



# LibraryLines

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### Growing Electronic Collections, Canceling Print

The HAM-TMC Library's E-Journals A to Z list now links you to over 8,000 online journals specific to clinical medicine, nursing, biomedical science and other science and technology subject areas. Many of the Library's databases also offer full-text journals we do not list on our website. Access to many journals is made possible by our participation in multiple consortia that negotiate contracts for "bundles" of journals at favorable prices. In this way, the Library maximizes its buying power and - as an added benefit - can offer access to many journals in addition to the essential health sciences titles.

Electronic journals have become the preferred method for reading the biomedical literature over the past few years. The HAM-TMC Library has responded by providing access to this growing collection for its Educational Level users. In addition, the Library is now beginning to cancel print subscriptions to most of these journals. Canceling print saves physical processing time, frees up shelf space and, in some cases, reduces costs. A report on the print journal cancellation project will be available on the Library's website in October, 2006.

### Facts about the Library Home Page

Did you know that the HAM-TMC Library Home Page was accessed 53,521 times from September 4 - 22? A more interesting fact is that we had some international users: five hits from New Delhi, India; 15 from Shanghai and 28 from Beijing, China; six from Santiago, Chile; six from Montreal, Canada and 12 from Ezulwini, South Africa.

Who would have thought the Library would reach users as far as Asia, Africa and South America?

## Welcome to the Houston Academy of Medicine - Texas Medical Center (HAM-TMC) Library

**T**he HAM-TMC Library would like to extend a warm welcome to all new faculty,

residents, interns, fellows and students from all the institutions in the Texas Medical Center (TMC). Whether you are a new student or are starting another year, the HAM-TMC Library has much to offer. The Library is dedicated to providing excellent collections and services in support of the research, education and patient care programs of the TMC and the Houston area.

Library collections are available in print and/or electronic formats, currently providing access to 8,000+ full-text e-journals, a large collection of current and archived print journals, 192 databases, 980 e-books, 133,969 print books and over 3,000 audiovisual items.

### Library Services and Departments

The Library is open 99 hours a week to provide the following services:

**The Circulation Desk** issues library cards, checks out books, journals and audiovisu-



The Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library is located on the first floor of the Jesse H. Jones Library Building in the heart of the Texas Medical Center at 1133 John Freeman Building.

als, supplies photocopy cards for a fee and houses a Core Collection of non-circulating resources. Contact the Circulation Desk at: 713.799.7147 for more information.

**The Information Desk** is staffed 66 hours a week to provide reference assistance to clients needing help with their research, use of individual databases, retrieval of electronic journal articles, requests for fee-based literature searches, for group bibliographic instruction sessions, help for patients seeking health information, and subscriptions to the Library's publications. Contact the Information Desk at: 713.799.7161 or

[reference.librarian@library.tmc.edu](mailto:reference.librarian@library.tmc.edu).

**Photocopy/Interlibrary Loan (PC/ILL) Department:** Journals, books or audiovisual materials not available in the Library can be borrowed from other libraries throughout the country for a fee. This department also offers fee-based photocopying from Library - held materials to individuals and other libraries. All levels of cardholders should register using the department's online form at: <http://illiadw.library.tmc.edu/>. Filling out the registration form immediately enables you to make your PC/ILL requests online. You may also contact us

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## From the Executive Director

**W**elcome to all students, staff, and faculty who are returning from vacation or entering as first timers! The Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library, <http://resource.library.tmc.edu/>, is your library, with rich resources: More than 8,000 full-text electronic journals; information, circulation and interlibrary loan services; and a staff of 60 employees. Have you registered for remote/off campus access? We have an authentication

*server which will whisk you through the gates!*  
<http://resource.library.tmc.edu/resources/>.

This library is your entry to the world of health and medical information. Although much is available in print, electronic resources are numerous and available through our information management systems and links. We add databases and occasionally we must cancel. This year we will cancel Current Contents. Although a valuable database for many years, it is not heavily used nor is it as up to date as other similar resources.

For journals not available in the Library, users can register to have their Interlibrary Loans sent to their desktops: <http://illiadw.library.tmc.edu/>. Classes ranging from National Library of Medicine's MEDLINE/PubMed, NLM Gateway to Evidence Based Medicine databases and HTML are free and sign-up is easy, [http://resource.library.tmc.edu/classes/list\\_classes.cfm](http://resource.library.tmc.edu/classes/list_classes.cfm). We can also tailor a class to your request – just ask us. Our computer laboratory and our workstations are available during library hours; we are open 99 hours a week, and you can find our catalog

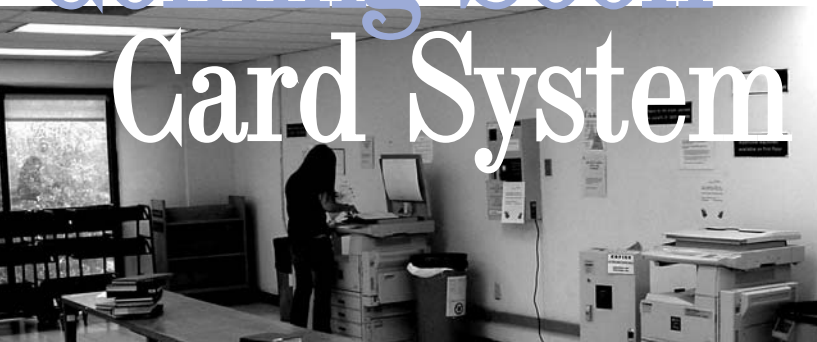


and electronic resources via our home page 24/7. The HAM-TMC Library staff is here for you. Please let us hear from you and visit us.

*Elizabeth K. Eaton*

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Executive Director,  
HAM-TMC Library

# Coming Soon – New Copy Card System



**I**n October 2006, the HAM-TMC Library will install a new copy card system. To use the new system, library users will simply buy a card from vending machines in the Library for \$1 and can then add value to the card in any amount. The vending machines will accept the new \$5, \$10, and \$20 bills. Copiers will continue to accept cash.

Library clients can still use the old cards at all the copiers. When ready, they can switch out the card(s) at the Circulation Desk. Full credit will be transferred from the old card(s) to the new copy card. Old cards will no longer be usable at the printer stations after the new system is installed.

The new Library copy cards can also be used at the following libraries:

Rice University, Houston Baptist University, Tomball College, Cy Fair College, Montgomery College, University Center (NHMCCD) Woodlands, San Jacinto College, Houston Community College, Harris County Public Libraries, Montgomery County Public Libraries, Brazoria County Public Libraries, Fort Bend County Public Libraries

(Stafford, Missouri City, Sugar Land, First Colony branches), University of Houston – Downtown Campus, University of Houston – Clear Lake Campus and Galveston College.

For more information on the new copy cards, please contact the Circulation Desk at 713.799.7147.

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directly at: 713.799.7179 or [tmcariel@library.tmc.edu](mailto:tmcariel@library.tmc.edu).

**Wireless Access:** The Library has an 802.11 wireless hot-spot. Connections up to 54 Mbps are available. A multiple access point network has been set up to provide easy access to available Library content and other destinations on the Internet from virtually anywhere in the Library. For more information contact 713.799.7803.

Your library card serves as your passport to information; once you receive your card you can register for Remote Access to the Library's electronic resources.

**How to apply for Library cards** – Faculty, students and staff from all Governing and Supporting institutions of the Texas Medical Center, as well as members of Harris County Medical Society, are eligible for library cards. Fee-based associate memberships are available to individuals and institutions not affiliated with the Texas Medical Center. Health care providers who are not cardholders can receive some services through our affiliation with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine South Central Region. For more information, or to obtain a Library card, please contact the Circulation Desk at 713.799.7147 or download and complete the library card application located at: <http://resource.library.tmc.edu/circ/docs/memberregisform.pdf>.

**Remote Access** – allows registered users to access HAM-TMC Library electronic journals and databases from anywhere Internet access is available.

To register for Remote Access, follow these steps:

Go to the Library web page, <http://resource.library.tmc.edu/>, and select the Remote Access hyperlink (top left) on our web-page.

Depending on your affiliation, you are eligible for Educational, Institutional or Cardholder access. Select the appropriate on line form, fill it out completely and submit your request. All fields should be filled out to avoid any delays in processing your request.

**For Educational Access registrants:** you must use your TMC Institutional e-mail address. Commercial e-mail accounts will not be accepted.

A list of electronic journals available to **Cardholders** and **Institutional access** users is posted on the Library web site at: <http://resource.library.tmc.edu/resources/institutional.cfm>.

Based on the volume of requests the Library receives, it may take up to two days to complete your registration. If you have not received your username and password via e-mail within two business days, please contact the Circulation Desk regarding your request for Remote Access.

**Please note: Remote Access requests submitted before a library card has been issued or lacking correct e-mail addresses will not be processed.**

**Outstanding fines must be paid in order to continue Library privileges for the current semester.**

For questions regarding your membership or Remote Access registration, contact the Circulation Desk at 713.799.7147 or [rascheck@library.tmc.edu](mailto:rascheck@library.tmc.edu).

## Regional Medical Library

Under contract with the National Library of Medicine, the HAM-TMC Library serves as the Regional Medical Library for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine South Central Region (NN/LM SCR). The NN/LM SCR's mission is to advance the progress of medicine and improve public health by providing all health professionals in the South Central Region (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) with equal access to biomedical information. Improving the public's access to information, within the SCR, will enable healthcare providers and consumers to make informed healthcare decisions. The NN/LM SCR has 761 Network members, ranging from hospitals and academic medical libraries to public libraries and health-focused, community-based organizations.

## Study Rooms

The Library has study rooms available on a first-come, first-served basis. There are study carrels, tables and lounge seating on all floors of the Library.

## Library Usage Policy

Please note: The Library welcomes all persons interested in obtaining health-related information. As a measure of added client and staff security, the Library asks that you display your institution-distributed badge at all times when visiting the Library. If you do not have an institutional affiliation, please visit the Circulation Desk for information regarding membership. Patients and caregivers can obtain a free time-limited library card.

## LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday  
7:00 a.m. – Midnight  
Friday 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## CIRCULATION POLICIES

### Audiovisual materials:

7 days, 2 renewals

### Books:

2 weeks, 2 renewals

### Bound journals:

Same day, non-renewable

### Nursing journals:

In-house use only

### Unbound journals:

2 hours

### Renewals:

Call 713.799.7147

## OVERDUES

Overdue charges are \$1.25 per item per day. Unpaid fines result in the suspension of borrowing privileges.

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### Location and Hours:

713.795.4200

### Dr. Elizabeth K. Eaton's office:

713.799.7108

### Circulation Desk (renewals, fines):

713.799.7147

### Computer Lab:

713.799.7106

### Giving/Development:

713.799.7153

### Information Services:

713.799.7161

### Education and Training:

713.799.7170

### McGovern Historical Center:

713.799.7139

### Photocopy/Interlibrary Loan:

713.799.7179

### Regional Medical Library:

713.799.7880

## FAX NUMBERS

### Administration:

713.790.7052

### Information Services:

713.797.0163

### Photocopy/Interlibrary Loan:

713.790.7056

### Regional Medical Library:

713.790.7030

## LIBRARY LINES

### Editor in Chief:

Beatriz Varman, MLIS

### Editorial Board:

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### Executive Director:

Elizabeth K. Eaton, PhD

## WORLD WIDE WEB ACCESS

<http://resource.library.tmc.edu/>

# HAM-TMC Library Class Schedule October – November 2006

## CINAHL

November 14 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

## Digital Dissertations

October 19 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

November 7 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

## EndNote

October 25 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

November 15 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

## Evidence-based Medicine Databases

November 16 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

## Navigating Full-Text Journals

October 10 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

November 9 10:00 am – 11:30 am

## PubMed

October 18 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

## PubMed Avanced

October 18 12:00 am – 1:30 pm

## Science Citation Index

October 17 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

November 2 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

## SciFinder Scholar (CAS)

October 26 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

November 30 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

## TOXNET

October 24 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

November 28 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

All classes are free.

To view brief descriptions of the classes and to register, go to:

<http://resource.library.tmc.edu/classes/listclasses.cfm>

## BioMed Central Institutional Membership Cancellation

Due to budget constraints and a change in the BioMed Central Institutional Membership pricing model, the HAM-TMC Library has not renewed its institutional membership for FY07. Authors at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and Baylor College of Medicine interested in publishing articles in BioMed Central journals will have to pay the required author fees.

The HAM-TMC Library continues to strongly support Open Access and maintains its institutional membership with Public Library of Science. However, the increase in costs for our BioMed Central institutional membership is so prohibitive that we cannot renew it. Please contact Leah Krevit (713.799.7126, [leah.krevit@exch.library.tmc.edu](mailto:leah.krevit@exch.library.tmc.edu)) with questions or comments.



# Schedule

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