HSLS *Update*

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Improving Access to Information for Public Health Workers

Public health workers in non-academic settings can face daunting challenges in accessing information in support of their daily tasks. To help solve this problem, HSLS has been awarded an 18-month contract by the National Library of Medicine to develop a partnership with the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD). The goal of the project is to raise public health workers' awareness of information resources and decrease barriers to use by enhancing access to knowledge-based information, document delivery, reference assistance, user education and consultation. As ACHD Director, Dr. Bruce Dixon, noted in his letter of support, this grant "will enable [ACHD] staff to become more efficient in accessing the health information they need to more effectively address existing and emerging public health problems."

Specifically, HSLS will develop a Web-based public health information portal so that ACHD staff can access relevant local, state, national and international information resources. The portal will include links to agencies and organizations, databases and available full-text information.

HSLS Public Health Information Resources

Public Health researchers at the University of Pittsburgh have access to a large array of information resources and services. This guide provides an overview of the libraries, online library resources, general Web resources, and print resources available to faculty, staff and students in the Graduate School of Public Health (GSPH), and public health researchers in other schools and departments.

LIBRARIES

The Falk and WPIC Libraries within HSLS provide an extensive public health collection, as well as reference and instructional services for public health researchers. The HSLS liaison librarian to GSPH is Ammon Ripple. Contact him at ammon2@pitt.edu or 412-648-1251 to arrange a research consultation, request a class or tour, or to learn more about using public health resources.

Because of the interdisciplinary nature of public health, some researchers will also find the need to consult the psychology, biology, social work, statistics, computer science, and other library collections available through the University Library System (ULS) libraries. The ULS is

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administratively separate from HSLS, and may have different policies and services. The ULS Web site is at <www.library.pitt.edu>.

DATABASES

HSLS provides more than 30 research databases to support health sciences research, available by clicking on "Databases" on the HSLS homepage <www.hsls.pitt.edu>. Among these, MEDLINE and PsycINFO are the two major databases to search for public health literature .

A number of databases available from the ULS support areas of research related to public health, including: Social Work Abstracts, Sociofile, Current Index to Statistics, Biological Abstracts, Scifinder Scholar (Chemical Abstracts), World News Connection, Academic Universe and others. From the ULS Web site, click on "Databases A-Z" to see their full list of databases.

JOURNALS

HSLS subscribes to over 2600 print and electronic journals, including 100% of core public health journals as identified by the Medical Library Association, and about 75% of all public health related journals.To locate journal articles on specific topics, it is necessary to search the databases listed above. To find out if you have access to a particular journal, check the PITT*Cat* library catalog or the HSLS e-journal list on our Web site. If the journal you

need is not available from HSLS, we can obtain articles or any published document through our *Document Express* interlibrary loan service. Click on "Document Delivery" from the HSLS website.

BOOKS

To find books in HSLS and ULS libraries, search PITT*Cat*, the University of Pittsburgh library catalog. More than 20,000 public health books are held in University library collections, in addition to hundreds of thousands of books available in related fields. If you prefer to browse the shelves to find circulating public health books, check the "RA" call number section in Falk Library, or the "WA" call number section in the WPIC Library. Don't forget that the Falk Library History of Medicine collection will have related materials within its "RA" call number area as well.

Check the reference collection on the first floor of Falk Library for important public health resources, such as the *Oxford Textbook of Public Health* (2002), the *Encyclopedia of Public Health* (2002) and other major encyclopedias, dictionaries, directories and textbooks in areas such as toxicology, health administration, statistics, epidemiology, and environmental and occupational health.

WEBSITES

HSLS librarians maintain guides to Internet resources. From the HSLS homepage, click on "Internet Guides". These guides lead you to quality information resources on the Web. Of particular interest to the public health community are the Public Health, HIV/AIDS, Epidemiology, Health Administration, Health Statistics, Infectious Diseases, Medical Responses to Terrorism, Minority Health & Cultural Diversity, Sexual Orientation & Health, Toxicology, Women's Health, Addiction, Aging and Mental Health, Eating Disorders, and Federal and State Resources Internet guides.

To search the Web, we recommend Google at <www.google.com> or AlltheWeb at <www.alltheweb.com> because of their size and search features. In addition, these are the only two search engines that include PDF files, and thus allow access to government information published in this format. To learn more about strategies for finding public health information on the Web, visit our online tutorial available at <www.hsls.pitt.edu/services/instruction/presentations/pophtc>.

--Ammon Ripple

What's New in PubMed?

PubMed has added several new features and content in recent months. Noteworthy among these are LinkOut to full text publications, helpful icons, a Journals Database, and expanded bioethics content.

LinkOut enables HSLS users to go directly from a PubMed citation to HSLS electronic full text articles. In order to use the LinkOut feature, you must access the database through the PubMed link on the HSLS Web site <www.hsls. pitt.edu>, or through the HSLS remote access login. Your Internet browser must be set to accept cookies. After opening a PubMed session, conduct your search as usual. When journal content is available through LinkOut, the HSLS icon will be visible in the abstract display. Click this icon to view the full text article in a new browser window. Keep in mind that HSLS does not subscribe to all the journals indexed in PubMed, and not all journal publishers participate in the LinkOut
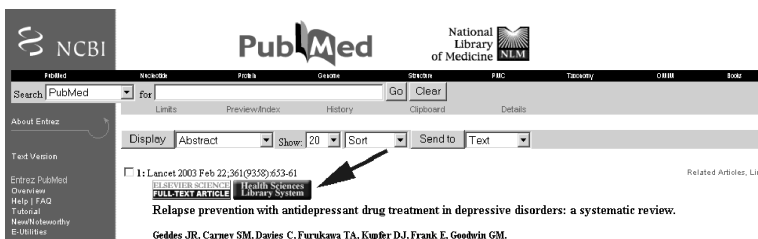
feature. The best way to determine if HSLS subscribes to an electronic or print journal is by searching PITTCat <pittcat.pitt.edu>, the online library catalog for University of Pittsburgh.

Helpful icons, another new PubMed feature, have recently been added to the Summary Display of citations. Two of these icons indicate whether or not an abstract exists for an article. The third icon links to the full text articles freely available through PubMed Central <www.pubmed central. nih.gov>.

A new Journals Database, accessible on the left sidebar of PubMed, can be used to search for a journal (by abbreviation or by the full title) and then link to PubMed citations for articles in that journal. In addition

to displaying the journals retrieved by your search, additional 'related' journals are suggested, based on your search terms. The suggestions are derived using an algorithm that compares letter combinations in phrases. You can then link to any journal in the list of suggested journals displayed at the top of the PubMed page.

Did you know that PubMed also provides access to bioethics-related information? Over the past few years, specialized citations that were unique to the former BIOETHICSLINE database have been integrated into PubMed. Most recent additions include citations to court decisions and legislation.

PubMed is a dynamic database that is continually adding new content and features to improve the ease of end-user searching. Watch for information about these changes in future issues of the HSLS Update.

--Amy Gregg

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HSLS will also provide access to print books and journals – whether in HSLS collections or in other library collections – through direct book borrowing privileges and paperless Web-based document delivery for journal articles.

Barbara Folb, MLS, will spearhead this project as liaison librarian to ACHD. She will offer ongoing reference and consultation service to ACHD employees for work-related questions and projects. In addition, she will develop and implement an ongoing user education and information literacy program for ACHD public health workers. Training will focus on accessing information resources and services, developing effective strategies for information retrieval and updating knowledge and skills.

--Barbara Epstein

Allegheny County seal
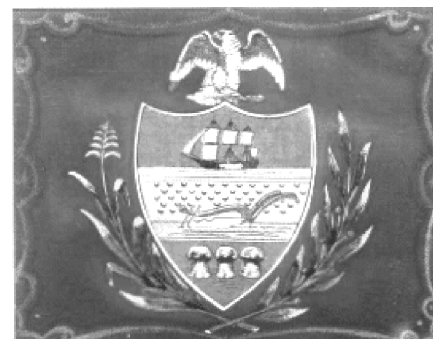
HSLS will work with ACHD to improve access to information for public health workers.

WPIC Library Videotape Collection Now Searchable in PITTCat

The Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (WPIC) Library videotape collection is now searchable on PITT*Cat,* the University of Pittsburgh online library catalog. Every PITT*Cat* record contains a short synopsis describing the content of each tape, information on intended audience, duration, and subject headings.

WPIC Library has one of the most comprehensive mental health videotape collections in the United States. The collection contains more than 800 commercially acquired tapes. These carefully selected tapes cover a wide array of topics ranging from Board reviews for psychiatrists, to aspects of mental health appropriate for students and researchers. The WPIC collection also includes videos suitable for consumers of mental health services and their families. Age appropriate audiences for videotapes range from toddlers to the elderly.

Items from the WPIC Library videotape collection may be viewed in the library or borrowed by faculty, students and staff affiliated with the University of Pittsburgh, or the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. The borrowing period is 7 days. Because videotapes are often booked in advance, a late fee of $5.00 per videotape per day is strictly enforced on every overdue item.

WPIC Library welcomes recommendations for the purchase of specific videotape titles, or suggestions for collection development in mental health-related subject areas. To make recommendations, please visit or contact the WPIC Library at 412-624-1919 or wpicref@pitt.edu, or fill out the electronic HSLS *Purchase Requests* form at <www.hsls.pitt.edu/services/collection/purchase>.

For tips on searching PITT*Cat* for videotapes available from the WPIC collection, or other Pitt libraries, please see the Search Tips on page 5, or go to <www.hsls.pitt.edu/about/libraries/wpic/vidsearch.html>. In addition to mental health topics, you can search for videotapes in PITT*Cat* on subjects of interest to health professionals in other medical specialties. These videos are available in the HSLS Computer and Media Center (CMC) located in the Falk Library of Health Sciences.

--Ester Saghafi

WPIC Library Videos: Recent Additions

The culture of emotion: a cultural competence and diversity training program
WM 140 C967 2002

Raising children of divorce: practical help for parents
WS 105.5.F2 R159 2002

Autism and the new law: resources for treatment, hope for a cure
WM 203.5 A9386 2001

Brain scans: alcohol and the teenage brain
WM 274 B814 2001

Broken child: case studies of child abuse
WA 320 B867 2001

Complex PTSD in children
WS 350.2 C737 2001

Depression
WM 171 D424 2001

Helping children understand tragedy: the events of September 11, 2001
BF 723.D5 H483 2001

The ongoing challenge of the partially responsive patient
WM 200 O58 2001

Providing a safe and rapid response for the agitated patient: novel approaches for acute treatment.
QV 77.9 P969 2001

The secret life of the brain
WL 300 S446 2001

Skin deep: understanding self-injury
WM 100 S6285 2001

The sleep famine: the effects of sleep deprivation and chronic fatigue
QT 265 S6315 2001

Warning signs: a look at teenage violence
WS 463 W285 2001

Search tips: Searching for Videos in PITTCat

Keyword Search Tips

❑ Start at the Keyword search screen.

❑ Click on the *Set Search Limits* button and choose **Videorecording** from the *Medium* column. Click the *Set Limits* button. This will take you back to the Keyword search screen.

❑ Type your search terms in the top *Search for* box. In the drop-down menu, choose how you want the terms to be searched (*any of these, all of these, as a phrase*). Next, in the *Search by* drop-down menu select whether you want to search the full record (*Keyword Anywhere*) or selected fields (*Title, Author Name*, etc). Then click the *Search* button.

   ! To view summaries/abstracts of videotapes, select the **Long Record** option.

   > *Example:* Type the terms **adjustment adaptation**, select *any of these* and choose **Subject** in the *Search by* box. This will retrieve all videos which are about psychological adaptation, but which might be described by using either term (for example, *Adjustment (Psychology)* or *Adaptation, Psychological).*

❑ If you wish to search for videos in a specific library, click on the *Set Search Limits* button. Choose **Videorecording** from the *Medium* column, and the preferred collection from the *Location* column. Click the *Set Limits* button. Then, type your search terms.

   > *Example:* To retrieve all videos in the WPIC collection about behavior disorders in children, limit search to **Videorecording** and **WPIC Library**, type terms **behavior disorder? child?**, search for *all of these,* and choose **Subject** in the *Search by* box (Note: the question mark is a truncation symbol in PITT*Cat*)

Author/Title/Subject Search Tips

❑ Beginning at the Author/Title/Subject screen, you can choose limit(s) as described above and perform a Title, Journal Title, Publication Date or Advanced Search.

   > *Example:* To retrieve all videos in the Falk Library that were published in 2002, limit search to **Videorecording** and **Falk Library**, then *Search for* **2002** and *Search by* **Publication Date**

   ! Limits do not apply to Author, Subject and Call Number searches.

❑ Have you ever wanted to view the full list of videos available in WPIC Library? You can!.

   > *Examples:* From the Author/Title/Subject search screen, limit search to **Videorecording** and **WPIC Library**, as described above, and perform an **Advanced Search** for the term **video?**
   > OR
   > from the Keyword search screen, limit search to **Videorecording** and **WPIC Library**, and *Search by* **Keyword Anywhere** for the term **video?**.

   ! You can re-sort this list by title, author or publication date using the choices from the drop-down list of the *Sort by* box on each search result screen.

   ! In fact, you can also "produce" video lists for the Falk and UPMC Shadyside collections using the same strategy.

   ! To view summaries/abstracts of videotapes, select the **Long Record** option.

--HSLS Catalogers

PsycINFO Database Grows in Depth and Breadth:

Full Text PsycARTICLES, Cited References, and Historical Materials Added

With its latest revision, the American Psychological Association (APA) has increased the value of PsycINFO to researchers. More sources have been indexed, and full text resources have been expanded.

Expanded Coverage

Cover-to-Cover Indexing

PsycINFO includes indexing of material from 1,841 journals as of January 2003, but most are only selectively indexed. APA has recently identified 650 journals for cover-to-cover indexing. Letters, obituaries, reviews, and columns from these journals will be indexed in addition to articles. Form/content limits have been added for the new materials, so that searchers may include or exclude these items from search results. For a list of all 650 cover-to cover-journals, see <www.apa.org/psycinfo/about/covfullselect.html>.

Journal Backfile

Journal literature citations for 1894-1935 from *Psychological Index*, and not previously included in PsycINFO, were added to the database in 2002. These records do not include abstracts.

Book Coverage

Additional book information published from 1938-1971, and not already in the database, was added in 2002. In addition, 8,852 book chapters indexed in the print predecessor of PsycINFO, *Psychological Abstracts*, but not already included in PsycINFO, have been loaded into the historical PsycINFO file. With this addition, the complete *Psychological Abstracts* has been converted to electronic format and added to PsycINFO.

Cited References

PsycINFO, like ISI Web of Science, now includes cited references in many of their records. Cited references have been added to the complete records for articles, books, and chapters going back to 1988. The citations can be searched using new fields added to the records: Cited Reference, Cited Reference Author, Cited Reference Date, Cited Reference Parent Document, Cited Reference Source, and Cited Reference Title.

For cited references to articles indexed in PsycINFO, a PsycINFO Link Record is available, allowing the searcher to go directly from the cited references list to the abstract for that cited reference.

For more information and searching tips for cited references, see *PsycINFO News*, Summer 2002 at <www.apa.org/psycinfo/training/pin/02sum.pdf>

Full Text Articles

PsycARTICLES, which was added to PsycINFO as a complementary database in August 2002, has been expanded. It currently contains full text articles from 45 journals going back to 1988. In 2003, plans call for expansion of retrospective coverage to include publications back to 1987, and to add 5 more journals. Journals in PsycARTICLES come from three publishers: the American Psychological Association, Canadian Psychological Association, and Hogrefe & Huber. Materials included in PsycARTICLES can be accessed by searching PsycINFO, Journals@Ovid, or Your Journals @Ovid on the HSLS Web site.   *--Barb Folb*

Update: HSLS Electronic Resources

Electronic Journals

The University of Pittsburgh and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center now have online access to additional important journal titles in medical and clinical sciences, including *NeuroReport*, *Nature* specialty journals, *Journal of Cell Biology*, and many more.

Through Ovid, HSLS users can view an additional 60 online journals published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. Some of the medical specialties covered are:

• Cardiology (e.g., *Heart Disease*)
• Internal Medicine (e.g., *American Journal of Therapeutics*)
• Neuroscience (e.g., *NeuroReport*)
• Nursing (e.g., *Nurse Practitioner*)
• Surgery (e.g., *Journal of Pelvic Medicine & Surgery*)

The University and UPMC users in Oakland can access some key *Nature* specialty journals, including *Bone Marrow Transplantation, British Journal of Cancer, Cancer Gene Therapy, European Journal of Human Genetics, Oncogene*, and more.

New Computer and Media Center (CMC) Resources

The HSLS Computer and Media Center (CMC) has a number of new resources to better serve your computing and media needs. The video collection includes instructional and informative titles for classroom and individual learning. As with all CMC media, the videos are catalogued in PITT*Cat* for easy retrieval. Recent additions to the collection include *World Congress on Complementary Therapies in Medicine* (14 vols); *Family Practice Review: Skills of the 21st Century* (39 vols); and *An In-Depth Approach to Current Issues in Sports Medicine* (23 vols).

The CMC is also beginning to build a collection of DVD CD-ROMS. DVD (Digital Versatile Disc) is a significant improvement over VHS videotape, offering clearer picture, better sound, and the ability to easily navigate through the media footage. New CMC DVDs include *Manual of Aesthetic Surgery*, and *The Brain and Nervous System: Your Information Super Highway*. Like the videotape collection, DVDs may be viewed in the CMC, or borrowed for use outside the library.

The CMC also provides 'do it yourself' solutions for certain media challenges. An old X-ray or 35-millimeter slide may be the perfect image for a presentation, online course, or archive, but how can the image be converted to a digital form? The CMC has available both a Cobra 312SL X-ray scanner (FDA Certification 510[k] - K953942 Regulation number: 892.2030), and the Nikon Super Cool Scan 4000.

Both are easy to use with step-by-step instructions available. Please keep in mind that digital image files may be large, so it is advisable to bring a Zip disk or recordable CD-ROM to the CMC for your media storage needs. The CMC also has a solution for moving DV camcorder cassette-based footage into an AVI, Quicktime or real video file. Two JCV HR-DVS2U Mini DV/S-VHS VCRs are available for use. Coupled with the Adobe suite of products including Premiere, After Affects, Photoshop, and Illustrator, the CMC provides powerful solutions for media creation.

Questions about CMC resources? Contact the CMC at 412-648-9109.   *--Fran Yarger*

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HSLS has also licensed the *Journal of Cell Biology* and the *Journal of Experimental Medicine*, both published by the Rockefeller University Press. These are restricted to Oakland users as well. *(**Note**: Oakland users include the Oakland campus of University of Pittsburgh, PUH, EEH, MUH, WPIC, UPMC Shadyside, Hillman Cancer Center, Magee Hospital & Magee Research Institute).*

Electronic Books

A number of major reference books and textbooks were recently added to the HSLS electronic book collection. Titles include seven volumes from the *Current Protocols* series, *Encyclopedia of Molecular Biology and Molecular Medicine, Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment*, and *Lange Medical Books.*

Also, HSLS has licensed access to leading medical titles through the Wiley InterScience Web site and the McGraw Hill AccessMedicine Web site. Some of the more significant are:
• *Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment*
• *Electronic Reagents for Organic Synthesis (EROS)*
• *Encyclopedia of Molecular Biology*
• *Encyclopedia of Molecular Medicine*
• *Hurst's the Heart*
• Lange Basic Science series (e.g., *Harper's Biochemistry, Basic & Clinical Pharmacology*)

• Lange Clinical series (e.g., *Basic & Clinical Endocrinology, Current Pediatric Diagnosis and Treatment*)
• *Metabolic and Molecular Bases of Inherited Disease*
• *Patty's Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology*
• WPA Series: *Evidence and Experience in Psychiatry* (e.g., *Bipolar Disorder, Schizophrenia*)

Electronic resources are available from the HSLS Resources pages at <www.hsls.pitt.edu/resources>. If you have questions or problems with access, please contact Yumin Jiang, Serials and Electronic Resources Librarian, at 412-648-8868, or yj1@pitt.edu.
                               --Yumin Jiang

Schedule of Classes
May – June 2003

HSLS ORIENTATION

Introduction to HSLS Resources and Services
(Falk Library, meet inside entrance to Library)
Wednesday, May 7   11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Thursday, June 12   2:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.

SEARCHING MEDLINE

Searching MEDLINE on Ovid*
(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)
Tuesday, May 13   9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 4   1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Searching PubMed*
(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)
Tuesday, May 20   1:00 p.m. -2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 3   9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.

Advanced MEDLINE Searching on Ovid*
(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #1)
Thursday, May 29   1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

SPECIAL TOPICS

Clinical Information Resources*
(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)
Tuesday, May 20   2:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Basic Science Information Resources*
(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)
Monday, June 16   10:00 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.

Mental Health Information Resources*
(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #1)
Thursday, May 8   10:00a.m.-.11:30.a.m.
Tuesday, June 24   3:00 p.m. -.4:30 p.m.

Finding Information on Psychiatric & Psychological Testing Instruments* (Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)
Tuesday, May 6   9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Complementary & Alternative Medicine (CAM) Information Resources* (Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)
Wednesday, June 11   10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Searching for Evidence-Based Literature*
By Appointment, contact: Pat Friedman (412) 648-2040

Medical Humanities on the World Wide Web*
By Appointment, contact: Jonathon Erlen (412) 648-8927

BIBLIOGRAPHIC MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

Introduction to ProCite Version 5
(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)
Tuesday, June 17   10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

EndNote Basics (Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)
This class is usually full. Please arrive 15 minutes in advance to ensure seating. Class will start promptly at scheduled time.
Wednesday, May 21   9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, June 17   1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND GENETICS

Information Hubs for Molecular Biology and Genetics*
(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2 on May 14 and Classroom #1 on June 25)
Wednesday, May14   1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 25   1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Sequence Similarity Searching*
(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)
Wednesday, May 28   1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

DNA and Protein Analysis Tools*
(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #1)
Wednesday, June 11   1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

SOFTWARE TRAINING

Adobe Photoshop for Beginners
(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #1)
Thursday, May 29   10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 18   9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

PowerPoint for Presentations
(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #1)
Tuesday, May 27   10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 10   9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

Introduction to Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs)
(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #1)
Tuesday, May 6   9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.
Thursday, June 19   10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

WORLD WIDE WEB RESOURCES

Health Resources on the World Wide Web*
By Appointment, contact: Linda Hartman (412) 648-1479

Mental Health Resources on the World Wide Web*
By Appointment, contact: Barb Folb (412) 644-0911

Public Health on the Web: Finding What You Need When You Need It* By Appointment, contact Ammon Ripple at 412-648-1251

All classes are open to faculty, staff and students of UPMC and the Schools of the Health Sciences of University of Pittsburgh. No registration required. Seating for classes is first-come, first-served until the class is full. Detailed course descriptions are available at <www.hsls.pitt.edu/services/instruction>.

*Classes marked with an asterisk qualify for A.M.A. category 2 CME credit

New Toxicology Resources

Haz-Map and Tox Town are two recent additions to the numerous toxicology and environmental health resources provided by the National Library of Medicine Specialized Information Services <sis.nlm.nih.gov/Tox/ToxMain.html>.

Haz-Map <hazmap.nlm.nih.gov> is an occupational toxicology database designed to link hazardous job tasks with associated occupational diseases and their symptoms. The database contains three types of information: hazardous agents, occupational diseases, and high-risk jobs. There are currently more than 900 chemical and biological agents in Haz-Map tied to industrial processes, as well as non-occupational activities such as hobbies. The records for these agents include synonyms, chemical formulae and properties, and descriptions. The database also links 180 occupational diseases to signs and symptoms of the disease and to hazardous job tasks. Also included is a glossary of chemical and disease-related terms, and a bibliography of references, some with links to the full text resources comprised in the Haz-Map database.
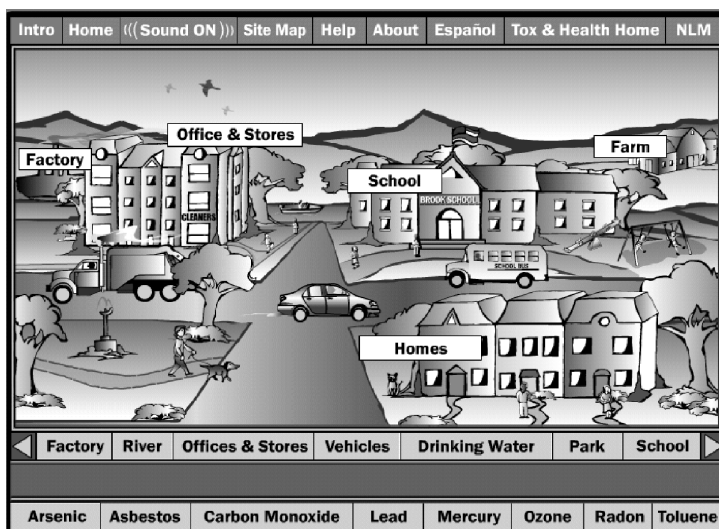
Tox Town <toxtown.nlm.nih.gov> is a pilot project to explore how best to provide environmental health information to consumers. This interactive guide uses color, graphics, sounds and animation to provide an introduction to toxic chemicals and environmental health risks that the general public might encounter every day. In this first release, Tox Town gives information on eight chemicals and eleven locations in an imaginary small town. Plans to expand Tox Town include adding more chemicals and adding new scenes, such as an urban community and a farming region. Macromedia Flash Player is required to view this site.

Information contained in this article is from *NLM Technical Bulletin 2002 Nov-Dec;(329), and 2003 Jan-Feb;(330).*

HSLS Staff News

Jonathon Erlen, history of medicine librarian, served as program chair for the national meeting of the Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science, held at Duke University/University of North Carolina, February 21-22, 2003. At the meeting, he was appointed to the Society's executive board, and to the program committee for the 2004 meeting.

Patricia Friedman, HSLS reference librarian, has been elected as Section Council Representative for the Medical Informatics Section of the Medical Libraries Association.

Minda Fogarty recently joined the HSLS staff, and is responsible for providing weekend coverage for the Falk Library circulation desk. She holds a degree in Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh
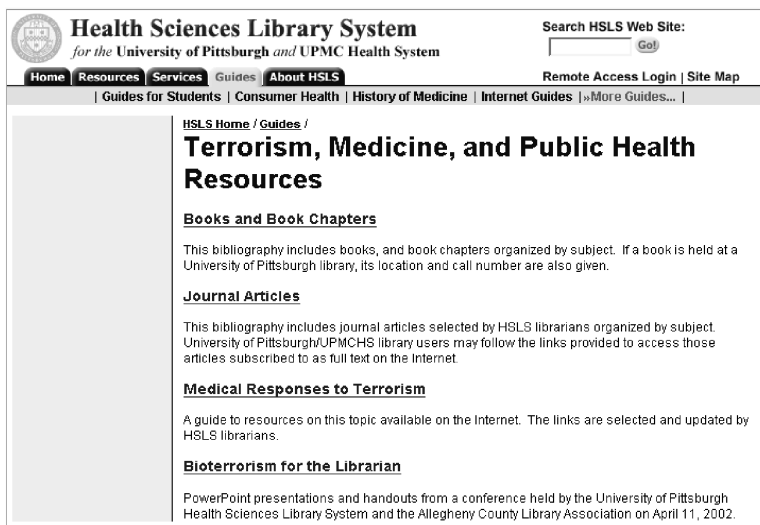
PRESENTATIONS

Ammon Ripple, Document Delivery Librarian and Reference Services Coordinator, presented a 3-hour continuing education course titled "Digital Document Delivery Demystified" to over 60 librarians affiliated with HSLANJ (the Health Sciences Library Association of New Jersey) on February 19, 2003 in Princeton, New Jersey. In addition, he presented a 3 hour training course titled "Public Health on the Web: Finding What You Need When You Need It" to 14 public health professionals from the Allegheny County Health Department on February 28, 2003. The course was sponsored by the Pennsylvania and Ohio Public Health Training Center, a federally funded center within the Graduate School of Public Health.

PUBLICATIONS

Jonathon Erlen, history of medicine librarian, is a contributing editor for *ISIS Current Bibliography of the History of Science and Its Cultural Influences*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press for the History of Science Society, 2001. In addition, Dr. Erlen published: "Dissertation titles and synopses" with George Rodway in *Wilderness and Environmental Medicine*, 2002, 13:269-272; "A tour of dissertations" with Kelly Fryer-Edwards in *ASBH Exchange*, 2002-2003, 5(3): 4; "Hidden treasurers in the history of psychiatry: Review of dissertations" in *History of Psychiatry*, 2002, 13(4): 485-497; and "Dissertations in the history of pharmacy" in *Pharmacy in History*, 2003, 45(1): 42.

New Guide on Bioterrorism Resources Available

An extensive guide on bioterrorism resources, titled, "Terrorism, Medicine and Public Health Resources" is available through HSLS. It is located in the *Guides* section of the Web site at <www.hsls.pitt.edu/guides/bioterrorism>. The new guide includes books and book chapters, journal articles, Web sites on medical responses to terrorism, and information about bioterrorism for the librarian.

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Terrorism, Medicine, and Public Health Resources

Books and Book Chapters

This bibliography includes books, and book chapters organized by subject. If a book is held at a University of Pittsburgh library, its location and call number are also given.

Journal Articles

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PowerPoint presentations and handouts from a conference held by the University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences Library System and the Allegheny County Library Association on April 11, 2002.

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Guide

A new special topic guide on Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) is available from the HSLS Web site at <www.hsls.pitt.edu/guides/student/sars>. The guide provides links to SARS information from the CDC and WHO including case definitions for surveillance, news articles and an interim travel advisory.

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