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## *Accessing HSLs Cancer Resources*

The opening of the Hillman Cancer Center in Shadyside underscores the importance of cancer treatment and research at the UPMC Health System and the University of Pittsburgh. HSLs offers a variety of cancer resources in both print and electronic formats for faculty, staff, and students. Though many cancer researchers and clinicians are now located farther away from the main HSLs print collection in Falk Library than previously, it is easy to access electronic journals, textbooks and databases from any computer located in the Hillman Center. Journal articles which are not available online may be requested and delivered electronically through Document Express for a small fee.



The following list highlights a selection of databases, electronic journals, and electronic books and Internet sites available at <http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/resources>, as well as selected print resources. For further information on cancer resources, or to request training or consultation, please contact librarian Amy Gregg, liaison to the Hillman Cancer Center, at [agregg@pitt.edu](mailto:agregg@pitt.edu) or 412-648-3573, or the Falk Library reference desk at 412-648-8796 or [medlibq@pitt.edu](mailto:medlibq@pitt.edu).

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## *HSLs Unveils Electronic Access to Course Reserves*

It is now easier for students to access course reserve materials. A new link on the HSLs Resources page <http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/resources> assists students in finding materials that instructors have placed on reserve at HSLs libraries for their courses. Links to existing electronic full text from the reserve record allow users to access some reserve materials at their desktop.

Students can now locate their HSLs course reserves via an online index that can be sorted by department, course name, course number or instructor name. Clicking on an entry in the table pulls up a PITT*Cat* display of the books, journal articles, and other materials on reserve for that class.

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# Cancer Resources *continued from page 1*

## Databases

**CancerLit**, a bibliographic database produced by the National Cancer Institute, is available through the Ovid interface. This database contains citations to journals, proceedings, monographs, reports, and theses from 1975 to the present. The literature pertains to all types of cancer therapy, cancer causing agents, mechanisms of carcinogenesis, biochemistry, immunology, physiology, and mutagen and growth factor studies.

Other Ovid databases also provide access to cancer literature. The **EBM (Evidence Based Medicine) databases** are used to locate the best evidence and bring it from the researcher to the patient, while **CINAHL** locates literature in the areas of nursing and the allied health professions.

**MICROMEDEX** is a compilation of databases with information on drugs, alternative medicine therapies, emergency medicine, toxicology, and reproductive risk. It includes the full text of the *Physicians Desk Reference* and *Martindale's Complete Drug Reference*.

**Physician Data Query (PDQ)** is the National Cancer Institute's comprehensive cancer database, located at <<http://www.cancer.gov>>. PDQ contains peer-reviewed summaries of topics ranging from cancer treatment to genetics, a registry of clinical trials, and directories of physicians and organizations.

## Electronic Journals

Over 60 full text electronic journals are available in the field of cancer research. Selected journals include: *Breast Cancer Research and Treatment*,

*Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, and *Seminars in Surgical Oncology*. Browse the complete list of electronic journals at <<http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/resources/ejournals>>.

## Electronic Books

Electronic Books specifically related to cancer are also available full text online. These include: *Lippincott's Cancer Chemotherapy Handbook*, *Cancer Handbook*, *Principles and Practice of Pediatric Oncology*, and *Manual of Clinical Oncology*.

## Oncology Internet Guide

HSLs librarians have compiled helpful links to Internet resources about cancer and oncology at <<http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/guides/internet/onc>>. Links are chosen for the quality of information and potential usefulness to health professionals.

## PITTCat

The online catalog of the University of Pittsburgh libraries allows you to search for specific journals, books, microforms, dissertations, electronic resources, government documents, and audiovisual materials. In Falk Library, books on cancer topics are generally found within the call number ranges RC254 through RC282. You can check the New Books page <<http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/newbooks.cgi>> periodically to keep up with recent acquisitions in HSLs and other Pitt libraries. To have a Falk Library book delivered for pick-up at the UPMC Shadyside hospital libraries, fill out the online Document Request form available at <<http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/services/documentdelivery>>.

--Amy Gregg

# New Electronic Journals

New *Nature* journals were recently added to the electronic journals collection. They are:

- Nature Reviews: Cancer
- Nature Reviews: Drug discovery
- Nature Reviews: Immunology.

You can access these journals, as part of the collection of more than 2000 electronic journals available at your desktop, through HSLs at <<http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/resources/ejournals>> or through PITTCat.

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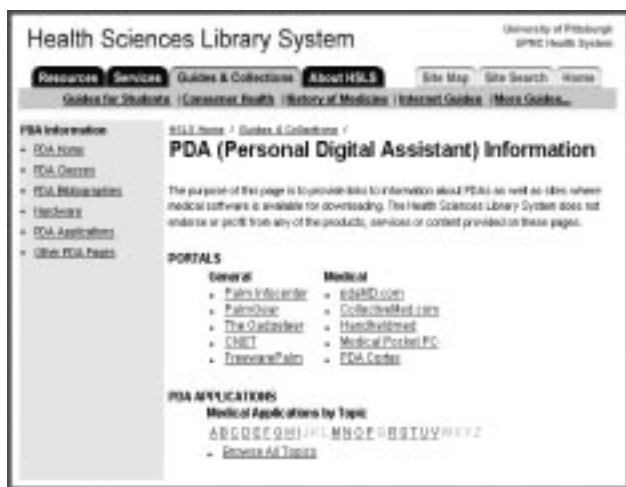
# PDA Corner

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### Expanded PDA Information Guide

Recently, HSLs unveiled a new and expanded PDA (personal digital assistant) Information guide <[www.hsls.pitt.edu/guides/pda](http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/guides/pda)>. From novice to expert, individuals with varying levels of experience and knowledge can find helpful information at this site.

A new feature is the Medical Applications section. This section all but eliminates the need to search different portals to find appropriate PDA software applications. It provides direct links to hundreds of downloadable software applications. They are organized by medical subject, and an icon denotes whether it is a free or commercial product.



This new and improved guide also provides links to general PDA portals, medical PDA portals, and direct links to PDA software applications. PDA portals provide general information, hardware and software reviews, articles and information on future technologies. The medical PDA portals provide the same type of information, but with a medical focus. Clinicians generally write the reviews and articles. They also offer reviews of, and links to, medical software applications.

Additionally, the guide provides links to PDA hardware producers, such as HandEra, Palm and HandSpring, as well as PDA bibliographies, and information on HSLs PDA classes.

Visit this site whether you are thinking about purchasing a PDA, already own one, are ready to increase your PDA's capability, or just want to learn about the latest developments.

--Jody Wozar

## Managing Bibliographic Information Using EndNote and ProCite

Bibliographic formatting software automatically compiles and formats bibliographies for papers, grants, and other publications. Two such packages supported by the Health Sciences Library System are EndNote and ProCite. Both are produced by ISI ResearchSoft, and offer powerful editing features and instant bibliographies.

EndNote and ProCite consist of databases into which bibliographic references are entered and stored. Both packages allow the creation of an unlimited number of databases. Each database in EndNote holds up to 32,000 references, while the number in ProCite is unlimited.

There are several ways to enter references into EndNote and ProCite. One can search Web-based resources directly, or import references from PubMed, or from commercial databases such as Ovid MEDLINE, PsycINFO, Web of Science, and many others. References can also be entered manually. Once references have been entered, they can be edited and used to generate a formatted bibliography.

Output styles determine how references in a bibliography are formatted. Both EndNote and ProCite provide hundreds of such styles. This allows bibliographies to be instantly formatted in standard styles such as APA and Vancouver, plus those required by many individual journals in different disciplines, such as the *New England Journal of Medicine*, and *Journal of the American Dental Association*.

EndNote is popular and easy to use. Version 6 lets users organize images as well as references, and link directly to PDF files located on the user's hard drive.

ProCite provides more flexibility. Version 5 allows users to create subject bibliographies. Subject bibliographies contain references arranged by category such as keyword, author, or title. Subject bibliographies make excellent handouts, can be used to create subject holdings lists, and faculty publication lists. The user can also create database subsets called "groups", which allow the user to modify, print, and search smaller groups of references selected from a large database.

EndNote and ProCite make generating bibliographies quick and effortless. The Health Sciences Library System offers classes in both EndNote and ProCite. Visit <<http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/services/classes>>, and click on 'Class Calendar' for the current schedule.

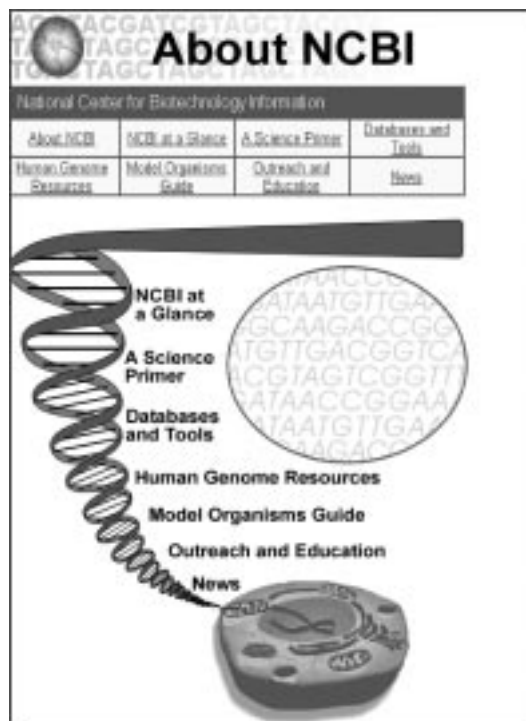
--Jill Foust

# NCBI: The Resource Center for Bioinformatics Tools and Databases

The National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) was established in 1988 as a division of the National Library of Medicine at the National Institutes of Health. NCBI's mission is to develop computerized information processing methods for biomedical research. Since its inception, it has grown to one of the largest and most heavily used information resource providers in biomedicine. NCBI creates and maintains public databases, conducts research in computational biology, develops software tools for analyzing genome data, and disseminates biomedical information.

All NCBI resources are freely accessible to the scientific community via the Internet. A guide to NCBI resources is available at <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Sitemap>, which provides an alphabetic index and links to resources. These resources can be categorized into two groups: databases and bioinformatics tools.

NCBI databases cover literature, molecular biology and genetics topics. Literature databases include PubMed and Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM), a catalog of human genes and genetic disorders. Molecular databases can be classified into two forms, archival and curated. The Archival Nucleotide database contains sequence data from GenBank, EMBL (European Molecular Biology Laboratory), and DDBJ (DNA Data Bank of Japan), the members of the tri-



partite International Nucleotide Sequence Database Collaboration. RefSeq, the database of reference sequences, provides curated, non-redundant sequences including genomic DNA contigs, mRNAs and proteins. Other important molecular databases include:

- dbEST: database of expressed sequence tags
- dbSTS: database of sequence tagged sites
- Molecular Model Database (MMDB): a database of three-dimensional biomolecular structures derived from X-ray crystallography and NMR-spectroscopy
- Conserved Domain Database (CDD): a collection of sequence alignments and profiles representing protein domains conserved in molecular evolution

A major outcome of NCBI initiatives in computational biology research is the development of two essential bioinformatics tools, Entrez and BLAST. Entrez, the database search and retrieval system, provides integrated access to all NCBI databases. BLAST (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool) is a sequence similarity search program designed to find similar sequences for a query sequence from all sequence databases.

NCBI has made all its resources available to aid biomedical researchers in the quest to understand the language of the living cell at the molecular level. To fulfill this goal, biological science researchers need to be properly trained in the use of bioinformatics resources. NCBI offers tutorials, guides and classes on the use of bioinformatics tools and databases.

Closer to home, HSLs offers a series of workshops on the use of these NCBI resources, as well as other molecular biology and genetics software and databases. Workshops are held in the Falk Library CMC Classrooms. Dates and descriptions are listed in the HSLs schedule of classes <http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/services/classes>, or workshops can be scheduled by appointment for your group by contacting Ansuman Chattopadhyay, PhD, HSLs information specialist in molecular biology and genetics, at [ansuman@pitt.edu](mailto:ansuman@pitt.edu) or 412-648-1297.

--Ansuman Chattopadhyay

# HSLs Schedule of Classes January - February 2003

## **Introduction to HSLs Resources and Services**

(Falk Library, meet inside entrance to Library)

Monday, January 13	11:00am-12:15pm
Thursday, January 30	2:00pm-3:15pm
Wednesday, February 12	11:00am-12:15pm
Tuesday Feb. 25	2:00pm-3:15pm

## **Searching MEDLINE on Ovid\***

(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)

Tuesday, January 14	9:00am-10:30am
Tuesday, January 21	5:30pm-7:00pm
Thursday, Feb. 20	10:00am-11:30am

## **Searching PubMed\***

(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)

Wednesday, January 15	8:00am-9:30am
Monday, February 3	1:00pm-2:30pm
Wednesday, February 19	3:00pm-4:30pm

## **Advanced MEDLINE Searching on Ovid\***

(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #1)

Monday, February 3	1:00pm-2:30pm
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## **Basic Science Information Resources\***

(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)

Wednesday, February 12	10:30am-12:00pm
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## **Clinical Information Resources\***

(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)

Wednesday, January 29	2:00pm-3:30pm
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## **Mental Health Information Resources\***

(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #1)

Thursday, February 27	11:00am-12:30pm
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## **Complementary & Alternative Medicine (CAM)**

### **Information Resources\***

(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)

Tuesday, January 21	11:00am-1:00pm
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## **Finding Information on Psychiatric & Psychological**

### **Testing Instruments\***

(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)

Thursday, February 6	1:00pm-2:30pm
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## **EndNote Basics**

(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)

Thursday, January 23	9:00am-11:00am
Monday, February 17	2:00pm-4:00pm

## **Introduction to ProCite Version 5**

(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)

Tuesday, February 11	9:00am-11:00am
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## **Adobe Photoshop for Beginners**

(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #1)

Tuesday, January 7	10:00am-12:00pm
Wednesday, February 5	9:00am-11:00am

## **PowerPoint for Presentation**

(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #1)

Thursday, January 9	9:00am-11:00am
Tuesday, February 11	10:00am-12:00am

## **Introduction to Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs)**

(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #1)

Thursday, February 20	10:00am-12:00pm
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## **Information Hubs for Molecular Biology and Genetics\***

(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)

Wednesday, January 8	1:00pm-4:00pm
Wednesday, February 5	1:00pm-4:00pm

## **Sequence Similarity Searching\***

(Falk Library, CMC Classroom #2)

Wednesday, January 22	1:00pm-4:00pm
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## **Searching for Evidence-Based Literature\***

By Appointment, Contact: Pat Friedman (412) 648-2040

## **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

*All classes are open to faculty, staff and students of the University of Pittsburgh Schools of the health sciences and the UPMC Health System.*

*No registration required. Seating for classes is first-come, first-served until the class is full. Classes which qualify for AMA Category 2 CME credit are marked with an asterisk.*

*Detailed course descriptions are available at <<http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/classes>>*

## *Document Express Continues to Improve*

If you order documents through the HSLS Document Express Service, please visit our Web site to learn about three new service options that can make your life easier. The new features are:

- 1) The ability to look up citations using the PubMed ID or MEDLINE Unique Identifier number, saving you from having to re-type the whole citation into the online form.
- 2) The ability to bill by department instead of by individuals.
- 3) Urgent service for clinical emergencies at no charge.

Complete information is available by going to the HSLS Web site at <http://www.hsls.pitt.edu> and clicking on "Document Delivery". --*Ammon Ripple*

## *ACS Surgery: Principles & Practice*

The University of Pittsburgh and the UPMC Health System now have electronic access to **ACS Surgery: Principles & Practice**, a comprehensive Web site for surgical reference. The resource is published by WebMD, and is updated continuously online. You can access ACS Surgery through the HSLS Electronic Books page at <http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/resources/ebooks/titles>.

ACS Surgery is organized to closely parallel the flow of modern surgical management. Chapters are "designed to reflect the passage of the surgical patient from clinical presentation through diagnostic and therapeutic decision making, preparation for operation, operative treatment, perioperative concerns, ICU care, and postoperative management."

Database features include:

- The ability to **search** across the entire database, or restrict your search to chapter text, references, figure captions, or tables.
- A **thesaurus**, which automatically expands your search to include synonyms of search terms. Acronyms, pharmaceutical trade names, and their generic equivalents are included in the thesaurus.
- **Interactive Algorithms**, or decision trees, that graphically depict surgical management of conditions (requires Macromedia Flash™ plug-in).

## *Database Title Changes*

The database titles "Web of Science" and "Journal Citation Reports" have changed to "ISI Web of Science" and "ISI Journal Citation Reports" respectively. You can still find these resources using their former titles in PITTCat, and via the HSLS Web site Electronic Resources Title Search <http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/resources>. However, when browsing the alphabetical list of databases on our Web site, these resources are listed under "I" rather than "W" or "J."

Also, note that ISI Web of Science and ISI Journal Citation Reports are now accessible through a single portal called ISI Web of Knowledge. Both the "Quick Links" menus on the HSLS home page, and the "Resources" section of the Web site now have a single link to ISI Web of Knowledge, (with a temporary note explaining the change), instead of separate links to Web of Science and Journal Citation Reports.

--*Jody Wozar*

## Helpful Online Tutorials Available

After searching a database for a while, you may wonder if there are helpful features that you haven't used. You could take an HSLs class, but time may not allow. Or maybe you feel a refresher session is needed for a previously attended class. Online tutorials to the rescue!

The following are short descriptions of tutorials available for HSLs databases. Access them from PITT*Cat*, the HSLs database Web page <<http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/resources/databases/titles>>, or the URLs below.

### *Ovid MEDLINE*

<<http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/services/classes/tutorials/medline>>  
Created by an HSLs librarian, this tutorial covers accessing Ovid (including remote access), MeSH terms and mapping, explode, focus, subheadings, limits, printing, saving and emailing citations.

### *PubMed*

<[http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/pubmed\\_tutorial/m1001.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/pubmed_tutorial/m1001.html)>  
The 'Show Me' feature provides examples through animation, and 'Demonstration Steps' allow the user to follow along step by step. Macromedia Flash™ player is required for the animation to work.

### *UpToDate*

<<http://www.uptodate.com/subscribers/tutorial/index.htm>>  
Straightforward tutorial. Also, the User Manual, accessible from the Help link on the tool bar, gives database details including system requirements, and instructions on making presentation slides from information in the database.

### *ISI Web of Science*

<<http://www.isinet.com/tutorials/webofscience5/>>  
Gives tips on truncating searches. Explains performing a search, interpreting the results, and the online help.

### *ISI Journal Citation Reports (JCR)*

<<http://www.isinet.com/tutorials/jcrweb/>>  
Begins with a brief product overview, and then indicates where to start a search by displaying the various screens and information contained on them. Can skip ahead or back by clicking on the desired link in the table of contents.

ISI Web of Science and ISI Journal Citation Reports also have links from their main pages entitled "Information for New Users". Each gives a detailed explanation of the database and how to use it. A very useful tool.

### *MICROMEDEX*

<[http://healthcare.micromedex.com/mdxdocs/tutorial/modules/module\\_0/index.htm](http://healthcare.micromedex.com/mdxdocs/tutorial/modules/module_0/index.htm)>

Requires the user to be interactive (i.e., enter terms, click on links). Includes a section on keyboard navigation for novice computer users.

### *Harrison's Online*

<[http://www.harrisonsonline.com/amed/public/amed\\_hol/demo/demo\\_start.html](http://www.harrisonsonline.com/amed/public/amed_hol/demo/demo_start.html)>

This basic tutorial provides the database screen on the right side with information about that section on the left side. Can skip to various parts and return to demo home between sections.

### *CogNet*

<[http://cognet.mit.edu/guided\\_tour/guided\\_tour.html](http://cognet.mit.edu/guided_tour/guided_tour.html)>

Provides detailed explanation and instructions for database sections including news, jobs, and graduate programs. Jobs section has a tutorial on CV construction.

Try an online tutorial to help you become a more efficient database searcher. It can be well worth the time invested.

--Linda Hartman

### ***MDConsult Now Available with Generic Login***

As of November 18, it is no longer necessary to use a separate login and password to access MDConsult. A new welcome screen offers two options for access. The ***Generic Edition*** allows you to use MDConsult services "out of the box", with no customization. Users who prefer to personalize their MDConsult display, or take advantage of features such as saved searches or bookmarks, can still log into the ***Personal Edition*** with their existing MDConsult login and password.



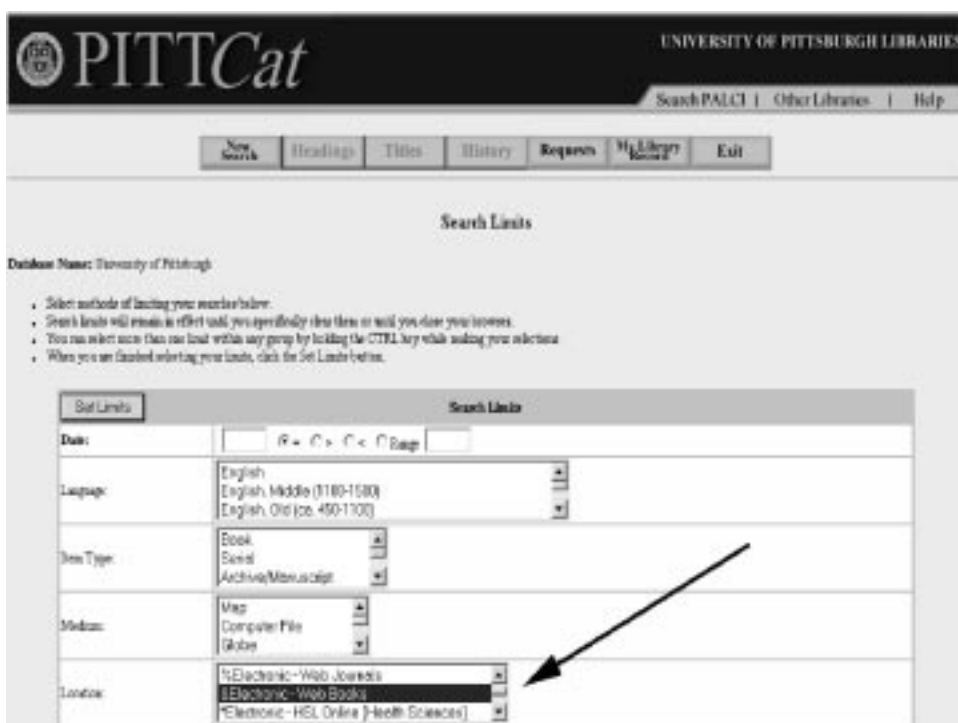
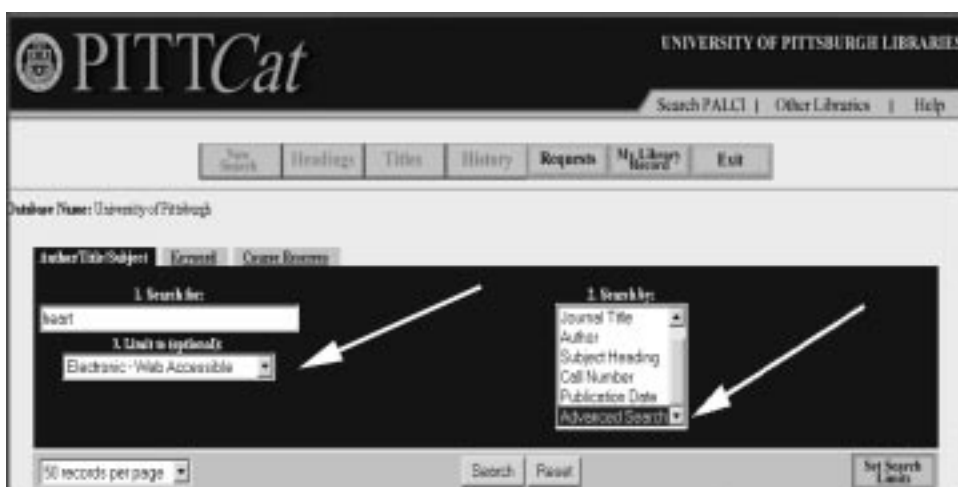
# Locating HSLs Electronic Books

The easiest way to locate HSLs electronic books is to click on *E-Books* from the HSLs Web page <<http://www.hsls.pitt.edu>>, but PITT*Cat* is also an effective tool for locating e-books. The method you choose depends on the information you have available to conduct a search.

If you know the title of the book you want, you may simply link to it from the alphabetical list of electronic books at <<http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/resources/ebooks/titles>>. If you don't remember the full title, but you recall it contained a particular word or phrase— say, clinical oncology— you can enter that phrase in the search box at top of the page. This search will retrieve *all* HSLs electronic resources (journals, books, and databases) that have clinical oncology in the title, and from this list you can locate the e-book you want.

You may also search for electronic books in PITT*Cat*, just as you would search for print books. Searches in PITT*Cat* will retrieve both print and electronic resources, but if you wish to see only electronic resources you may limit your search. Title, journal title and advanced keyword searches under the Author/Title/Subject tab may be limited by choosing 'Electronic - Web Accessible' from the *Limit to* pull down menu located directly below the *Search for* box.

A PITT*Cat* advanced keyword search on a single term, with the search limit "Electronic – Web Accessible" is a very effective way to find e-books quickly when you do not have much



information. Searching for the term "heart" in an advanced keyword search, with limits to "Electronic – Web Accessible," will pull up all electronic resources (journals, books, and databases) with the word heart anywhere in the record, including title, author, subject or even the publisher's name. The PITT*Cat* record contains a direct link to the e-book, so you do not have to exit PITT*Cat* to access it.

You may also search for e-books by using the Keyword tab in PITT*Cat*. This is helpful if you have only vague information, such as an author or a subject. To limit searches to e-books

from the Keyword tab, click the *Set search limits* button, and choose *Electronic-Web books* as a location. Click *set limits* to return to the search page, and then enter your search terms. Choose the type of information you are searching for—author, title, etc., and run your search.

Keep in mind that the *Electronic – Web Accessible* limit retrieves not only HSLs electronic resources, but also those licensed by any University of Pittsburgh Library, providing additional useful material at your desktop.

--Deb Silverman

# *HSLs Staff News*

## **KUDOS**

Kudos to **HSLs reference librarians** and **Web Committee members** who produce the HSLs Internet Resources Pages. These Pages were recognized in *bmj.com* as “a rich seam of resources, which are likely to satisfy the interests of most health professionals.” See <<http://bmj.com/cgi/content/full/bmjusa.01090010v1>>.

**Linda Hartman**, HSLs reference librarian, has been recognized as a provisional member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) of the Medical Library Association.

The UPMC Shadyside **Hopwood Library, a Health Resource for Patients and Family Members**, has been named a model consumer health library. The library was cited as such in a recent report, *The Challenge of Providing Consumer Health Information Services in Public Libraries* published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The report is a product of the Healthy People 2010 Library Initiative, funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health Education Awards Program.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**Michelle Burda**, HSLs consumer health librarian, helped to review and update the resource list in “Survivors’ guide for bone marrow/stem cell transplant: What to expect and how to get through it,” 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, by Keren Stronach, published by the National Bone Marrow Transplant Link, 2002.

**Jonathon Erlen**, history of medicine librarian, published “Dissertations in Women’s History” in the *Journal of Women’s History*, 2002, 14(2): 191-195; and “New dissertations” in *Nursing History Review*, 2003, 11: 215-225. Dr. Erlen also co-authored with Jay Toth “Recent Dissertations” *American Indian Quarterly*, 2001, 25(4): 651-653; and co-authored with Kelly Fryer-Edwards “A tour of dissertations” in *ASBH Exchange*, 2002, 5(2): 8.

**Linda Hartman**, HSLs reference librarian published “Resources for the many faces of domestic violence” in *Medical Reference Services Quarterly* 2002, 21(4):41-48.

HSLs Reference Librarians **Amy Gregg** and **Jody Wozar**, Coordinator of Affiliated Hospital Services **Charles Wessel**, and Associate Director **Barbara Epstein** published “Designing a curriculum on Internet health resources for deaf high school students,” in the *Journal of the Medical Library Association* 2002, 90(4): 431-436.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Michelle Burda**, HSLs consumer health librarian, **Michele Klein Fedyshin**, manager, UPMC Shadyside Libraries, and **Charles Wessel** coordinator of Affiliated Hospital Services, presented a workshop for the Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA) at Station Square on Oct. 24 titled: *If You Don’t Have Your Health, What Have You?* The session focused on the consumer health query, medical terminology, and alternative medicine resources, and was part of the ACLA continuing education workshops for public librarians.

**Deb Silverman**, HSLs assistant director for Resource Management, presented *E-books in the Health Sciences* as part of a panel on “Books to Bytes” at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charleston Conference: Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition, in Charleston, SC, on Oct. 31.

**Charles Wessel**, coordinator of Affiliated Hospital Services presented his Medical Library Association continuing education course, *Complementary and Alternative Medicine: Information Resources for Choices in Healing* to thirty-three librarians from the New York Public Library in Manhattan on November 1.

## **STAFF CHANGES**

**Andrea Ketchum**, former Health Sciences Library and Informatics trainee, has rejoined the HSLs reference department on a part-time basis for 6 months. Her duties include reference and special projects.

# New Artwork in Falk Library

Falk Library of the Health Sciences has received nine new paintings from Ralph M. Kniseley, MD to add to our collection of his works. Dr. Kniseley is both an accomplished artist and an alumnus (School of Medicine '43). The works displayed in Falk Library denote Dr. Kniseley's breadth of style over his extended artistic career, ranging from calm landscapes, to portraiture, to vibrant abstracts.

In addition to his commitment to artistic expression, Dr. Kniseley has enjoyed a distinguished career in medicine. As a specialist in nuclear medicine, he served on the faculty of the Oak Ridge Associated Universities, and as Director of the Life Sciences Division of the International Atomic Energy Association. Dr. Kniseley is the recipient of numerous awards for his service to the field of nuclear medicine, including the Georg de Harvey Pioneer in Nuclear Medicine award.

Falk Library has 45 Kniseley paintings displayed in public and staff spaces.

--Deb Silverman



*"Friend in Pursuit" 1999*  
Gift of Artist Ralph M. Kniseley, MD

## Medical Student Survey

### We Asked and They Told Us

Last spring, medical students at the University of Pittsburgh were asked to complete a library survey. We wanted to know about their Falk Library experiences during their years of study. Approximately 30% of the students responded. Respondents were evenly distributed

across the four years of medical school, and evenly divided between male and female.

When asked if the library was open enough hours to support their study/research needs, 93% of the students replied that they were satisfied with the hours. 67% of the students rated the study space available in the library as good or excellent. A large number of the students, 74%, were very satisfied with the Computer and Media Center (CMC). The level of assistance available from librarians at the reference desk was rated as good or excellent by 63% of the students.

Students' responses varied when asked why they used the library: 37% used it to study; 33% conducted research, either for an assignment, or in support of patient care; 33% checked their email; and 22% came to the library to locate a journal article. MEDLINE, UpToDate, and MDConsult were the electronic resources used most often by the students.

The Survey Committee included Nancy Tannery, HSLS assistant director for Information Services, and librarians Barbara Folb, Amy Gregg, Linda Hartman, and Ammon Ripple.

--Nancy Tannery

# HSLs Holiday Hours

HSLs libraries will maintain regular hours\* during the holiday season, *with the following exceptions:*

## **Falk Library**

December 24	8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
December 25	CLOSED
December 26-27	8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
December 28-29	9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
December 30	8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
December 31	8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
January 1	CLOSED

## **UPMC Shadyside Hillman/Hopwood Library**

December 24	8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
December 25	CLOSED
December 26-27	8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
December 29	CLOSED
December 31	8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
January 1	CLOSED

## **WPIC Library**

December 14-15	CLOSED
December 16-20	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
December 21-22	CLOSED
December 23	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
December 24-25	CLOSED
December 26-27	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
December 28-29	CLOSED
December 30	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
December 31	8:00 a.m.-noon
January 1	CLOSED
January 2-3	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
January 4-5	CLOSED

\*The schedule of regular hours for Falk ,WPIC and the Hillman/Hopwood Libraries is available at <<http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/about/hours>>.

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