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WELCOME!
WELCOME BACK!

We hope all our users have had an enjoyable summer. The Himmelfarb Library staff have been busy planning a full array of exciting information services and educational programs for this academic year. Watch for announcements in this newsletter, the Library's schedule of continuing education classes, the Friday Report, and the weekly Medical Center Calendar of Events.

The Himmelfarb Automated Library, HAL, is going and growing to better serve your information needs. The miniMEDLINE database now contains references from 417 journals owned by the Library. A terminal has been put in the Hospital Reading Room for those times when you can't come across the street. Remember the system is also accessible by dial-access from your home or office computer. You may also use the University's ISN system to log in. New this fall is an electronic mailbox system called Mailman. You may use it to communicate with other Medical Center faculty, staff, and students, as well as leave messages for or ask questions of the Library's Reference Department at mailbox address REF. If you have not already registered for these services stop by or give us a call.

The Himmelfarb Library just celebrated its 15th birthday. We've made a lot of progress in those 15 years. Like most adolescents, we know we have a bright future ahead of us. We hope you will take the time to let us know about other programs and information services which would benefit you or help in your patient care, research or teaching endeavors.

Shelley Bader
Director
NEW LIBRARY PHOTOCOPY SYSTEM INSTALLED

On July 1, the Library installed the Copier Accountant photocopier card system to replace Infotext. Now, instead of borrowing a card from the Circulation Desk and waiting in line to pay for your copies, you can purchase a card in advance and use it whenever you wish. The copy card has a magnetic strip encoded with the number of copies you have purchased. As you make copies, the controller counts them and deducts the value from the card. When your card is empty, you may trade it in on the purchase of a new card at the Circulation Desk. We will be installing a self-service encoder in the fall which will allow you to add more value to the card yourself.

Copy rates remain $.05 per page for Medical Center personnel. There is an initial $1.00 charge for a card. Credit account users have been notified about their new credit cards. If you still have a Library Infotext credit card and have not received a replacement, please notify the Circulation Desk at ext. 42962.

DON'T HANG UP!

GWUMC faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to telephone the OnCall Line (994-2850) at night or on weekends to request a computer search or help with a research problem. Messages left on the OnCall Line will be answered by a reference librarian during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the next working day (Monday through Friday).

After hours, callers will hear the recorded message of the Library's answering machine. When you hear the message, please give your name, telephone number, and your request. The machine is voice-activated, which gives you unlimited time to leave a message.

Once again, the OnCall Line telephone number is 994-2850.

HIMMELFARB PHOTOCOPY SERVICE

Himmelfarb Photocopy Service (HPS) is available to GWUMC 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 $.10 per page. For an additional $1.00 per article fee, HPS will fill out Interlibrary Loan forms for your cited articles which are not owned by Himmelfarb. For articles which are at the Gelman Library, HPS will retrieve copies for an added $3.00 per article. Gelman articles may take longer than 24 hours to retrieve.

Call Circulation at ext. 41831 to place an order or for further information.

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MAILMAN NOW AVAILABLE

Want to communicate with a colleague who is never in his office? Need to communicate with a student? Like to talk to the library staff but don't have the time to come to the library? The library has an answer to these problems: MailMan. MailMan is an electronic mail system which is accessible through the Himmelfarb Automated Library (HAL), the library's computer system. You only have to be a registered HAL user with access to the library system to use MailMan. Once you are registered, you can use MailMan to send messages to any other registered user. It's easy to use; we'll teach you how. Current registered users should have received an information packet this summer. If you did not receive your packet, or would like to sign up for access, please contact Laurie Thompson, Assistant Director, at ext. 42853. For instruction on the use call the Reference Desk at ext. 42850.

HOSPITAL SATELLITE NETWORK

The Library's Audiovisual Study Center maintains a collection of programs recorded from the Hospital Satellite Network (HSN). These programs, ranging from 30-minute updates to 4-hour teleconferences, cover traditional and timely subjects of interest to all health care professionals. Many offer continuing education credit.

The videotapes are 1/2 inch, VHS format, and may be checked out for one week for home or classroom use. 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 a current list of the available programs, call Barbara Collins at ext. 41824.

ANNUAL BOOKSALE

The Himmelfarb Library's Annual Book Sale will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, August 23 and 24 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.

HAL ACCESS NOW AVAILABLE ON ISN

Himmelfarb Automated Library (HAL) system users can now access the system through the University local area network, the ISN. The ISN was installed along with the new phone system and access ports were placed upon request in offices throughout the University. Users who have been dialing into the system to use miniMEDLINE will find the ISN to be faster (9600 baud) and more convenient. An information packet was mailed to all current dial access users during the summer. If you did not receive your packet, or you would like to sign up for access, please contact Laurie Thompson, Assistant Director, at ext. 42853.
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 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 of $5 per item.

LIBRARY CLASSES

The Himmelfarb Library staff will offer a variety of classes this fall from microcomputer courses to research skills sessions. For a complete schedule of these classes, please consult the Himmelfarb Library Continuing Education Course Schedule which is included in this newsletter. Additional copies are available at the Reference Desk. Classes are open to Medical Center faculty, students, and staff. A $15.00 fee is charged to faculty and staff members who wish to attend a microcomputer course; students may take these classes for free. All other courses are available free of charge.

For more information or to register for a class, call the Reference Desk at ext. 42850.

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 10 to 14 days. In most cases, this service is offered at no cost to the recipient. For further information, call ILL at ext. 42860.

NEW STAFF

The new Senior Secretary for the Director's office is Dana Powell-Givens. Most recently, she has worked in the Gelman Library's Periodicals and Media Resources Departments.

Anthony Bradley is the new Bindery Assistant. He has been working in various capacities at a nursing home in Virginia for the past two and a half years.
REFERENCE MANAGER DISCOUNT

The Library has purchased at a 40% discount a limited number of copies of Reference Manager 4.0 and the Capture module. Reference Manager is a bibliographic file management program used to store bibliographic references and later incorporate them into a manuscript. References may be retrieved by any combination of keyword, author, editor, journal, date or words appearing in the title or abstract. Bibliographies may be created in a variety of formats. The Capture module allows you to automatically transfer references into Reference Manager from online databases such as MEDLINE.

Reference Manager 4.0 requires an IBM PC/XT/AT or compatible, a hard disk and 384K of RAM. It provides for one database of up to 32,000 references and additional databases of 200 references each. The regular price for Reference Manager and Capture is $499. If you purchase a copy through the Library, the price is $300. Customer support is still provided by Research Information Systems through their toll-free number.

To reserve your copy of Reference Manager or for a demonstration, call the Reference Desk at ext. 42850.

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. A valid Himmelfarb Library card is required for all loan transactions.

The BAVSC contains more than 1000 titles in the basic sciences and clinical medicine. Hospital Satellite Network (HSN) videotapes are recorded daily in 1/2 inch VHS format, and the collection contains over 500 titles. These tapes circulate for 1 week.

The microcomputer Lab is located in the AV Study Center and is also available for use by GWU Hospital house staff, faculty, staff and students of the Medical Center. The Lab contains IBM-PC, Macintosh, and Apple IIe microcomputers. There is also an extensive collection of Computer - Assisted Instruction (CAI) and applications software. Microcomputer hardware and software do not circulate. Orientations to the Microlab are given every Wednesday, 12:30 - 1:00, August 24 to October 11. No pre-registration is necessary.

The BAVSC hours of operation are 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
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 references tailored to a requestor's specific needs. Current Awareness, or SDI, services may be arranged on topics of ongoing interest. Online searches may be requested by calling ext. 42850 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 similarly-priced databases are generally $3.00 for GWUMC students and $5.00 for GWUMC faculty and staff. For other databases, GWUMC patrons are charged direct search costs.

The Library's Information and Instructional Services staff also provide support and consultation services to Medical Center staff who do their own searching. Simply call ext. 42850 to inquire about BRS/Colleague, MEDLINE, PaperChase, and other online programs.


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