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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.

New this Fall is the miniMEDLINE System, which allows GWU Medical Center faculty, staff and students to perform their own searches on a subset of the MEDLINE System.

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

FAILURE TO RESEARCH DRUG RESULTS IN JUDGMENT OF PHYSICIAN NEGLECT

In the case of Harbeson v. Parke-Davis, three Washington State physicians were found guilty in 1983 of wrongful birth after prescribing Dilantin to a pregnant, epileptic woman. It was the court's decision that the physicians had breached a standard of care by not conducting a literature search before prescribing the drug. Two children born to the patient have fetal hydantoin syndrome.

For those interested in further information about the subject of legal responsibility to research, Himmelfarb Library's Information and Instructional Services staff will be collecting material for the library's vertical files. Ask at the Reference Desk for assistance.

BOOKSALE

The Himmelfarb Library's Annual Booksale will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, August 25 and 26 in the Levine Lounge at the entrance to the Library. The sale will include duplicates of new titles, as well as items weeded from the collection. Items will be priced from 50 cents. On Wednesday all remaining items will be half the marked price.
THE miniMEDLINE SYSTEM

Medical Center faculty, staff and students are now able to conduct their own online searches of a portion of the MEDLINE database through a search program called miniMEDLINE. The miniMEDLINE database will be updated monthly with newly-published references. The program is menu-driven; searchers can simply follow a series of clear prompts in order to complete searches. Journal references may be located by searching for author's names, medical subjects or title words. Abstracts are available for many of the references. For more information, call the Reference Desk at x42850.

GW HOSPITAL WOMEN'S BOARD GIFT

More than $165,000 has been donated this year by members of the GW Hospital Women's Board for support of Medical Center Programs. "The Himmelfarb Library is extremely grateful to be one of the recipients of the Women's Board Gift which will purchase additional workstations for the microcomputer laboratory and training classroom," says Elaine Martin, Assistant Director for Information and Instructional Services.

Shelley Bader, Library Director, recently attended a Women's Board luncheon to thank the members for their generous donation. To show how the Women's Board's earlier gift for microcomputer equipment was being used, she gave a short slide presentation describing the Library's microcomputer laboratory and computer literacy program.

In addition to the equipment gift, the Women's Board presented the Library with a $1,000 donation for the purchase of books and computer software. This gift represents the profits from the book cart taken to patients' rooms and the Board's annual book sale. Mrs. Joyce Hobbs, Women's Board member and Past President of the GW Faculty Women's Club, is to be particularly thanked for her efforts in running these activities.

HOSPITAL SATELLITE NETWORK

During the past several months, the Library has been collecting videotaped programs recorded from the Hospital Satellite Network. These programs, ranging from 30 minute updates to 120 minute teleconferences, are now available in the Bloedorn AV Study Center. Subjects are up-to-date, and many offer continuing education credit (CME, CNE, CE AHP, CE MGR). Subjects range from general anatomy to hospital public relations, and are intended for use by medical, allied health, nursing and management personnel of the Medical Center.

The videotapes are 1/2 inch, VHS format, suitable for use on most home players. Players are available in the AV Study Center by reservation, or in the Hospital Reading Room 24 hours a day.

If you would like to receive updated lists of these programs, please call Barbara Collins at x41824.

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 needs. Online searches may be requested by calling x42850 or by completing one of the search request forms available at the Library's Reference Desk or in the Hospital Reading Room.

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 other databases, GWUMC patrons are charged direct search costs.

The Library's Information and Instructional Services staff also provides Medical Center staff who do their own searching with support and consultation services. Simply call x42850 to inquire about BRS/Colleague, MEDLINE, and other online training classes.
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 x42962. 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, with a maximum $5 per item.

AV STUDY CENTER

The Bloedorn Audiovisual Study Center (AVSC) is on the third floor of Himmelfarb Library and is for the use of GWUMC students, faculty, and staff. A valid Himmelfarb Library card is required for all loan transactions.

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 Computer Assisted Instruction and Applications for, IBM-PC, Macintosh, and Apple Iie. software programs. Microcomputer hardware and software do not circulate. Orientations to the Microlab are given every Wednesday, 12:30-1:00. No pre-registration is necessary.

Beginning with the Fall Semester, the BAVSC will be extending its hours of operation as follows:

Mon.–Thurs. 7:30 AM – Midnight
Friday 7:30 AM – 8:00 PM
Saturday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM – 10:00 PM

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Himmelfarb Library offers Interlibrary Loan (ILL) 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 42860.

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LIBRARY CLASSES

Library staff will be offering a variety of classes this fall, from microcomputers to library skills for secretaries. A complete calendar is enclosed in this newsletter. Additional copies are available at the Reference Desk. Classes are open to faculty, staff and students of the Medical Center. For more information, or to register for a class, call the Information and Instructional Services Department at x42850.

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 twenty-four 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 fee, HPS will fill out Interlibrary Loan forms for your cited articles which are not owned by Himmelfarb.

Call Circulation at x41831 to place an order or for further information.

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