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Health Sciences Library System

HSLs Update

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HSLs Home Page on the World Wide Web

The Health Sciences Library System introduced its redesigned home page on the World Wide Web in August 1996. The URL is <http://www.hsls.pitt.edu>. The home page offers comprehensive information about the services, policies, and collections of HSLs libraries, as well as links to other University and UPMC home pages. Information about HSLs educational programs, HSL Online, the Microcomputer and Media Center, and other programs is readily available, as are interactive service forms for book and journal requests, photocopies and interlibrary loan requests, and requests for mediated online searches.

The *Health Resources by Subject* page provides quick access to quality Internet sources on a wide variety of biomedical topics. These Internet sources include guides, local resources, mailing lists and newsgroups, organizations and agencies, electronic newsletters and journals, patient information, and authoritative sites. The *Internet Guides* page includes listings of federal and state government resources, medical and scientific news sources, guides to locating health statistics or general references sources, and direct links to Internet search engines such as Yahoo and AltaVista.

New Head of Microcomputer and Media Center (MMC)

Paul Worona assumed the position of Head of the MMC in August 1996. He was previously at the Claude Moore Health Sciences Library at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Paul is eager to meet with faculty members in

the health sciences to discuss how the programs of the MMC can best meet their needs. His telephone number is 648-8942; his e-mail address is worona+@pitt.edu.

HSL Online Continues to Grow

Current Contents Now Available

The HSL Online system underwent a major upgrade in September with the addition of Current Contents as well as enhanced access through client server architecture and a World Wide Web gateway. Current Contents includes the Life Sciences, Clinical Medicine and the Behavior/Social Sciences sections, and coverage from January 1996.

New Access

The host name for HSL Online changed on September 2. The new host name is **online.hsls.pitt.edu**. The databases on this host include MEDLINE, AIDS-LINE, CANCERLIT, HealthSTAR, CINAHL, and Current Contents.

In addition to the host change, HSLs has added two new remote access methods. HSL Online users can use the HSL Online OVID Windows Client or the HSL Online WWW Gateway to access the same databases available via telnet.

HSL Online OVID Windows Client is a specialized Windows search software from OVID Technologies, Inc. that installs on a Windows 3.x or Windows 95 PC. The OVID client is identical to the one used by HSLs public workstations, providing full search, download, and print functionality.

Anyone who uses a World Wide Web Browser such as Netscape or Mosaic can access the **HSL Online WWW Gateway**. Though this interface is different than the Windows client

software, it has the same searching functionality. The URL for the HSL Online Web Gateway is **<http://www.online.hsls.pitt.edu/>**

Databases

HSL Online now includes the following databases:

- MEDLINE
- AIDSLINE
- The American Psychiatric Electronic Library (APEL) *
- CANCERLIT
- CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature)
- Current Contents
- The Drug Information Center *
- Health and Psychosocial Instruments (HaPI) *
- HealthSTAR (formerly Health Planning and Administration)
- International Pharmaceutical Abstracts (IPA) *
- OSH-ROM *
- OSHA Regulations *
- PsycLIT *
- SAM-CD (Scientific American Medicine) *
- SPORT Discus *
- TOXLINE *

* databases available for in-library use only

Information about using HSL Online and obtaining Windows Client software is available at Falk Library Reference desk, the WPIC PC Lab, or on our web site at **<http://www.hsls.pitt.edu/aboutflo.html>**.

Don't forget to return your HSL Online account renewal form. Accounts which have not been renewed expire on October 31, 1996. For more information, contact Brian Wiseman, 648-8921, wiseman+@pitt.edu.

Faculty Input Requested for Journal Review

The HSLs has initiated a journal review project to identify journal titles most important to faculty. Biomedical journal subscription prices have been rising an average of 11% for the past five years. Since the library acquisitions budget has not kept pace with these increases, it is necessary to review the collection to determine which titles are the most useful in supporting the educational, clinical and research activities of the Schools of the Health Sciences and UPMC.

The review project will begin with a two-part survey of all faculty in the Schools of the Health Sciences. Part I of the survey is a list of subjects from which each faculty member may choose his/her area(s) of interest. Those who return Part

I will receive Part II, which consists of lists of journals to which the HSLs subscribes and a ranking chart. Each faculty member will be asked to rank the journal titles within his or her selected subject areas. All of the journals included are indexed in *Index Medicus/MEDLINE*.

The results of the survey will be considered when making collection development decisions. Within budget limitations, every effort will be made to maintain the highest ranking titles and to add significant new titles as they are requested. The suggestions of all faculty members are welcome and we encourage everyone to respond to the survey.

Training Classes Available

To register for a class, call the Falk Library Reference Desk at 648-8796 or email to medlibq+@pitt.edu. To arrange for special sessions or to suggest topics for future classes, contact Janet Heekin, 648-2309, jmheekin+@pitt.edu.

HSLs offers a variety of educational programs including:

- HSL Online
- MEDLINE
- Introduction to the HSLs Web Page
- Exploring Healthcare Resources on the World Wide Web
- ProCite for Windows
- Reference Manager for Windows
- Library Skills for Medical Secretaries
- PITTCAT
- Getting Started with PowerPoint
- Falk Library Tour
- Searching PsycLIT

- Introduction to the WPIC Library/Overview of Electronic Information Resources

Classes introduced this term include:

- Adobe Photoshop (Beginning and Advanced Workshops)
- Searching CD-ROM Databases on HSL Online: the WinSPIRS Interface
- Nursing Resources on the World Wide Web
- Using Search Engines to Locate Healthcare Resources on the Internet
- Finding Information on Psychological and Psychiatric Testing Instruments

Integration of EEI Library

The Blair-Lippincott Library in the Eye and Ear Institute Pavilion was relocated to Falk Library of the Health Sciences in June, 1996. With this consolidation,

comprehensive reference and information services for users of the Blair-Lippincott Library are available from the Falk Library Reference Department.

Coming Soon: Specialized Instructional Computing Lab

The HSLS and the Schools of the Health Sciences (Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Health and Rehabilitation Sciences and Public Health) have jointly been awarded \$95,000 from the University's Executive Committee on Academic Computing (ECAC) to fund development of a Specialized Instructional Computing Lab. The labs

will focus on 3D imaging, and will offer a variety of tools to assist faculty in incorporating computerized images and graphics in their teaching. The project will include a central lab/classroom in the Microcomputer and Media Center of Falk Library, and a system of distributed mini-labs, each with at least two computers, in the schools.

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