Halloween Open House

To celebrate National Medical Librarians Month, the Library hosted a Halloween Open House on October 31st. Visitors to the Library were encouraged to register for drawings during the day. Among prizes awarded were two USB memory sticks, copy cards and selected historical books. A sale of leisure reading books was held in the Library.

We would like to thank our enthusiastic Library staff for their participation in this event.

Electronic Health Information Kiosk Placed at the Mexican Consulate

The Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center (HAM-TMC) Library placed a multilingual electronic touch-screen health information kiosk at the Mexican Consulate’s onsite medical information center on November 7, 2007. The kiosk is a free resource for the Consulate’s users and visitors.

The Health is Wealth kiosk provides access to health brochures in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese and Korean. Free printing of the brochures is also provided. Health topics include immunization, nutrition, diabetes, children’s health, and domestic abuse, among others. The kiosk is also Internet-capable.

The Consulate’s medical information center opened in November 2006. It is a partnership between the Consulate, Texas Children’s Hospital and St. Luke’s Episcopal Health System and offers basic health care information. There are computers available for research as well as a collection of health brochures and books.

The information center is also designed to steer patients away from overburdened emergency rooms and inform them of alternatives, such as nonprofit clinics where they can seek medical care.

The Library previously placed electronic health kiosks at two Houston Public Library locations, the Hineington-Akell Regional Library and the Park Place Regional Library.
Other kiosks are located at the HOPE Clinic at 7801 Corporate, Ste. 120, and in the HAM-TMC Library’s Jesse H. Jones Community Health Information Center at 1133 John Freeman Blvd. The kiosks are funded by the Friends of the Texas Medical Center Library.

The Consulate’s medical information center is located on the third floor of the Mexican Consulate at 4506 Caroline. Hours: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information on the kiosk project contact Adela Justice at adela.justice@exch.library.tmc.edu or call 713.799.7183.

Library Subscribes to MD CONSULT

The Library now has a subscription to MD CONSULT, a database of clinical information. MD CONSULT provides access to the following information:

- 35 Clinics of North America titles
- Drug information database
- Practice guidelines
- 57 electronic book titles that can be browsed by title or by specialty
- Patient education information
- Over 50,000 medical images
- CME

Please note that registration to access MD CONSULT is not necessary. Access to MD Consult is based on IP address and remote user authentication, not on individual registration. Users can register with MD CONSULT if they want to take advantage of the special features offered with this option. Personal account creation enables the individual user to customize patient handouts and news feeds, as well as to use MD CONSULT on PDA’s.

To access MD CONSULT go to the library web site: http://resource.library.tmc.edu
Click on databases and select MD CONSULT.
MD CONSULT is available at the educational level and via remote access.

Dietary Supplements Label Database

The National Library of Medicine has released a new resource focused on dietary supplements. Dietary Supplements Labels Database http://dietarysupplements.nlm.nih.gov includes information from the labels of over 2,000 brands of dietary supplements in the marketplace, including vitamins, minerals, herbs or other botanicals, amino acids, and other specialty supplements.

The database is designed to help both the general public and health care providers find information about ingredients in brand-name products, including name, form, active and inactive ingredients, amount of active ingredient/unit, manufacturer/distributor information, suggested dose, label claims, warnings, percentage of daily value, and further label information.

To access the database go to the Library website http://resource.library.tmc.edu and select databases.
**News in Health**

The December issue of News in Health, a publication that includes practical health news and tips based on the latest NIH research, is now available at: [http://newsinhealth.nih.gov/](http://newsinhealth.nih.gov/)

**Featured Stories:**
- **Raise a Toast to Healthy Holidays: Celebrate the Season Without Risky Drinking**
- **Dealing With Hearing Loss: Hearing Aids Can Help**

**Health Capsules:**
- **Lack of Sleep Disrupts Emotional Controls**
- **Diabetes Rates Increasing Youth**

**Featured Website:** [Aging and Health en Español](www.nia.nih.gov/Espanol)

From the National Institute on Aging, this web site includes information on diseases and conditions, medical care, medications and safety.

As the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting medical research, NIH produces content that is not copyrighted. Copies can be downloaded and displayed free of charge.

**Library Class Schedule**

Attend a free class offered by the Library during 2007.

- **EndNote**
  - December 12 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

- **PubMed**
  - December 11 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

For a complete class schedule, class descriptions, times and registration visit: [http://www.library.tmc.edu/classes/listclasses.cfm](http://www.library.tmc.edu/classes/listclasses.cfm)