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SHORTCUTS TO INFORMATION

Is your ordinary procedure for locating information cumbersome and time-consuming? Maybe you or your staff should attend the Workshop for Secretaries & Research Assistants on May 12, 1988 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. to learn some shortcuts for using the Himmelfarb Library. This workshop gives an in-depth orientation to the Library, including specific techniques for locating journal articles or books on a particular topic; requesting photocopies, interlibrary loans, or computer searches; or using miniMEDLINE to create a bibliography on a topic. To register for the workshop, call the Reference Desk at ext. 42850.

ANNUAL GWUMC ART SHOW

The Annual Medical Center Art Show is on display right now in Himmelfarb Library until the end of May. If you have not stopped by yet to view the creative works of your colleagues or students, you should make an effort to do so. The art show reveals many unexpected talents of the people with whom you work or study.

The art show is a nonjuried exhibit with items on display for a short time before they are rotated. If you are artistically inclined, there's still time to enter your art, needlework, craft, photography, or project in this year's show. To submit items for exhibit, contact Faye Green at ext. 42963.

DIAL ACCESS TO miniMEDLINE

The Library is now offering dial access to miniMEDLINE. Access information has been mailed to all of you who submitted applications. If you did not receive your access information, or if you would like to register for dial access, please call Laurie Thompson at ext. 42853.

COMING SOON! TO ALL REGISTERED DIAL ACCESS USERS!

MAILMAN
SILVER PLATTER MEDLINE AT HIMMELFARB

The Himmelfarb Library is one of twenty-one medical center libraries across the United States participating in the National Library of Medicine’s evaluation of MEDLINE CD-ROM products. As a result of the Library’s participation in this project, the Silver Platter compact disc version of the MEDLINE database will be available to patrons through September 1988. Medical Center faculty, staff, and students may search the complete MEDLINE database back to 1983 at the computer workstation location on the first floor of the Library. This system is free of charge. The Silver Platter compact disc version of MEDLINE is designed for self-service searching and will be available whenever the Library is open. Please help Library staff evaluate this compact disc product by completing an evaluation form! For additional information, contact Anne Linton, Online Coordinator, at ext. 48478.

SECOND FLOOR REHABILITATION

The second floor of the library (the journal stacks) will be undergoing a much-needed facelift this summer. The old, very worn carpet will be replaced in the stack area and in the study and conference rooms. Surgery is scheduled to begin June 20. While we will try to make it as painless as possible, cosmetic surgery of this extent calls for patience and understanding from the family during a traumatic time. To help speed recovery, the Library will be closed to the general public during this time; only Medical Center personnel will be allowed visiting privileges.

PLAN YOUR FALL LIBRARY ORIENTATIONS

Do your students have the information retrieval skills necessary to complete assignments for your course? The Himmelfarb Library staff can provide specialized instruction for your students during a scheduled class period. You may wish to arrange a library tour, an orientation to the Microcomputer Laboratory, an online searching demonstration or a class in library resources. It’s not too early to plan for the fall. To arrange a session, contact Cindy Jacobson, User Education Librarian, at ext. 42850.

miniMEDLINE IN HOSPITAL READING ROOM

It is now possible to access the miniMEDLINE system from a terminal in the Hospital Reading Room. The terminal is located in the study carrel nearest the back of the room. This terminal will not include a printer, but it is hoped that Hospital staff who use the journal collection in this room will find the system useful for locating particular citations from these journals. If printouts are needed, the terminals in the Himmelfarb Library may be used.

For questions, or to report problems with the system, call the Himmelfarb Reference Desk at ext. 42850.

NEW STAFF

Marilyn Harwood is the new Assistant Head of Circulation. She is a recent graduate of Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin, with a degree in Anthropology.

Please welcome Scot McComas our new Acquisitions Assistant. He is a native of Texas and is a junior at GWU studying international affairs.
The patient is a 48 year old black lawyer brought in after a seizure at home. He has been in good health and active except for a "little high blood pressure" noted a year ago but never treated. For the past week he has been irritable and for the past 2 days has been complaining of a severe headache not relieved by numerous aspirins. This afternoon he had a generalized convulsion.

This introduction is from the RxDx computer program "Hypertensive Emergencies". You are next provided with the results of the physical exam and asked for the most likely diagnosis (which turns out to be the malignant phase of essential hypertension). With feedback from the computer, you will determine the proper management of this patient.

RxDx is an interactive software series developed by the Massachusetts General Hospital. It provides hands-on clinical practice through simulations of the decision-making involved in diagnosis and management. Each disk consists of a number of different cases (both "classic" and "difficult"), a tutorial and a list of references. Some of the programs put an emphasis on cost containment and score you on your performance. CME credit is available to physicians who purchase their own software and successfully complete a post-test.

Two of the programs in this series were recently reviewed in the New England Journal of Medicine. "Stupor and Coma" was highly recommended by the reviewer for internists, neurologists, family practitioners, residents and medical students. "Abdominal Pain" was found to be a "useful drill in differential diagnosis", especially for junior residents, senior medical students and emergency room physicians.

You may request these programs at the 3rd floor AVSC Circulation Desk for use in the Microcomputer Laboratory. The Himmelfarb Library owns the following disks, all in IBM format:

Abdominal Pain
Arrhythmias Tutorial I
Arrhythmias Tutorial II
Arrhythmias: Case Studies
Arterial Blood Gases
Bleeding Disorders
Chest Pains
CPR Training by Computer
Critical Care Medicine
Digitalis
Hypertension Management
Hypertensive Emergencies
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