LIBRARY ELECTRONIC KIOSK WITH INFORMATION IN FIVE LANGUAGES AVAILABLE TO CONSUMERS

As the next phase of the HAM–TMC Library’s Jesse H. Jones Community Health Information Service’s CHIA (Consumer Health Information for Asians) and CHISS (Consumer Health Information for Spanish-Speakers) projects, the Library has added an electronic touch-screen kiosk to supplement and improve our paper brochure kiosks located in the community.

With the help of a professional vendor a user-friendly touch-screen kiosk has been designed to provide access and printing capabilities for 37 health brochures in 5 different languages: English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Korean. The kiosk is located at the Henington-Alief Regional Branch of the Houston Public Library at 7979 S. Kirkwood. A second kiosk will be set up at the Park Place Regional Branch of Houston Public Library, 8145 Park Place later this year. The Library is also in the process of mounting its multi-lingual brochures on the Houston Healthways website at:

http://hhw.library.tmc.edu/CHIA

For more information contact Adela Calbillo, Consumer Health Librarian at: (713) 799-7183 or acalbillo@library.tmc.edu
The Harris County Medical Society/Houston Academy of Medicine hosted their annual Installation of Officers last month, highlighting 100 years of history in the medical center. This Centennial event, “100 Years of Caring” was partially sponsored by the HAM–TMC Library. Several librarians attended.

As part of the celebration, a film was shown documenting the Medical Society’s founding in 1903. The Library was one of the featured topics in this film showing how it has contributed to support the needs of physicians through the years.

An exhibit highlighting the past and trends of the future was also displayed. This exhibit can be viewed at the John P. McGovern Museum of Health & Medical Science through March 31.

LIBRARY CLASS SCHEDULE

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For a brief description of the classes and to register go to: http://hhw.library.tmc.edu/lib200/classes/Cart/
You will receive an e-mail message confirming your registration.
## WEB WISE

MEDLINEplus, the National Library of Medicine’s consumer health web site, has expanded to include an online version of Merriam-Webster’s Medical Dictionary.

The Merriam-Webster Medical Dictionary contains definitions for 60,000 words and phrases used by health care professionals. Designed to be easy to read, it offers the correct spellings of medical terms, a pronunciation guide, and biographies of individuals whose names have been part of the language of medicine.

To visit the dictionary, go MEDLINEplus at (http://medlineplus.gov/) and click on the “Dictionary” link.

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<td>There has been a change in the way MD Consult is made available to our patrons. Previously anyone with an MD Consult username / password could access the popular online service directly, wherever they happened to be. As a result of the change you will be able to directly access MD Consult only from computers at the HAM–TMC Library itself, the Baylor College of Medicine, or the UT Houston Health Science Center. From any other location you will need to access MD Consult using the Library’s TMC Educational Access proxy server, which is available to anyone affiliated with one of the educational institutions at the Texas Medical Center. For more information about the Library’s TMC Educational Access proxy server, please consult the following webpage: <a href="http://www.library.tmc.edu/ras.html">http://www.library.tmc.edu/ras.html</a></td>
<td>Many of our users have been selected to participate in a web-based evaluation of our services. Watch your email for a user satisfaction survey from the Library beginning March 10 thru April 4, 2003. This survey, using the LibQUAL+™ instrument is made available by the Association for Research Libraries (ARL) and the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL). Your responses will help us determine the strengths and weaknesses of our services and will allow us to compare our survey results with like libraries. As an incentive, we will host a weekly drawing for $5.00 copy cards. You will also be entered into a national drawing for a Palm Pilot which will be awarded by ARL at the end of the survey period.</td>
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Friends of the Texas Medical Center Library Development Fund

The Mary & Ben Anderson Fund for Library Development has been established through the kind generosity of the Friends of the Texas Medical Center Library.

This Fund will provide money to support research and enhance the services and collections of the Houston Academy of Medicine–Texas Medical Center Library. Library staff may apply for funding to upgrade their personal skills for the benefit of the Library and its clients.

LSTA Grant Awarded

Through its Texas Treasures Grants Program, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission has awarded HAM–TMC Library’s John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center a one-year $12,566 grant. Elizabeth B. White, MLS, Director of the McGovern Center will supervise the digitization of primary historical documents from the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners’ licensure files. The project will focus on files and membership records of female, non-white, and osteopathic medical practitioners in Texas, providing an accurate demographic reference for researchers.

Digitization of approximately 8,300 such records held in the McGovern Center’s biographical database, The Gazetteer of Texas Physicians, will increase its value and availability to historians, genealogical societies and libraries. The funding will be used primarily for the project’s salary support.

WELCOME

Diane Gwamanda, a new part-time Reference Librarian, joins us from the University of Houston with several years experience in both public and academic libraries. Diane received her Master’s in Library and Information Science from the University of Texas at Austin and graduated from Northwestern College in Iowa with a Bachelor of Arts.

Diane is active in the Texas Library Association, the American Library Association and the Association of College and Research Libraries.

FAREWELL

Richard Jasper, formerly Assistant Director of Collections is now Director of Resource Development and Management at Wayne State University Library System in Detroit, Michigan.

We wish Richard the best of luck in his new position.

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