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Director's Desk

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, students, staff, residents, and fellows. 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. The Library's e-mail address is himmelfarb@gwu.edu. The telephone number for the reference desk is 202-994-2850. Or send us an instant message by following the directions at: [/ask/](#)

A major Library goal for the current academic year is improved access to electronic resources. The transition to a nearly all-electronic journal collection was completed in January 2007. To help our patrons use the collection more effectively, a newly redesigned page debuted in mid-August. Designed to increase ease-of-use, the new page features:

- A cleaner, more attractive design
- Portals of resources specifically designed for Medicine, Health Sciences and Public Health students
- Quick links on the homepage to our most commonly used databases and journals
- Improved, streamlined access to electronic journals, texts, and databases

Be sure to bookmark our new page to use as the starting point for research. If you would like an in-class or departmental demonstration of the new web page and the Library's electronic resources, contact your Library liaison (listed below).

Many thanks to Liz Hall, the library's Web Coordinator and the entire staff who have worked hard over the last few months to provide a more attractive and easier-to-use site. Many thanks also to the faculty, staff and students who have participated in surveys and usability testing on the new site - many of your suggestions have been incorporated into the new design.

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CQ HealthBeat

Are you interested in the health policy developments on Capital Hill? Need to monitor health policy regulations and stay aware of what's happening in the agencies? Then CQ HealthBeat is the resource you need.

Healthbeat from Congressional Quarterly (CQ Healthbeat) can be hard to find, but once you are in this online publication, you will be thrilled with the information. To access CQ Healthbeat, go to the Himmelfarb website's E-Databases page and find the CQ Library. Click on the "Access Online" link. Once you are in the CQ Library, look for the "jump to a publication" drop-down menu on the top right of the page. CQ Healthbeat will be one of your choices.

CQ Healthbeat is written and edited by John Reichard and Mary Agnes Carey, considered two of Washington's most experienced and respected healthcare journalists. It is a comprehensive source for health policy information. It offers real-time news, information on rules and regulations as well as legislative tracking and schedules of forums and events. Moreover, CQ Healthbeat is fully integrated into CQ.com. Please contact the library's reference department with any questions you might have, at 202-994-2850. Your legislative information needs are only a click away.



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O.C. Tom National Library of Medicine Fellow



When I first arrived at the Himmelfarb Library, I had no idea what my role was going to be or what purpose I was to serve. I simply knew that I had selected a second-year institution that noted some promise of entertaining me with projects related to my interest in information technologies. I held no interest in conforming to the typical librarian stereotype. By that I mean I was out to let patrons know that not all librarians wore knitted sweaters, wore their hair in a bun, and perfected the art of "shushing."

I came to the Himmelfarb Library by way of the National Library of Medicine (NLM). I was a participant in the NLM Associate Fellowship Program. The program consists of spending one year at NLM learning the ins-and-outs of how a national library operates. After one year, participants have the option of continuing the program at another institution where they are to become integrated into the functions of the library. Because I had an interest in observing how an academic health sciences library operated, I chose to spend the year at GWU's Himmelfarb Library.

During my first months at Himmelfarb, I received an extensive orientation to each department within the library and was bombarded with more details than one would predict, but nonetheless was enlightened. My introduction to the various departments also allowed me to be thoroughly introduced to the staff members and each of their responsibilities. Upon learning the impressive workload of the staff, I knew I was going to have to work extra hard just to make my existence known.

One of the great things about my year at Himmelfarb is that it catered to my professional and personal interests in librarianship. I have always been interested in information seeking behaviors, and was able to explore that curiosity throughout the year. I observed two separate Problem-Based Learning groups of first year medical students, and was able to take note of the interaction between students and the physician and librarian tutors. I also partook in weekly Reference Desk shifts where I helped to answer a wide range of questions ranging from navigation tips for YouTube™ to finding information on lung radiotherapy-induced pneumonitis.

In addition to my public services duties, I spent a considerable amount of time in my generously windowed cubicle researching and completing several projects. One project was entitled The Evaluation of the Role of Web 2.0 Technologies and Social Networking Tools as Curriculum Integration Mechanisms within the Academic Health Sciences Library. The purpose of this project was to assess which Web 2.0 technologies were being used by academic health sciences libraries, note their usage and effectiveness, and provide

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recommendations for Web 2.0 to be used here at Himmelfarb. Another project was the evaluation and renovation of the Himmelfarb Internet Resources database. The purpose of this project was to evaluate the current Internet Resources database and propose changes to improve use of linked resources.

My overall goal while here at Himmelfarb was to simply become a better librarian while hopefully helping the library's mission in some way. The tasks that I was assigned to, the committees I served on, the students I interacted with, and the faculty I assisted ensured that I have not only become a better librarian, but I have become a member of the Himmelfarb family as well. I have enjoyed my year here at Himmelfarb and am thankful to each staff member for taking time from their very busy work lives to share some of their knowledge with me.



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New Staff -- Betsy Appleton, Digital Serial Integration Librarian



Greetings! My name is Betsy Appleton, and I am the new Digital Serials Integration Librarian at Himmelfarb. I will be working extensively with the electronic and print journal collections in the library. I will also be involved with PCL and serve as library liaison to the departments of Anesthesiology and Environmental and Occupational Health.

Though originally from Iowa, I come to GW from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Library in Research Triangle Park, NC. There, I worked in the Serials, Reference, and Interlibrary Loan departments while completing my MSLS at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. I have also gained serials experience in both the John N. Couch Biology Library and the Geology Library at UNC. My professional interests lie in the areas of serials and electronic resources management, scholarly publishing, and health sciences librarianship.

I look forward to working with the Himmelfarb community, and welcome any questions or comments. You may reach me by email at mlbeaa@gwumc.edu or by phone at 994-9756.



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The Bloedorn Technology Center (BTC), Microcomputer Lab, The Women's Board Teaching Center

The Bloedorn Technology Center (formerly the Bloedorn AV Study Center) is located on the third floor of Himmelfarb Library, and is available exclusively for use by Medical Center residents, staff, faculty, and students. A valid GWorld ID card is required for all loan transactions. The BTC contains over 1000 videotapes, DVDs, and CD-ROM programs in the basic sciences and clinical medicine. An extensive audio CD collection is also available, which includes Audio Digest Journals. A variety of anatomical models are available for use in the Center. The BTC also provides study rooms and carrels equipped with PCs and/or videotape/DVD players.

The Microcomputer Lab and the Women's Board Teaching Classroom are located in the Bloedorn Technology Center and may be used by residents, staff, faculty, and students of the Medical Center. The Labs contain desktop PCs. 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 and 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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The Circulation Desk at the Himmelfarb Library is the place where users will want to go to borrow library materials, whether a book, journal, AV item or an item on reserve. While the regular audiovisual collection is housed in the Bloedorn Technology Center located on the 3rd floor, audiovisual items are now checked out at the Circulation Desk on the 1st floor. The loan period for most materials is three weeks with two renewals, although loan periods for journals are shorter. Both regular reserve and audiovisual reserve materials are available for check out at the first floor Circulation Desk. The Department also maintains the self-service photocopiers on the 1st floor where copies can be made at the rate of \$0.07 per copy. These copiers are functional with GWorld personal or departmental cards. Problems with GWorld cards should be reported to the GWorld office in the Marvin Center, Suite 501 or at 202-994-1795.

All faculty, staff and students of The George Washington University may borrow library materials. Your George Washington University ID serves as a library card once you register at the Circulation desk. Items checked out may 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). Users can also renew books online at the Library's website in the "Borrowing and Ordering" section. Journals and reserve materials cannot be renewed. Overdue fines are \$0.25 per day for monographs and audiovisual materials and \$1.00 per hour for current journals and all reserve materials. Reserve items may not be renewed. 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 also enforces Himmelfarb Library's Access Policy. Since the Library's primary mission is to serve the faculty, staff and students of The George Washington University Medical Center, Himmelfarb Library is closed to the public. GW University staff and students not affiliated with the Medical Center may use the Library from 7:30am until 6:00pm week days. Please be prepared to show your GWU ID while in the Library to help staff identify which category you fall into.



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PDA/Handheld Databases and Downloads

PDA resources have been updated and further integrated into the Himmelfarb Library website. As always, you can access the [PDA/Handheld Databases & Downloads](#) webpage to access a list of medical resources which can be downloaded to your PDA or handheld device. This list includes resources provided by Himmelfarb Library (e.g. [PocketConsult](#) (FIRSTConsult, [MDConsult: Drugs / Clinical Pharmacology OnHand](#)), freely accessible resources (e.g. epocrates Rx, Diagnosaurus and discount codes which provide a discount to GWUMC affiliates who wish to purchase software. The [PDA/Handheld Databases & Downloads](#) list is organized by type of information: drug information, disease information/textbooks, calculators & reference tools, clinical guidelines, and PubMed/Abstracting services.

Users can also access information about PDA resources to which Himmelfarb Library subscribes directly from the [E-Databases webpage](#) on Himmelfarb Library's website. The E-Databases webpage now contains a section on [PDA/Handheld databases](#). This section lists all subscribed PDA databases, provides a basic description of each resources, and links to an instruction sheet with download instructions.



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New Health Policy Titles from BNA

Health Care Policy Report and Medical Research Law and Policy Report, two journal titles from BNA, are now available electronically from Himmelfarb Library. These titles will be especially useful to users tracking issues in health policy and law.

Health Care Policy Report can help users "closely monitor and analyze federal, state, and private-sector health care policy proposals, debates, and responses." This publication covers access, cost containment, drug coverage for seniors, E-health, ERISA and employee benefits policy, hospital and physician reimbursement, managed care, medical devices, medical errors, medical savings accounts, Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP, organ transplants, pharmaceuticals, physician bargaining, plan regulation, plan liability, privacy, state efforts, and telemedicine.

Medical Research Law and Policy Report can help users stay abreast of the "most significant regulatory and legal developments in medical research." This publication covers accreditation, bioterrorism, clinical trial incidents, cloning, conflicts of interest, data monitoring committees, genetic research, human subject protections, informed consent, institutional review board activities, intellectual property rights, patients' rights, privacy and security, scientific misconduct, and stem cell research.

Health Care Policy Report and Medical Research Law and Policy Report are available to GWUMC users on Himmelfarb Library's e-journals page. The titles can be accessed from on-campus and off-campus locations.



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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 instruction and 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. 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:

Monday-Thursday	8:30am-8:00pm
Friday	8:30am-5:00pm
Saturday	12:00n-4:00pm

The telephone number for the Reference Desk is 202-994-2850. GWUMC users may also request services by emailing himmelfarb@gwu.edu. Information requests will be answered on the next business day. In addition to in-person or telephone assistance, Himmelfarb offers reference assistance via IM (Instant Message/Chat). Using this service you can chat with a librarian and get answers to your research or library-related questions right from your computer. Best of all, you don't even need an IM account to use this service.

You can chat with us using the MeeboMe box on our website: [/ask/](#) or you can use your own IM account. Here are our screen-names:

- AIM - himlib
- Yahoo - himlib
- MSN - himmelfarb@gwu.edu
- Google Talk - himmelfarbib

The hours for this service are Monday-Thursday from 11am until 8pm and Fridays from 11am until 5pm.



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Himmelfarb Annual Booksale!

On September 5 and 6, 2007 the Himmelfarb Annual Book Sale will be held in the Reference Nook on the first floor of the library. This book sale presents a great opportunity to supplement your collection with reference materials and textbooks that have been withdrawn from the collection. Prices range from \$.50 to several dollars on September 5, first day of the sale. On September 6, all materials are free. Hours for the book sale are 8:00 - Midnight. Please contact George Paul at 202-994-3682 with any questions.



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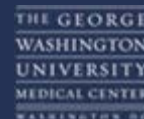
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Guide to Good Clinical Practice

Introducing the Guide to Good Clinical Practice - a new resource available from the Himmelfarb website's E-Texts and E-Databases/MEDLINE page. The Guide to Good Clinical Practice provides sponsors, institutional review boards, clinical investigators, monitors and study site staff with the information and tools they need to conduct quality clinical trials of new drugs, devices and biologics. From explanations of laws, federal regulations and international harmonization efforts to an analysis of accepted good clinical practices, this resource will assist clinical researchers in avoiding errors and gaining faster product approval. Included in the Guide are sample checklists for conducting quality assurance audits, FDA forms, industry guidance documents and information sheets.

When users access the Guide, in addition to the full-text of the resource, they will have access to Recent Updates, which lists additions, updates, or changes to the Guide's content; the Guide's monthly newsletter; Newsbriefs, which lists short segments of recent news pertaining to clinical research; and the Additional Resources section. There is a wealth of information here, in the Additional Resources area, including access to Clinlaw, the online database of state and federal clinical trial requirements; court cases; FDA Compliance Guides; legal reference documents; and the Office of Regulatory Affairs Inspections Guides.

We invite you to explore this new resource. Please contact the library's reference department with any questions you might have, at 202-994-2850.



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National Immunization Awareness Month National Immunization Program http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niam/default.htm	Psoriasis Awareness Month National Psoriasis Foundation http://www.psoriasis.org
Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy http://www.curesma.org	

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America On the Move's September Campaign America on the Move Foundation http://www.americaonthemove.org	Childhood Cancer Month Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation http://www.candlelighters.org/septchildhoodcancermonth.stm
Fruit and Vegetable Month Fruit and Vegetable Program Office Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Produce for Better Health Foundation http://www.5aday.gov/	Health Aging® Month Educational Television Network, Inc. http://www.healthyinging.net
Leukemia & Lymphoma Awareness Month The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society http://www.lls.org	National Acceptance Month Children's Craniofacial Association http://www.ccakids.org
National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Substance Abuse	National Cholesterol Education Month National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Health Information Center http://hin.nhlbi.nih.gov/cholmonth

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