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### Director's Desk

The last year has been a busy one for the Library. A new web page debuted that was designed to increase access to and ease-of-use for our growing collection of electronic resources. A portal for [Research and Publishing](#) was added to provide faculty and students with a gateway to topics such as scholarly publishing and funding sources. New workshops on research skills, poster preparation, and keeping current with electronic tools such as RSS feeds were presented. An information session on the new NIH Open Access Policy was held in March and links to important information on this topic added to the Library web page at <http://www.gwumc.edu/library/portals/nihaccess.cfm>. It has been a busy year for our faculty, staff and students as well. If you have not had a chance to explore our electronic resources or attend a workshop of interest, please give your liaison library (See the list below!) a call. Liaisons are happy to answer questions about our collections or demo a key piece of software. We especially look forward to working with faculty over the summer on placing reserves, scheduling orientations, and ordering textbooks for the fall semester. Hope to hear from you soon! Best wishes for a pleasant and productive summer!

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### What's Happening? Get GWUMC news...

If you've ever felt behind the curve when it comes to knowing what is going on around GWUMC, you may want to use a couple of useful RSS feeds. RSS feeds are a simple way to get the information that you're interested in fed directly to you. While the term 'RSS' may be new to you, the idea is simple - set up a website where you can see only the news that you're most interested in, and can tell immediately when it has (or hasn't) been updated. To track what's happening on campus, you can set up RSS feeds on:

- > [Scopus](#) - Use this Scopus feed to track articles being published by GWUMC researchers
- > [Google News](#) - Track articles that mention GWUMC to see what's going on around the medical center and learn about issues on which GWUMC researches have provided expertise.
- > [GWUMC News](#) - Read the latest news stories from GWUMC's Medical Center Communications and Marketing.
- > [Himmelfarb Library](#) - Learn how to use the latest research tools, databases features, and access tips to keep yourself on top of the information that you need.



Note that the links above are for RSS feeds. This means that they'll look great in an RSS feed reader and terrible in a regular web window. If you're new to RSS and need help getting going with RSS, you can learn more about it on Himmelfarb Library's website:

- > [Getting started with RSS](#) - Learn about RSS feeders and how to (easily) set one up.
- > [RSS feeds and e-journals](#) - Find out how easy it is to get the Tables of Contents for your favorite journals delivered to you automatically.
- > [RSS feeds & Scopus](#) - Set up RSS feeds to find the latest articles on whatever topics interest you.

As always, if you have questions or need assistance, please contact us via phone (202-994-8570), email ([library@gwumc.edu](mailto:library@gwumc.edu)), or [Instant Message](#).



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### Guide to Good Clinical Practice: Need information on setting up or running clinical trials?

The [Guide to Good Clinical Practice](#) can be a valuable reference if you're working on a clinical trial for new drugs, devices or biologics or are researching the clinical trials' process and regulations. The Guide to Good Clinical Practice includes:

- > Explanations of laws, federal regulations, and international harmonization efforts
- > Sample checklists for conducting quality assurance audits
- > FDA forms, compliance guides, and informational charts
- > Industry guidance documents and information sheets
- > Analyses of accepted good clinical practices
- > Newsletters with key updates and analysis
- > Clinlaw, an online database of state and federal clinical trial requirements



The [FDA forms](#), [compliance guides](#), and [organizational charts](#) are located under the Additional Resources tab on the main page along with [Clinlaw](#), [Guidance Documents](#), [court cases](#), and other resources. The online Guide to Good Clinical Practice is a very current and comprehensive resource. You can locate specific information by:

- > Using the search box to find information within the Guide, newsletters or selected Federal regulations or statutes or
- > Navigating to any page in the database using the full table of contents on the left side of the screen

The Guide to Good Clinical Practice is available from both our [E-Texts](#) and [E-Databases](#) pages. Off-campus access is available through the [VPN/GWireless](#) or [ALADIN](#). If you have questions regarding off-campus access, please consult the [online instructions](#) or contact the Reference Desk via phone (202-994-8570), email ([library@gwumc.edu](mailto:library@gwumc.edu)), or [Instant Message](#).



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### Rock the Boards!

Students can access a variety of board review materials from Himmelfarb Library and can find a list of the resources available on the Library's [Rock the Boards website](#).

[Rock the Boards](#) can help students identify and access:

- > [Print review books](#) which can be checked out for three weeks (available in Stacks) or three hours (available in Reserves).
- > [Electronic review books](#) which can be accessed from on- or off-campus locations.
- > [Important board related groups](#) including the [AAMC](#) and [USMLE](#).
- > [Computer review programs](#) which can be accessed in Himmelfarb Library, or from off-campus locations.

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### AccessSurgery

[AccessSurgery](#) is now available from Himmelfarb Library. [AccessSurgery](#) is an integrated online resource with information about surgery including videos, animations, full-text textbooks, surgical atlas, and board review materials.

[AccessSurgery](#) offers leading content including:

- > [Surgical Videos](#): Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons
- > [Surgical Animations](#): Adapted from [Zollinger's Atlas of Surgical Operations](#)
- > [Textbooks](#):
  - > [Schwartz's Principles of Surgery](#)
  - > [Current Surgical Diagnosis & Treatment](#)
  - > [Maingot's Abdominal Operations](#)
  - > [Obesity Surgery: Principles and Practice](#)
  - > [Principles of Critical Care](#)
  - > [Trauma](#)
- > [Surgical Atlas](#): [Zollinger's Atlas of Surgical Operations](#)
- > [Surgical Anatomy](#): [Skandalakis' Surgical Anatomy](#)
- > [Board Review](#):
  - > [Surgery Review Illustrated](#)
  - > [Schwartz's Principles of Surgery: Self-Assessment and Board Review](#)
- > [Quick Answers](#): [Current Consult Surgery](#)



In addition to access to a high-quality library of full-text surgery materials, [AccessSurgery](#) provides a number of special features to enhance education and support practice. [AccessSurgery](#) users can:

- > Take a [board review test](#).
- > View [surgical videos on your iPod](#).
- > Look up a symptom or disease in the [Differential Diagnosis \(DDx\) tool](#).
- > Download [Current Consult Surgery to your PDA](#).
- > Link to [AccessMedicine](#) for additional information.
- > Discover related [practice guidelines](#) by clicking a pre-populated search box.
- > Create a [customized search](#) for just videos, just images, or view full-site results.
- > [Research drugs](#) including indications, dosages, and contraindications.

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### Fall Course Reserve Materials

As summer gets underway, it is a good time to submit materials for fall 2008 courses! The deadline for submitting reserves materials early is:

**Monday, August 4, 2008**

Submit your requests and materials by the deadline 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. Our easy to use submission forms are available 24 hours a day.

- > [Request Reserves Materials for Blackboard](#) - use this form for Blackboard e-reserve materials.
- > [Request Print or Audiovisual Reserves](#) - use this form for print and audiovisual materials.



Remember to provide us with good quality photocopies (single sided) of journal articles or book chapters that you want to use for print or electronic reserves.

More information about placing materials on course reserve and links to the forms can be found at the [Reserves Services home page](#). If you have questions, please contact Leah Pellegrino (Head of Cataloging & Reserves - [mlblcp@gwumc.edu](mailto:mlblcp@gwumc.edu), 202-994-3685).



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### Virtual Art Show

This April, we held the 2008 annual art show together with Brush Medicine, the student art group. It was our biggest art show ever and a huge success. There were fifty nine individual pieces of artwork from twenty different artists. The artwork was diverse in theme and medium and included color and black and white photography, paintings, drawings, sculpture, and jewelry. The artists included students, faculty, and staff from departments throughout the medical center.

Having had such a successful and interesting art show we wanted to share it more widely and make it available to those who were not able to see it "live." Many of the artists granted us permission to post photos of their artwork in a virtual art show.



[Click here](#) to view a slideshow of artwork from the 2008 Himmelfarb Library Art Show. We hope you enjoy it!

And if you are an artist working or studying at GWUMC, keep us in mind for next spring. The art show is held every April in the library and we are always looking for new GWUMC artists. All are welcome!

The artwork shown is: Black Madonna (Clay Sculpture) by Roberta Lilly



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### Betsy Appleton wins Horizon Award

Betsy Appleton, Himmelfarb Library Serials Librarian, was chosen as the 2008 [North American Serials Interest Group](#) Horizon Award winner. The Horizon Award is annually awarded to a new information professional that demonstrates leadership potential in working with serials. To qualify for the Horizon Award, applicants submit an essay discussing the 2008 NASIG Annual Conference theme, "Taking the Sting Out of Serials." Appleton's winning essay will be published in the upcoming NASIG newsletter; a preview is available on the [NASIG blog](#).

Appleton had the opportunity to attend the [NASIG annual conference](#) in Phoenix, Arizona June 5-8, and will be serving on the NASIG Public Relations/Publications Committee for 2008-2009.

Established in 1985, the [North American Serials Interest Group, Inc. \(NASIG\)](#) is an independent organization that promotes communication, information, and continuing education about serials and the broader issues of scholarly communication.



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