/or videotape players.

The Microcomputer Lab and the Women's Board Teaching Classroom are located in the AV Study Center and are for use by residents, staff, faculty, and students of the Medical Center. The Labs contain IBM-compatible PC's. Programs available for use include the Microsoft Office Suite™ and an extensive collection of Computer-Assisted Instruction (CAI). Software is loaded on our Local Area Network (LAN). Additional programs are available on CD-ROM format. Microcomputer hardware and software do not circulate. Orientations to the Microlab are available; no registration is necessary. For further information, call (202) 994-2857.



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### Classroom and Teleconferencing Services

Classroom and Teleconferencing Services coordinates room scheduling, equipment set-up/loan and videoconferencing. A full-time technician and a part-time evening technician provide audiovisual assistance for classes, video-conferences, and special events throughout Ross Hall and the Hospital 6th floor conference and classrooms. Service is provided weekdays between 7:30am and 8:00pm. Arrangements for weekend assistance and equipment must be made in advance. At least 48 hours notice is required to ensure technician and equipment availability. A variety of equipment is available for loan and must be picked up and returned to the Classroom Teleconferencing Services on the first floor of the Himmelfarb Library. A valid GWorld ID card is required for all equipment loan transactions. Audio and video duplication services are provided for a fee. Classroom and Teleconferencing Services is located on the first floor, Himmelfarb Library. For further information visit the following website <http://inside.gwumc.edu/classroomsvs>, or e-mail [classrooms@gwumc.edu](mailto:classrooms@gwumc.edu), or call (202) 994-2856.



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### Film & Digital Print Processing... ...And So Much More!

Biomedical Communications at The George Washington University Medical Center is a full service photography, duplication, and graphic design department. As a GW Student, you are entitled to the wide variety of affordable, high quality services available at Biomedical Communications.

Have your film or digital images processed in just a few days! We offer fast, reliable, high quality film and digital image processing at a competitive price. We have a convenient drop box located just off the elevators on the 3rd floor of Ross Hall. Follow the simple instructions posted on the box, drop your envelope into the slot, and wait for us to call you when your work is ready for pick up.

Other services that might be of interest to you include and application photos, business card design and printing, and same day E6 film processing. We can document research in digital formats and prepare your data for publication. We design, lay out, and print poster presentations. We offer document printing and binding and produce high-resolution color copies.

Those of you that need posters to present your research can take advantage of our large format, in-house poster printing! It's convenient, fast, and affordable! Design your own or have us do it for you! If you design your own, please visit our website, [www.gwumc.edu/biomed](http://www.gwumc.edu/biomed), for helpful tips. Once your poster is created, email it to [photo@gwumc.edu](mailto:photo@gwumc.edu) or burn it to a CD and drop it off in Ross Hall 310.



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### Himmelfarb's Annual Booksale!

On September 6th and 7th, the Himmelfarb Annual Booksale will be held in the study alcove just beyond the Reference Desk. The booksale presents a great opportunity for faculty, staff and students to acquire useful medical, health and allied sciences, public health and health services textbooks for their personal collections

On Wednesday, September 6th, books will be full price. All single books are priced from \$1.00 to \$10.00. Sets range up to \$20.00. On Thursday, September 7th, all titles will be free; but, do you want to take a chance that your choice will be scooped up by someone else?



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### Health Observance Corner

#### August

National Immunization Awareness Month  
National Partnership for Immunization

"Disease outbreaks occur when immunization rates decline. For example, from 1989 through 1991, low rates of measles, mumps and rubella immunization among pre-school aged children resulted in a measles epidemic that caused over 55,000 cases and 120 deaths."

Cataract Awareness Month  
American Academy of Ophthalmology

<http://www.aaao.org/aaao/>

"Did you know that 20.5 million Americans age 40 and older have cataracts, one of the most curable causes of vision loss?"

Psoriasis Awareness Month  
National Psoriasis Foundation

"Ten percent to 30 percent of people with psoriasis also develop psoriatic arthritis, which causes pain, stiffness and swelling in and around the joints. Psoriasis can affect anyone at any age, including children. There is no cure yet for this lifelong disease."

#### September

National Sickle Cell Month  
Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, Inc.

<http://www.sicklecelldisease.org/news/events/month.phtml>

"In the United States with an estimated population of over 270 million, about 1,000 babies are born with sickle cell disease each year."

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month  
The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition

<http://www.ovarian.org>

"In women age 35-74, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths."

National Food Safety Education Month  
International Food Safety Council  
National Restaurant Association Education Foundation

<http://www.nraef.org/nfsem/>

This year's theme is "Don't Compromise - Clean and Sanitize."

Source: Source: 2006 National Health Observances, National Health Information Center, Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC. <http://www.healthfinder.gov/library/nho/nho.asp>

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### Journal News

**Wiley Publishing:** Himmelfarb has signed an agreement with this publisher that will expand both content and access to our holdings of their electronic journals. With the new Enhanced Access License, all of Himmelfarb's Wiley subscriptions will be accessible back to 1997. Previously, we could only access years we had paid for and had coverage gaps, most notably 2004. In addition, Wiley journals will now be accessible through the VPN and through Aladin sometime in the fall.

**eClinics:** The Full Clinics Series Package was purchased in June. All of the 53 titles can be browsed by issue or searched either through MDConsult or Ovid Medline. The Clinics series provides information on the newest advances as well as a sound basis for choosing treatment options. Many of the titles focus on a single topic each issue.

**Methods in Enzymology and International Congress Series:** Both of these series are now being purchased in electronic format. Methods is available electronically back to 2000 and the ICS is available electronically back to 2001.

**Annual Reviews:** Himmelfarb and Gelman Libraries are in the process of jointly purchasing electronic backfiles for all of Annual Review's titles. Annual Review's publications are among the most highly cited in scientific literature with 32 focused disciplines within the Biomedical, Physical, and Social Sciences.



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Barcelo, A., M. Pelaez, et al. (2006). "The prevalence of diagnosed diabetes among the elderly of seven cities in Latin America and the Caribbean: The Health Wellbeing and Aging (SABE) Project." Journal of Aging & Health **18**(2): 224-239.

Beers, L. S. and T. L. Cheng (2006). "When a teen has a tot: a model of care for the adolescent parent and her child." Contemporary Pediatrics **Apr**(23): 47-48.

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