Recently the National Library of Medicine (NLM) released a beta test version of the new PubMed. With this version, NLM staff have incorporated many of the suggestions made by librarians and other users. Some of the enhancements include a single search interface with:

- Pull-down menus to limit searches by age, gender, publication type, language and publication date
- Different display formats including Brief, Abstract and Summary
- A search history allowing users to combine results from different searches
- A clipboard to save as many as 500 unique citations from different searches

The HAM-TMC Library has scheduled training classes for the new version of PubMed which are listed on page 3 of this issue of Library Lines.
Acupuncture for nausea? Ginkgo for Alzheimer's? Diet therapy for hot flashes? More and more people are becoming interested in complementary and alternative medical subjects. According to a study in the January 28, 1993 New England Journal of Medicine, expenditures associated with use of unconventional therapy in 1990 amounted to approximately $13.7 billion. This figure is comparable to the $12.8 billion spent out of pocket annually for all hospitalizations in the United States. One in three patients used alternative therapy in 1990 and 72 percent of those who used alternative therapies did not tell their doctors about the alternative treatments. Health care professionals need to be aware of the types of treatments that their patients might be obtaining outside of the traditional office setting. The Library offers you a way to research these topics when they are not reported in the regular medical literature—Alt-Health Watch.

Alt-Health Watch is a full-text database of periodicals, peer-reviewed journals, academic and professional publications, magazines, consumer newsletters and newspapers, research reports, and association newsletters focused on complementary, alternative and integrated approaches to health care and wellness. The database provides in-depth coverage on both professional and consumer levels across the full spectrum of more than two hundred therapies, modalities and perspectives addressed by integrated medicine. Free text searching and complete indexing make Alt-Health Watch easy to use. It can be accessed through the Library's databases/full-text website at: http://www.library.tmc.edu/databases.html

You can use Alt-Health Watch on computers in the Library or through the Library's Remote Access Service. The Library has a license for 2 simultaneous users. If you are interested in other information on alternative medicine, please see the Library's alternative medicine weblinks page at: http://www.library.tmc.edu/altmed.html

Health Reference Center Database for Patient Education Needs

Need easier-to-understand information on a procedure, a drug, or a disease? How about a brochure for your patients on how to start an exercise program? Or a book chapter on diabetes? The library subscribes to Health Reference Center, a consumer-centered database that indexes magazines, newsletters, selected medical journals, nursing & allied health journals, pamphlets, reference books, newspaper articles, and topical overviews. It provides the full text for a number of publications indexed. The database includes 4-5 years worth of information and is updated daily.

Health Reference Center is accessible from computers within the Library building and through the Library's remote access service. Go to the Library's databases/full-text website at: http://www.library.tmc.edu/databases.html and select Health Reference Center.
Network Update

The HAM–TMC Library is currently updating the network equipment linking the Library to the Internet. Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM) equipment will soon be connected to the Baylor Enterprise Network (BEN) allowing Library users to access the Internet at a very high speed and providing up-to-date networking technology. This update is scheduled to be completed by mid-January, 2000.

Internet Remote Access

The Library currently has 1,100 clients registered and using Phase I of the Library's Remote Access Service (RAS). Phase I provides direct dial-up access via modem to the Library's IP licensed full-text journals, books, and databases. RAS Phase II will provide access via a Proxy server and is scheduled to be available by mid-January.

Electric Library

Electric Library is a database of full-text articles taken from more than 150 newspapers, hundreds of magazines, and national and international news wires. The database also includes the full text of 2,000 complete works of literature; over 28,000 photos, images and maps; television, radio and government transcripts; book, movie and software reviews; and an encyclopedia, dictionary, thesaurus, almanac, fact books, and more. The database is updated daily and coverage extends back as far as the 1980s.

Accessible from all TMC IP addresses and by all remote access users from the Library's databases/full-text website or directly at:

http://www.elibrary.com/s/edumark

LIBRARY CLASS SCHEDULE

JANUARY – MAY 2000

Internet for Medical Research*: January 20 9:00AM–11:30AM
March 22 2:30PM–5:00PM

CINAHL*: January 18 9:00AM–11:00AM
February 15 9:00AM–11:00AM

Navigating Full-text Journals*: January 19 9:00AM–11:00AM
February 16 9:00AM–11:00AM
March 14 9:00AM–11:00AM
April 18 9:00AM–11:00AM

PubMed*: January 10 12:00PM–1:00PM
January 26 12:00PM–1:00PM
February 14 12:00PM–1:00PM
March 13 12:00PM–1:00PM
April 17 12:00PM–1:00PM

Basic HTML: January 21 9:00AM–11:00AM
March 23 3:00PM–5:00PM

References & Citation: Reference Manager:
January 31 9:00AM–11:00AM
EndNote:
January 27 9:00AM–11:00AM

PowerPoint Presentations: January 28 9:00AM–11:30AM
February 29 2:30PM–5:00PM

Biomedical Desktop Publishing: February 3 9:00AM–12:00PM

Creating Tables & Graphs: March 6 3:00PM–5:00PM

Biomedical Writers Workshops I & II:

Workshop I: April 5 2:30PM–5:00PM
Workshop II: April 12 2:30PM–5:00PM

Writers Workshops are held in the HIEC Videoconference Room on the Library's lower level (space is limited).

Please call (713) 799-7174 or access www.library.tmc.edu/classchd.html to register. Class registration is $25 for faculty, staff, residents, or post-docs. (Students with valid ID may attend free.)

* Denotes free classes. Space is limited; registration is required for all classes.
NEWSTAFF

John Harold joined the RML as the Technology Education Coordinator on October 18. John graduated from the School of Library and Information Science, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA. Previously, John was an intern with GatesCenter for Technology Access, in Seattle, WA., where he was involved in teaching public librarians Windows NT, Internet searching, and other Microsoft applications. Before entering library school, John completed his PhD in Toxicology and worked as an Assistant Professor in Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore, India.

Barbara Cosart is the new Outreach Coordinator, joining the RML on November 16. Barbara comes to us from the Houston Public Library's Business, Science, and Technology Department. She has eight years experience in academic and public libraries, and received her MLIS from the University of Texas at Austin. Her areas of expertise include bibliographic instruction, and business and science reference and research.

Dennis Moser joined the Library as Web Librarian for the McGovern Historical Collections and Teaching Center. He received his MILS from the University of Michigan and his BA degree in Anthropology from the University of Texas, Austin. Prior to attending library school, he spent five years working in rare book conservation at the University of Texas's Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center, the Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington, D.C. and the University of Michigan Conservation Labs. After library school and a three year internship as Project Photo-Archivist at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, he spent four years working as a Web developer for Compuware Corporation, where his assignments included redesigning the web sites for the General Motors Research Center's libraries and developing a redesign for Ford Motor Company's Supplier Network website.

WELCOME

In October 1993, Karla Bourque joined the library as the Publications Assistant in the NN/LMSR office. Karla is a native Houstonian with a degree in English from Southwest Texas State University. She has experience in newsletter production, Web page development, and documentation. Karla taught pre-school for many years before moving into the business world where she accumulated knowledge of numerous office software programs. She previously worked for a small software development company where she continued to develop her writing and editing skills.

FAREWELL

Best wishes to Thomas Gegeny, Publications Specialist, in his new job as editor of “Research Initiative/Treatment Action!” (RITA!), a nationally distributed research communication on HIV/AIDS, at the Center for AIDS, Houston.

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