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### Cunningham Fellow Visits the HAM-TMC Library

Hanne Caspersen, the 2006 recipient of the Medical Library Association's Cunningham Fellowship, visited the HAM-TMC Library from April 23 to May 5. Ms. Caspersen, who received her degree in Library Science in the 1970's, is employed at the Library of the Health Sciences at Aarhus University, part of the Danish State and University Library system.

While at the HAM-TMC Library, she worked in the Collections Management department, visited the Research Medical Library at U.T. MD Anderson Cancer Center and Texas Woman's University Institute for Health Sciences-Houston. She also attended a class on web development and the exhibits at the annual meeting of the Texas Library Association. Hanne participated in the Texas Health Science Libraries Consortium Technical Services Team meeting in Galveston and enjoyed a tour of the Moody Medical Library at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. She also spent substantial time interacting with Collection Management Department staff, including the Associate Director, the Serials Librarian, the Catalog and Metadata Librarian and the Database and Web Services Developer.

Hanne gave an enlightening presentation about her home library to HAM-TMC Library staff. Her interest in the shift from print to electronic resources in libraries proved to be a very good match for the HAM-TMC Library Collections Management Department, as we are in the midst of analyzing our current journal print collections and investigating new electronic book collections for the wide array of users in the Texas Medical Center.

The Medical Library Association's Cunningham Fellowship is a four-month program for health sciences librarians from countries outside the US and Canada. The award, which provides for observation and supervised work in one or more medical libraries in the US or Canada, provides the recipient with a stipend to help with travel expenses.

## Outreach to Other Counties and Unaffiliated Institutions

**I**s the beer better in Shiner? Our librarians were so busy at the Shiner's 1st Annual Health Fair exhibit that they didn't get a taste before curfew. "Some of the best events we participate in are county health fairs," says Beatriz Varman, the liaison for the Regional Medical Library subcontract. "We have an opportunity to see so many people, both consumers and health care professionals in one venue. With the wireless laptop purchased by the National Library of Medicine for outreach events, we can quickly demonstrate any of the NLM health resources on demand."

As part of the HAM-TMC Library subcontract with the National Library of Medicine South Central Region (NNLM/SCR), Beatriz' job is to coordinate the provision of NLM medical information resources to health professionals and consumers not affiliated with the Texas Medical Center and to individuals in 21 counties in Texas. "Most of our unaffiliated health professionals and consumers are not aware of the free, peer-reviewed, health resources available to them through the NLM. Our job is to make sure we reach out to inform them."

Within the last several months, librarians from the HAM-TMC Library have exhib-



Health Fair Exhibit

ited or taught several classes to individuals residing in and around Harris County.

Some recent events include the Shiner's 1st Annual Health Fair in Shiner, TX, and the Senior Expo in Lufkin, TX. Health information sessions were conducted at Azalea Terrace Senior Apartments in Cleveland, TX, and at Pleasant Hill Senior independent living complex in Houston's fifth ward. A health fair exhibit "Un Dia de Salud" for Spanish speakers was conducted at Casa Puebla-Houston on the west side of town.

The HAM-TMC Library constantly seeks opportunities to share information regarding freely available internet health resources and services provided by the NLM. Demonstrations are available for the following resources:

**PDA resources -**  
PubMed for Handhelds  
MD on Tap  
WISER (Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders)  
NCBI Bookshelf

**Professional Health Information databases**  
PubMed  
TOXNET  
National Guideline Clearinghouse  
ClinicalTrials.gov

**Consumer Health Resources**  
MedlinePlus  
Genetics Home Reference  
ToxTown  
Household Products database  
NIH Senior Health database

*For more information please contact Beatriz Varman, (713) 799-7169 or beatriz.varman@exch.library.tmc.edu.*

## From the Executive Director

**W**elcome to Summer, and in Houston, we are thinking of Hurricane season.

Be prepared! Check out how to access the library from wherever you may be, find out where the local health resources are with *Go Local Texas Gulf Coast*, our newest consumer health resource, attend a class or come to the library and settle down with your favorite journal!

We are open and programs are in full swing.

– We will soon be hosting two high school students in a

six week work-study program designed to introduce them to the scientific process and increase their motivation to pursue careers in librarianship. HAM-TMC Library partnered with the Johns Hopkins University's Welch Library and seven others in support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Librarians of the 21st Century proposal entitled "High School to Health Sciences Librarianship & Informatics Project".

– During the month of April, librarian Hannah Caspersen from Denmark studied with us. She was sponsored

by the Medical Library Association's Cunningham Fellowship program.

– The National Library of Medicine announced new five-year contracts, years 2006-2011, to eight institutions to serve as Regional Medical Libraries in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. The Network consists of eight competitively selected regional medical libraries, and over 5,700 health sciences and public libraries. The HAM-TMC Library is pleased to announce that our contract to be the Regional Medical Library of the NN/LM, South Central Region, Region 5 has been renewed.



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Executive Director, HAM-TMC Library

# HAM-TMC Library

**O**n May 8, 123 people attended the Library's annual Houston Conference on Health

Informatics *Vanishing Bits & Bytes: Preserving Information* for 2006.

Presenting at the conference were nationally-known leaders in the area of information preservation and stewardship (Clifford Lynch, PhD, Victoria Reich, MLS, Geneva Henry, MA, and Jack Smith, MD, PhD) and active researchers who appreciate the need for that stewardship (Samuel Kaplan, PhD and Lynn Yeoman, PhD). Lively discussions with the attendees followed each presentation and continued in the afternoon break-out sessions.



Clifford Lynch and Lynn Yeoman sharing their expertise with conference attendees during break-out sessions.



Panel discussion: Dana Rooks, Geneva Henry, Jack Smith and Lynn Yeoman.

Focusing on the many challenges surrounding preservation of electronic information, the speakers covered topics such as preservation of biomedical research information by government agencies; the importance of preserving digital information from the viewpoint of institutions supporting research and scholarship; an increasing need on the part of the home institution to store databases and datasets of original research; and current best practices for replication and authentication.

HAM-TMC Library is especially pleased to have its sister research libraries, Rice University's, Fondren Library and The University

## Library Receives IMLS Grant

The HAM-TMC Library is part of a collaborative project with seven other academic medical libraries funded by the US Department of Education's Institute for Museum and Library Studies (IMLS) to recruit minority high school students into the profession of medical librarianship. Under the leadership of the William H. Welch Medical Library of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, this three-year project will offer a paid internship to two students each year. While in the library, the students will work in the public services areas of the library, attend library-hosted classes, assist with outreach activities, and interact with clients.

Statistics indicate that in all health professions, minority populations continue to be under-represented relative to the overall populations of matriculated post-baccalaureate health sciences students in medicine, dentistry, nursing, public health, and every other allied health field. The goal of this project is to introduce these students to careers in medical librarianship. The evaluation portion of the project will track these students through their undergraduate careers and it is hoped, to graduate programs in Library Science.

The IMLS takes an active role in championing the role libraries and museums play in our society. The IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, the funding source for this project,

supports efforts to recruit and educate the next generation of librarians and the faculty who will prepare them for careers in library science. Local project partners include the HAM-TMC Library, Texas Woman's University School of Library and Information Studies, and the Houston Public Library. Liliana Rodriguez of the UT School of Public Health has been instrumental as a project consultant.

The other seven academic medical libraries participating in the project include: Georgetown University, Howard University, University of Colorado, Johns Hopkins University, Washington University/ St. Louis, Yale University and University of Tennessee.

# Conference

of Houston Libraries, as conference co-sponsors. All educational and research institutions are faced with the same issues regarding preservation and management of electronic information, and it takes many players to solve the problems.

The University of Texas School of Nursing provided the host facility and also co-sponsored the conference. One of the area's first true "green" buildings, it proved to be a marvelously hospitable and convenient venue where attendees were at ease chatting with speakers and colleagues.

Generous support from The Brown Foundation was critical to the success of this year's conference. The Friends of the

Texas Medical Center Library provided additional support. We are also grateful to Elsevier, Hollinger Corporation and MetalEdge, companies that paid registration costs for several students in the information sciences.

It is the Library's hope that this conference helped awaken those who create information to the need for their own involvement in ongoing efforts to maintain and preserve their academic and research data locally. One of the key, most basic tasks of long-term preservation is vigilant care through repeated, multiple back-ups and prevention of file corruption. The creator of the information is therefore really its

first line of preservation for the long term.

We will continue our commitment to help the TMC community save its research and course materials for the future, using avenues such as the Digital Commons. We will join with other libraries and archives wherever possible to make today's academic and research material available for future scholars and researchers. We believe this conference helped to forge a bond among all those whose mission is to create, impart and safeguard the scholarly record.

### 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.

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## HAM-TMC Library Class Schedule July – August 2006

### CINAHL

August 22 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

### EndNote

July 25 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

August 23 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

### Evidence-based Medicine Databases

August 17 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

### Library Research for Office

#### Assistants

July 17 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

August 16 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

### Navigating Full-Text Journals

August 29 10:00 am – 11:30 am

### PubMed

July 19 10 :00 pm – 11:00 pm

### PubMed Advanced

July 19 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

### SciFinder Scholar (CAS)

July 26 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

August 24 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

### TOXNET

July 25 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

August 22 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

**All classes are free. For a brief description of the classes and to register go to:**

<http://resource.library.tmc.edu/class/schedule.php>

### HAM-TMC LIBRARY & UTMB MOODY MEDICAL LIBRARY LAUNCH GO LOCAL TEXAS GULF COAST

Looking for health information services in the Texas Gulf Coast region? Give "Go-Local" a try.

Available through the MedlinePlus website, this comprehensive database of health resources available in 38 Southeast Texas counties allows consumers to search for health care services by disease, service type, provider and geographic area.

The product of hard work by a team of information specialists at the HAM-TMC Library and the UTMB Moody Medical Library, the Go Local Texas Gulf Coast site provides information about services such as adult day care, assisted living facilities, doctors, dentists, pharmacists and much more.

Go Local Texas Gulf Coast is a free service sponsored by the National Library of Medicine and supported by the Houston Academy of Medicine – Texas Medical Center Library and the Moody Medical Library at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

To access Go Local visit:  
<http://medlineplus.gov/tgc>.



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