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## **ANNUAL GWUMC ART SHOW**

The Annual GWU Medical Center Art Show will be on display during the month of May in the Himmelfarb Library. You should be sure to stop by to view the creative works of your colleagues or students. The art show brings to light unexpected talents of the people with whom you work or study.

The art show is a non-juried exhibit with items on display for short periods of time before they are rotated. If you are artistically inclined, there is still time to enter your art, needlework, craft, photography or other work in this year's show. To submit items for the exhibit, call Faye Green at ext. 43656.

## **ATTENTION SCI-MATE USERS**

The Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) has agreed with Personal Bibliographic Software, Inc. (PBS) to replace the Sci-Mate family of software with three comparable PBS products -- Pro-Cite, Pro-Search, and Biblio-Links. ISI will no longer provide technical support for Sci-Mate. Current users of Sci-Mate may return their original program disks and upgrade to PBS products through May 1, 1989 at a substantial discount. For further information, contact ISI at (215) 386-0100. The Library has demonstration copies of Pro-Search and Pro-Cite for review. Call ext. 42850 to make an appointment.

## MEDLINE FEES TO INCREASE IN JULY 1989

Since 1984, the Library has been able to provide Medical Center faculty, staff and students with MEDLINE searches at a minimal cost: \$6 (faculty, staff); \$3 (students). The Medical Center Administration subsidized the search service to a large extent and has absorbed all subsequent price increases from the National Library of Medicine and telecommunications networks.

The Library began providing free searches for Medical Center faculty, staff and students through the miniMEDLINE database (a subset of MEDLINE consisting of citations from over 400 Himmelfarb journals) in August, 1987. In addition, the Library has recently made the MEDLINE database available through a CDROM system station. The Medical Center Administration will continue to partially subsidize the MEDLINE search service. However, a modest increase in fees is necessary.

Beginning July 1, 1989, the MEDLINE fee structure will be: All MEDLARS databases (including MEDLINE, HEALTH, and CANCERLIT, excluding TOXLINE):

Minimum cost includes up to 50 citations without abstracts:  
\$6.00/topic/database GWUMC students  
\$8.00/topic/database GWUMC faculty, staff, residents,  
interns, fellows

GWUMC patrons will continue to be charged the actual cost of additional online services. These include:

- over 50 citations at \$.25/page offline or actual cost online (depending on how long patron can wait for results)
- abstracts at \$.25/page offline or actual cost online
- databases other than MEDLARS

The above rates apply to GWU Medical Center faculty, staff and students. Rates for non-Medical Center patrons will remain the same (\$10 minimum for other GWU patrons and \$35 per half hour plus the cost of the search for non-GWU). Medical Center patrons will still be charged the full cost of searches on databases such as BIOSIS, PsycINFO, TOXLINE, Chemical Abstracts, SciSEARCH, etc.

SDI (Selective Dissemination of Information or, simply, monthly updates):

GWUMC patrons will be charged the cost for the initial request at a rate of \$6.00 or \$8.00 plus the actual monthly costs (which on MEDLINE run about \$1.00/month plus \$.25/page).

Cash or I.P. will continue to be required for payment unless special authorization has been given to charge to departmental accounts. Once a search is requested, the patron is responsible for payment regardless of the results of the research.

For further information, ask at the Reference Desk or call Anne Linton at 48478 or Elaine Martin at 41826.



## **'STARTING WordPerfect PERFECTLY**

One of the most common problems encountered with the use of the word processing program "Word Perfect" centers on starting the program. It is easy enough to start the correct way. Doing so can prevent many problems later!

### **Steps to follow (with a dual-drive floppy system)**

1. Start the computer with DOS in the "a" drive in the usual way.
2. Remove DOS from the "a" drive after typing in date and time.
3. Insert the Word Perfect program disk in the "a" drive, and your file disk in the "b" drive.
4. Now, pause a second, here comes the part that so many people seem to miss: Change from the "a" prompt to the "b" prompt by typing "b:" and hitting RETURN.
5. You are now at a "b" prompt. Type in the following: "a:wp", then tap RETURN.
6. That's it! Mission accomplished. You will shortly arrive at the mostly-blank Word Perfect work screen.

### **What is happening when these steps are followed?**

By starting Word Perfect with these steps, you will automatically save your files onto the data disk in drive "b". You can also automatically look into the directory of the diskette in the "b" drive. In other words, you are saying to the program: "Go to drive "a", where the program is located, start the program, and automatically deposit or look up files on the diskette in the "b" drive.

### **What will happen if the steps are not followed?**

Many users of this program unwisely start it from the "a" drive with the simple command "wp". This will result in a listing of the program files at the "List Files" command, and will also save your files onto the program diskette in drive "a". This could result in fatal damage to the Word Perfect program.

Clifford Urr  
Microcomputer Librarian

## 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, and 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 Elaine Martin at ext. 41826.

## PDQ NOW AVAILABLE IN HOSPITAL READING ROOM

The Himmelfarb Automated Library (HAL) terminal located in the Hospital Reading Room now accesses PDQ, as well as minMEDLINE. PDQ (Physician Data Query) is a cancer information database produced by the National Cancer Institute.

For information or assistance in using PDQ, call the Reference Desk at ext. 42850 or come to the HRR between 1 and 4 pm, Monday through Friday for a demonstration.

## NEW STAFF

Sherri Fletcher-Wright is the new Serials Assistant. She joins us from the Fort Meyer Child Development Center. Welcome aboard Sherri!

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## HOLIDAY/SUMMER HOURS

### MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

	LIBRARY	AV
Friday, May 26	7:30am-8:00pm	7:30am-6:00pm
Saturday, May 27	10:00am-6:00pm	10:00am-6:00pm
Sunday, May 28	10:00am-6:00pm	10:00am-6:00pm
Monday, May 29	10:00am-6:00pm	10:00am-6:00pm
Tuesday, May 30	10:00am-6:00pm	10:00am-6:00pm

### Begin Interim Hours

#### INTERIM PERIOD (May 31-June 14)

Mon - Thurs	7:30am-10:00pm	7:30am-10:00pm
Friday	7:30am-10:00pm	7:30am- 6:00pm
Sat - Sun	10:00am- 8:00pm	12:00pm- 6:00pm

#### SUMMER HOURS (Effective June 15)

Mon - Thurs	7:30am-10:00pm	7:30am-10:00pm
Friday	7:30am-10:00pm	7:30am- 6:00pm
Sat - Sun	10:00am- 6:00pm	12:00am- 5:00pm

#### FOURTH OF JULY

Monday July 3	7:30am- 6:00pm	7:30am- 6:00pm
Tuesday July 4	CLOSED	
Wednesday July 5	RESUME SUMMER HOURS	

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