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HAM-TMC Library Inaugural Annual Fund Campaign

The HAM-TMC Library's client base ranks second-largest when compared with 142 US and Canadian academic health sciences libraries, and our continued commitment to provide current and historical health information to such a large medical community has challenged our existing budget. Online journal and database subscription costs have continued to rise steadily, in many cases over 700% during the last four years; funding our online collections and technology infrastructure is an ever-increasing challenge.

We ask for your help to keep these resources available and to provide new ones.

Our 2006 inaugural goal of \$25,000 can be reached with your unrestricted gifts to our Annual Fund. This fund will permit the Library to purchase journals and books, retain the strength and breadth of our collections, and improve our facilities through greater access to information, by increasing the number of Library computers and continued expansion of wireless services.

Remember, it is not merely the amount you give but your involvement that counts. We welcome gifts of \$10, \$100, \$1,000 or more.

Please help make the Annual Fund a tradition and give today!

Contact Aimée Postell, Development Director, at aimee.postell@exch.library.tmc.edu or 713.799.7153 to find out how you can help.

Meet the Library Board

The Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center (HAM-TMC) Library

was founded in the Texas Medical Center (TMC) in 1949 when the Houston Academy of Medicine (HAM) and Baylor University College of Medicine combined their collections. Over the years, operating agreements have codified changes in membership and in the Library's governance. The brief outline below illustrates some key dates in the Library's history.

October 18, 1949 – In the first Operating Agreement, the Trustees of the HAM and Baylor agreed to consolidate their two libraries. A Library Committee was established.

March 15, 1955 – Upon completing the new Jesse H. Jones Library Building the two institutions drew up a detailed formal operating agreement, with the prime consideration being "the development of a first class research medical library." The Library Committee's responsibilities were elaborated and procedures established, including the maintenance of a card catalog and rules for lending of materials. The price was \$25,000 per annum per institution.



Mr. Jim Friou, BCM; C. Michael Fordis, Jr., MD, BCM; George M. Stancel, PhD, UTHSC – Houston; Mr. R. Gregory Bernica, HAM; L. Maximilian Buja, MD, Chair, UTHSC – Houston; Richard Wainerdi, PhD, TMC; Victoria McGillin, PhD, TWU; Michael Speer, MD, TCH; Elizabeth K. Eaton, PhD, HAM-TMC Library; Stephen Tomasovic, PhD, UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Not pictured: Kathryn S. Stream, PhD, TMC; William R. Brinkley, PhD, BCM; Peter G. Traber, MD, BCM; Priscilla Slade, PhD, TSU.

February 24, 1958 – A revised agreement detailed the Library Committee's responsibilities more fully; increased funding to \$35,000 per annum; and identified other funds including endowments and gifts. This agreement also instructed how other institutions could be granted participation in the Library.

December 6, 1967 – The fourth Operating Agreement substantially modified the previous agreement by stating, "The joint operation of the library does not best serve the furtherance of the purposes

for which it was founded." The operations and future acquisitions were transferred to the HAM, with Baylor having fiduciary responsibilities. The Library was renamed The Houston Academy of Medicine Library for the Texas Medical Center. The HAM was charged with organizing a Library Board and had appointment authority. The Library Board's charges were specified, and method of assessing members established. Initially there was one representative from the following institutions: HAM, Baylor, the University of

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From the Executive Director

Welcome to the spring edition. In this issue we introduce our Library Board of Directors, an august group of institutional representatives who guide the Houston Academy of Medicine – Texas Medical Center Library. They are and have always been strong advocates and leaders. The historical beginnings since the Board's creation in 1967 are best gleaned from the Operating Agreements as described in the cover article.

Do you stop by the library often? If so, we hope you were as delighted as we were with the Winter Olympics Exhibit. We thank John P. (Jack) Kelly of the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau for the loan of these historic items. Another exhibit displaying the collection of R. Lee Clark, first director of the UT M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, is now available on the first floor of the Library.

Save the date for our May 8th, 2006 Conference, *Vanishing Bits & Bytes: Preserving Information for the Future*. Clifford Lynch,

PhD, Director of the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) is our keynote speaker.

We sadly acknowledge two deaths. Mr. Sam W. Hitt, Executive Director, HAM-TMC Library from 1972-76, died at home in Chapel Hill, NC on December 11, 2005. He had served as Director of the Health Sciences Libraries at the University of North Carolina, 1976-1986, and the University of Connecticut Health Center from 1965-71. Sam was a leader and a friend.

A former employee of the Library, Sonia deGuzman, passed away December 2005.

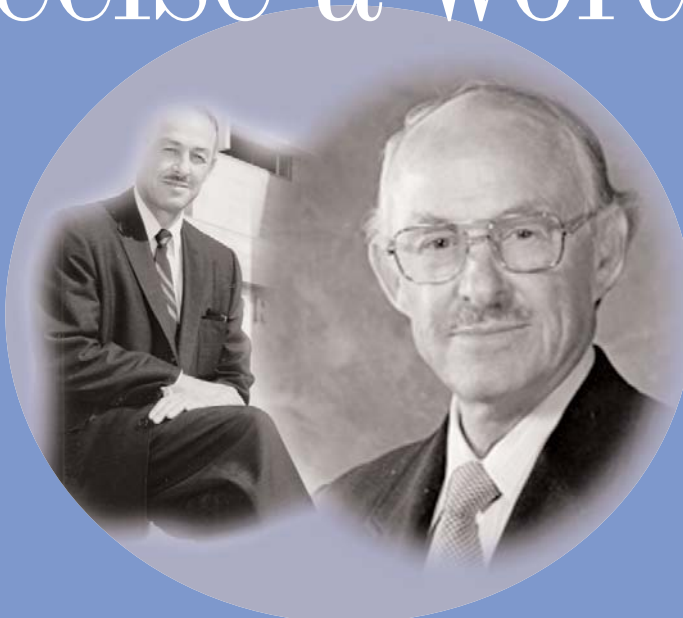


Ms. deGuzman worked in the Collections Management department from 1993 until she became ill in 2001.

Elizabeth K. Eaton
Elizabeth K. Eaton, PhD
Executive Director,
HAM-TMC Library

'Oh no, "vague" is much too precise a word.'

Perhaps it is an apocryphal story – found in the R. Lee Clark Papers – of an early M.D. Anderson Hospital employee asking another if he had noticed how 'vague' Dr. R. Lee Clark was when discussing salaries, benefits, laboratory space and other necessities. The second employee then replied, "Oh no, 'vague' is much too precise a word." This short phrase then captures the extraordinary ability of Dr. Clark to inspire confidence and to build a committed team to solve the problem of "incurable" cancers.



Beginning in 1946 with a donated house, stables, army barracks, and a vision, Dr. Clark embarked upon his career as one of the twentieth century's most extraordinary cancer fighters. Before coming to Houston, his career included service at the American Hospital in Paris and the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. He had been Director of Surgical Research for the U.S. Army (Air) Medical Corps as well as Consultant to the Air Surgeon General. These early successes recognized by the Board of Regents of the University of Texas helped form the concepts of patient care and

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Texas (UT), Texas Woman's University (TWU) and TMC.

December 2, 1970 (amended October 11, 1973) – The fifth Operating Agreement changed the name to The Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library. It provided more specifics for Board composition and term limits and addressed more fully the Participating Institutions' "continuing financial responsibilities."

April 15, 1981 (amended March 1, 1982) – This version created the charge to the Board to appoint the Executive Director as its CEO. It also stated, at "... all times Baylor and the University (of Texas) shall

have together a majority in interest on the Board." It established that annual building operating costs were to be paid to the HAM.

February 11, 1987 – The seventh Operating Agreement reallocated Board memberships: two for HAM, three each for Baylor and UT, one each for TWU, the TMC and Texas A&M. It also set the annual rental payments to the HAM at \$7.26 per square foot to be adjusted annually and placed \$1.00 per square foot in a restricted building reserve fund.

June 26, 1991 – This agreement made minor adjustments to the 17 Articles and placed the rental payments in a separate document called 'Rental Agreement.'

Today the HAM-TMC Library serves 22 TMC institutions, seven designated as Governing and 15 as Supporting. The Library Board meets bimonthly and is responsible for the operation and fiscal state of the Library. Each member of the Board of Directors has a vested interest in the HAM-TMC Library. Through their collective vision and leadership, the Library maintains its reputation as one of the leading academic medical libraries in the country. This year, the Board Chair, Dr. Maximilian Buja, has offered valuable guidance to assist the Library to move forward into the digital age of the 21st Century.

WINTER OLYMPICS EXHIBIT AT THE LIBRARY

Through March, the HAM-TMC Library hosted an historical exhibit on the Winter Olympics to recognize the games being held in Torino, Italy from February 10th to 26th, 2006. This exciting exhibit included torches from the 1994 Lillehammer and 2002 Salt Lake City Games, participatory medals from the 1980 Lake Placid and the 1984 Sarajevo Games, and various tickets, programs and promotional items dating from the first Winter Olympic Games in 1928 in St. Moritz, Switzerland. The exhibit was on loan from John P. (Jack) Kelly of the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau. Jack is also Secretary General of USA Baseball and an Olympic Committee member.

research that became the foundation for the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

The John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center is pleased to announce that the R. Lee Clark Papers (838 boxes plus oversized items) are now available for research. This collection includes personal papers, along with materials concerning the American Cancer Society with early cancer brochures, the American College of Surgeons, the Union Internationale Contre le Cancer, and, of course the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

There is historical information about Texas Medical Center institutions, several Texas medical schools, and other cancer centers. Dr. Clark envisioning his collection as one with broad research potential, preserved the minutes of many meetings, newspaper clippings about M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, and materials on the development of cancer treatment within the state of Texas and throughout the world. There is also documentation on the Medical Arts Publishing Foundation that produced *The Heart Bulletin*, *The Cancer Bulletin*, *The Psychiatric Bulletin*, as well as *Medical Record*

and *Annals*.

The R. Lee Clark Papers are housed in the Historical Research Center at 8272 El Rio, Suite 190. This facility, located about four miles from the Texas Medical Center, is a part of the Library's commitment to preserve the history of Houston healthcare and document the growth of the Texas Medical Center. A finding aid for Clark's papers may be found at "<http://mcgovern.library.tmc.edu>". For more information, please contact the Archivist, Pam Cornell, 713.799.7145 or email "mcgovern@library.tmc.edu".

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HAM-TMC Library Class Schedule April – June 2006

PubMed

May 16	12:00 pm	–	1:00 pm
June 14	12:00 pm	–	1:00 pm

Basic HTML

June 22	11:00 am	–	1:00 pm
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CINAHL

May 23	2:00 pm	–	3:00 pm
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EndNote

April 25	2:00 pm	–	4:00 pm
May 15	2:00 pm	–	4:00 pm
June 20	2:00 pm	–	4:00 pm

Evidence-based Medicine Databases

May 17	2:00 pm	–	4:00 pm
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SciFinder Scholar (CAS)

April 20	6:30 pm	–	7:30 pm
May 25	6:30 pm	–	7:30 pm
June 22	6:30 pm	–	7:30 pm

TOXNET

April 18	6:30 pm	–	7:30 pm
May 23	6:30 pm	–	7:30 pm
June 20	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/class/schedule.php>

Register Now

The HAM-TMC Library's Annual Conference *Vanishing Bits & Bytes: Preserving Information*, will be held Monday, May 8, 2006 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at the University of Texas School of Nursing at Houston located at 6901 Bertner (Texas Medical Center) Houston, Texas 77030.

Visit the conference website at:
<http://resource.library.tmc.edu/Conference.htm>
for more information and registration.



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