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### Grey Literature Report

Finding public health information not published in books or journal articles is difficult. Where would you look to find a pamphlet produced by a non-profit health organization that is not listed on their website, or a government agency report that you just can't find on that department's home page or via gpo.gov? What if a Google search does not reveal the answer?

The **Grey Literature Report** is a searchable index of the public health grey literature collected by the New York Academy of Medicine. The report covers publications in the fields of health and science policy, public health, health of minorities and special populations (i.e. children, women, uninsured, elderly) that are not indexed in other health sciences databases or Medline.

The publications do not come from major commercial publishers but from government agencies, non-profit non-governmental organizations, universities, independent research centers, and international organizations. Document types include but are not limited to case studies, conference proceedings, discussion papers, fact sheets, government documents, issue briefs, research reports, statistical reports, and white papers. Numeric reports are not included, although questionnaires, health statistics and data are when they form an integral part of a report. Currently no audiovisual material, videos or webcasts are included in the report.



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### Where are Himmelfarb Library's bound journals?

To create additional study space at Himmelfarb Library, bound journals which were formerly located on the 2nd floor of Himmelfarb Library have moved. Many of these bound journals are now available in on-site storage, while others have been moved to off-site storage. Information on the location of all bound journals can be found by searching the [Library Catalog](#).

If you need an article or issue which is located in on-site storage, simply complete a brief [online request form](#). The volumes which you request will be retrieved from our on-site storage facility and can be picked up at Himmelfarb Library's Reference and Circulation Desk after one hour.

If you need an article which is located in off-site storage, please submit your request electronically via our [Documents2Go Request Form](#). The articles that you request will be ready with two to four business days. Articles can be delivered to you via email, or printed copies can be picked up at Himmelfarb Library's Reference and Circulation Desk.

Electronic access is also provided for the majority of the Library's journal collection; users can access electronic journals by searching the Library Catalog or accessing the [E-Journals webpage](#).



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### One stop search engine for Himmelfarb Library's resources

On January 12, 2009, Himmelfarb Library launched a new, multi-database search engine. This new search engine permits users to search across a broad range of the Library's database resources with one click of a mouse. The multi-database search engine was designed to help users identify resources which contain information on specific topics, to facilitate database discovery, and to assist in locating pertinent print resources. Several demos will be held at the library and at the hospital to introduce users to the search engine.

The multi-database search engine appears on the Himmelfarb Library homepage, and can also be accessed on the [E-Databases](#) and [E-Texts](#) webpages. Users can choose to search across all of the integrated resources: about 40 databases and textbook collections as well as the Library's print resources. Or, users can choose to search specific portions of the collection (e.g. E-Texts, Research Articles, Drug/Pharmacology, etc.). Users can also access the [Advanced Search](#) tool to make their own database selections and apply limits to their searches.

For additional information, please consult to [Multi-Database Search Tutorial](#) or contact the Library's Reference Desk via phone at 202-994-8570, via email at [library@gwumc.edu](mailto:library@gwumc.edu), or via [Instant Message](#).



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### New Look for Himmelfarb's Library Catalog

Himmelfarb's **Library Catalog** was upgraded over the winter holidays. The upgrade brings an updated look and a few new features for library users.

- > Detailed information about item availability appears in brief and detailed catalog records.
- > Immediate holds can be placed when an item is currently checked out.
- > Materials can still be renewed using the 'My Account' feature.

Improvements are continuing to be made to the new interface. If you have any questions about how to use the upgraded Library Catalog, contact the Information Desk at 202-994-2850 or [library@gwumc.edu](mailto:library@gwumc.edu).



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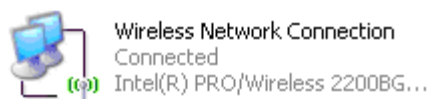
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### Easy printing from your laptop



Himmelfarb Library is happy to announce that wireless printing is now possible throughout the Library.

Send documents or websites to the printers from your PC or Mac anywhere in the Library. Print jobs will remain in the print queue for two hours and can be claimed at any printer in the Library. Please consult these **additional instructions** for information on installing the necessary software.

Please contact the [Reference Desk](#) if you have questions.



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### Consortium Loan Service

Himmelfarb Library now participates in the **Consortium Loan Service (CLS)** which provides access to other libraries in the Washington Research Library Consortium. Through the CLS service, GWUMC affiliates can borrow materials from other GWU libraries, as well as from libraries at other area universities including American, Georgetown, Gallaudet, George Mason and Marymount Universities, and the University of the District of Columbia.

To use CLS, you should register your email address in ALADIN by accessing **myALADIN** and updating or adding your preferred email address in the upper right portion of screen. You can then request books or journal articles by locating items in the ALADIN Catalog, and then clicking on **'Request through Consortium Loan Services'**<sup>™</sup>. Materials must be picked up and dropped off at the Gelman Library Circulation Desk.

Additional information including detailed instructions for creating CLS requests is available on the Gelman Library [Consortium Loan service webpage](#).



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### Access Monitor in Himmelfarb

Access to Himmelfarb Library was recently **restricted to Medical Center affiliates**, due to renovations taking place on the Library's second floor and the subsequent loss of study space.

In order to ensure that Medical Center affiliates have full access to our current study spaces and resources, we have set up an Access Monitor desk at the entrance to the library. The person staffing the desk is responsible for checking all user IDs as people enter the library. Please carry your ID with you at all times and be prepared to show it each time you enter Himmelfarb.

While we understand this is an additional step for all users, we are appreciative of your cooperation in helping us create a more satisfying environment in which to study at Himmelfarb Library. Himmelfarb's **access policy** is listed in full on the Library's webpage.

Thank you for your help!



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