Patient/Family Resource Center Launched at WPIC Library

While clinicians play an essential role in educating patients about diagnoses and treatments, patients often seek out additional health information on their own. HSLS has long been involved in providing such consumer health information, through the UPMC Shadyside Hopwood Library and the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC Family Resource Center. Now, HSLS has launched a new collection where patients and their families can turn for information about behavioral health issues, written in easy-to-understand, nonclinical language.

Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (WPIC) Library’s new Patient/Family Resource Center provides consumer-level resources to help meet the information needs of inpatients, outpatients, and their families. The center is conveniently located on the first floor of the WPIC Library, adjacent to the reference area. Information appropriate for children, adolescent, adult, and geriatric populations is available. Books in this collection may be borrowed after registering at the library with a photo ID or address verification. Videos may be viewed in the library. HSLS librarians are on duty to assist consumers with information requests Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or confidential information request forms can be completed at any time.

Dental and Emergency Medicine Questions Added to EXAM MASTER

EXAM MASTER has released "Basic Sciences for Dental Examination Part I," a self-study and self-assessment tool for students preparing to take Part I of the National Board Dental Examination. EXAM MASTER is already used at Pitt and UPMC by medical students (USMLE exams), residents (USMLE and board certification), and physicians (board certification and SPEX). It helps organize test preparation by:

- assessing your strengths & weaknesses
- providing detailed explanations with every question
- offering realistic practice exams
- tracking your performance in detail

"Basic Sciences for Dental Examination Part I" is a preliminary product that is still under development. It currently has approximately 1,800 study questions covering anatomic sciences (183 questions), biochemistry and physiology (856 questions), microbiology and pathology (775 questions), and dental anatomy and occlusion (nine questions). Besides adding some clinically oriented questions, the company also plans to develop a comparable resource for Part II.

Emergency Medicine Certification Review, a new resource for those preparing to take the American Board of Emergency Medicine
Director’s Reflections…

Check Out HSLS Services and Resources!

August is always an exciting time on a university campus. After vacations and relaxation, faculty and students head back to work with renewed energy. HSLS librarians spent the summer orienting new UPMC residents, adding new resources, expanding our collection of circulating laptops, and planning orientations and workshops for the fall.

I wish I could personally introduce every new faculty member and student to HSLS, but time does not permit. Instead I’ve listed below some of the services we offer to make your life easier.

HSLS’ intuitive Web site <www.hsls.pitt.edu> with an easy-to-use search. HSLS box helps you to quickly find journal articles, point-of-care information, and textbook chapters. Are you unsure about how to use our wireless network or get a password for off-campus access to electronic resources? Then click on the How Do I? button and enter your question. If you’re still stumped, send us a message through Ask a Librarian, or just call the reference desk at 412-648-8796.

Do you need something we don’t have? Order books or copies of published articles through our Document Delivery service <www.hsls.pitt.edu/services/documentdelivery>. Once the order is processed, requested articles can be viewed in electronic format and books can be picked up at a HSLS library’s circulation desk to be checked out. A message will be sent to your e-mail account when items are ready for online viewing or pickup.

Are you a researcher in the basic sciences struggling to keep up with fast-changing information resources in bioinformatics? Plan to attend a specialized workshop offered by the HSLS Molecular Biology Information Service, consult with one of our information specialists, or search the HSLS Online Bioinformatics Information Resources Collection (OBRC) that includes 1,746 indexed databases and software tools. You can find the OBRC by clicking on Molecular Biology on the right-hand side of the HSLS home page.

Want to learn more? Attend one of our workshops on database searching or software training. Bring a sandwich to a “Lunch with a Librarian” session to find out about the nuts and bolts of publishing, developing dynamic presentations and posters, or staying current with new information. Click on HSLS Classes under the News and Announcements section of our home page for a complete listing of the classes HSLS has to offer. If a skill you’re looking for isn’t offered in a scheduled class, a librarian will consult with you individually or in a small group. Contact your school’s liaison librarian to schedule workshops for your students or work group.

In this new academic year, resolve to learn more about how HSLS can help enhance your research and teaching productivity.
Top 20 in 20: The Most Borrowed Books from Falk Library Since 1987

Health sciences librarians often analyze circulation statistics to guide collection development. A common rule of thumb is the 80/20 rule: About 20 percent of items in a library collection receive about 80 percent of the use. One study at the University of Illinois at Chicago found that a tiny percentage (2.21 percent) of items accounted for nearly 22 percent of circulation during a three-year period.*

HSLS purchases books to support the full range of health sciences programs at the University and UPMC, adding topics of interest today and safeguarding these materials for future researchers.

The list below represents the 20 book titles that were borrowed most often from Falk Library in the past 20 years. Our top 20 list represents a broad range of subjects of interest to our varied user population: statistics, molecular biology, clinical care, dental medicine, basic science, and self-study. (Only titles and authors are listed, not specific editions.) How many of the top 20 have you read?

1. Robbins and Cotran Pathologic Basis of Disease edited by Vinay Kumar, Abul K. Abbas, and Nelson Fausto
2. Introduction to Probability and Mathematical Statistics by Lee J. Bain and Max Engelhardt
3. Applied Logistic Regression by David W. Hosmer and Stanley Lemeshow
4. Fundamentals of Biostatistics by Bernard Rosner
5. Basic Statistics for the Health Sciences by Jan Kuzma
7. Statistical Power Analysis for the Behavioral Sciences by Jacob Cohen
9. PCR Technology: Principles and Applications for DNA Amplification edited by Henry A. Erlich
10. McDonald's Blood Flow in Arteries: Theoretical, Experimental, and Clinical Principles by Wilmer W. Nichols and Michael F. O'Rourke
11. Contemporary Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery edited by Larry J. Peterson
13. The ICU Book by Paul L. Marino
14. Contemporary Implant Dentistry edited by Carl E. Misch
16. Biomechanics: Mechanical Properties of Living Tissues by Y.C. Fung
17. Atlas of Human Anatomy by Frank H. Netter
18. A Practical Guide to ECG Interpretation by Ken Grauer


--Charlie Wessel

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WPIC clinicians and staff are urged to refer patients and their families to the center. To further this effort, caregivers are encouraged to “prescribe” behavioral health care information to their patients through the use of “information prescriptions.” The library plans to distribute Information Rx pads to WPIC clinicians via campus mail. Caregivers are asked to write out an Information Rx for patients or family members to bring to the library. These can be used to literally spell out the name of behavioral health conditions or treatments, so the librarian can more readily identify the patient’s specific information need.

--Rebecca Abromitis
Personalize Entrez Databases with MyNCBI

MyNCBI allows you to create a personalized account in PubMed or any other Entrez database available from the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). PubMed is the free-to-the-public version of MEDLINE available on the Entrez search system. Entrez also includes a number of other databases such as Entrez Gene, Entrez Nucleotide, Entrez Protein, and PubChem. For a complete listing of Entrez resources, go to <www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/ gquery/>.

Using MyNCBI you can:
• save searches to rerun in the future
• create e-mail alerts to notify you of new articles matching your search criteria
• save search results
• create filters to easily sort PubMed search results

Create an Account
To create a free MyNCBI account click on “Register” in the MyNCBI box at the top right corner of any Entrez database page. To use MyNCBI, your Web browser must be set to accept cookies and to allow pop-ups from NCBI Web pages.
(Note: The following examples are based on PubMed searches.)

Save a Search Strategy
Once you have signed in and run a search, you will see a new option to the right of the search box - a link that reads “Save Search”. Click this link, name your search and click OK. Your search strategy will now be saved and can easily be rerun at a later date.

Set Up an E-mail Alert
To receive an e-mail alerting you to new citations meeting your search strategy criteria, follow the above steps through “name your search.” Once your search has been named, you will need to change the default to yes for the question: Would you like to receive e-mail updates of new search results? Note that you can create an alert based on author, journal, or subject search terms. You can customize how frequently you receive e-mail updates, whether you would like to receive abstracts, the maximum number of results, etc.

Saving Search Results
From the results page, select the items you would like to save by clicking the check box to the left of the item. Move these selected items to your saved collection by first selecting “Clipboard” from the Send to drop-down menu and then selecting “MyNCBI Collections” from the Send to drop-down menu in the Clipboard tab (see below). You may create a new collection or append an existing collection.

Creating Filters
While signed in to your MyNCBI account, click on MyNCBI in the toolbar on the left of the screen. Select Filters under MyNCBI Resources. Browse or search a list of possible filters, or create your own based on search terms. Once you have created a filter, a new tab will appear above your search results. It will include a subset of all results gathered according to the filter. You can set up to five filters.

Contact the Reference Department at 412-648-8796 or medlibq@pitt.edu for assistance with setting up a MyNCBI account or developing search strategies. For more information and step-by-step MyNCBI help visit <www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/ bv.fcgi?rid=helpmyncbi.TOC&depth=2>.

This article is based on an Update article previously printed in February 2005.

--Ansuman Chattopadhyay

New Class!
The WOW Factor: Creating Posters with PowerPoint

Do you need to create a poster for an upcoming conference? Not sure where to begin? HSLS is now offering a class to help you create posters using Microsoft PowerPoint. This hands-on, instructional class will be offered three times during the fall 2007-08 term.
**News**

**Renae Barger** has been appointed head of Access Services. Barger has been at HSLS since 2002, first as a reference librarian and then as document delivery coordinator. Her new responsibilities include oversight of technology and procedures to provide access to library resources, including services in interlibrary loan, photocopy, circulation, memberships, and stacks management.

**Leslie Czechowski** has been appointed head of Collection Services, with responsibility for collection development and analysis, selection of materials in all formats, vendor relations, and licensing of electronic resources. Czechowski has worked at HSLS since August 2005, first as manuscripts librarian and then as collections librarian.

**Gosia Fort** has been appointed head of Technical Services. In this position, she oversees cataloging, acquisitions, serials management, and materials processing. Fort joined HSLS in 1999 as the cataloging and database maintenance librarian, and was promoted to head of Bibliographic Services in 2004.

**Linda Hartman**, reference librarian, has been elected HSLS’ representative in the Faculty Assembly of the University Senate. Hartman’s three-year term began in July.

**Carrie Iwema** joined HSLS as a Molecular Biology information specialist. Iwema earned a BS degree from Indiana University and a PhD in neuroscience from SUNY Upstate Medical University, and was a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Neurosurgery at Yale University. After earning an MLS degree from Southern Connecticut State University, she worked at Welch Medical Library at Johns Hopkins University as basic science librarian.

**John LaDue** has been appointed lead developer and will act as the project manager for the HSLS Web application team. LaDue began at HSLS in 2005 as a CMC help desk assistant and was promoted to systems analyst in 2006.

**John Siegel**, reference librarian, was appointed co-chair of the American Library Association’s New Members Round Table Student and Student Chapter Outreach Committee.

**Angela Zack** joined HSLS as a systems programmer. Previously, Zack owned her own Web design business. Zack will be joining the HSLS development team to work on Web-based applications.

**Publications**


**Presentations**

**Jonathon Erlen**, history of medicine librarian, presented a talk, “Factors in the Decline of the Doctor Patient Relationship: From the Mythical Golden Age to the Present,” at the Institute for Medicine in Contemporary Society, Stony Brook University School of Medicine, Stony Brook N.Y., on June 6, 2007.

**Nancy Tannery**, associate director of User Services, presented a poster titled, “Libraries in Medical Education Special Interest Group of the NEGEA”, at the 2007 Annual Educational Retreat of the Northeast Group on Educational Affairs, June 8-9, 2007, in Stony Brook, N.Y. The poster was co-authored with Lauren Maggio, Alumni Medical Library, Boston University; Lora Thompson, Dartmouth Biomedical Libraries; Len Levin, Lamar Soutter Library, University of Massachusetts; and Julia Whelan, Countway Library of Medicine, Harvard University.

**Attention Laptop Users**

HSLS has added 17 new laptop computers to its collection, bringing our grand total to 28 circulating units. The circulation policy has also been modified so that laptops may be borrowed for up to four hours, and use is no longer restricted to Falk Library. Since the Pitt wireless network is now available throughout most of Scaife Hall and many other University locations, HSLS can travel with you! Although laptops may be borrowed by all authorized HSLS users, only those with valid Pitt accounts may use the Pitt wireless network: guest accounts are not available. Laptops may be checked out from the Computer and Media Center (CMC) on the second floor of Falk Library and must be returned within the four-hour checkout period to avoid late fees. Users are responsible for the careful handling of HSLS laptops and may be held accountable for damages.

--Fran Yarger
HSLS Update

HSLS Schedule of Classes September-October 2007

Classes are held on the first floor of Falk Library in Classroom 1, and in the Computer and Media Center Classroom 2 on the second floor of Falk Library (200 Scaife Hall). Some classes are also held at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (WPIC) Library Classroom. Class schedules are subject to change. Please consult the online class calendar at <www.hsls.pitt.edu/services/instruction/calendar> for the most current information.

HSLS ORIENTATION

Introduction to HSLS Resources and Services at Falk Library
(Meet inside entrance to library)
Thursday, September 6 10-11:15 a.m.
Monday, September 17 Noon-1:15 p.m.
Wednesday, October 24 Noon-1:15 p.m.
Falk Library: Also offered upon request to groups or individuals. Call 412-648-8796.

Introduction to HSLS Resources and Services at WPIC Library
(Meet inside entrance to library)
Wednesday, September 5 3:30-4:30 p.m.
WPIC Library: Also offered upon request to groups or individuals. Call 412-246-5507.

SEARCHING DATABASES

Ovid MEDLINE*
(Falk Library Classroom 1)
Tuesday, September 11 10-11:30 a.m.
Friday, October 12 1-2:30 p.m.
Monday, October 29 9-10:30 a.m.

PubMed Basics*
(Falk Library Classroom 1)
Thursday, September 20 1-2:30 p.m.
Monday, October 1 10-11:30 a.m.
Friday, October 19 9:30-11 a.m.

Advanced PubMed*
(Falk Library Classroom 1)
Friday, October 26 9:30-11 a.m.

Searching Nursing Literature*
(Falk Library Classroom 1)
Thursday, September 27 1-2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 17 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Searching PsycINFO*
(WPIC Library Classroom)
Monday, September 17 9-10:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 18 10-11:30 a.m.

Measuring Health: Finding Mental Measurement Tools*
(WPIC Library Classroom)
Monday, October 22 9-10:30 a.m.

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY
AND GENETICS RESOURCES

Introduction to VectorNTI*
(Falk Library Classroom 2)
Tuesday, October 2 1-3 p.m.

Introduction to Pathway Analysis Tools*
(Falk Library Classroom 2)
Tuesday, September 25 1-3 p.m.
Tuesday, October 30 1-3 p.m.

Introduction to Microarray Data Analysis*
(Falk Library Classroom 2)
Tuesday, October 16 1-3 p.m.

Peptide Mass Fingerprinting for Protein Identification*
(Falk Library Classroom 2)
Tuesday, October 23 1-3 p.m.

Genetic Information Hubs
(Falk Library Classroom 2)
Tuesday, September 11 1-3 p.m.

Protein Information Hubs*
(Falk Library Classroom 2)
Tuesday, September 18 1-3 p.m.

Sequence Similarity Searching*
(Falk Library Classroom 2)
Tuesday, October 9 1-3 p.m.

SOFTWARE TRAINING

EndNote Basics
(Falk Library Classroom 2)
(Note: This class is usually full. Please arrive 15 minutes in advance to ensure seating.)
Wednesday, September 5 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Thursday, September 27 2-4 p.m.
Monday, October 1 1-3 p.m.
Wednesday, October 24 1-3 p.m.

Adobe Photoshop for Beginners
(Falk Library Classroom 2)
Thursday, September 20 10 a.m.-noon
Thursday, October 18 10 a.m.-noon
All classes are open to faculty, staff, and students of the schools of the health sciences at the University of Pittsburgh and UPMC. No registration required. Seating for classes is first-come, first-served until the class is full. Classes marked with an asterisk (*) qualify for American Medical Association Category 2 continuing education credit. Detailed course descriptions are available at <www.hsls.pitt.edu/services/instruction>.
Updated CDC Web Site

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated its Web site <www.cdc.gov/> this spring, adding a new layer of improved navigational tools to provide quick access to the most frequently sought resources.

Major sections of the Web site include Health & Safety Topics, Data & Statistics, Publications, Tools & Resources, News & Events, About CDC, and CDC for You.

• Health & Safety Topics: provides quick access to topic areas of the most interest including healthy living, workplace safety and health, and disease and conditions. Consult the CDC A to Z Index, available on all of the new CDC Web pages, for topics that are not displayed at this quick access point.

• Data & Statistics: this updated page makes the task of navigating this complex topic much easier than in the past. The most popular resources and most frequent starting points for finding statistics are prominently displayed. Farther down the page CDC Data & Statistics Resources are presented in a tabbed menu including surveys, vital statistics, and interactive tools.

• Publications: features three full-text journals, Emerging Infectious Diseases, Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, and Preventing Chronic Disease. The Publication by Topic section links to relevant Web pages and publication lists, with exact content type varying by topic.

• Tools & Resources: pulls together an interesting grab bag of useful items, such as body mass index calculators and immunization schedules. Also listed is a link to Other Languages where selected CDC materials are translated into nine languages frequently spoken in the United States, such as Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese.

To help users stay current, the CDC provides a What’s New page <www.cdc.gov/Other/whats_new.html> on the Web site. To see changes and additions as they happen, subscribe to the CDC’s RSS feeds <www2a.cdc.gov/podcasts/rss.asp> or e-mail updates <www.cdc.gov/emailupdates/>.

--Barb Folb