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The HAM-TMC Library is Undergoing Changes

As a result of comments by library users made at focus groups conducted in the spring and of the shift from paper to electronic resources, the HAM-TMC Library is going through a number of physical changes.

The first step of our major renovation project will be to remove most of the first floor current journals shelving. These shelves will soon be dismantled, opening that area for more public seating. Please bear with us as this process will be noisy. Soon, we will have new, comfortable furniture to place there.

You may also notice that many of the older books and journals are being relocated to the HAM-TMC Library's Historical Research Center. These items are becoming fragile and require a more stable environment. By moving older items, we will be able to make more space available for clients to use individually or collaboratively.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Deborah Halsted at deborah.halsted@exch.library.tmc.edu or 713.799.7163.



WELCOME

The staff of the Houston Academy of Medicine – Texas Medical Center (HAM-TMC) Library would like to extend a warm welcome to all new faculty, residents, interns, fellows and students from all the institutions in the Texas Medical Center (TMC). Whether you are a new student or are starting another year, the HAM-TMC Library has much to offer. The Library is dedicated to providing excellent collections and services in support of the research, education and patient care programs of the TMC and the Houston area.

Library collections are available in print and/or electronic formats, currently providing access to 12,800 unique electronic journals, 5,400 print journals, 187 databases, 6,750 electronic books and 133,969 print items.

Electronic access is available from library computers, and according to your level of authorization, from other TMC institutions, from home or abroad (see Remote Access below).

The Library is open 99 hours a week to provide the following services:



Staff at the circulation desk issues library cards, checks out books, journals and audiovisuals, supplies photocopy cards for a fee and houses the Core Collection of non-circulating resources. Contact the Circulation Desk at: 713.799.7147 for more information.

INFORMATION SERVICES Reference Librarians

are available 66 hours a week to provide assistance to clients needing help with their research, use individual databases, retrieval of electronic journal articles, requests for fee-based literature searches, arrange for group bibliographic instruction sessions, help for patients seeking health information and help with locating the Library's publications. Contact the Information Desk at: 713.799.7161 or reference.librarian@library.tmc.edu

Reference Librarians offer numerous classes to help clients use the Library's resources in a networked classroom with 24 computers. Orientations and off-site classes are also offered. A list of class descriptions and a schedule is available in the Library web site. (<http://resource.library.tmc.edu/classes/listclasses.cfm>)

The Photocopy/Interlibrary Loan (PC/ILL) Department obtains Journal articles, books or audiovisual materials not available in the Library from other libraries throughout the country for a fee. This department also offers fee-based photocopying from Library-held materials to individuals and other libraries. To register use the department's online form at: (<http://illiadw.library.tmc.edu/>). The PC/ILL department can be contacted at: 713.799.7179 or tmcariel@library.tmc.edu.

The Historical Research Center, located offsite, serves as a repository for collections documenting health care in Texas, an extensive photograph collection, the Menninger Rare Book Collection in Psychiatry and Psychoanalysis, older Texas

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From the Executive Director

Welcome to all students, residents, faculty and staff who are returning from vacation or entering as first timers! The HAM-TMC Library (<http://resource.library.tmc.edu>) is your library, with rich resources, 12,800 unique electronic journals, 187 online databases, information services librarians, circulation, interlibrary loan and a professional staff ready to assist you in your research needs. The HAM-TMC Library is your entry into the world of health and medical information. While we still maintain a print collection, many of our resources are now available electronically, so it is important to apply for a library card and remote access.

Go to (<http://resource.library.tmc.edu/circ/cards.cfm>) for more information. Users can also register to have interlibrary loan requests sent directly to their desktops at (<http://illiadw.library.tmc.edu>). Library staff offer free-research related classes such as PubMed, *Navigating Full-Text Journals and Evidenced-Based Medicine*. Go to (<http://resource.library.tmc.edu/classes/listclasses.cfm>) for more information on classes and to register. We can also tailor a class to your request – just ask! Our computer laboratories and workstations are available during most of the hours the library is open, and we also provide wireless Internet connectivity from all areas of the facility. We are cur-

rently involved in a study on how to redesign the current facility to better meet the needs of the library user of the 21st Century.

The Library continues acquiring new databases to serve our users best. *DynaMed* a clinical reference tool with systematic reviews, *Clin-evidence* a clinical decision support system that includes evidence-based guidelines, books and drug information and *RefWorks*, a web-based bibliographic management tool are among the newest database subscriptions.

I am also pleased to announce a new affiliation with the Methodist Hospital as part of the Library's expanding outreach project to provide critical information resources to the Texas Medical Center's clinical

institutions, as we have traditionally done for the educational institutions.



Elizabeth K. Eaton

Executive Director
HAM-TMC Library

New Resources at the Library

DynaMed
Powered by EBSCOhost

DynaMed is a clinical reference tool designed for use primarily at the 'point-of-care', providing clinically-organized summaries for nearly 2,000 topics. *DynaMed* is updated daily and monitors the content of over 500 medical journals and systematic evidence review databases. Each publication is reviewed cover-to-cover, and each article is evaluated for clinical relevance and scientific validity. *DynaMed* can also be integrated with the Electronic Medical Record. *DynaMed* is an EBSCO product.

DynaMed is available to the Library's educational level users and to all hospitals physically located within the TMC. Remote Access is available for educational and institutional level members.

Clin-evidence:
Clinical Decision Support

Clin-evidence is a clinical decision support system that distills disease management, drug therapy and laboratory results knowledge into a single resource. *Clin-evidence* includes evidence-based guidelines, books, Facts & Comparison drug information, national guidelines and patient handouts.

Clin-evidence also provides patient- and disease-specific recommendations, taking into account patient status and concomitant conditions prompts the clinician to consider issues that may influence patient outcome. *Clin-evidence* is an OVID product, available to the Library's educational level users.

RefWorks

RefWorks is a web-based bibliographic management tool that enables users to organize and create a personal database online, format bibliographies and manuscripts, and import references from a variety of databases using the already created Import Filters. *RefWorks* has incorporated a RSS feed reader so users can establish links and import data from directly.

RefWorks is a web-based tool; authorized users may access the program from anywhere at any time. It can also be used across multiple platforms, including Windows, Mac, Unix, etc.

Refworks is available to the Library's educational level users.

EBSCO Research
HOST Databases

CINAHL Plus with Full Text is a comprehensive source for nursing and allied health journals, providing full text for more than 560 journals indexed in *CINAHL*. This database contains full text for many of the most used journals in the *CINAHL* index – with no embargo – and provides more than 600,000 full-text articles dating back to 1937.

CINAHL Plus with Full Text is an EBSCO product, available to the Library's educational level users.

To access these resources go to the Library web site (<http://resource.library.tmc.edu>) and click on databases.

Welcomes You

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medical journals, medical directories, and dissertations, as well as providing reference service and space for researchers on historical and current topics.

The John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center holds several world-class rare medical book collections and several digital collections, including a database of more than 12,500 early Texas physicians and a collection of postcards illustrating early Texas medical clinics and hospitals.
(<http://mcgovern.library.tmc.edu>)



Wireless Access – The Library has an 802.11 wireless hot-spot. Connections up to 54 Mbps are available. A multiple access point network has been set up to provide easy access to available Library content and other destinations on the Internet from virtually anywhere in the Library. For more information contact 713.799.7803.

Your library card serves as your passport to information; once you receive your card you can register for Remote Access to the Library's electronic resources.

How to apply for Library cards – Faculty, students and staff from all Governing and Supporting institutions of the

TMC, as well as members of Harris County Medical Society, are eligible for library cards. Fee-based associate memberships are available to individuals and institutions not affiliated with the TMC. Health care providers who are not cardholders can receive some services through our affiliation with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine South Central Region. For more information, or to obtain a Library card, please contact the Circulation Desk at 713.799.7147 or download and complete the library card application located at: (<http://www.library.tmc.edu/circ/docs/memberregisform.pdf>)

Remote Access allows registered users to access electronic journals and databases from anywhere Internet access is available.

To register for Remote Access go to (<http://resource.library.tmc.edu/>), and select the Remote Access hyperlink (top left) on our webpage.

Depending on your affiliation, you are eligible for Educational, Institutional or Cardholder access. Select the appropriate on line form, fill it out completely and submit your request. All fields should be filled out to avoid any delays in processing your request.

You must use your TMC Institutional e-mail address. Commercial e-mail accounts will not be accepted.

A list of electronic journals available to Cardholder and Institutional access users is posted on the Library web site at: (<http://resource.library.tmc.edu/resources/feebased.cfm>) and (<http://resource.library.tmc.edu/resources/institutional.cfm>)

Outstanding fines must be paid in order to continue Library privileges for the current semester.

For questions regarding your membership or Remote Access registration, contact the Circulation Desk at 713.799.7147 or ras.check@exch.library.tmc.edu

REGIONAL MEDICAL LIBRARY

Under contract with the National Library of Medicine, the HAM-TMC Library serves as the Regional Medical Library for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine South Central Region (NN/LM SCR). The NN/LM SCR's mission is to advance the progress of medicine and improve 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. Improving the public's access to information, within the SCR, will enable healthcare providers and consumers to make informed healthcare decisions. The NN/LM SCR has 761 Network members, ranging from hospitals and academic medical libraries to public libraries and health-focused, community-based organizations.

The Library has **study rooms** available on a first-come, first-served basis. There are study carrels, tables and lounge seating on all floors of the Library.

LIBRARY USAGE POLICY

The Library welcomes all persons interested in obtaining health-related information. As a measure of added client and staff security, the Library asks that you display your institution-distributed badge at all times when visiting the Library. If you do not have an institutional affiliation, please visit the Circulation Desk for information regarding membership. Patients and caregivers can obtain a free time-limited library card.

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

FAX NUMBERS

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

HAM-TMC Library Class Schedule October – December 2007

Basic HTML

November 1 10:00 A.M. – noon

CINAHL

November 19 4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

EndNote

October 25 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

November 29 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

December 12 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Navigating Full-Text Journals

November 7 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

PubMed

October 23 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

November 20 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

December 11 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 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>



Schedule

Library Offers Clinical Memberships, Methodist First to Join

The Methodist Hospital System has expanded library services for its employees and physicians through a new agreement with the HAM-TMC Library.

Methodist becomes the library's first "clinical partner," – a new level of library membership. As a "clinical partner," staff, physicians and residents throughout The Methodist Hospital Research Institute and the hospital system's four hospitals can access the library's resources, which include more than 8,000 electronic journals, over 150 databases, reference materials, the print book collections, online support, instructional learning and other educational opportunities.

"This new affiliation is going to support our clinical, educational and research missions and is a key factor in providing better access to the materials needed by a comprehensive academic institution like ours," said Dirk Sostman, MD, chief academic officer of The Methodist Hospital System.

Also under this new agreement employees and physicians can easily access the library's materials from any computer in Methodist's four hospitals as well as remotely, using the library's remote access account service.

"This new affiliation is the first in our expanding outreach project to provide critical information resources to the Texas Medical Center's clinical institutions, as we have traditionally done for the educational institutions," said Elizabeth Eaton, PhD, the library's executive director. "The digital information arena is a very exciting place to be and we are pleased to be able to include Methodist in our growing community of users."

Contact **Leah Krevit**, Associate Director, Collections Management (leah.krevit@exch.library.tmc.edu), 713.799.7126 for more information about becoming a TMC Clinical Partner of the HAM-TMC Library.

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