



# LibraryLines

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### HAM-TMC Library Hosted Exhibit

In April the HAM-TMC Library hosted the exhibit *Stamping Out Disease*. The exhibit consisted of six banners in English and Spanish that included the following topics: *Immunology: a Brave New World*; *The Golden Age of Microbiology*; and *The Rise and Spread of Infectious Disease*. This exhibit was presented in conjunction with *Be Wise - Immunize<sup>SM</sup>*, one of the most ambitious public health programs of the Texas Medical Association (TMA). The program, a joint initiative of TMA and the TMA Alliance (a physician spouse volunteer organization), was launched to improve childhood immunization rates in Texas.

*Stamping Out Disease* is produced by the TMA History of Medicine Committee and is funded by grants from the TMA Foundation, the state wide Medical Society's philanthropic arm, and Frost Bank, trustee of the Myra Stafford Pryor Charitable Trust.

The HAM-TMC Library thanks the TMA for lending the exhibit.

## **L**ibrarians 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@exch.library.tmc.edu](mailto:mary.jackson@exch.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*, *NIH Senior Health*, *Genetics Home Reference*, *ToxTown*, *Household Products database*, *Clinical Trails.gov* and *AIDS info*. 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

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**Adela Justice and David Cortez  
at St. Bernadette Parish's Health  
and Safety Fair.**

## From the Executive Director

**W**e pause for a memorial tribute to Dr. John P. McGovern, who for over 20 years served as the honorary curator of rare books for the HAM-TMC Library. He donated his extensive rare book collection to the



Library's History of Medicine Section of Special Collections in 1982. In 1996, the Library's Special Collection was renamed in his honor, The John P. McGovern Historical Collections & Research Center. He supported the historical collection so we could achieve his vision to build the very finest historical collections for those who work and study in the TMC and for the City of Houston. Please visit the collection when you are here.

An exhibit in the HAM-TMC Library's lobby hallway features the Library's McGovern Historical collection of general and ophthalmologic anatomi-

cal illustrations. The exhibit spans the centuries, from the 15th Century drawings of Leonardo da Vinci, and the *De Humani Corporis Fabrica* of Andreas Versalius (published in 1543) to 20th Century examples like *Cunningham's Manual of Practical Anatomy* and *Pernkopf's Atlas*. The meticulous color and black and white illustrations are a wonder to see. An exhibit near the reference books highlights Sir William Osler's and Dr. John McGovern's contributions to libraries through their fascinating book collections.

This issue of *Library Lines* also includes special outreach



projects, awards recently granted to the Library, short articles on new acquisitions and copyright in the digital age.

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Dr. John P. McGovern.

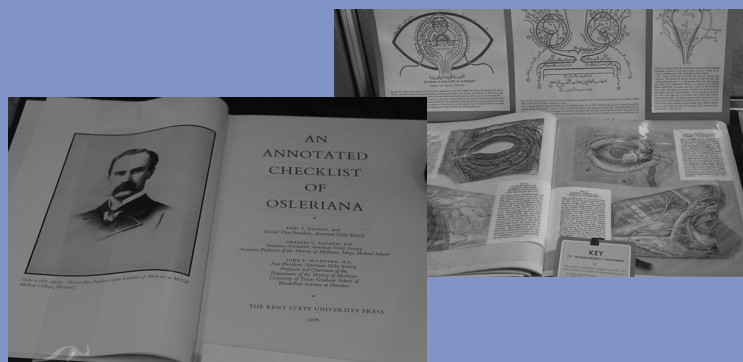
## Exhibit Features Books from McGovern Collection

**A** display from The McGovern Collection on the History of Medicine, featuring books of general and ophthalmologic anatomical illustrations, is currently on view in the HAM-TMC Library's lobby and just inside the library entrance.

An exhibit near the reference books highlights Sir William Osler's and Dr. John McGovern's contributions to libraries through their fascinating book collections.

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. *Ophthalmodouleia: 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 his collection 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](mailto: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 1,535 health professionals and consumers. Classes were taught at clinics, public libraries and in the Library classroom to 72 attendees. Beatriz Varman, MLIS is the contact person for this outreach program and can be contacted by

email [beatriz.varman@exch.library.tmc.edu](mailto:beatriz.varman@exch.library.tmc.edu) or 713.799.7169.

## 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 out-

reach program and can be reached at: [adela.justice@exch.library.tmc.edu](mailto:adela.justice@exch.library.tmc.edu) or 713.799.7183.

Several grants have recently been awarded to the HAM-TMC Library, enabling us to provide additional educational initiatives in the community. The AIDS Community Information Outreach Project and Express Outreach Award grants are briefly described in the next section of this newsletter.

Our outreach librarians provide these unique library services to a diverse population to ensure that programs and services are made accessible to all potential customers.

## DigitalCommons@The Texas Medical Center

### Conference Abstracts Available in DigitalCommons

Abstracts of presentations made at this year's *Advances in Teaching and Learning Eighth Annual Regional Conference* are being archived in DigitalCommons@The Texas Medical Center, the institutional repository provided by the HAM-TMC Library. These peer-reviewed abstracts will

be searchable by author and subject and will be part of a peer-reviewed series within the repository. Abstracts from earlier conferences are also being archived. *Advances in Teaching and Learning* is a regional conference designed to showcase research and innovations in teaching, learning and technol-

ogy. This interdisciplinary meeting is a venue for faculty of higher education in the health sciences to come together to share ideas and network in this rapidly changing time in academia. Visit DigitalCommons@The Texas Medical Center at <http://digitalcommons.library.tmc.edu> to view the abstracts.



## CSA Illustrata

*CSA Illustrata*, part of the Cambridge Scientific Abstracts suite of databases, is a recent acquisition we think you will find useful. This database contains thousands of images – photographs, charts, graphs and tables – from published articles, which can be downloaded and used for educational purposes without the need to

obtain specific permissions. Each image is accompanied by complete citation information for the work in which it is found. Features include: basic, advanced and command search; abstracts and references, with searchable descriptors included in each search result; image thumbnails in records; and the option to modify a search within the results screens.

## Copyright in the Digital Age

The presentation *CYA: 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, MLIS, Associate Director for Collections Management, [leah.krevit@exch.library.tmc.edu](mailto:leah.krevit@exch.library.tmc.edu) 713 799.7126.

## 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

### Administration:

713.790.7052

### Information Services:

797.0163

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790.7030

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## WORLD WIDE WEB ACCESS

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

## HAM-TMC Library Class Schedule July – September 2007

### EndNote

July 30	2:00 pm	–	4:00 pm
August 29	2:00 pm	–	4:00 pm
September 27	2:00 pm	–	4:00 pm

### Navigating Full-Text Journals

September 12	9:30 am	–	11:00 pm
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### PubMed

July 24	6:30 pm	–	7:30 pm
August 21	6:30 pm	–	7:30 pm
September 5	11:00 am	–	12:00 pm
September 25	6:30 pm	–	7:30 pm

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. *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 Texas Gulf Coast*. *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](mailto:adela.justice@exch.library.tmc.edu) or 713.799.7183.

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