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WELCOME!

On behalf of the entire Himmelfarb Library staff, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new and returning faculty, staff, and students to the Library. In addition to all the "traditional" library services with which I am sure you are familiar, I would like to take this opportunity to point out the many educational programs available in the Library. These programs, including tours, orientations, workshops, seminars and demonstrations, are designed to help you develop information access, retrieval and management skills. Classes include workshops on information retrieval techniques and the use of microcomputers.

I hope you will take the opportunity to become acquainted with all of our services and programs. Feel free to discuss your library and information needs with the library staff, and remember, my door is always open, too.

Shelley Bader
Director

Interlibrary Loan

Himmelfarb Library offers Interlibrary Loan services to GWUMC faculty, staff and students. This gives access to materials not owned by the libraries at George Washington University. E-Mail is used to send requests to the nearest holding library. Most of the requests are filled in 5 to 9 days. In most cases, this service is offered at no cost to the recipient. For further information, call ILL at 2860.

LIBRARY USER SURVEYS

George Washington University's Office of Internal Audit has contracted with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. to perform cost analysis studies at the Himmelfarb Library.

Peat Marwick's library cost study methodology relies heavily on results from user surveys, which will be conducted randomly throughout FY86/87. Survey questions gather information concerning the purpose for library visits and ascertaining the types of library services being utilized.

If you enter the Himmelfarb Library during a survey period, please take a few minutes to complete a survey form and return it as you exit the library. Surveys will take place twice a month through the next year. Thank you for your cooperation.

Questions regarding the survey can be directed to Elaine Martin, X2963.

BOOKSALE

The Library's annual booksale will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, August 26 and 27 in the Library's Levine Lounge. The sale will include duplicates of new titles, as well as items weeded from the Library's collections. Prices will start at 50 cents, and everything will be half price the second day. A set of Encyclopaedia Britannica will be sold on the first day to the person making the best offer (above a minimum).

ONLINE SERVICES

The Library offers patrons access to over 200 online databases. In addition to MEDLINE which covers the field of clinical medicine, there is a wide range of files available on business, cancer, health administration, and allied health topics. The result of an online search is generally a bibliography of journal citations tailored to a requestor's specific research needs. Online searches may be requested by calling extension 2850 or by completing one of the search request forms available at the Library's Reference Desk and in the Hospital Reading Room. Most searches are completed within twenty-four hours. Individuals authorized to charge online searches to their departments may pick up their search results at the Library's Reference Desk or in the Hospital Reading Room. Individuals paying cash for online searches must pick up their search results at the Library's Circulation Desk.

Search charges for MEDLINE, HEALTH, CANCER and other comparable NLM databases are generally \$3.00 for GWUMC students and \$6.00 for GWUMC faculty and staff. For TOXLINE, CHEMLINE and most other data-bases, GWUMC patrons are charged direct search costs.

Most Medical Center departments provide the Library with lists of individuals authorized to charge online search services. These lists are updated annually. Additions to the list must be made in writing by the department.

The Library's Information and Instructional Services staff also provides Medical Center staff who do their own online searching with support and consultation services. Simply call X2850 to inquire about BRS/Colleague, MEDLINE, and other online training classes.

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HIMMELFARB PHOTOCOPY SERVICE

Himmelfarb Photocopy Service (HPS) is available to GWU faculty, staff and students. HPS staff will retrieve items in the Library's collections and photocopy the requested material (providing there are no copyright violations) usually within 24 hours.

Cost is \$2 per article for articles 1-10 pages in length. Longer articles cost an additional \$0.10 per page. For an additional small fee, HPS will fill out Interlibrary Loan forms for your cited articles which are not owned by Himmelfarb.

Call Circulation at X2962 to place an order or for further information.

AV STUDY CENTER

The Bloedorn Audiovisual Study Center (BAVSC) is on the third floor of Himmelfarb Library and is for the use of GWUMC students, faculty, and staff. GW students enrolled in Medical Center courses must have a temporary I.D. to use the AV Study Center. A valid Himmelfarb Library card is required for all loan transactions.

The AV Study Center also supplies AV equipment for use in the library's conference rooms. For conference room reservations and/or AV equipment, call X2856 at least 2 days in advance.

Faculty or staff needing AV reserves should call X8906 at least 6 to 8 weeks in advance.

The Microcomputer Lab is located in the AV Study Center and is also available for use by GWU medical and allied health students, GW Hospital house staff, and faculty and staff of the Medical Center. The Lab has a number of software programs. Microcomputer hardware and software do not circulate, however. Orientations to the Microlab are given every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. To register, call BAVSC Circulation Desk.

INFORMATION AT A GLANCE

To help you take advantage of the Library's services described in this newsletter, the "Information at a Glance" series has been designed. These one-page fact sheets are color coded and can easily be retained in a 3-ring notebook for ready reference.

The "Information at a Glance" sheets that are available include the following:

- Bloedorn AV Study Center
- Books/Media Recommendations
- General Information
- Interlibrary Loan
- Online Search Services
- Photocopying
- Reference Book Location Guide
- Reserve Collection
- Hospital Reading Room
- Microcomputer Lab
- Himmelfarb Photocopy Service

These and other user aids are available in the Library on the Reference stand or by calling the Reference Desk at X2963.

NCME TAPES

Because of the age of the NCME tapes in our collection and their lack of use, they are being removed from the Bloedorn Audiovisual Services Center. The tapes cover a variety of topics and were issued in 1976. They are shelved under the call number range: RC46.VT219-252.

If you have any questions about this decision, please contact Suzanne Porter at X8906.

CIRCULATION

Himmelfarb Circulation staff want to remind all library patrons of current loan policies:

Books circulate 2 weeks and can be renewed up to 3 times unless requested by another library user.

Limited Loan items circulate 3 days and are not renewable.

The current 5 years of journals circulate 2 hours and are not renewable. Journals older than 5 years circulate 7 days and are not renewable.

Reserve items circulate 2 hours and/or overnight and may be renewed.

Renewals may be made in person or by telephone at X2962. No more than 6 items may be renewed by phone. Overdue items or items requested by another user may not be renewed.

All faculty, staff and students are subject to fines as follows:

For books, \$0.25 per day per item with a maximum of \$5 per item.

For Limited Loan Items, \$1 per day per item with a maximum of \$5 per item.

For current journals and reserves, \$1 per hour per item; maximum \$5 per item.

The library will resume its regular Fall hours on Monday, August 25. The hours will be:

	LIBRARY	BLOEDORN AVSC
Mon - Thurs	7:30 am - midnight	8:30 am - 10:00 pm
Friday	7:30 am - 10:00 pm	8:30 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am - 10:00 pm	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am - midnight	10:00 am - 10:00 pm

Special hours for Labor Day Weekend are as follows:

	LIBRARY	BLOEDORN AVSC
Friday, Aug. 29	7:30 am - 8:00 pm	8:30 am - 6:00 pm
Sat., Aug. 30	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	12 noon - 5:00 pm
Sun., Aug. 31	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	12 noon - 5:00 pm
Mon., Sept. 1	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	12 noon - 5:00 pm
Tues., Sept 2	Resume regular hours.	



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