Library Without Boundaries

Librarians at the HAM-TMC Library believe this is a Library Without Boundaries. Clients are not limited to using our resources and services only within the Library, and outreach has evolved from providing basic on-site services to providing service to many nontraditional library users. The Information Services department supports this philosophy by providing both in-house and off-site reference service, orientations, bibliographic instruction, consumer health services and National Network of Libraries of Medicine South Central Region (NN/LM SCR) outreach.

Special Outreach Projects: Outreach to the Texas Medical Center (TMC) includes orientation sessions at the Library or at your institution, answers to reference questions, bibliographic instruction on electronic databases, bibliographic management software instruction and liaison support to member institutions. These services are available to faculty, residents, staff and students affiliated with the TMC. In the past nine months, outreach to the TMC included 82 orientations and classes to 1,351 participants. Mary Jackson, MSLS, coordinates HAM-TMC Library's professional outreach activities. To request an orientation or a class, contact Ms. Jackson by email mary.jackson@exchange.library.tmc.edu or phone 713.799.7170.

NN/LM SCR. As part of the HAM-TMC Library subcontract with the NN/LM SCR, the Library provides medical information resources to health professionals, public librarians and the general public not affiliated with the TMC in 21 counties in Texas, assigned by the NN/LM SCR. Classes offered in the National Library of Medicine databases include: PubMed, MedlinePlus, NHI Senior Health, Genetics Home Reference, Toxicology, Household Products database, Clinical Trials.gov and AIDSinfo. Classes are conducted at clinics or community centers in specific Texas counties.

Exhibits are another outreach component that allow us to invite unaffiliated health professionals and consumers to take advantage of the free, peer-reviewed health information resources of the Medical Library.

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The McGovern Collection contains over 5,500 titles and focuses on the development of the medical specialties in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. This exhibit displays items from the collection representing the history of ophthalmology.

**Ophthalmolodice: The Service of the Eyes** is the first modern work on eye surgery and the book that established the term by which this specialty became known. Published in 1583, it is one of the earliest medical books to be printed in a vernacular language rather than the traditional Latin or Greek.

Anatomy is a key part of the education for all health care providers. Before the camera, physicians were dependent on artists for graphical depictions of the human body. This exhibit shows items from the collection representing medical illustration in books by Andreas Vesalius in 1617 to Frank Netter in the 1940s.

Not only was Sir William Osler a prolific and important writer, he was also an avid book collector. His personal collection contained over 8,000 volumes. He understood the significance of his library and bequeathed it to the McGill Medical Library in Montreal. Dr. McGovern was also a devoted book collector who recognized the value of the library to researchers and scholars. As is to be expected from someone who admired and emulated Osler, Dr. McGovern collected his works, including Sir William Osler's first published article, *Christmas and the Microscope*, (February 1, 1869), copies of his many other published articles and all the editions of the *Principles and Practices of Medicine*.

The books are cataloged in the HAM-TMC Library's on-line catalog and are available for use in the Rare Book Room on the Library's second floor. For more information contact Elizabeth White at elizabeth.white@exch.library.tmc.edu or 713.799.7139.
Outreach (continued from cover) resources available to them through the NLM. Librarians from the HAM-TMC Library have participated in exhibits and health fairs in Galveston, Harris, Lavaca and Lufkin counties. During the last subcontract the HAM-TMC Librarians exhibited at nine events and reached 1,545 health professionals and consumers. Classes were taught at clinics, public libraries and in the Library classrooms to 72 attendees. Beatriz Varman, MLS, is the contact person for this outreach program and can be contacted by email beatriz.varman@exch.library.tmc.edu or 713.799.7183.

Consumer Health Outreach promotes health information for consumers/patients in the TMC and surrounding counties. Outreach activities include classes and participation in health fairs to promote free NLM consumer health resources and the Library’s Jesse H. Jones Community Health Information Service collection, available to laypersons with health information needs. Adela Justice, MLS, Consumer Health Librarian, is the contact person for this outreach program and can be reached at adela.justice@exch.library.tmc.edu or 713.799.7183.

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Copyright in the Digital Age

The presentation “Copyright in the Digital Age” addresses several topics, including the use of licensed and protected digital information in online courses, new copyright tools such as Creative Commons, and publisher agreement addenda that provide ways for authors to retain some rights for articles being published in traditional toll-based journals. If you are interested in having this update presented at your institution, contact Leah Krevit, MLS, Associate Director for Collections Management, leah.krevit@exch.library.tmc.edu 713.799.7139.

To view the abstracts, please visit http://digitalcommons.library.tmc.edu/ or email beatriz.varman@exch.library.tmc.edu or 713.799.7183.

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HAM-TMC Library Class Schedule

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All classes are free. For a brief description of the classes and to register go to http://resource.library.tmc.edu/classes/index.cfm#135

Library Receives AIDS Award

The HAM-TMC Library received an AIDS Community Information Outreach Project award from the NLM. The Project, St. Hope: An HIV/AIDS Community Information Outreach Project, is designed to facilitate access to electronic HIV/AIDS information resources. This project is a collaborative effort involving the HAM-TMC Library, the Center for AIDS Information and Advocacy, and St. Hope Foundation. St. Hope Foundation operates three HIV/AIDS outpatient clinics in the greater Houston area. Project funds are being used to create a mobile computer lab that can be transported between the three clinics. Project funds are also being used to install laptop computers for social workers at each of the three clinics. Social workers will incorporate introduction of electronic HIV/AIDS information resources into the client intake process. A series of five themed presentations focusing on living healthy with HIV are being developed for St. Hope Foundation clients. These presentations pair an HIV/AIDS educator with a health sciences librarian. The HIV/AIDS educator will present content for each topic and the health sciences librarian will present electronic information resources that can be used to support maintenance of a healthy lifestyle. These sessions will be presented at each of the three St. Hope Foundation clinics.

Library Receives Express Outreach Award

The HAM-TMC Library, in partnership with the Moody Medical Library of The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, received an Express Outreach Award from the NN/LM SCR. Entitled Information RX for School Nurses and Librarians: MedlinePlus and Go Local, this project will introduce school nurses and librarians in a 38-county region of the Texas Gulf Coast to the wealth of information available in MedlinePlus, the consumer health information website made available from the NLM and to Go Local. Go Local Texas Gulf Coast, another collaborative project between the two libraries, links health topics in MedlinePlus to regional suppliers of health-related services. For more information on the project, please contact Adela Justice at adela.justice@exch.library.tmc.edu or 713.799.7183.