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WITH GREAT SADNESS the Library announces the death on February 3, 2009, of Dr. Elizabeth Eaton, Executive Director of the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library and Director, National Network of Libraries of Medicine South Central Region. Dr. Eaton made significant contributions to the Library and to the Texas Medical Center during her tenure here, and she will be greatly missed.

Friends for 50 years

A true and lasting friendship is one of life's greatest treasures.

The Friends of the Texas Medical Center Library have been just such a treasure to the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center (HAM-TMC) Library for the past 50 years. The Friends group was formed to provide financial and programmatic support for Library services. The group began with the compelling mission to ENHANCE AND MAINTAIN the quality of the Library, so as to keep it as an invaluable tool and inspiration for faculty, students, or anyone seeking information; to this end, the Friends of the TMC Library will:

- Aid in the acquisition of educational materials
- Promote the dissemination of information
- Encourage community support for the Library
- Raise funds for the Library through gifts, bequests or events
- Designate where these funds shall be most beneficially used

Since 1958 these Houstonians have funded the development and expansion of collections and services including:

- *Go Local Texas Gulf Coast* – a database of local health resources for the thirty-eight counties of the Texas Gulf Coast region.

This database has its own website <http://www.medlineplus.gov/tgc> and is updated regularly with regional resources. The listings include the languages spoken at the listed organizations.

- Health Information Kiosks – multi-language consumer health information kiosks located in social service organizations within the Houston Community.

- *Jesse H. Jones Community Health Information Service* -- a collection of quality health information resources and outreach services to consumers.

- Alumni Database Development – a database to identify new and continued financial support for the Library. The HAM-TMC Library requires outside

financial assistance to provide the exceptional services and resources needed in the Texas Medical Center (TMC).

In addition to the expansion of services, the Friends of the TMC Library have set up a number of special funds. Through the use of these funds, the Friends support the enhancement of services for the Library's clients of faculty, medical students, researchers, doctors, nurses, administrators, patients and the general public. The HAM-TMC Library is unique among its peers, serving not only two medical schools, but over 40 institutions that comprise the TMC as well.

The *Lillo E. Crain Fund* is primarily focused on providing public relations support for the Library. It is also available for use to complete special projects. A recent example of Crain Fund use was the utilization of Library user and non-user focus group activities in order to begin the planning of a 21st Century library. Adaptation of services provided by the Library is necessary to meet the increasingly varied and

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From the Executive Director

As 2008 comes to an end, we all reflect on the many activities of the past year, and look forward to 2009.

This, the final print issue of *Library Lines*, finds the Library highlighting the Friends of the TMC Library on the 50th anniversary of their founding. Through the years, this group has been responsible for supporting many Library activities including the John P. McGovern Historical Collections

and Research Center, the *Jesse H. Jones Community Health Information Service*, staff development through the *Mary and Ben Anderson Fund* and collection development/marketing through the *Spurgeon "Spud" Britt* and the *Lillo E Crain* Funds. Additionally, I would like to thank all the NN/LM SCR Network Members for their valuable support during the recent NLM program site visit. 2009 marks the anniversaries of both the birth of Charles Darwin

and the publication of *On the Origin of Species* and the HAM-TMC Library has helped to coordinate Houston area activities marking both pivotal events. Finally, please take advantage of the Library's new Online Chat service. Currently in test phase, this service will expand in 2009. I hope that 2008 has been good to all. Please take some time in 2009 to visit the HAM-TMC Library, either in person or virtually at <http://www.library.tmc.edu>.



Elizabeth K. Eaton
Elizabeth K. Eaton, PhD
Executive Director
HAM-TMC Library



National Library of Medicine Site Visit

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) conducted a site visit at the Houston Academy of Medicine – Texas Medical Center Library on November 18, 2008. The goal of these periodic site visits is to assist NLM and the HAM-TMC Library, in understanding how best to strengthen the Regional Medical Library program to meet current and emerging needs of this five-state region. The visiting team consisted of librarians from across the country and a National Library of Medicine physician and staff. As part of the site visit, Library Board members, Greg Bernica, L. Maximilian Buja, MD, Michael Fordis, MD, Michael Speer, MD, Stephen P. Tomasovic, PhD, and Richard E. Wainerdi, PE, PhD, spoke about their own institutions' commitment to the Regional Medical Library program. NN/LM SCR staff members made a presentation illustrating the program's accomplishments and priorities, and a number of South Central Region network members, librarians and healthcare professionals among them, provided their testaments to the NN/LM SCR's positive impact on their organizations.

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demanding needs of the Library's users.

The *Spurgeon "Spud" Britt Fund* was established following the death of Spurgeon Kyle Britt, Sr. in 1993. Mr. Britt was an avid supporter of education and the tools necessary to obtain that education. This fund, dedicated to purchasing books, has been used to provide the HAM-TMC Library with textbooks vital to the support of the educational institutions of the Texas Medical Center.

The *Mary and Ben Anderson Fund* was created to support library staff development. Fund recipients have used this opportunity to update skills and broaden individual talents. The Friends feel that this fund not only provides educational opportunities, but also find it is an excellent way to retain high quality library staff.

Memberships in the Friends group and these various book tribute/memorial funds help provide financial

support to the Library. It is assumed that the resources available from the HAM-TMC Library, via the Internet, are free and easily searchable. This could not be farther from the truth. Medical information resources are expensive and the costs continue to rise each year. In addition to their expense, these resources require the expertise of a trained librarian to assist the end user in finding the most relevant medical information available.

To continue these and future efforts, contributions to Friends of the TMC Library can be made by contacting the Friends at 713.799.7153, online at friends@exch.library.tmc.edu or by using the attached envelope.

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Darwin2009 Celebration

The bicentennial of Charles Darwin's birth and 150th anniversary of the publication of *On the Origin of Species* are being recognized by *Darwin2009 Houston*. Darwin's life and contributions to science are being celebrated with lectures, exhibits, book discussions and more. These activities are intended to lead the community into a richer understanding and appreciation of this remarkable man's work and of the science of evolution in general.

Collaborating Houston institutions include: Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center (HAM-TMC) Library, Houston Museum of Natural Science (HMNS), the University of Houston, and the Houston Zoo. Each will play a part in *Darwin2009 Houston*. Lists of participating institutions, scheduled events, and sponsors are all available at our special website www.darwin2009houston.org

For more information contact:

M.J. Figard, Darwin2009 Houston, Planning Committee Chair: 713-799-7141 mj.figard@exch.library.tmc.edu or Melodie Francis, Houston Museum of Natural Science, Director of Public Relations: 713-639-4743 mfrancis@hmns.org

CHARLES DARWIN
02.12.1809

ON THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES
11.24.1859

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Events!

02/17/2009
Darwin Day @ HMNS

02/11/2009
"Politics of Teaching Evolution in Texas": Panel Discussion

02/12/2009
Darwin/Lincoln Birthday Celebration

02/12/2009
Birthday Cake and "A Flock of Dodos"

02/17/2009
Dr. Cyrus Mody Lecture



National Portrait Gallery - London

DARWIN 2009 HOUSTON

Celebrating Darwin
Celebrating Science

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:

799.7108

Circulation Desk (renewals, fines):

799.7147

Computer Lab:

799.7106

Information Services:

799.7161

Education and Training:

799.7170

McGovern Historical Center:

799.7139

Photocopy/Interlibrary Loan:

799.7179

Regional Medical Library:

799.7880

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

HAM-TMC Library Classes Schedule

January – March 2009

All Classes are Free

ABCs of DNA: Unraveling the Mystery of Genetics Information for Consumers
February 12 8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Celebrating Darwin – Review of Bibliographies
February 12 12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Go Local Texas Gulf Coast and MedlinePlus
February 12 3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

So Just What is a Clinical Informationist
February 12 2:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

NN/LM NIH Public Access Policy
February 12 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Grants: Helpful Hints
February 12 2:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

This class will be taught in the Library's Street Level Conference Room.

Excel 2007 – Basic
January 28 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
February 4 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
February 26 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
March 10 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Excel 2007 – Intermediate
February 11 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
March 17 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Finding Electronic Resources
February 3 5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Medical Subject Headings (MeSH)
March 25 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Nursing Online Resources
February 5 4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Point-of-Care Tools
February 14 11:30 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

PowerPoint 2007 – Basic
February 18 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
March 25 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

PubMed
February 17 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
March 14 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
March 24 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Stat!Ref
February 19 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

All classes are free. For a brief description of the classes and to register go to <http://resource.library.tmc.edu/classes/index.cfm>

Employee News



Michael Garrett, MCTS, MLS, Technology Coordinator, successfully completed his Microsoft's SQL Server 2005 Examination and he is now a Certified Technology Specialist in Microsoft SQL Server 2005 (MCTS: SQL Server 2005).

Library Lines to Discontinue Print Version

Library Lines, the Library's print newsletter, will cease publication with the October-December issue, vol. 22 (2) 2008. We will continue publication of Library Lines in electronic format only. If you would like to receive the newsletter in electronic format please send a message with your e-mail address to: Library.newsletter@exch.library.tmc.edu

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