



10 Things You Need to Know to Get Started at HSL

1. The **Health Sciences Library System (HSL)** at the University of Pittsburgh offers a wide array of information services, educational opportunities, and resources in print and electronic format to faculty, students, and researchers in the schools of the health sciences (Medicine, Dental Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, and Public Health).
2. **HSL has a world class collection of print and electronic books and journals.** HSL continues to maintain a print monograph collection as it expands its electronic collection of journals, books and full-text information resources.
3. **The HSL Web site is at <http://www.hsls.pitt.edu>** The **search.HSL** feature allows you to access HSL and Pitt resources quickly via a keyword search using document clustering technology.
4. **HSL has a staff of 50 dedicated, service-oriented individuals who work hard to provide excellent information resources and services. HSL faculty librarians** can recommend databases according to your area of interest and offer tips or instruction on searching or provide one-on-one consultations. If you need assistance just stop by the Falk Library main desk or use the Ask-A-Librarian service on the web site.
5. **Remote access** is available to University of Pittsburgh users through Pitt's EZproxy service. EZproxy knows when you are off-campus and will automatically prompt you to log in with your University Computing Account (<http://technology.pitt.edu/account.html>) username and password. UPMC users can access HSL e-resources remotely via UPMC Access.
6. **MEDLINE and other research and clinical databases** are provided to the University and UPMC communities via subscriptions managed by HSL.
7. Information Specialists in the **Molecular Biology Service** consult with departments and research groups to investigate information and resource needs and to provide assistance to researchers and students for questions related to bioinformatics resources.
8. **PITTCat for the Health Sciences**, pittcat.hsls.pitt.edu, the University of Pittsburgh's online catalog, contains bibliographic information on materials available at all University of Pittsburgh libraries, including HSL. Table of contents information or abstracts as well as links to electronic resources are included when available. HSL librarians have developed a customized interface to this catalog to enhance services to the health sciences community.
9. **Technology Help Desk in Falk Library**
The help desk, on the upper floor of the library, loans laptops, iPads and USB flash drives, supports wireless computing in Falk Library and offers hardware, software, and support for academic computer based needs, including the use of HSL resources for the creation of instructional presentations and student projects.
10. **HSL is administratively separate from the libraries in the University Library System (ULS) and Barco Law Library.** Anyone with a Pitt ID may check out materials from the HSL, ULS or Law libraries.