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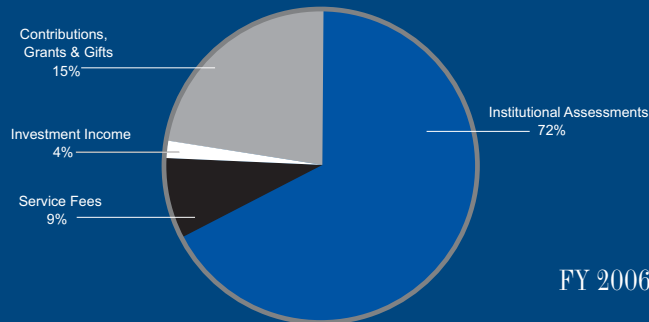
	2005-2006	2006-2007	Change	% Difference
Card Holders	14,450	13,460	-990	-6.85%
Gate Count	233,877	201,751	-32,126	-13.74%
Book & Journal Volumes	348,907	351,902	2,995	0.9%
Current Serial Subscriptions ¹	7,318	8,177	859	11.7%
Unique Print Serial Titles	1,521	100	-1,421	-93.4%
Unique Electronic Full-Text Journals	7,158	8,077	919	12.83%
Circulation (includes reserves)	33,495	30,757	-2,738	-8.17%
Photocopies by Public*	425,761	288,411	-137,350	-32.26%
Fee-Based Photocopies	5,205	5,775	570	11.00%
Reference Questions Answered ³	14,243	13,157	-1,086	-7.62%
ILL Lending*	19,050	15,493	-3,557	-19.00%
ILL Borrowing	4,354	2,546	-1,808	-42.00%
Fee-Based Searches	87	75	-12	-13.80%
Classes and Workshops	181	70	-111	-61.32%
Class Attendees	3,164	661	-2,503	-79.10%
Librarians & Other Professionals ²	22.3	22	-0.3	-1.34%
Support Staff ²	34.5	34.49	-0.01	-0.02%

¹ Includes Print-only Subscriptions plus the number of unique Electronic-Journals.

² Includes National Network of Libraries of Medicine South Central Region Personnel and Vacancies.

³ Includes number of reference questions by AAHSL definition.

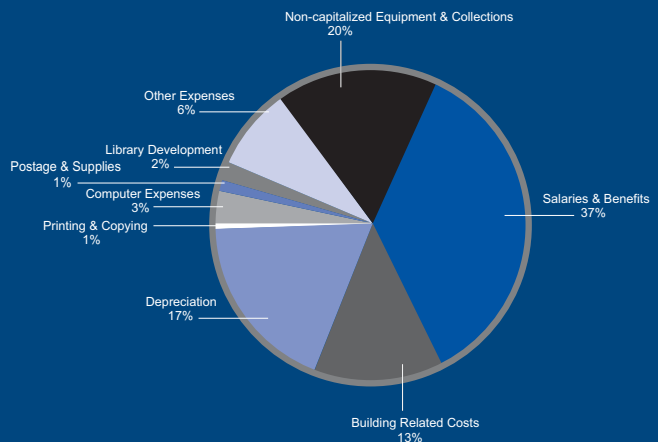
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*DEDICATED TO JOHN P. MCGOVERN, MD
1921 – 2007
AND TO THE JOHN P. MCGOVERN FOUNDATION*



Above: Elizabeth K. Eaton, PhD



Left: Victoria McGillin, PhD

From Victoria McGillin, PhD, Chair, Board of Directors

Founded in 1949, the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center (HAM-TMC) Library is a leader in the innovation of healthcare information delivery. The Library primarily serves the education, research and clinical programs of the Texas Medical Center (TMC). The TMC is home to over 40 member institutions, including two medical schools, three schools of nursing and 13 renowned hospitals. The Library is a major resource, not only for the TMC but also for the greater Houston area and a five-state region through its designation as the Regional Medical Library, National Network of Libraries of Medicine South Central Region (NN/LM SCR). This is the second year of a five-year contract and the Library is proud to serve Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

In June, the HAM-TMC Library Board hosted the 30th anniversary celebration of the John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center. For over 20 years, Dr. McGovern served as the honorary curator of rare books for the Library. He donated his extensive rare book collection to the Library's History of Medicine Section of the Special Collections in 1982. Dr. McGovern supported the historical collection so we could achieve his vision to build the very finest historical collections for the physicians and students in the TMC and for Houston. In 1996, the Library's Special Collection was renamed in his honor. Dr. McGovern died in June of 2007, but his legacy remains with us as a strong reminder of the importance of medical history.

Michael Tramonte, Finance Committee Chair, husbanded the Library's budget effectively and oversaw the development of the Library's Clinical Partners level of membership. The Methodist Hospital System (TMHS) will become the first Clinical Partner in Fall, 2007, and the Library will manage a collection tailored to fit TMHS's needs, handling both access and negotiation with publishers and vendors. This model heralds a new path to serving TMC clinical institutions' resource needs.

In my tenure as Chair of the HAM-TMC Library Board, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with the other Board members and the Library's Executive Director in an effort to expand and enhance the services of the HAM-TMC Library, truly a TMC treasure.

Victoria McGillin, PhD
Chair, HAM-TMC Library Board of Directors

HAM-TMC Library Board

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From Elizabeth K. Eaton, PhD, Executive Director

This 2006-2007 Annual Report highlights the HAM-TMC Library's yearly services, activities and accomplishments, emphasizing our technological changes and challenges. Staff teamwork and user input contributed much to the Library's ongoing success and achievements. Our expert Board of Directors chaired by Victoria McGillin, PhD, provided guidance; the Finance Committee, chaired by Michael Tramonte, oversaw the budgetary process; and the Friends of the TMC Library, chaired by Rogene Gee Calvert, continued its enthusiastic fund-raising and special events support. I thank them all for their hard work and dedication.

The HAM-TMC Library, strategically placed on the TMC campus, serves 22 Governing and Supporting institutions, making the Library the major health information resource for the TMC and for the greater Houston area.

One of the Library's long-range planning goals is to focus on electronic resources, leaving print in the past century. This year the Library largely achieved this goal by subscribing to fewer than 200 print journals, compared to over 1,500 last year, and by adding an extensive electronic book collection. Library users are mostly "virtual" with electronic journals

and resources instantly accessible from anywhere at anytime. Cost is an important factor; duplicate print and electronic subscriptions cost more than receiving only the electronic version. As the gate count has decreased, the number of virtual visits has more than doubled, and downloads (materials captured) have tripled. Another goal in our long range planning is to replace the traditional library with a 21st Century library. To this end, focus group sessions have been conducted to gather information about how our users currently use our facilities. During this process, future needs became clearer. The detailed planning and fundraising to make it all happen will come next.

Elizabeth K. Eaton, PhD
Executive Director

Those of us in academic medicine in the Texas Medical Center are fortunate to have one of the best regional medical libraries in the country, with an excellent collection and a highly competent and dedicated staff of medical information specialists. We use this Library often, and we have always received courteous and highly satisfactory service. If the reference we seek is not in this Library, the staff is most accommodating in helping us obtain it. All of us in academic medicine owe the Library officers and staff a debt of gratitude.

*Selma and Lois DeBakey
Professors of Scientific Communication
Baylor College of Medicine*

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The Methodist Hospital System is pleased to participate in this unique TMC-wide resource to support our physicians, scientists and patient care providers.

Dirk Sostman, MD, Executive Vice President, The Methodist Hospital System, and Executive Vice Dean, Weill Cornell Medical College

Technology

The Transition to an Electronic Medical Library

The Library has been actively developing its electronic collections of journals, books and databases over the past two years. More than 6,000 electronic books are available to the Library's educational-level users. During 2006-2007, we planned to move even more of our collections to electronic versions and to cease acquisition of most of those materials in print format. This plan involved: ending print duplication of electronic titles, subscribing to fewer than 200 print journals; adding electronic books from several different sources, including *netLibrary*, *MyiLibrary*, *STAT!Ref*, *Ovid* and more; and acquiring several new databases, including *SCOPUS*, *CSA Illustrata* and *Protein Lounge*. The majority of usage of the Library's collections is now virtual; faculty, researchers, residents and students access our journals, books and databases without visiting the Library premises. User focus groups indicated that print of core titles and textbooks is still a priority for them, so we began adding more current editions of these titles to our existing print collections.

Changing User Landscape

Planning began for expanding library services to The Methodist Hospital System (TMHS), making it the first Clinical Partner, a new level of HAM-TMC Library membership. As a Clinical Partner organization, TMHS's staff, physicians, researchers and residents in its research institute and four hospitals can access the Library's electronic resources. This expansion of service is planned to go live in September 2007.



Historical Collection books and artifacts.



New Collaborations

NASA Space Life Sciences Project: Begun in mid-2006, this joint project was designed to examine datasets management, discovery tools and archival issues for the *NASA Life Sciences Data Archive*. Phase One of the project, which involved determining the project's scope, developing use case scenarios, completing a needs assessment and examining technology requirements, was completed in February 2007. Exploration of a wide array of third-party enterprise-wide indexing solutions is currently ongoing.

Fondren Library, Rice University Scholarly Communication Collaboration: In Summer 2006, this project was initiated to explore the many ways in which the Digital Age has affected scholarly communication and heighten awareness of these issues, and to address other topics like open access to published scholarly research. The project partners sponsored three programs presented by experts from Rice University and from educational institutions in the TMC. Project participants have created a joint website: <http://ham-tmc-fondren.rice.edu>

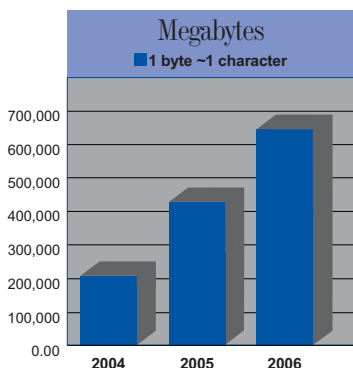
Innovative Methods for Providing, Sharing and Storing Information

October 2006 saw the successful launch of the Library's new website. New features included a local federated search for the Library's e-journal, e-book and database collections; a combined-search tool for PubMed, the Library's Catalog, SCOPUS and WorldCat; and a searchable database of all vendor-licensed databases provided by the Library. In January 2007, a policy statement from The University of Texas Health Science Center recommended that faculty deposit published research in *DigitalCommons@TMC*, the institutional repository provided by the Library. Electronic theses and dissertations are already available in the repository. Abstracts from various local conferences and meetings are also being added regularly.

Electronic Resources Trends

	2005-2006	2006-2007
E-Journals	7,158	8,077
E-Books	6,377	6,750
Databases	160	190
Total Electronic Collections	13,695	15,017

There was a significant increase in the use of electronic journals and books. Over the past three years, data has been collected that tracks the *off-campus* usage of electronic resources. Please note, these figures reflect only authorized users' logins from locations other than Baylor College of Medicine (BCM), University of Texas (UT) and the Library. *On-campus use of resources by Library clients is not included in the chart below.*



Information Technology Upgrades

In order to provide additional support of biomedical research, the Library established accounts on WorldGrid (<http://www.worldcommunitygrid.org/>) for all 75 public computer stations, to provide computational power to outside projects during the hours the Library is closed. This past year computational power was donated to projects such as *Human Proteome Folding 2*, *Fight Aids@Home* and *AfricanClimate@Home*.

In addition to making onsite upgrades, the Library implemented a business continuation website so clients' access to electronic resources will not be interrupted in the event of a widespread disaster. This offsite backup will be activated in the event of loss of connectivity to the electronic resources servers, and includes a pared-down but recognizable website with easy-to-navigate links to resources.

Upgrades to the computer room contributed to an average up-time within the building of > 99.999%, or a downtime of about 13 minutes per year. A similar percentage was recorded for the Library's Remote Access Service. Upgrades to the public areas included: new systems in the street level classroom and computer lab, including four Microsoft Vista/Office 2007 systems; completion of the ubiquitous WI-FI network within the Library and in the Webber Plaza deck area; and changes to the network that allow clients to access the Internet at up to a gigabit per second.

Focus Groups

Due to the transition from print to electronic resources and the resultant changes in student study habits, staff began examining ways to remodel the current library facility to meet the needs of future users. In spring, the Library utilized the services of the United Way Management Assistance Program and the help of an intern from the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Science to conduct seven focus groups of library users and staff. The results from these focus groups, along those of an online survey, will be used to guide library management in bringing the HAM-TMC Library's facility into the 21st Century.

No longer is your library just a building with books containing the history of civilization and classifying card catalogue, but now, at the click of a mouse on a computer, you can find an answer to most questions, serious or frivolous. But CAVEAT LECTOR: especially in medicine, you must read critically if you are to separate the wheat (the accurate and valid) from the chaff (the inaccurate or otherwise flawed), since much of the Internet is neither peer-reviewed nor documented. So unless you consult your medical information specialist, you are on your own.

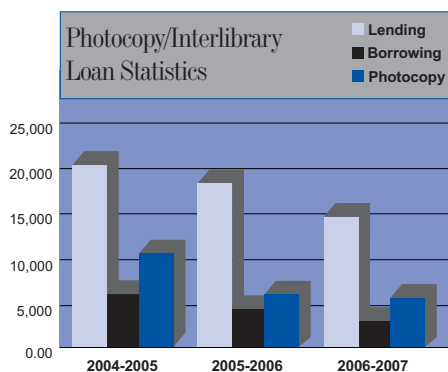
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Outreach Programs

Photocopy/Interlibrary Loan

A steady increase in the number of electronic resources available to clients has led to the decrease in requests for interlibrary loan and photocopy services. Holdings of subscribed electronic resources were added to the appropriate national databases, which bolstered the number of lending requests received, but, in accordance with current trends everywhere, both borrowing and lending continue to decline.



Outreach

Outreach events included staffing a booth at exhibits and health fairs for the following organizations:

- Cleveland Ripley Back to School Health Fair
- Senior Expo 2006, Lufkin
- Women's Health Network Symposium, Houston
- Wal-Mart Health Fair, Crosby
- Shiner's Second Annual Health Fair
- 8th Annual Wheeler Avenue Cancer Awareness Program, Houston
- 82nd Annual Texas Public Health Association Conference, Galveston
- St. Bernadette Parish's Health and Safety Fair, Houston
- Women's Lifestyle Expo, Lufkin
- City of Houston Health Fair

- Positive Empowerment Summit: WomenCulture Fest, Houston
- Texas Chiropractic College Homecoming Convention, Galveston

Classes and Orientations

MedlinePlus, Go Local and NIH Senior Health classes were offered at:

- Cuero Community Hospital
- Majors Scientific Books, Houston
- Montgomery County Memorial Library-Woods Mitchell Branch
- Montgomery County Public Library
- R.B. Tullis Branch Library, Houston
- Central Branch Montgomery County Memorial Library System, Conroe
- Gateway to Care, Houston
- Texas Chiropractic College Homecoming Convention
- Bellerive Senior Apartment Complex, Houston

Seven visiting physicians from Argentina, Canada, El Salvador, Korea, Paraguay and Spain attended PubMed classes in Spanish. PubMed classes were also given for librarians at the American College of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine and the Texas Chiropractic College.

Special classes in the use of Microsoft Office Applications software, selected Library databases and bibliographic software were also taught, with a total of 661 participants in 70 class offerings.

A total of 44 orientations with 2,070 participants were given for member institutions' incoming users, providing an overview of the Library's main service points and highlighting both print and online resources available to them.

Public Affairs

The Public Affairs component of the Information Services Department continues to publish three newsletters: *Library Lines*, our print publication which is produced quarterly, *The Insider*, which is a bi-monthly web-based newsletter and the *Insider Express*, an email publication distributed to more than 1,100 library clients.

Go Local Texas Gulf Coast

The *Go Local Texas Gulf Coast (GLTGC)* database has doubled in size since its inception in April 2005 and now contains almost 8,000 records. All the original records were reviewed and updated during the annual audit procedure required by the NLM. The next annual audit will include all records added since 2005.

Statistics consistently reflect increasing usage of the *GLTGC* website, a partnership between HAM-TMC Library and the Moody Medical Library of The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. During the highest-use month, 1,681 hits were recorded, coming mostly from within Texas. Although the website receives occasional visits from locations as far away as Oslo, Norway and Milan, Italy, more than 80% of the website's usage comes from the U.S. Over half the visits to *GLTGC* are from .com or .net domains. Direct traffic is the highest referrer to the website, followed by www.nih.gov, which implies that our numerous outreach, teaching and publicity efforts are achieving their desired impact. The most-often visited pages have been on topics such as First Aid, Alzheimer's Disease, Diabetes, SARS, Childhood Immunization and Arthritis.

Project St. Hope: An HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Project

In 2006, the Library received an *AIDS Community Information Outreach Project* award from the NLM to develop and implement *Project St. Hope: An HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Project*. This project partners HAM-TMC Library with the Center for AIDS Information and Advocacy and the St. Hope Foundation. Project funds were used to purchase laptop computers for social workers' offices at three HIV outpatient clinics operated by St. Hope Foundation. Now the social workers can introduce electronic information resources as part of the client in-take process. Project funds were also used to purchase five laptops with wireless Internet connectivity to serve as a mobile instructional lab that can be transported between the three clinics. *Project St. Hope* pairs a health sciences librarian with an HIV/AIDS educator to produce educational programming on living healthy with HIV.

Jesse H. Jones Community Health Information Service

The *Consumer Health Information for Asians (CHIA)* and *Consumer Health Information for Spanish-speakers (CHISS)* kiosk projects, which provide printed health informational brochures in Chinese, Vietnamese, Spanish and English, continue to thrive. These brochure-dispensing kiosks are located at the following Houston locations: Chinese Community Center, VN Teamwork, Rainbow Village, de Madres a Madres, Inc., East End Life Center and El Centro de Corazon.

The *Health is Wealth* electronic touch-screen kiosk project also continues to grow. The original kiosks developed in 2002-2003 are located at two branches of the Houston Public Library: Henington-Alief Regional Library and Park Place Regional Library. Plans to place another electronic kiosk in the Mexican Consulate early in the next fiscal year are in progress.

Information Rx for School Nurses and Librarians: MedlinePlus and Go Local

In another partnership with the Moody Medical Library, the Library received funding from the NN/LM SCR, to introduce school nurses and librarians in the 38-county *GLTGC* project to both MedlinePlus and Go Local. A letter was sent to 1,820 recipients. Follow up will be accomplished through site visits and by staffing a booth at the annual meeting of the Texas School Nurses Association meeting in the fall of 2007.

Clinical Informationist

Planning began with the Baylor College of Medicine Department of Medicine on a Clinical Informationist position for Ben Taub General Hospital. The Clinical Informationist will work closely with clinical teams by attending rounds and offering on-the-spot clinical information. The program is slated to begin in the Fall of 2007 and grants are currently being written to support the program.

Nursing Education @ TMC Exhibit

In Fall 2006, the Library recognized Texas Woman's University's College of Nursing, Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing: Houston Center and The University of Texas School of Nursing at Houston with an exhibit, *Nursing Education @ TMC*. On display were artifacts and information about nursing education in the early 20th Century. The exhibit also featured nursing textbooks used in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries taken from holdings in the John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center.

Disaster Planning

In order to ensure business continuity in the event of a major disaster, staff continued to update the Library's *Business Continuation Plan*. Along with staff from the Houston Academy of Medicine, the Library participated in two fire or building evacuation drills. Library staff also participated in TMC-wide disaster planning efforts through membership on the TMC Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Lessons Learned Task Force, the TMC Interinstitutional Council and the TMC Disaster Planning Task Force. Deborah Halsted also attended the Texas State Hurricane Conference in Galveston and was invited to be an expert consultant for the NN/LM *National Emergency Preparedness Plan*. Key staff also completed certification in the National Incident Management System's *Incident Command System* training.

The HAM-TMC Library has served as Regional Medical Library for the NN/LM SCR since May 1991.

National Network of Libraries of Medicine South Central Region

The HAM-TMC Library serves as the Regional Medical Library for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine South Central Region (NN/LM SCR) (<http://nlnm.gov/scr>), under contract with the NLM through April 30, 2011. The mission of the NN/LM SCR is to advance the progress of medicine while improving public health by providing all health professionals in the South Central Region (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) with equal access to biomedical information and by improving the SCR public's access to information, so that individuals can make informed decisions about their own health care. The NN/LM SCR includes 855 Network members, ranging from hospital and medical academic libraries to public libraries and community-based organizations with a health information focus.

A key NN/LM SCR program is Health Information Technology Outreach. The NLM's products and services, such as PubMed®, MedlinePlus®, and databases available through the Specialized Information Services division are all Web-based. It is imperative that Network members at all levels maintain a broadband Internet connection and current computer equipment in order to access quality health information. The NN/LM SCR assists Network members with broadband connectivity and upgrading computer equipment through several funding mechanisms, including *Information Access Improvement Projects* and *DOCLINE® Library Improvement Project Awards*.

Network members who wish to expand their health information outreach mission using mobile technologies, or to enhance access to their health information collections and electronic resources are encouraged to apply for assistance through the *Mobile Health Education Project and Library Technology Awards*.

The education role of the NN/LM SCR includes a focus on training staff at Network member institutions and health professionals throughout the five-state region, on the effective use of the Internet and other current technologies as they apply to accessing health information. Popular classes include *Geeks Bearing Gifts: Unwrapping New Technology Trends*, *Super Searcher: Managing Electronic Resources in Health Sciences Libraries*, and *Website Usability: Making Content Easy to Find*.



Dr. John P. McGovern Historical Collection.

Dr. John P. McGovern

John P. McGovern Collection and Historical Research Center

Preserving the Past Serves the Future

For 30 years, the Library has dedicated staff and space to collect and preserve the history of health care in Texas and to provide the books needed to further understanding of the development of American medicine. Thanks to the contributions of many generous Houstonians, collections in rheumatology, public health, Texas nursing, 19th Century medicine and Texas Medical Center have grown considerably. This growth is built upon the earlier efforts of the Fellows of the Houston Academy of Medicine in the 1930's, the M.D. Anderson Foundation in the 1950's, and especially of Dr. John P. McGovern.

With the death of Dr. McGovern in May 2007, the Library lost a friend, mentor, benefactor, and constant supporter of the work of building comprehensive historical collections. Acquisition and availability of the Library's many comprehensive, world-class collections is the result of Dr. McGovern's more than forty years' generous support. The Houston health care community would have lost its own history without the Library's archive and would not have access to premier texts in many medical specialties without Dr. McGovern's encouragement and support. The Library, in gratitude, will strive ever harder to develop the authoritative, valuable and unique historical collections he envisioned for the Houston community.

This Annual Report is dedicated to John P. McGovern, MD and to the John P. McGovern Foundation.

Professional Activities of Library

- HARLiC Board of Directors – Elizabeth Eaton
- SCAMeL Board of Directors – Elizabeth Eaton
- Association of Academic Health Science Libraries – Elizabeth Eaton
- Houston Regional Library Group – Elizabeth Eaton and Deborah Halsted
- AAHSL/NLM Leadership Fellow Mentor – Elizabeth Eaton

National Incident Management Service Incident Command System Classes

- Deborah Halsted – ICS 700, 100, 200, 800, 300 and 702
- Jesse Gonzales – ICS 700, 100

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- Inter-Institutional Collaboration – Elizabeth Eaton
- Joint Information Center Planning Group – Deborah Halsted
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- Parking and Mobility – Andrea Thomas
- Planning and Construction – Jesse Gonzalez
- Policy – Elizabeth Eaton
- Public Relations – Beatriz Varman, Martha Grady, Deborah Halsted, Elizabeth White
- Security – Jesse Gonzalez
- Volunteer – Adela Justice
- Wayfinding and Signage – Deborah Halsted
- Women’s Health Network Board of Directors – Elizabeth Eaton

City of Houston

- Asian American Health Coalition – Adela Justice
- Hispanic Health Coalition Board of Directors – Adela Justice

High School to Health Sciences Librarianship and Informatics Project

For the second year of this IMLS-funded project, the Library employed two high school students in the library for six weeks during the summer. We were lucky in that Chioma Uzoma and Shana Simon, the 2006 summer interns, returned for a second year, strengthening their exposure to medical libraries and the profession. During their internship, they worked on Go Local projects and cataloging and visited a number of libraries in the greater Houston area. Both interns graduated from high school this year and have embarked on college careers in Houston and New Orleans.



Shana Simon (Barbara Jordan High School) and Chioma Uzoma (Michael E. DeBaakey High School for Health Professions).



TMC Bike to Work Day.



The Honorable Bill White, Houston Mayor, Katherine Stream, PhD and Gregory Bernica from the HAM-TMC Board of Directors.



The Honorable Bill White and Elizabeth K. Eaton, PhD.

Professional Activities of the Staff

PRESENTATIONS

Bodin, Greg and Bougard, Renée, Paper Presentation, *Ensuring Access to Health Information: The Role of NLM and NN/LM SCR after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita*, Annual Meeting of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association, October 2006, College Station, TX.

Bougard, Renée, Invited Speaker, *The Role of the NN/LM SCR and the Regional Medical Library (RML) in Disaster Preparedness and Response*, Disaster Preparedness Symposium, October 2006, College Station, TX.

Bougard, Renée, Invited Speaker, *NN/LM SCR & NLM Response to South Central Region Network Members Affected by Hurricanes Katrina & Rita*, National Library of Medicine Board of Regents Meeting, February 2007, Bethesda, MD.

Eaton, Elizabeth, Co-Instructor, *So You Want to be a Director*, Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association, May 2007, Philadelphia, PA.

PUBLICATIONS

Halsted, Deborah, Justice, Adela, Burke, Lynn and Howell, Lynda, "MedlinePlus® and Go Local Texas: Regional Health Resources for Consumers," *Texas Library Journal*, 2007, v. 83:2, pp. 72-3.

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The Friends of the Texas Medical Center was established to support the work of the HAM-TMC Library. This Library has been a tremendous resource for both health professionals and patients in Texas Medical Center and the greater Houston area for over 50 years. The Friends try to supplement the core objectives of the Library by providing resources for programs not otherwise provided for in the budget, including continuing education and enrichment for staff and outreach to consumers on health education, especially the Asian and Hispanic populations of Houston.

Rogene Gee Calvert, President, Friends of the TMC Library Board

Friends of the TMC Library

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Friends of the Texas Medical Center Library is to ENHANCE AND MAINTAIN the quality of the Library, so as to keep it as an invaluable tool and inspiration for students, or anyone seeking information; to this end, the Friend of the Texas Medical Center 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 where these funds shall be most beneficially used

The Friends of the Texas Medical Center Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging community support for the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library.

Founded in 1958 by Houstonians who valued health education and research programs, the Friends have funded the development and expansion of collections and services offered to the medical community and public by helping to fund the following programs:

- *Go Local Texas Gulf Coast* – a database of local health resources for 38 counties
- Community Outreach Programs
- Information Kiosks in Community Locations-electronic and paper collection of health information in Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean and Spanish
- Alumni Database Development-former users of the library who are contacted about library services and ways to support
- Jesse H. Jones Community Health Information Service a collection for outreach to health consumers
- Focus Groups providing vital information to plan future library services and spaces.

Memberships in the Friends group and various book tributes and memorial funds also help to provide financial support to the Library.



Elizabeth K. Eaton, PhD Executive Director and Earl Brewer, MD.

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

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