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COMPUTERIZED RESERVES CATALOG

Many of you may have noticed the new computer terminal located on the table near the Library's card catalog. If you haven't noticed it, perhaps you wondered about the clown swinging above the table. The clown is there to herald the Library's new computerized Reserves System.

All reserve material will now be accessible via the computer terminal, with a menu-driven program which guides the user through the search for just the right reserve item. Whereas the old card system allowed the user only one access point to the material, the new system will offer search by multiple access points. Items may be retrieved by department, by course number, by author or title of a book, by professor's name, or by any major key word if all of the information is not known.

If you have not tested this new system, please take a moment to try it out when you are in the Library. Any reference librarian will be happy to offer assistance.

NEW MEDICAL RECORDS JOURNALS

The Medical Records Administration Program is providing the Library with two new journals, Prospective Payment Guide and Hospital Risk Management, which will begin in January 1987.

In giving these subscriptions to the Library, Roland Dale, Program Director, expressed his wish to make these resources easily available to all Medical Center personnel.

LIBRARY JOURNAL USE STUDY

The Himmelfarb Library is conducting a journal use study of the current periodical shelves on the first floor. As each journal issue is reshelved by Library staff, the bar-coded identification label on the back cover is read with a portable scanner. This information is transferred to the Library's computer system for compilation and analysis. It will then be used to make informed decisions about journal retention or possible cancellation.

So that the Library may get the most accurate picture possible of actual use, we ask that you please not return journal issues to the shelves when you have finished using them. Instead, place them on the book trucks which are located in the current periodical shelving area. For more information, call Laurie Thompson at x2853.

ARTICLES ON AZT

The Library now has a bibliography of articles on azidothymidine (AZT) and its use in the treatment of AIDS. It is in the literature rack located near the card catalog.
Editor's Note: We would like to welcome to the Library five new staff members: Laurie Thompson, George Paul, Brenda Seago, Karen Stephenson and Patrice Hardeman.

Laurie Thompson is the new Assistant Director for Library Operations. She comes to Himmelfarb Library from the National Library of Medicine, where she was Assistant Principal Cataloger. Laurie’s areas of responsibilities include Circulation, Serials, Collection Development, Cataloging, and Library Systems.

George Paul is the new Head of Circulation. He comes from the University of Virginia, where he was Head of Circulation. He hails from Nebraska, where he attended undergraduate school. He has an M.A. from Virginia and an M.L.S. from Indiana.

Brenda Seago recently received her MLS degree from the University of Maryland, and is now Reference/Microcomputer Librarian at Himmelfarb. Brenda worked most recently at Georgetown’s Dahlgren Library, where she assisted with programming and training on the Library’s Information System.

Karen Stephenson is the Executive Assistant for Library Operations. Originally from Southern California, she has been with the University since 1980, first as an Art History undergraduate, later as Senior Computer Operator at GW’s Gelman Library.

Patrice Hardeman is the Secretary for Himmelfarb Library’s Director, Shelley Bader. Patrice relocated to the D.C. Metropolitan area after completing an Advanced Legal Secretarial Course in Phoenix, Arizona. She will be a student in the University’s CCEW Public Relations Professional Program beginning February 1987.

Medical Center departments and staff interested in searching the MEDLINE database through the PaperChase system may now subscribe through the Library’s group account. PaperChase subscribers access MEDLINE back to 1966 via a menu-driven program, which prompts users through each step of an online search. Group account members are eligible for volume discounts and are billed directly by the Library. Current PaperChase charges average about $22.00 an hour. For further information, contact Anne Linton, Online Coordinator, at ext. 8478.

NLM LITERATURE SEARCHES

The following new literature searches from the National Library of Medicine are available in the Reference Department:

Platelet Transfusion Therapy No. 86-11

AIDS 10th Update No. 86-9

To order single copies at no cost, list the name and number of the searches desired and send a self-addressed mailing label to:

Literature Search Service
MEDLARS Management
National Library of Medicine
8600 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

JOURNAL DONATIONS

The Library often receives unsolicited donations of personal journal copies from our users. While we occasionally have a need to replace a missing issue, we are unable to use the majority of such donations. If you have personal journal copies that you wish to donate to the library, please call the Serials Department at x3684 and we will let you know if we can use them.


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