The HAM–TMC Library is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibition on Nov. 18, titled “Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature.” The library is one of 80 in the United States selected to host this fascinating traveling exhibition.

“Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature” was organized by the National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Md., and the American Library Association’s Public Programs Office. The traveling exhibition is made possible through major grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Library of Medicine.

The HAM–TMC Library is offering free programs and other events in connection with the exhibition. An open house event will be held on Nov. 20, from 2 - 4 p.m. in the street level area of the library. The guest speaker will be John Leinhard, Ph.D., professor of mechanical engineering and history at the University of Houston.

Other events include:

“Frankenstein and Ethical Challenges of the Medical Future” by Stanley J. Reiser, M.D., M.P.A., Ph.D., Griff T. Ross Professor of Humanities and Technology in Health Care, The University of Texas-Houston Health Science Center on Dec. 3, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. This lecture is being coordinated with the American Medical Writers Association Southwest Chapter.

“The Saga of Human Genetics: An Interesting Past and a Challenging Future” by Fernando Scaglia, M.D., assistant professor of genetics, in the department of molecular and human genetics at Baylor College of Medicine, on Dec. 18, from noon to 1 p.m. in the street level area of the library.

The exhibit is open to the public and will run through Dec. 26. Please visit the Web site at:

For more information contact Beatriz Varman, assistant director for public affairs at (713) 799-7169, e-mail: beatrizv@library.tmc.edu, if you need to schedule a special tour.
MEDLINEplus IS AVAILABLE IN SPANISH

MEDLINEplus, the National Library of Medicine’s consumer-friendly health Web site, has been fully translated to Spanish. The new site is available at: http://www.medlineplus.gov/esp

Recent surveys show more than 50 percent of adult Hispanics in the U.S. use the Internet. More than half of those, in fact, look to the Web for medical and health information. In response to this, the National Library of Medicine is introducing its popular consumer health information Web site, MEDLINEplus, in Spanish. Now users will find many of the authoritative, full-text resources that are available on MEDLINEplus “en Español,” also.

MEDLINEplus, available free of charge 24 hours a day, debuted in October 1998. Today the site has more than 560 health topics and receives more than 1 million visitors per month. The Web address for MEDLINEplus is http://www.medlineplus.gov. Hundreds of topics in Spanish point users to appropriate, credible information from the National Institutes of Health and other federal government agencies, professional medical associations, and health-related organizations.

HAM-TMC LIBRARY CLASS SCHEDULE

Navigating Full-Tex Journals & Other Resources
Nov. 13 11 - noon

Power Point Presentations NLM Gateway
Nov. 7 1:30 - 3:30 p.m Nov. 21 10 - 11 a.m.
Dec. 4 9 - 11:30 a.m.

OVID PubMed
Nov. 5 11 a.m. - noon Nov. 13 10 - 11 a.m.

To register please call (713) 799-7803 or go to the class registration form at: http://library.tmc.edu/classform.html. Classes are held in the HIEC classroom on the street level.
STAT!Ref, an electronic medical library that enables users to cross-search more than 35 medical resources, is now available to HAM–TMC Library users. Electronic resources in STAT!Ref include Current Medical Diagnosis and Treatment, Mosby’s Drug Consult, and the Griffith 5 Minute Clinical Consult, among others. STAT!Ref can be found on the Library’s list of databases on our homepage at: http://www.library.tmc.edu/dbaccesslevels.html.

STAT!Ref was made available through the TexShare program of the Texas State Library. TexShare is a cooperative program designed to improve service to Texans. Members include public, academic and medical libraries. TexShare enables libraries to offer a broader range of materials and services than any single library can provide for its constituents.

Employee Awards Ceremony

The Library held its annual Employee Awards Ceremony on Sept. 23. Every year the Library recognizes employees based on longevity and nominations for employee of the year. Elizabeth Eaton, Ph.D., executive director of the Library, presided at this ceremony.
NOTEWORTHY

LSTA-Library Cooperation Grant

Jeffrey T. Huber, Ph.D. HAM–TMC Library’s associate director for research and associate professor of library and information studies at Texas Woman’s University has received notice and approval from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (Cooperation Grants) that the proposed project, “Instruccion de la Salud para las Familias: Health Literacy for Families”, a collaborative endeavor involving the Harris County Public Library, HAM–TMC Library, and the School of Library and Information Studies at TWU has been awarded $63,894.

The overarching goal of this consumer health initiative is to promote the health and well being of Hispanics and Latinsos residing in Harris County, Texas by facilitating access to Spanish-language health education and information. Specific objectives include:

1) Building on the Harris County Public Library family literacy program, “Read for Your Life”, and offering Spanish-language health literacy programs at select HCP Library branches and the HAM–TMC Library

2) Increasing the number of Spanish-language consumer health books at selected HCP Library branches and the HAM–TMC Library

3) Further developing the Spanish-language portion of the HAM–TMC Library consumer health Web page, “Houston Healthways”, and making a direct link from the HCP Library Web page. The end result of this project will be a library service that provides direct benefit to Harris County’s Spanish-speaking residents by promoting the health and well-being of this population through the provision of education and information.

WELCOME

The HAM–TMC Library would like to welcome Dell Davis, MSIS, as the new assistant director of knowledge network services. Dell received her Master of Science degree in information science from the University of North Texas and a Bachelor of Arts in journalism from the University of Houston.

Dell comes to us with eight years of medical library experience from the University of Houston College of Pharmacy Library, the Institute for Rehabilitation and Research (TIRR) Library and the HAM–TMC Library. She also held professional librarian positions at the M.D. Anderson Library on the University of Houston Campus and Northeast Campus of Houston Community College.

Dell is active in the Texas Library Association, the American Library Association and the Medical Library Association.

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