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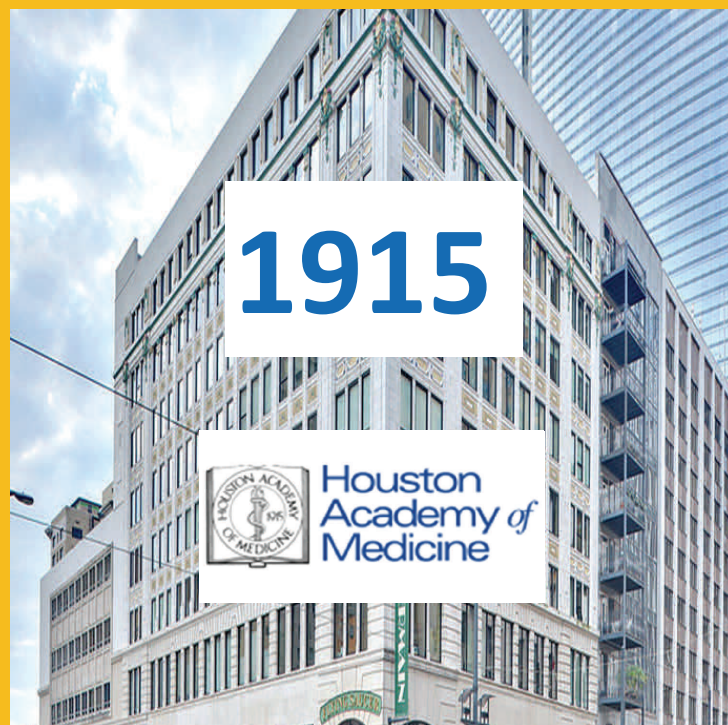
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# THE TMC LIBRARY

## 2014-2015 Annual Report

100  
YEARS  
OF  
GREATNESS



Library established in one room of Kress Building



Jesse Jones Library Building—home of The TMC Library in the middle of the TMC Campus

# OUR JOURNEY OF 100 YEARS...



# ...STARTED WITH BOLD LEADERS... STRIVING TO BUILD A GREAT COMMUNITY.

That community eventually became the port city of Houston, the 4th largest in the country with the largest Medical Center in the world.

It's a city that had a rocky start with little going for it except some crazy dreamers who saw potential in the swampy land surrounding the bayous.

Yet, they persisted, built roads and railroads, dredged a channel and made a port, built streets and buildings and hotels and homes, then cleaned it up and made public health a priority.

A healthy city meant healthy commerce and needed a healthy population to drive it.

And so, the Harris County Medical Society was formed, and with it came the Houston Academy of Medicine, the first independent Medical Library in Texas.

# Message from the Chair of the Board of Directors



It has been my pleasure this past year to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors during the TMC Library's Centennial Anniversary. Reviewing our history of where we've been really illustrates that we are truly a product of the accumulated effects of everything surrounding us, forces of world events and economics that impacted us, and the will of dedicated leaders who guided us.

Great intentions formed the roots of the Library – to provide the literature and medical information of the times for the physicians of Harris County to better serve their patients by having access to the latest breakthroughs in medicine. From those roots grew a library that now serves the reach of the Texas Medical Center.

All roads to the future are bumpy, and ours has been no exception. Each growing pain was met with great expectations and hard work. Our history taught us that the Library's striving for greatness was consistent. But without all the lessons learned along the way, we wouldn't be who we are today, and what we hope to be tomorrow. As it is, we are

the only consortial biomedical library in the country, an independent non-profit that serves multiple educational, research and clinical institutions of the Texas Medical Center. There is no other library quite like us. It is not one institution of the TMC we serve, but multiple, each with its own history, struggles, achievements and visions of being the best at what they do.

Since its inception the striving for excellence in serving our medical community and the patients they serve hasn't ceased. We can all take pride in the Library, its capable staff and the support of our member institutions. Reaching 100 years is an achievement, but reaching it through one of the most momentous centuries in history, amid rapid changes and advances in all sciences, is a great accomplishment. I can think of no better way to forge an even greater future than by stopping to appreciate the past.

*Lewis E. Foxhall, MD  
Chair, Board of Directors  
The TMC Library*

## Message from the Executive Director

Celebrating the Library's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday has been fun and insightful. We began the year by celebrating 100 years of the Library and combined it with the 500<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of Vesalius, the father of human anatomy. Each month during the year we highlighted a decade in the life of the Library with rotating exhibits that marked the Library's progression amid impactful events occurring within that ten year period. One of our talented archivists created a dedicated webpage that juxtaposes world history and medical advances against the Library's adaptations and responses. It's a picture and word exposition of how the library transformed into what it is today. We learned a lot, and were impressed at the foresight of the men and women who began the library and tended its growth.

Our deeper understanding of our history and the forces that made us, have proven to be beneficial as we chart our way into the future. Winston Churchill said, "Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it." We learned our history, and we thank our predecessors for the foundation they built for this unique enterprise.

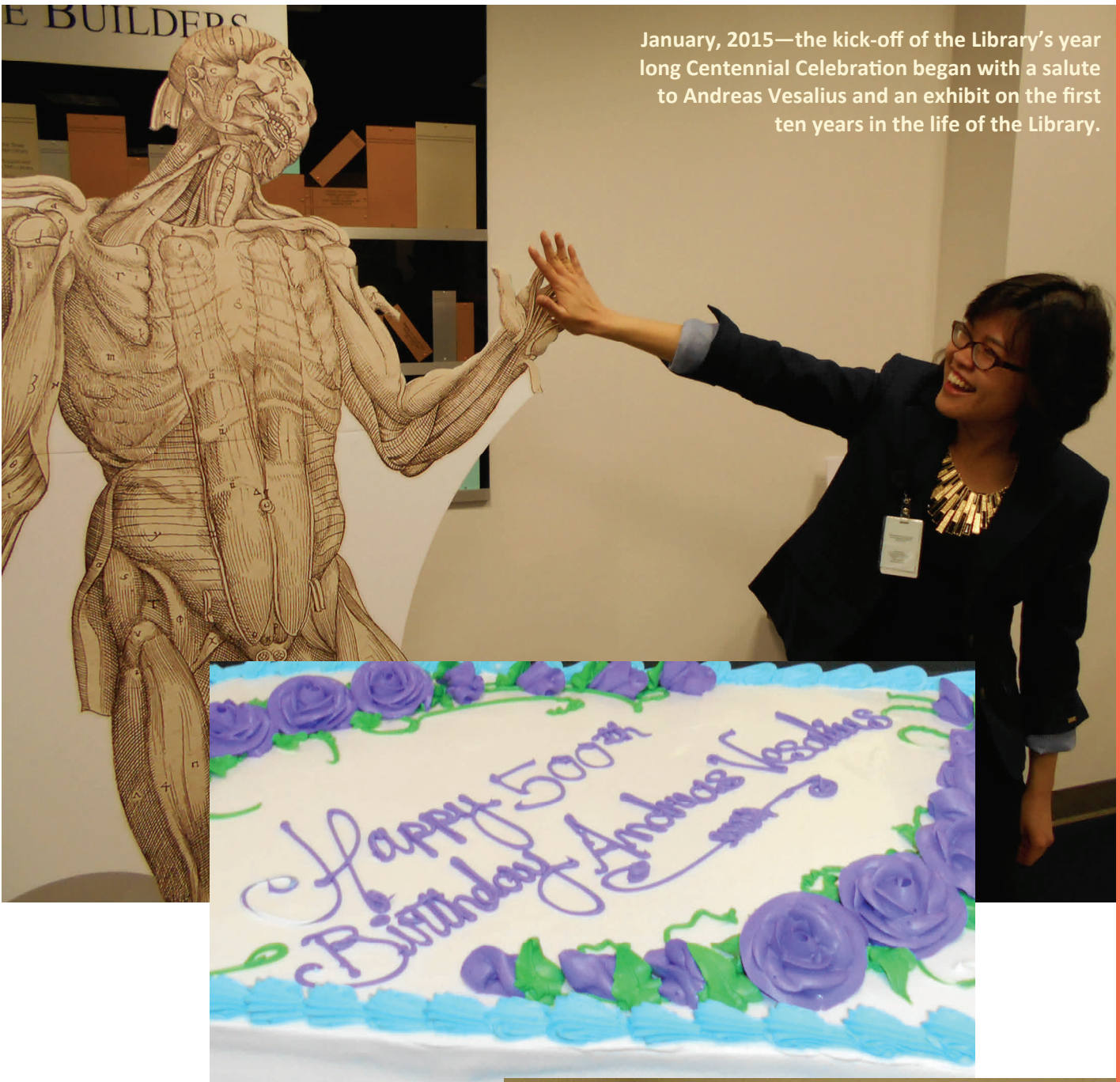
Even as we have paid homage to our past century of achievements, we've also set our sights on an even greater goal of becoming a premier health sciences resource center providing the highest quality in collections and an inviting, dynamic learning space for future physicians, scientists and health professionals. We are proud to serve the member institutions of the TMC, many of which are award winners in teaching, research, and quality care. For the institutions of the TMC to achieve greatness, they need the foundation of a great library. Our goal is to be nothing less.

*L. Maximilian Buja, MD  
Executive Director  
The TMC Library*





January, 2015—the kick-off of the Library's year long Centennial Celebration began with a salute to Andreas Vesalius and an exhibit on the first ten years in the life of the Library.



**Above:** A cut-out replica of one of Vesalius' anatomical drawings from his original 16th century engravings. Librarian Nha Huynh gives "Andy" a "high five" greeting.

**Center:** Birthday cake celebrating the 500th anniversary of the birth of Andreas Vesalius, Father of Modern Anatomy.

**Right:** Max Buja, MD, the Executive Director of The TMC Library gave a wide-ranging lecture on the history of Vesalius, the Father of Modern Anatomy.



## A CENTENNIAL OF NOTE

How do we define greatness? In the eye of the beholder, it can have many meanings. Webster's dictionary defines greatness in terms of largeness, numbers, emotional fullness, distinguished, grand, and last but not least, "markedly superior in character or quality."

Who would have thought that, back in 1915, when the doctors of Harris County decided to incorporate the Houston Academy of Medicine as a library occupying one room, we would have evolved into a stand-alone entity, housed in its own building and serving as the biomedical library for the largest medical center in the world? No other medical library provides resources to a geographical area the size of lower Manhattan, or to such a diverse population of users—researchers, faculty, students, health providers and the lot.

But aside from greatness of size, what is most important to us, and to the medical community that relies upon us for biomedical and scientific resources, is the quality of the information they access through the library, and the quality of the expertise of the librarians to serve them. And that is the greatness we strive for, "markedly superior in quality."

Yes, we've had our ups and downs over the years, as have most of the institutions of the TMC. Yet, throughout all the challenges and changes we never lost sight of our purpose nor stopped striving to be or give the best we could.

This year, 2015, we celebrated our centennial since our founding. Spending time reviewing our history opened our eyes to the remarkable origins, resiliency, vision and dedication of notable individuals responsible for the Library's origins and growth. In 1949, the Harris County Medical Society and Baylor College of Medicine signed an agreement to combine their respective medical libraries and a consortial library was born—a unique venture—one library for many institutions—the only one of its kind in the country.

In 1984, Richard Lyders, the Executive Director of the Library at the time wrote in a op-ed article for the TMC News, "The Harris County Medical Society proposes for the benefit of Texas a first class general medical library with an adequately equipped building... ." In 1954, the "Jesse H. Jones Library Building" was dedicated. At the time of ground-breaking in 1952, Dr. M.D. Levy, the then president of the Academy stated, "because of the farsighted cooperation of several institutions in the Texas Medical Center... Houston is destined to have a Library that will be one of the greatest in the Southwest."

The theme of the history of the library is Greatness. It's the same theme we share today.

THE TMC LIBRARY  
PRESENTS OUR  
GRAND

# CENTENNIAL

1915—2015

## EVENT GUIDE

*(Events are free\* and open to the Public)*

The  
**TMC LIBRARY**  
Health Sciences Resource Center

**EVENTS LISTING** *(Free)*

Visit our website at: <http://library.tmc.edu/tmdlbrary100>

**Jan. 12\***      **Noon—1 pm**  
*Let's Party! Celebrate Vesalius' 500th Birthday*

**March 4\***      **11:30 am—12:45 pm**  
*Get Jazzy and swing into Student Appreciation Day Festivities!*

**April 15\***      **Noon—1 pm**  
*The Greatest Generation—in nursing and medicine during the Depression and War*

**August 18\***      **Noon—1 pm**  
*History of the Library—a unique perspective from there to here*

**Sept. 18**      **6 pm—9 pm**  
*Friends of the Library—tribute to Dr. Herbert Fred*

**Nov. 3\***      **Noon—1 pm**  
*Floods and consequences within the TMC*

**Dec. 8**      **11:30 am—1 pm**  
*Be Merry and Mingle at our 3rd Annual Luncheon*

The  
**TMC LIBRARY**  
Health Sciences Resource Center



**"A great research library is more than collections, technologies and a comfortable workspace.**

***A great library is powered by people.***

***It inspires...Creativity and a sense of awe."***

### ***THE TOTAL PACKAGE***

When people think of a library they think of books—rows upon rows. We now know that libraries are no longer book-centered storehouses of knowledge. The times, they have changed, driven by an explosion of technology and the acceleration of discoveries in knowledge. A case in point is the Taubman Health Sciences Library at the University of Michigan that just metamorphosed into a light-filled, dynamic learning space for future physicians, scientists and health professionals after 18 months of renovation work.

"The reopening coincides with a new medical student curriculum that takes full advantage of the digital revolution in generating, storing and accessing medical and scientific knowledge. That same revolution drives the new library space, designed to help U-M Informationists work with students and faculty from U-M's entire health and life science community." (UMHealthSystem).

Taubman Library calls their librarians "Informationists." We call ours "Liaison" librarians and in place of "Reference Department," it is now the "Client Relationship Management Department"(CRMD).

Supporting the immediate needs and learning initiatives of our educational, research and healthcare institutions is of paramount importance to us. As the first point of contact, our liaison librarians foster communications between us and our institutions. While libraries are perceived as repositories of "things" both tangible and intangible, it is the *people* who put it all together and make things run.

To quote Beatriz Varman, Head of CRMD, "Over the last year, we have focused on providing the best quality services to our clients through the liaison program. Liaison librarians continue to provide high level reference and informational support to our institutions."

***Below: Terrie Smalls-Hall, Collections, greets visitors to the Library during Student Appreciation Day.***



***Above: Maianh Phi, Marianne Galati, Liaison Librarians, greet students at UTHealth School of Medicine at freshman orientation.***





**Left:** Librarian Kate Krause teaching research skills to students at HCC Coleman College.

**Below:** Librarian Nha Huynh teaching class at TWU to nursing students.



*“Got a call from Dr. Bueso, Houston Methodist, and he proceeded to tell me that he had a ‘med search’ done for him by Emily, who should ‘deserve a raise for assisting me with my research. She was absolutely the best...’ ”.*  
*Beatriz Varman, TMC Library*

*“Hi Marianne and Nha, Thank you so much for your presentation on Monday. I wish you had been with our students the rest of the week to see the dramatic increase in research questions and ideas. I greatly appreciate that you tailored things to our students and spent time answering questions.”*  
*Ashley Harris Mullen, BCM*

March ushered in our annual Student Appreciation Day and the theme was the roaring 20s. The **David Caceres Quartet, right**, entertained the students in-between study and exam breaks.

Faithful Paws made their second appearance and provided needed happiness therapy to the students.

**Below:** A blissed out dog and happy students!



*“I am a second year medical student at UTH-Med School and I just wanted to convey how wonderful the Jazz and the puppies and the snacks were today— my friends and I had an absolute blast!!!*

*In fact, I am studying for my last exam and am eating one of the oranges that were given out today, so the gratefulness continues. Thank you!!!”* Sincerely, Kanwal Matharu

## COLLABORATING AND PROVIDING

In August, our collections librarians visited the Joint Library Facilities in College Station. The facilities partnership between Texas A&M and UT Austin libraries is a valuable undertaking for the State of Texas. It is allowing libraries across the state to downsize their stacks of bound journals and books, making way for new, creative uses of floor space.

We're an active participant in this joint venture, and during the year, have delivered thousands of journal sets to the facility. We cleared one entire floor of journals, and began preparing to downsize our book stacks. All materials received at the facility are easily retrievable and available for Inter-Library Loan.

Meanwhile, our collections budget increased by almost 8 percent from the previous year. We added 3 new databases, 9 eBooks and subscribed to an additional 14 eJournals, and added 5 print books to our collections. Visit our website to view the latest in additions.

Our electronic usage increase by 7.5% over the previous year, surpassing 3,000 gigabytes. In short, that's a whole lot of digital downloads.

Inter-Library loans and Document Delivery services continues to be a popular service, increasing by 22% from the prior year. All in all, business was up and we couldn't be happier—or busier!

Each year, the member institutions of the TMC whom we serve, win numerous awards for the quality of their research, their innovations in clinical care and excellence in teaching. We are pleased that we are allowed the opportunity to contribute to their successes.



**Above:** TMC Library librarians Joanne Romano, far left, Terrie Smalls-Hall, second from right and Owen Ellard, far right, flank Professor Wyoma Vanduinkerken, Texas A&M, and Joint Library Facilities staffer, Jennifer Greene, posing in front of the stacks at the Joint Library Facility.

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*"Thank you so much for allowing us to access VisualDx. Such a cool piece of software and I can't wait to use it in the hospital." William Johnson, Medical Student, BCM*

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*"Psychiatry online—Thank you for this tremendously useful resource!" Joshua Rodgers, BCM, Asst. Professor of Psychiatry & Behavioral Science*

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In June 2015, the South Central Academic Medical Libraries Consortium (SCAMeL) Professional Development award provided a collaborative exchange of information and ideas between librarians from the TMC Library and the UTHealth Science Center at San Antonio Library.

**Pictured from left to right:** Librarians John Weed, Dana Whitmire and Rajia Tobias, Executive Director—Library, UTHSCSA, Terrie-Smalls Hall and Joanne Romano TMC Library, in front of the Dolph Briscoe Jr Library at San Antonio.





## To Honor and Celebrate

Amid the busy work days, we took time to honor and celebrate ourselves and the good people of the Texas Medical Center. Because of our uniqueness as a consortial library, we are one serving the many. At our Second Annual Holiday Mingle, we honored 3 distinctive individuals who have contributed greatly to the betterment of the institutions of the TMC and the community. **Below: Awards for William T. Butler, MD, Chancellor Emeritus, Baylor College of Medicine; Dana C. Rooks, MLS, Former Dean, University of Houston Libraries; Patricia L. Starck, PhD, Former Dean, School of Nursing, UTHealth.**



**Above:** guests enjoying themselves at the Grand Salon of La Columbe D'Or.

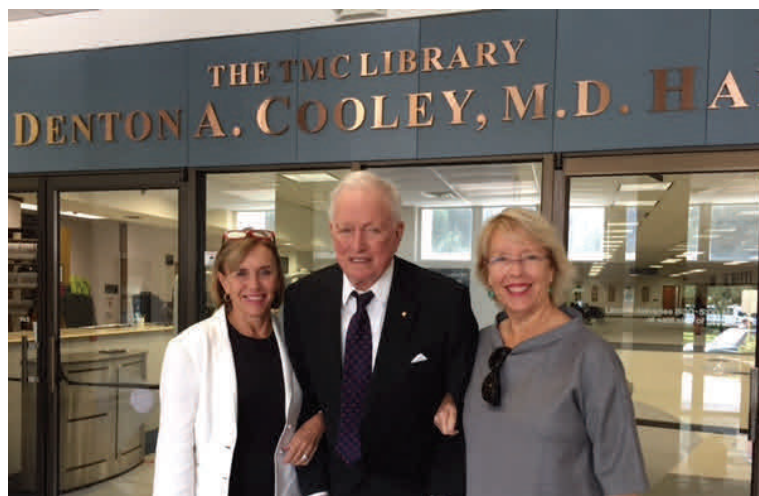
**Right:** Dana Rooks, MLS, enjoying a quiet moment with Mrs. Kathrine McGovern.



It was a year of remembering, honoring and celebrating. Now we go forward with renewed energy and spirit, proud of our roots and accomplishments over the past century, and with greater determination to excel beyond expectations.

**Right:** Mary Cooley Craddock, Dr. Denton A. Cooley and Susan Cooley under the newly dedicated entrance sign to the TMC Library, in acknowledgement of Dr. Cooley's generosity to the Library.

Dr. Cooley has donated his original heart-transplant films, papers and memorabilia to the Library's archives where they will be preserved for posterity.

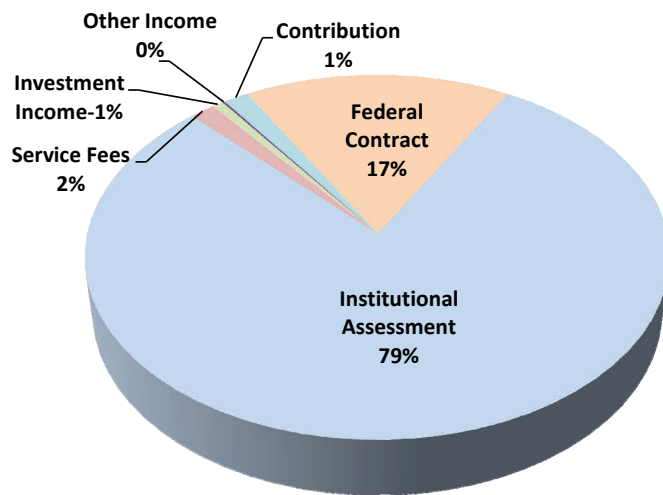




## OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE

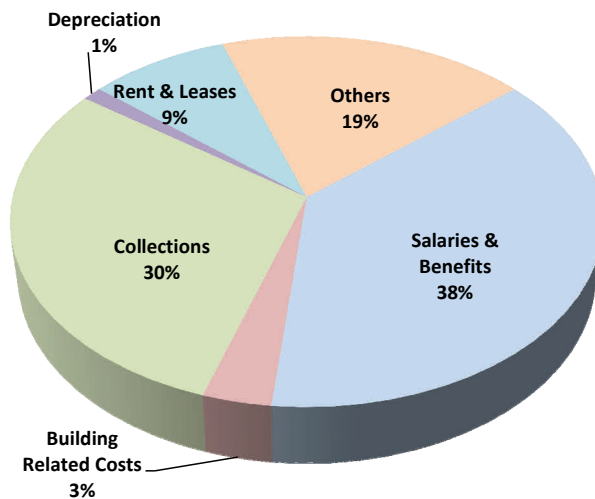
**“As** we continue to be both accountable and transparent in our operations, we have in place accountability guidelines that are regularly reviewed by our Board of Directors, our standing Finance Committee and our independent public auditors, Blazek and Vetterling. We take seriously our role to be good stewards of all funds entrusted to us.” **Dorothy Cobbs, CFO, The TMC Library**

### FY 2014 - 15 REVENUE



Institutional Assessment	\$ 7,542,623
Service Fees	147,554
Investment Income	( 67,733 )
Other Income	13,848
Contribution	146,889
Federal Contract	1,585,761
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,368,942</b>

### FY 2014 - 15 EXPENSES



Salaries & Benefits	\$ 3,582,206
Building Related Costs	315,747
Collections	2,836,057
Depreciation	114,251
Rent & Leases	820,281
Others	1,813,817
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,482,359</b>

Fundraising continued to play an important role in providing additional funds that allow us to take advantage of opportunities as they arise, meet unexpected expenses and build reserves. Through grants, annual campaigns and individual giving, we were able to add important pieces to our collection resources, process more historical data within our archives and replace aging equipment. Over \$190,000 in funds helped us to go that little extra when our constituents asked it of us.

On behalf of the staff of the Library and our constituents, we thank our giving community for their generosity to the Library.

## PRESERVING THE PAST TO SERVE THE FUTURE

The TMC Library takes pride in its archival collections at the John P. McGovern Historical Center. This year we brought in an independent appraiser to value our rare book collection acquired over the past 40 years. We were pleased to hear him describe our rare book collection as a “jewel box of gems.” The crown jewel in the collection is the 1543 first edition “*De Humani Corporis Fabrica*” by Andreas Vesalius, the father of modern anatomy.



A valuable ongoing project that is dear to our hearts as the keeper of history is the *TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER-WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT*. This project collects the oral histories and written contributions to the health sciences by the women of the Texas Medical Center. In March, 2015, five more outstanding women were feted at an informal reception at the Library.

**Left to right:** Janet Butel, PhD, Baylor College of Medicine; Ann Scanlon McGinity, PhD, RN, Houston Methodist Hospital, Robin Britt, EDD, RN, TWU College of Nursing, Elizabeth Travis, PhD, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Asha Kapadia, PhD, UTHealth School of Public Health.

2015 marks the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombing of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

**The Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission** was created in 1947 by President Harry S. Truman to study the effects of radiation on the survivors of the atomic bombs dropped on Japan. Through the efforts of Dr. Jack Schull, the McGovern Historical Center houses a significant collection of these papers and studies, as well as personal recollections of the members of the commission from around the US.

In February, the Library's Phil Montgomery, (hat, glasses), Sandra Yates, (back left) and Owen Ellard (front left) visited with scholars at Gakushuin University in Tokyo, Japan on creating a pilot project making these official records and personal papers available online to researchers and the public in Japan and the US.



**TMC Library Staff, students and faculty from Gakushuin University in Tokyo.**



**Above:** Sandra Yates, Archivist & Special Collection Librarian, completed her certification through the Academy of Certified Archivists (ACA).

### Acquisitions of Note

- ✓ **Dr. Patricia Starck, former Dean, UTHealth School of Nursing, papers.** This collection covers the early history of the UTH-SON from 1984 to the present, and includes documents related to the first doctoral nursing program in Texas.
- ✓ **Dr. Mac Suzuki, images of Japan.** Dr. Suzuki's family donated about 900 Kodachrome slides of scenes from Japan in 1948. Dr. Suzuki, an American of Japanese descent, served with the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission. His photos document Japan's emergence from the trauma of war.
- ✓ **Dr. John P. McGovern medical medallion collection.** This collection commemorating major medical discoveries, ranges from the mid-1800s from France to modern medallions from the US.

## FRIENDS OF THE TMC LIBRARY

The Friends of the TMC Library was founded in 1958 by a group of physicians and community leaders, with the purpose of encouraging community support for the Library and assisting in the Library's development and expansion of collections and services offered.

Throughout the years, the Friends, a separate 501c3 organization, has funded many worthwhile projects of the Library.

This past year was no exception. From supporting the Library's annual holiday luncheon, to the Women's History Project and helping to underwrite our Centennial Celebration this year, to helping to cover the costs of librarian continuing education and webinars, the Friends continued to demonstrate their belief in the Library.

This year saw the retirement of long-term board member Dr. Herbert L. Fred from the Friends Board. Dr. Fred has been a loyal supporter of the library, saying that libraries have played an important role in his own history as a medical educator with an insatiable quest for knowledge.

### **Dr. Fred-isms for the ages:**

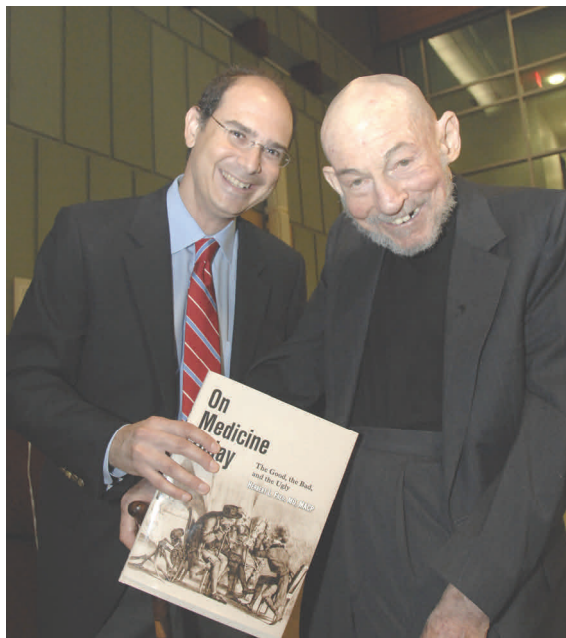
*"Wisdom: If it comes at all, it comes with age."*

*"Never lower your standards, sacrifice your principles, or sell your integrity."*

## Support

**The Friends donated over \$10,000 to continuing education for librarians and other projects of the Library**

**Thank you!**



**Above:** Dr. Dan Vaisman, a former student of Dr. Fred, and Dr. Herbert Fred at a dinner sponsored by the Friends celebrating Dr. Fred's accomplishments and dedication to medical education. The event netted over \$18,000 for the Friends.

Dr. Vaisman is holding a copy of "On Medicine Today: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly" written by Dr. Fred and actioned at the dinner event.



**Friends event honoring Dr. Fred filled the lobby of the UTHealth Institute for Molecular Medicine.**

The library hosts a dedicated webpage for the Friends for anyone interested in becoming a member, including online registration for membership and events. Join now and become a new Friend of the Library!

<http://library.tmc.edu/friends/membership/>



## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Liaison Librarian Activities of Note:

Rachel Helbing was appointed to the Hospital Libraries Section/MLA Professional Development Grant Jury. She was also a recipient of the NN/LM SCR/SCAMeL Emerging Leaders Award.

### Poster Presentations:

*Creating a Multi-institutional Library Liaison Program*, Beatriz Varman, MLIS, AHIP; Emily Couvillon, MSIS; Adela Justice, MLS; Kate Krause, MSLS, CLIS; Ashlynn Kogut, MSIS; Marianne Galati, LCSW, MLIS. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association, May 15-20, 2015, Austin, Texas.

*Developing a Systematic Review Service in Six Months*, Beatriz Varman, MLIS, AHIP; Ashlynn Kogut, MSIS; Adela Justice, MLS; Kate Krause, MSLS, CLIS; Marianne Galati, LCSW, MLIS. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association, May 15-20, 2015, Austin, Texas.

### Publications:

The Unfunded Worksite Wellness Program, Varman, BG and Justice, AV. *Journal of Hospital Librarianship* vol. 15(3) 2015.

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***“Great news everyone! The TMC Library is expanding their services, and a librarian will have regular hours right in our SON Building to meet our demand!” Dr. Duck-Hee Kang***

***“I love that you will be here permanently. It will be great to have you here.”***

***Best, Geri L. Wood, PhD, Professor***



***“I am so happy to hear that you will be working with the SON. One of my professors just sent us an email about this. Thank you so much!!!”***

***Regards, Patricia Bryan, MSN, RN, PhD Student***

***Rachel Helbing, Liaison Librarian, pictured standing in the doorway of her “home away from home” office at the UTHealth School of Nursing.***

## ***NATIONAL NETWORK OF LIBRARIES OF MEDICINE SOUTH CENTRAL REGION (NN/LM SCR)***

The TMC Library has proudly served as the administrative office of the NN/LM SCR since 1991, one of 8 academic medical libraries in the country to serve in this role. This program provides training opportunities to individuals and organizations in the 5 state region of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

In July, 2015, we submitted our application for the upcoming 2016-2021 funding period. For this next term, the NN/LM has changed to a cooperative agreement mechanism from its current contract funding method. New features in the agreement offer opportunities for regional applicants to apply to serve as national support offices for important functions.

In our application, besides continuing to support the South Central Region with training and funding opportunities, we applied to serve as two of the NN/LM's national offices: DOCLINE Coordination office and the Evaluation Office.

DOCLINE is the NLM's automated interlibrary loan request routing and referral system.

The Evaluation Office provides evaluation services to the National Network Steering Committee, the leadership advisory body of the NN/LM program.

Our proposed addition of the NN/LM DOCLINE Coordination Office and NN/LM Evaluation Office would expand the reach of the library to serve libraries and information centers in all 50 states.

**The program provided over \$500,000 in sub-award funding to more than 90 organizations and individuals during the year.**

### ***Retirement of Dr. Donald A. B. Lindberg, Director, National Library of Medicine.***



In March, Jon Goodell, Associate Director, and L. Maximilian Buja, MD, Executive Director of the NN/LM SCR attended Dr. Donald A. B. Lindberg's retirement program in Bethesda MD. Dr. Lindberg retired after 31 years at the helm of the NN/LM. His impact on biomedical communication, medical informatics and medical librarianship was significant. During his leadership, he introduced numerous landmark projects such as free internet access to MEDLINE via PubMed; MedlinePlus for the general public; the Visible Human Project; the Unified Medical Language System and more. To learn more about Dr. Lindberg's storied career, visit the NN/LM website.

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