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Librarians provide instruction to groups at locations outside of the TMC. This is where we have been so far this fiscal year:

Spring Branch, South Houston, Kingwood, Baldwin Boettcher, Barbara Bush, Octavia Fields and Galena Park branches of the Harris County Public Library Star of Hope SEARCH: Health Care for the Homeless San Jacinto College Children's Nutrition Center Fort Bend Family Health Center

Guadalupe Valley Hospital, Seguin, TX Eastwood Clinic, Northwest Assistance Ministries

Pediatric Clinic

Bering Omega Hospice and Bering Omega Dental Clinic Northwest Assistance Ministries for senior citizens San Jose Clinic Memorial Hermann Hospital

Fort Bend & Southeast Collier, Flores, Walter and Robinson-Westchase branches of the Houston Public Library Spring Branch Independent District School teachers

### In Spanish:

Physicians visiting from Čosta Rica, Spain, Venezuela, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, and Bolivia

Librarians from Latin-America: Foro 2003 Conference at Texas A&M in College Station

# Information Outreach: The Library without Walls – Reaching **Out to the Texas Medical Center and the Community**

The HAM-TMC Library is best recognized for the availability of several thousand electronic resources to Library cardholders. Prior to 1997, the Library subscribed to thirty-three electronic journals and two publicly available databases. Promotion of Library resources and services to health care professionals and medical schools students was primarily due to the efforts of librarians with a goal to inform the medical community of quality health information.

rior to TexSearch and the online catalog, librarians and staff ventured outside the walls of the Jesse H. Jones Library Building to TMC facilities and medical schools in an effort to create a "library literate" client. Orientation to the Library and instruction in the proper use of indexes, abstracts, and the card catalog, as well as professional networking, were the objectives.

As additional databases were acquired by the Library, training efforts expanded to include database and online catalog instruction. "Library literacy" programs evolved into "information and computer literacy" programs, requiring that librarians obtain skills to accommodate and enhance the users' experience.

Today with over 4,000 electronic journals, 100 databases and several electronic texts, HAM-TMC librarians have even a greater responsibility to the health care professional and interested consumer. Outreach efforts have escalated though library initiatives, interest from private donors, the National Library of Medicine (NLM) subcontract obligations and grant activity.

The Library Outreach program continues to grow to include both health care professional and consumer health activities in the Texas Medical Center, Harris County and 21 surrounding Texas counties.

**Texas Medical Center Professional Outreach** – this component includes Library



Beatriz Varman teaching at Camp for All in Washington County, TX.

orientation sessions, bibliographic instruction of electronic databases, productivity and bibliographic management software instruction, and liaison support to member institutions. This service is provided to more than 40 Texas Medical Center Institutions including medical and allied health schools. Information Services Librarian Mary Jackson, MLS, coordinates TMC professional outreach activities. Ms. Jackson can be contacted by email mjackson@library.tmc.edu or (713) 799-7170.

Consumer Health Outreach - Adela Calbillo, MSLS, Information Services Librarian, identifies opportunities in Harris and surrounding counties to provide health information to consumers. Depending upon the activity, information highlighting free NLM consumer health resources or the Library's

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### NEUROSCIENCE DATABASES AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY

The two resources noted below complement our new Menninger Library collection, which focuses on psychology, psychiatry, and the behavioral sciences. Neurodome was demonstrated at the 8th Annual HAM-TMC Library Conference on May 18, for which W. Walter Menninger, MD provided the keynote address.

#### **NeuroDome**

(http://www.neurodome.com /dome/index.jsp): one of the most recent additions to our database collection, this is a product from ContentScan. This resource is one of their online discipline-specific information services and has been available throughout the TMC since April 2004. The Dome concept brings together information from a wide variety of resources, including journal articles, books, dissertations, grants, institutions, scholarly databases, and web resources. Once you access the database. you will see the NeuroDome tutorial, which offers a very good overview of the resource and best methods for navigating. Important features include the ability to save and organize results in folders and export web pages for easy sharing with your colleagues.

Internet (http://www.neuro guide.com/index.html): freely available on the web, this is a searchable index of neuroscience resources on t

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neuroscience resources on the Internet. This database can also be browsed. Subjects include neurobiology, neurology, neurosurgery, psychiatry, psychology and cognitive science sites. The database also includes information on human neurological diseases.

Please contact Leah Krevit, Associate Director for Collections Management (713.799.7126, lkrevit@ library.tmc.edu), to make a recommendation or request additional information.

# From the Executive Director

Summer is here! Everyone please have a safe and relaxing time. The library never goes on vacation; we've reduced library reference hours but otherwise are open as usual. Please see our posted schedules <a href="http://www.library.tmc.edu/kns.html#hours">http://www.library.tmc.edu/kns.html#hours</a>.

ecently, several of the HAM-TMC Librarians presented posters at The Medical Library Association (MLA) Annual Meeting in Washington, DC., May 21-26, 2004. Informing Neighborhood Health, Jeffrey T. Huber, Teresa J. Walsh & Beatriz Varman, Camp For All Connections, Jeffrey T. Huber, Teresa J. Walsh & Beatriz Varman and CHARTing Local Health Data: **Teaching Librarians Statistical Tools for Public** Health Research, Helena VonVille & Deborah Halsted. MLA offers the librarians opportunities to gather, discuss and become better informed about current issues and trends. The leading ones are: the changing publishing trends, including the escalating costs of current subscriptions and how best to archive and preserve digital content; and the open access issues in scholarly publication Public Library of Science (PLOS), and PUBMED Central being two examples of trend setters.

http://www.publiclibraryofscience.org/http://www.pubmedcentral.gov/.

The HAM-TMC Library staff invites comments from users. We are a better place when our users are fully involved. Our



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newsletters and our web site will always have up-to-date information, please peruse them regularly.

http://www.library.tmc.edu/ http://www.library.tmc.edu/liblines/#Insider

The Library Conference, May 18th, 2004, featured Dr. Walter Menninger speaking about the history of the Menninger Clinic and the trends in treating mental illness. The library's web cast of the event is available at: <a href="http://library.tmc.edu/">http://library.tmc.edu/</a>.

Again, a safe and happy summer to you all!

Elizabeth Eaton, PhD Executive Director

# DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

o enhance and sustain our excellent collections and programs, the HAM-TMC Library's Department of Development is beginning an aggressive new phase of fundraising. The library is the vital source of information for health professionals in Houston's health science institutions and many others throughout the South Central Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. As the essential refer-

ence source for scientists, medical researchers, area and visiting scholars and patients' families, financial support is vital for its upkeep and advancement.

Join us in our commitment to support the HAM-TMC Library. Call or e-mail us today for information on how you can give back to the institution that imparts so much to the community: 713-799-7153 or apostell@library.tmc.edu.

Jesse H. Jones Community Health Information Service collection is made available to laypersons with health information needs. Ms. Calbillo can be contacted by email acalbillo@library.tmc.edu or phone, (713) 799-7183.

NN/LM SCR Outreach - made possible by a subcontract with the Regional Medical Library of the National Library of Medicine (NLM). The RML Outreach contact, Beatriz Varman, MLS, beatrizv@library.tmc.edu or (713) 799-7169, is responsible for outreach activities to 21 Texas counties. Activities include site visits for potential internet connectivity supported by NLM, hands-on instruction or demonstrations of NLM databases and services, exhibits at professional conferences or events to promote NLM information resources.

**Grants** - Several grants recently awarded to the HAM-TMC Library have enabled additional education initiatives in the community. The Office of Development and Sponsored Programs identifies grant opportunities which create supplementary avenues for Library outreach. Grants such as "Camp for All," a \$14,000 award from NLM; "Informing Neighborhood Health," a \$12,000 award also from NLM; and "Instruccion de la Salud para las Familias: Health Literacy for Families," a \$64,000 award from the Texas State Library Archives, are just a few of the awards.

## Current List of Exhibit Locations 2003-2004 HOUSTON

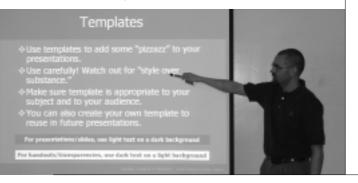
National Chronic Pain Society Conference City of Houston Health Department Health Fair Hospice Foundation of America Teleconference Harris County Medical Society Spring and Fall **Business Expo** 

North Harris College-Carver Promoting Healthy Lifestyles 2003 Wellness & Resources Fair Quentin Mease Hospital Annual Health Fair

Acres Home Health Center Annual Health Fair 2003 Harris County Hospital District Rehabilitation and Trauma Care 2003

Latino Book & Family Festival

#### Lee Hilyer teaches a MicroSoft PowerPoint class in the Library Classroom.





## Mary Jackson exhibiting at Lee College.

Women's Health Network Conference at the McGovern Museum of Health and Medical Science City of Houston Employee Health Fair 2004 Medical Translator's Conference Texas Society of Health System Pharmacists University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston Research Day CARDEO Conference Celebrando el Camino de la Vida TxPEC meeting, Pasadena, TX Lufkin's Women's Lifestyle Expo 2003, Lufkin, TX

Senior Health Lifestyle Expo, Nacogdoches, TX Senior Expo 2003, Lufkin, TX Senior Expo, Conroe, TX

Silent Cancers Conference, Baytown, TX South Texas College of Law HIV Symposium Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Health Fair

Genetics and Cancer: Current Concepts Conference, Alvin, TX

Senior Expo, Humble, TX

### LIBRARY ORIENTATIONS

Orientations	2001-2002	2002-2003
	23	66
Participants	2001-2002	2002-2003
	945	2111

### LIBRARY INSTRUCTION

Classes	2001-2002	2002-2003
	69	115
Attendees	2001-2002	2002-2003
	1694	2447

Database instruction, productivity and bibliographic management software classes are offered several times per month. These handson classes are free and open to anyone interested in attending. So far this year the Library has offered 148 hands-on classes in-house. See our website for a complete list of classes http://hhw.library.tmc.edu/lib200/classes/Cart/.

Before the end of the Library's fiscal year, August 31, 2004, several more activities are planned.

For information regarding any of these programs, contact the librarian directly associated with the program or the Assistant Director of Information Services, Dell Davis, at ddavis@library.tmc.edu or (713) 799-7109.

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.

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

Overdue charges are \$1.25 per

item per day. Unpaid fines result in the suspension of borrowing privileges.

**Location and Hours:** (713) 795-4200

Dr. Elizabeth K. Eaton's office: 799-7108

Circulation Desk (renewals, fines): 799-7147

Computer Lab: . 799-7106

Giving/Development: 799-7153

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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Photocopy/Interlibrary Loan: 790-7056

Regional Medical Library: 790-7030

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## HAM-TMC Library Class Schedule April-June 2004

PubMed July 21 August 4 August 25 September 8	11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 11:00 am	- -	1:00 pm
<b>PubMed, Advanced</b> July 15 September 15	12:00 pm 4:00 pm		
<b>Basic HTML</b> August 17	11:00 am	-	1:00 pm
<b>CINAHL</b> September 21	12:00 pm	-	1:00 pm
<b>EndNote</b> July 28 August 18 September 15	12:00 pm 12:00 pm 1:00 pm	-	2:00 pm
<b>EBM Databases</b> July 14 August 11	12:00 pm 4:00 pm		2:00 pm 6:00 pm

Navigating Full-Tex	ĸt		
July 14		_	10:00 am
August 10	11:00 am	_	12:00 pm
September 9			12:00 pm
PowerPoint Basic			
July 20	10:00 am	_	12:00 pm
August 19	10:00 am	_	12:00 pm
September 9	2:00 pm	_	4:00 pm
September 23	10:00 am	-	12:00 pm
PowerPoint Advance	ced		
September 10	9:00 am	-	12:00 pm
Reference Manager	r		
July 15	10:00 am	_	12:00 pm
August 12	10:00 am	_	12:00 pm
September 16	10:00 am	-	12:00 pm

All classes are free.

For a brief description of the classes and to register go to: http://hhw.library.tmc.edu/lib200/classes/Cart/

# **Welcome to Aimée Postell**

imée Mignon Postell is the new Director of Development for the Library.

She attended the University of Chicago as an undergraduate and received her Master of Liberal Arts degree from the University of St. Thomas. Most recently, Aimée worked for a private organization as a media research consultant. However, her development experience was gained through years of grant writing and prospect research for the University of St. Thomas as well as Fort Bend County Women's Center. She is happy to work again in an academic environment, and looks forward to the Library's programs of Giving and Advancement.



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