FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER LIBRARY SUPPORT NEW HISTORICAL RESEARCH CENTER

The Friends of the Texas Medical Center Library contributed $60,000 towards furnishing a new 11,000 sq. ft. off-site facility to house portions of the Library’s extensive archival collection.

The Historical Research Center, scheduled to open this Fall, will allow for archival research activities supported by reference assistance, photocopying and scanning capabilities.

The facility is also equipped with proper environmental controls to allow for preservation of the Library’s manuscript collection, historical records and publications of Texas Medical Center institutions.

Because of the move, the McGovern Research Center will be closed until September 30. During this time, Library staff will transfer more than 100 collections of Texas physicians and biomedical researchers’ personal papers, and nearly 100 collections documenting the development of Texas Medical Center’s institutions.

The rare book and photograph collections will remain in the Jesse H. Jones Library building with the major portion of the HAM-TMC Library’s medical literature. The McGovern Research Center’s historical book and photograph collections will be accessible only by appointment. Art collections and medical instruments will not be accessible while the department is closed.

Researchers should contact Sara Holland at: 713 799-7141 or email sholland@library.tmc.edu, for access to the collections and for reference assistance.
The 6th Annual Conference on Health Informatics, Virtual Medicine, hosted by the HAM-TMC Library was well received by over 150 conference attendees.

The Conference, held on June 10, 2002, at the John P. McGovern Museum of Health & Medical Science, featured three experts in the field of virtual medicine.

Michael J. Ackerman, Ph.D., Chief, Office of High Performance Computing and Communications, Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications presented “From Data to Knowledge: The Visible Human Project Continues.” His presentation focused on NLM’s long-range plan of creating a complete, anatomically correct, three-dimensional representation of the normal human male and female which would act as an information and learning tool for any project needing such detail in a digitized format. He captivated the audience with interesting examples of several academic and commercial projects which use the Visible Human Project data.

The next featured speaker, Igor Gregoric, M.D., Associate Chief of Cardiopulmonary Transplantation Services and Director of Mechanical Circulatory Support, St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital, addressed techniques and innovations in robotic surgery during his program entitled, “The DaVinci Surgical System.” One example was open heart bypass surgery done without opening the chest wall.

“The Role of Human Patient Simulation in Medical Education,” presented by Harold K. Doerr, M.D., Director of the Houston Center for Advanced Patient Simulation at Baylor College of Medicine, gave a detailed overview of how realistic simulation modules are being used to train residents, anesthesiologists, EMT’s, etc., who have “hands-on” experience in a mock direct patient care atmosphere.

To view the entire Conference online, visit the Houston Academy of Medicine, Texas Medical Center Library’s web site at: http://lib200.library.tmc.edu/hchi2002/

The following exhibitors attended the conference: Swets Blackwell, OVID Technologies, Texas Cancer Data Center, University of Texas System Digital Library, Texas Woman’s University, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region and HAM-TMC Library.
**NEW ONLINE CATALOG SYSTEM COMING SOON**

The Texas Health Science Libraries Consortium (THSLC) will implement a new online catalog system in the near future. Voyager, the new Library online catalog, will replace the 10 year old online catalog and circulation system now used by THSLC. THSLC includes the HAM–TMC Library, the UTHSC-H Public Health, Dental, and Psychiatry Libraries, the Research Medical Library of the UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, and the Moody Medical Library at the UT Medical Branch in Galveston. Book and journal holdings from all six libraries are included in Voyager.

The move to Voyager will provide online catalog searchers with much greater power and flexibility. Users will be able to do the following:

- Perform keyword searching with results ranked by relevancy
- Browse library collections by topic or call number
- Easily limit searches to a specific type of material, (e.g., videorecording)
- Qualify results by library; then, sort items by year
- Use Voyager’s History feature to access previous sets of search results
- Mark items while searching for output when finished
- Easily print, download, and email search results

As a result of this change, users will have better access to library collections (both traditional and digital) and a library system much more capable of taking advantage of new technologies as they emerge.

The selection of Voyager was the result of a comprehensive two-year planning and review process conducted by the THSLC Consortium. Voyager is also used by the National Library of Medicine, the Library of Congress, The U.S. Information Agency, and almost 1000 other libraries around the world. THSLC libraries are pleased to have this opportunity to provide you with improved library services.
New Forms
A new “universal” form for Photocopy Services and Interlibrary Loan requests is now available and in the Library and from the Library’s website at: http://lib200.library.tmc.edu/ILL/UniversalForm.pdf
The new form replaces our previously separate forms for cardholders and non-cardholders, as well as separate forms for Photocopy Services and Interlibrary Loan requests. A reduction in the number of types of forms we handle helps us to be more efficient in processing your requests.

In addition to a new design and layout, when accessed online, the new form is interactive, and allows you to create your own personalized forms by keying in your contact information, then printing a copy to use as a master form. You may also save the form to your desktop for further use.

Redesigned Web Pages
In conjunction with the redesigned request form, the Department completely revised its web pages in an effort to provide you with clear and easy-to-locate information about our services. The link to our pages from the Library’s homepage has been changed from “Document Delivery” to “Photocopy/Interlibrary Loan” to more visibly reflect the services we provide. Each link on this page provides detailed information about the services we provide. An up-to-date, easily readable fee schedule has also been posted.

Next-Generation Request Management System to Be Implemented
In September of 2002, the Photocopy/Interlibrary Loan Department will unveil the Request Management System (RMS), a next-generation, state-of-the-art way to manage your Photocopy Services and Interlibrary Loan requests. Built on the ILLiad system, the RMS will enable you to place requests at any time, without the need for faxing or handing in a paper form. You will only need to enter your contact information ONCE, eliminating the time-consuming task of rewriting your contact information on each request form. Real-time information about the status of your requests will be available to you, along with a history of your requests to aid with your bibliographies and/or reconciling your monthly invoice.

Electronic delivery of requested materials will also be streamlined through the RMS, thus moving us closer to our goal of providing you with a single interface to place requests, check the status of requests, review/cancel existing requests and view/download materials electronically.

Watch our departmental web pages for more information as we move closer to implementation:
http://lib200.library.tmc.edu/ILL/

Electronic Documents Now Available for Fifteen (15) Days
In response to client demand, we have extended the viewing period for electronically-delivered items from five to fifteen days. You will now have extra time to view and print your items before they are removed from the server.

Please remember, however, that the number of permitted viewings has not changed. You are allowed five viewings of the document before it is removed from the server. Please be sure to print your article as soon as possible to avoid any potential of losing access to your document. Please also remember that any materials delivered to you by the PC/ILL Department are subject to United States copyright laws and should only be used for personal research or scholarship, patient care, or other non-profit educational uses. Clients are responsible for using copyrighted materials in a lawful manner. For more information on copyright laws and how it affects you, visit the US Copyright Office’s website at http://www.loc.gov/copyright, or contact the PC/ILL Department for more information. 713-7997105 or lhilyer@library.tmc.edu
Over the past few years, the Photocopy/Interlibrary Loan Department has seen a large increase in the costs associated with Photocopy and Interlibrary Loan services, especially those costs associated with copyright fees, which we are required to pay on many of the documents that we supply to you.

Copyright costs can range from $1.00 to over $20.00 per article, and overall copyright costs have been rising steadily since 1997, while our service fees have remained the same.

Effective September 3, 2002, the fees for services will be as follows:

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If you have any questions about this new fee structure, please contact Lee A. Hilyer at: 713 799-7105 or e-mail: lhilyer@library.tmc.edu
Michelle Malizia, MA, joined the NN/LM SCR Office as the Outreach Coordinator on May 13, 2002. Ms. Malizia most recently worked with McLeod USA, a broadband Internet company. Previous medical library positions include Microcomputer Services/Reference Librarian, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Library, and Reference Librarian/MisHIN Librarian, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Rowland Medical Library, Jackson, MS.

Michelle will be responsible for identifying unaffiliated, underserved, and minority healthcare and information professionals in the South Central Region (SCR); working with Network members to implement outreach efforts to serve the SCR; monitoring Resource Library and Access Library outreach subcontracts and reports, and coordinating the NN/LM SCR Outreach Contacts Committee; coordinating the public health area of the program; assisting with grant applications; and identifying and developing additional outreach opportunities.

Richard Guinn, MLS, is the new Library Cataloger. Richard joined the Library on May 28, 2002. He graduated from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas with a B.A.A.S. in August 1997 and received his Masters in Library Science from the University of North Texas in Denton in December 2001. Prior to coming to the Library, Richard worked at the Wichita Falls Public Library as a Cataloger. Padmaja (Paddy) Naidu is the new Library Collections Assistant. Paddy joined the Library on January 7, 2002. She graduated in 1986 from The Women’s Polytechnic College in Bangalore, India with a degree in Library Science. She worked as a Librarian for a computer manufacturing company for 6 years before moving to the United States in 1992. Paddy also worked as a pre-school teacher and as a writer of documentation of technical manuals for a manufacturing company in Houston.