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Changes for MEDLINE and Other Databases

In early January, the Himmelfarb Library has switched to Winspries — a Windows-based search program from SilverPlatter for the MEDLINE, HealthSTAR, CINAHL, Popline, Cancer, and Bioethicsline databases available in the reference area. Database content and format will remain the same. However, searchers will now be able to "point and click" as they select search terms and citations for printing. The switch to Winspries is part of an overall move to a new compact disc tower on MedNet for the Library's databases. This move will eventually allow desktop access to MEDLINE and related databases from all over the Medical Center. Drop-in demonstrations of the Winspries software are scheduled in the Library classroom (B103) for the following times:

Jan 15 noon  
Jan 21 5-6 pm  
Jan 28 noon  
Feb 5 noon  
Feb 7 5-6 pm  
Mar 26 noon (POPLINE)

For further information, call the Reference Desk at 202-994-2850.

New Reserves Module in Catalog

As part of an upgrade to the Library's online system, the Catalog Reserves Module has a new look. It will now be easier to find materials that have been placed on reserve by faculty. A few of the new features include: browseable indexes of faculty names, course names and numbers; searching both general reserves and audiovisual reserves simultaneously; and full display of the records, including the reserve location and loan period. If you have any questions about the new Reserves Module, please call the Reference Desk at 202-994-2850.

Help the Medical Center's Home Page Grow!

The Medical Center's home page has been completely redesigned to incorporate information on its many important research, education, information, and health care programs. Visit it soon at URL: www.gwu.edu/~gwumc

Highlight your department/divisions's own programs and help the Medical Center's home page grow by applying for a link to the Medical Center's home page from your home page or by creating your own home page. Simply check out the newly published "GWUMC Web Page Guidelines" on the Web or call the Office of Public Relations at (202) 416-0050 to obtain a print copy. The Guidelines have been developed by the GWUMC WWW Advisory Committee and are designed to promote high editorial standards and up-to-date content on departmental/divisional pages. Individuals with questions about the guidelines may contact Anne Linton, Himmelfarb Library at mlbaml@gwu.edu or (202) 994-1826.

COMING SOON: New Public Workstations!

The Library will soon be replacing all public terminals with PC workstations which will be connected to the Medical Center LAN, MedNet. The workstations will run Windows 95 and will have access to a full range of Library services and resources.

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Update on Hospital Reading Room Resources

The Library branch in the hospital, the Hospital Reading Room (Room 1722), offers a variety of electronic resources through a series of four computers. These PCs offer the Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Access, and Excel), access to HAL and GWISE, and a variety of CD-ROM full-text textbooks. These electronic resources include: Scientific American Medicine on CD-ROM; Stat-Ref, a series of textbooks including USP DI, Merck Manual, Stein's Internal Medicine, and the Current Diagnosis and Treatment series Mosby's Emergency Medicine, covering five emergency medicine texts; MAXX: Maximum Access to Diagnosis and Therapy, full-text of 20 specialty manuals; and AIDS Textbooks on CD-ROM, a series of three AIDS textbooks. A networked printer is available.

Three current years of 50 journals are also included in the HRR, along with a collection of over 100 textbooks. A librarian is available at the HRR from 2-4pm Monday through Friday. ILL and search request forms are available with a pick-up area for ILLs and completed searches from Himmelfarb. A book drop for Himmelfarb books is located directly inside the door.

Document Delivery at Himmelfarb Library: Obtaining Documents We Don’t Own

Himmelfarb Library offers interlibrary loan services to obtain items the Library does not own for its users. If you need to get a copy of an article or borrow a book not owned by the Library or any other GWU libraries, see the Reference or Circulation desk for an ILL request form. Although most patrons do not pay for this service, it is not free. Currently, the Medical Center Administration funds up to $10/request for requests made by full time faculty, staff and all students. This is the normal fee charged by most lending libraries that participate in the National Network of Library of Medicine’s DOCLINE system. Himmelfarb interlibrary loan staff use DOCLINE to obtain approximately 90% of all interlibrary loan requests. Most academic medical libraries in the US and many hospital libraries use DOCLINE to borrow and lend materials.

DOCLINE is a very efficient system. The UI or AN number found on MEDLINE references links the requested document with a database which automatically routes the request to only libraries that own it. Typical DOCLINE requests take a day to reach the initial holding library (as long as citation information on the ILL request is complete and accurate), another day to process, and three to four more days to arrive by regular US mail to the Library. Some factors can delay a request. If the first library to receive the request cannot fill it because the item is not on the shelves, it must be routed to the next library on the list. A rare item found at only a few libraries which have high lending demand can also result in additional time to fill. Requests for whole books or journal issues usually demand more processing and delivery time than article or chapter requests.

A form of DOCLINE is available to Grateful Med subscribers to obtain copies of articles found while searching MEDLINE or other NLM databases. This service is called Loansome Doc. Loansome Doc subscribers can automatically route requests for articles to a DOCLINE participant library. An arrangement must be made with the library in advance. The library will either provide the copy itself or will route it to another DOCLINE library to fill. Himmelfarb participates in Loansome Doc. GWUMC faculty, staff and students who are Grateful Med subscribers can use Loansome Doc to obtain article photocopies at the same rate charged for HPS service. If you are a Grateful Med user and are interested in Loansome Doc service, contact JoLinda Thompson at 994-2982.

For questions about interlibrary loan services or the status of an outstanding interlibrary loan request, contact Charles Iragui at 994-2860.

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NEW JOURNALS TO BE ADDED IN 1997

Through judicious management of its collections resources, the Library will be adding 26 new titles to the collection in 1997. The titles were selected from a total of 75 faculty requests and titles with heavy interlibrary loan activity. All the titles were evaluated by Library staff for quality; existing coverage in the collection; clinical, curricular or research needs; and finally, cost. The titles to be added are:

- AIDS care
- American journal of hospice and palliative care
- Annual review of public health
- Australian and NZ journal of obstetrics and gynecology
- Birth
- Clinical journal of pain
- Clinical therapeutics
- Current opinions in neurology
- Current opinions in rheumatology
- Diabetic medicine
- Epidemiology
- Evidence based medicine
- Health progress
- Hospice journal
- Journal of community health
- Journal of health care for the poor and underserved
- Journal of nurse-midwifery
- Journal of orthopaedic and sports physical therapy
- Journal of palliative care
- Journal of perinatology
- Journal of the American Board of Family Practice
- Methods of information in medicine
- Neuroimaging clinics of North America
- Patient education & counselling
- Pediatric annals
- Quality of life research
Library Hours

Spring 1997 Himmelfarb Library Hours

Medical Center Students, Personnel and Alumni
Monday-Friday 7:30AM-Midnight
Saturday-Sunday 9:00AM-Midnight

GW Main Campus Affiliates
Monday-Friday 7:30AM-6:00PM

Public Hours
Monday-Friday 7:30AM-2:00PM

MLK/Inaugural Weekend Hours, 1/18-20
Saturday-Sunday 9:00AM-Midnight
Monday 10:00AM-Midnight

President’s Day Weekend Hours, 2/15-17
Saturday-Sunday 9:00AM-Midnight
Monday 10:00AM-Midnight

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