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There is a lot going on this fall at Himmelfarb. Check our calendar for upcoming workshops! New this fall is a series of bi-weekly lunchtime sessions on conducting systematic reviews. Stop by the Circulation Desk to use our re-opened and expanded 3d printing service or explore human anatomy with the BodyViz 3d software available on the third floor. If you are thinking about publishing research results or a case report, check out the Himmelfarb Scholarly Communications Short Video Series. These videos are designed to bring you up to date on trends in publishing in 5 minute chunks! Sign up to follow news about Himmelfarb resources, services, and
activities on Facebook, twitter, Instagram and our own blog.

Let me close with a warm welcome to all new students and faculty! Welcome back to all returning students and faculty! Everyone at Himmelfarb Library looks forward to working with you this fall!

Best wishes for fall 2021!
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The GW VPN creates an encrypted channel from your location directly to GW’s network. When you connect to the GW VPN, you are connecting to the GW network, which allows remote access to university systems and resources, including Himmelfarb’s databases, journals, and e-books.

Using the VPN is a great way to access Himmelfarb’s resources for a number of reasons. When you are off-campus, websites might not know that you are affiliated with GW, and that through this affiliation you should have access to Himmelfarb’s resources. Have you ever tried to access the full-text of an e-book or journal article and been faced with an error message, a log-in page, or a paywall? If Himmelfarb Library has purchased or subscribes to that resource, you do not need to pay that fee! You just need to authenticate through GW to have access. When you connect to the GW VPN, you will have access to all of the resources that Himmelfarb has purchased or subscribes to for your use, free of charge. Using the GW VPN will also eliminate additional log-
in while using Himmelfarb’s resources from our website.

To download the VPN, visit https://my.gwu.edu/mod/downloads/?category=VPN and download the Cisco AnyConnect client. Once you’ve downloaded the VPN client, locate and start the Cisco AnyConnect program from your device. To log-in to the Cisco AnyConnect VPN (go.vpn.gwu.edu), click “connect” and enter your GW NetID and password when prompted. Once you are logged in to the VPN, your device will function as though you are working from the library.

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In September, we provided overviews of library resources and services, instruction on searching library databases, guidance on specific citation styles, and much more! We also continued our Systematic Review Seminar Series and led sessions on preparing abstracts and posters for conferences.

If you were not able to attend our September workshops, please reach out for the recordings or view tutorials on a variety of topics on the Himmelfarb website and YouTube channel.

Coming up in October, we have a workshop to get you started using RefWorks, a web-based reference management tool available through GW, and a workshop on Covidence, another web-based tool to streamline the systematic review process. We demystify AMA citation format and help you select a journal for publication. Our Systematic Review Seminar Series continues with sessions on searching, screening, and, ultimately, publishing your review, through December.

All workshops will be held online for fall 2021, and most are scheduled during lunch or evening hours. If you are unsure whether you are able to attend, you may register to receive the recording. The session instructors will email access details prior to the workshop and information on how to access the recording and additional resources following the workshop.
While our fall workshops and systematic review seminars are anchors in the annual calendar, we host events throughout the year. See what’s upcoming or request a session for your course or student group!
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Just below the search box, users will see boxes for clinical content to allow users to access those content types more quickly: Clinical Overviews, drug monographs, calculators, guidelines, and patient education. Users can browse and search within content areas as well as across the entire ClinicalKey library. In the Clinical Overviews section, users can use the filter area to locate specific topics, or can access an A-Z list of topics which also provides each Content Overview’s update date.
GW users frequently access ClinicalKey for educational material as well and users can continue to browse that material via a second set of boxes which provides access to content areas for books, journals, procedure videos, and multimedia. Within these educational content areas, users can search or browse for specific items.

The search results page for ClinicalKey and ClinicalKey for Nursing has also been redesigned to help users access information more quickly. In both resources, the left panel allows users to filter for specific source types, the central panel displays a relevance-ranked list of resources, and the right hand panel highlights available books and Clinical Overviews on the topic. In addition, Clinical Overviews results include links to specific clinical tasks including diagnosis, workup, and treatment.
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The goals of this year’s survey were:

- To determine the perceived value of Himmelfarb’s journal collection
- To identity faculty publishing preferences and journal usage habits
- To prioritize potent journal titles to add to the collection in future years

Some of the key takeaways from this survey include:

- 122 responses (SMHS - 78 responses, GWSPH - 33 responses, SON - 11 responses)
- 94% overall satisfaction rate with Himmelfarb’s resources and services!
- 50% VPN Use: Only 50% of users accessed e-resources from off-campus using the GW VPN.
90% of respondents agreed that Himmelfarb contributes to their ability to find scientific literature and stay current in their field.

Research Guides and Chat Reference were among the most frequently used services provided.

PubMed was the most popular method of locating journal articles.

When asked about satisfaction with experience using Himmelfarb’s journal collection, an overwhelming 89% of respondents were satisfied. The general theme among comments regarding how Himmelfarb could improve the journal collection was to increase the number of journals included in the collection. Titles related to public health, sexual health, and Alzheimer’s were specifically requested. While Himmelfarb Library acknowledges that adding more journals to our collection would be ideal, operating within budget constraints has necessitated cuts to our journal subscriptions in recent years, making adding new journals to our collection impossible.

94% of respondents expressed satisfaction with Himmelfarb’s resources and services! While we are thrilled with this overwhelmingly positive feedback, we recognize that there is always room for improvement. Survey results indicate that opportunities for improvement exist related to VPN awareness, Interlibrary Loan and Documents2Go awareness and usability, journal ease-of-use, expansion of Himmelfarb’s journal collection, and increased promotion of underutilized services and resources. Himmelfarb Library is committed to addressing these opportunities for improvement in the coming year and is focused on providing our users with the best possible resources and services.

A full report of the survey results is available on the 2021 Faculty Journal Survey Results Guide. If you have questions or concerns about the 2021 Faculty Journal Survey results, please contact Ruth Bueter (rbueter@gwu.edu).
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Consortium Loan Service
Consortium Loan Service, or CLS for short, is a free service that allows our users to request books that are available within the Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC).

How do I place a CLS request?

1. Search for the book you are looking for in the Himmelfarb catalog advanced search. Make sure that Articles + GW & Consortium Catalog is selected.
2. Under “How to get it” click Sign In. Use your GW Net ID & password to login.
3. Under “How to get it” click “Consortium Loan Service Request”
4. Specify where you would like to pick the book up, at the Himmelfarb library, or at our Ashburn location.

Interlibrary Loan
If you are looking for an article or book that is not available in our catalog or through CLS, Interlibrary Loan (ILL), is a great option! Through ILL, we can request books and articles from
libraries across the country on your behalf. Articles normally take 24-72 hours to be delivered. Books may take longer depending on how far away the lending library is from D.C. For detailed information about our ILL service, check out our Interlibrary Loan and Documents2Go guide!

To make an Interlibrary Loan request, you will need to access our Documents2Go (Docs2Go) portal.

1. Log in using your GW Net ID & password. Make sure to leave out any '@gwu.edu' part of your net ID. You will not be able to access your account if you include it.

2. To make a request:
   1. Find the “Make a new request” menu item.
   2. Select the type of resource you want to request: article, book, or book chapter
   3. Please be as detailed as possible in order to help us find the exact resource you need. Include the journal title, article title, page number, volume, or year, and author.
   4. Click the ‘Submit Request’ when you are ready to place your request.

3. Once you’ve placed your request, we will do our best to find the resource from another library.

4. Once we receive a PDF of the requested article, or book chapter, you will receive an email notification informing you that you can access your article through your Documents2Go portal. Keep in mind, these articles disappear after 30 days on your account, so download it if you want permanent access to the material!

5. If the item you requested is a physical book, once we receive the item, you will receive a notification informing you that the item is available for pick up at the Himmelfarb Circulation Desk, or at the Ashburn Library.

If you would like to read further information about these services, you can check out our blog post or contact mlbdoc@gwu.edu.

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Himmelfarb: The New Normal.

- Masks are back. While in the Library and Ross Hall, we ask that you use facemasks at all times. This guidance is consistent with the District’s decision which is based on guidance from the CDC and also as a precaution as COVID rates have increased locally.
- The IT Support center is now located on the 3rd floor in the Bloedorn Technology Center. If you have any questions or need technical assistance feel free to stop by the support center or email casshelp@gwu.edu.
- Yoga Balls: The Yoga balls are back and available at the Circulation desk! Please make sure that these stay in the library, they are to be used on site only!
- We are happy to offer new computers in room B103! B103 is available for use anytime that it's not booked for a class; please refer to the schedule posted outside the door!
- Furniture: Have you noticed? Our furniture is back!
We ask that you take good care of it!

**Study Room Reservations are back!**
Are you looking for a place to study without interruption? **Make a reservation today!** You must have access to the Himmelfarb library, and these rooms need to be reserved in advance. Rooms are not supervised, we are not responsible for any belongings that are left unattended. If you leave the room for longer than 15 minutes, you forfeit your reservation, you are expected to use the room for the time you reserved. If you have any questions, please contact the Circulation desk at (202) 994-1829.

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What brought you to GW?
I first heard about GW through its sailing team, which I was ultimately recruited to; but as a student I was very interested in the Milken Institute of Public Health and earning a B.S. in Exercise Science from there. I ultimately graduated with a B.S. in Public Health, but I could not have imagined a better college experience for myself! GW and its community are truly so unique.

What are you currently studying?
I am currently in the second year of my candidacy for an MPH in Health Policy here at GW! I fell in love with Public Health after my first class at Milken my sophomore year, and by junior year I knew I wanted to pursue an MPH in Health Policy at GW. I am so thankful for the opportunity to continue my education here alongside such educated peers, staff, and faculty.

You also work at Himmelfarb Library. What is your role?
I am a circulation desk attendant here at the Himmelfarb Library! I began working here as a junior during my undergraduate studies and have been here ever since. The community here at Himmelfarb Library is one I cherish greatly and one that I have missed very much over the past year! Whether it’s discussing fantasy football strategy with Val, evaluating best baking practices with Marie (we miss you!),
daydreaming about the Outer Banks with Catherine and Kathy, chatting with Susan (we miss you!) about soup recipes, reminding Ruth about my fear of heights as she discusses her trapeze adventures, or greeting patrons with a friendly smile; being a member of this community is something I am so proud of. If I am not at the circulation desk, I am most likely on the hunt for a missing book in the stacks.

What has been the best part of working at Himmelfarb?
The best part of working at Himmelfarb is the people! I love being the first face patrons see when they come into the library. The students, staff, and faculty work long and hard hours, so I try to brighten up the mood as much as I can. I have met so many kind and incredible people here that have taught me so much; and that I can one day seek medical council from!

As you reflect on your time at GW, can you share a favorite Himmelfarb memory or an experience you found to be most helpful?
Himmelfarb holds such an important place in my heart it’s difficult to choose an answer for this. My favorite memories come from the conversations I have here at the library. There is so much character in this quiet place, and there is always something new to learn!

What has been the most unexpected, surprising, or challenging experience as a GW student?
The most unexpected and challenging experience as a GW student was definitely getting through the pandemic. Spending this much time away from campus and peers was very difficult; I am so glad to be back and part of the hustle and bustle again!

What are your plans after GW?
Upon graduating, I hope to stay in D.C. and put my MPH in Health Policy to use as a policy analyst for the federal government. I plan on focusing my career on health insurance coverage issues, including Medicaid reform, Medicare, and improving quality of coverage and care for low-income, vulnerable and immigrant populations. This city is so unique; I hope to continue calling this my home for a few more years!

When you are not studying, what are your hobbies, interests, or special things you like to do?
Studying is very important to me, but I also recognize the importance of spending time on interests outside of school and work. One of my favorite things to do when I have some spare time is paint! I did a lot of oil painting when I was younger, but when I began college, I didn't have as much free time to do so because the set-up, drying, and the cleaning process can be lengthy and messy. So, I began to watercolor! I love watercolors because they are more forgiving than oil painting and are much less messy.