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***Hot Topics: Library Closed on Monday September 4; BioMed Central Institutional Membership Cancellation; Access to Current Contents Database Ending October 1st; New Feature in PubMed: Changing the Display Format of Single Citations Using My NCBI; Featured Classes in September***

## ***Library Closed on Monday September 4***

The HAM-TMC Library will be closed on Monday September 4 in observance of Labor Day. Regular hours resume Tuesday September 5.

## ***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 the fiscal year 2007. 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 [eresources@library.tmc.edu](mailto:eresources@library.tmc.edu) with questions or comments.

## ***Access to Current Contents Database Ending October 1***

Effective October 1, 2006, the HAM-TMC Library will cancel its subscription to the Current Contents database, reasons for the cancellation include:

- Lack of Currency – For the journals Library users read more frequently, information generally appears in PubMed three days to three weeks earlier than it appears in Current Contents.
- Duplicate Coverage –The journals covered in Current Contents are also covered in the Web of Science database. A citation appears in Web of Science within two to three days of when it appears in Current Contents.
- Expense – The annual cost of Current Contents equals or exceeds the combined cost of databases such as UpToDate, Journal Citation Reports (impact factors), and SCOPUS databases.

A study by the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Research Medical Library available at ([http://www3.mdanderson.org/library/alert/newsbytes4\\_06.html#One](http://www3.mdanderson.org/library/alert/newsbytes4_06.html#One)) provided evidence for making this decision.

If you use Current Contents and would like help searching alternative databases, please contact the Information Services desk (713.799.7161, 713.799-7162 or [reference.librarian@library.tmc.edu](mailto:reference.librarian@library.tmc.edu)). If you have questions about the cancellation, please contact Leah Krevit ( 713.799.7126 or [leah.krevit@exch.library.tmc.edu](mailto:leah.krevit@exch.library.tmc.edu)).

***New Feature in PubMed: Changing the Display Format of Single Citations Using My NCBI***

On July 19, 2006, the default format of displaying citations in PubMed changed to AbstractPlus for single citation display. A new feature available in My NCBI allows you to change the display to a different format.

In PubMed, go to My NCBI and sign-in if you are a registered My NCBI user, if not, you will need to register. Once in My NCBI, select User Preferences on the NCBI side bar and select your preferred single citation display. The alternative display will only be active while you are signed to MyNCBI.

For more information go to the NLM Technical Bulletin web site at: [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/ja06/ja06\\_myncbi\\_display\\_preference.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/ja06/ja06_myncbi_display_preference.html)

Questions? Contact the Information Services Desk at: 713.799.7161.

***Featured Classes in September***

EndNote, Library Research for Office Assistants, PubMed, PubMed Advanced, New Public Health Resources (PHpartners) Class offers CME; SciFinder Scholar and TOXNET. Classes are free and are offered in the Library classroom.

To view a complete schedule and to register, check the Library web site: <http://resource.library.tmc.edu/class/schedule.php>