Welcome to the Houston Academy of Medicine–Texas Medical Center (HAM–TMC) Library. We are a digital-age library about to enter a new millennium, the Year 2000 and beyond. We offer a full complement of services and resources to help you find and manage medical information: the Knowledge Network databases; our Health Informatics Education Center; up-to-date book and journal collections (many of our journals are available in electronic format); and the Jesse H. Jones Community Health Information Service. On page 3 of this newsletter, you will find much useful information about the Library. Each year we publish this orientation issue to welcome new arrivals to all Texas Medical Center institutions.

The HAM–TMC Library was founded in 1949, when the Houston Academy of Medicine and Baylor College of Medicine combined their collections to better serve Harris County physicians and Baylor’s teaching and research programs. In 1954, the Library was moved from Baylor’s Roy and Lillie Cullen Building to its own facility, the new Jesse H. Jones Library Building. In 1970, the University of Texas Medical School was established in Houston, and a unique joint governance structure was created, making the Library the primary information resource for both medical schools and the other institutions of the Texas Medical Center. The Library also serves as the Regional Medical Library for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region (NN/LM SCR). The NN/LM SCR is responsible for providing health science practitioners, administrators, educators, Network members, and consumers with convenient access to biomedical and health care information resources in the five-state region of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.
GRANTS & CONTRACTS

The following grants and contracts have been awarded to the HAM-TMC Library:

- Houston Endowment for the Jesse H. Jones Community Health Information Service — $50,000
- Friends of the TMC Library for the Jesse H. Jones Community Health Information Service — $100,000
- Rockwell Fund for Texas HealthInfo — $20,000
- National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region (NN/LM SCR) Information Access for Public Health Professionals — $48,814
- NNLM SCR for the Resource Library subcontract — $10,000

BLACKWELL ANNIVERSARY

Elizabeth Blackwell received a diploma from Geneva Medical College 150 years ago, the first woman in America to receive a medical degree. To celebrate this occasion, the NLM prepared an exhibit highlighting Blackwell’s education and career. This exhibit, That Girl There is a Doctor in Medicine, was first shown at this year’s Medical Library Association (MLA) meeting and then at the HAM-TMC Library to help celebrate the Library’s 50th anniversary.

Although NLM’s exhibit was returned early in July, library cardholders can read more about the early struggles of women to gain acceptance in medical schools from several books in the collection.

Stafford, Ted. May Owen, M.D. WZ 100 097S 1990
Abram, Ruth. Send Us a Lady Physician. WZ 80.5 W5 S474 1985
Brew, Lydia E. The Story of Edith Irby Jones, M.D. WZ 100 J765B 1986

NLM AWARDS PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT TO LIBRARY

The Library has been awarded $48,814 by the NN/LM SCR to participate in a pilot project, Information Access for Public Health Professionals. This is a collaborative endeavor among the Houston Dept. of Health and Human Services, the Houston Public Library, and the Harris County Public Library. The goal of this two-year project is to improve health information service through outreach to public health workers and consumers by achieving the following objectives:

- to develop an aggressive outreach/public relations campaign
- to provide a public health information training program for public health workers
- to design and launch a public health Web page
- to evaluate the pilot project as it progresses

LIBRARY HOSTS SPECIAL CLASSES

HAM-TMC librarians recently taught two classes for visiting physicians from Spain who were taking special course work at Baylor College of Medicine. The Library focused on PubMed, library services and finding information related to their specialty field, oncology. There were a total of 48 participants.

In July, the Library hosted over 300 high school students from the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine. The students used the Library’s resources to research specific topics in health care. Each summer, the Forum brings together outstanding students from the U.S. and over 40 foreign countries to help motivate them to enter medical professions.
The HAM–TMC Library Board and staff wish Naomi and her husband Greg Chauncey the best of luck in their move to San Diego, CA.
"It is the Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library’s goal to become a center of excellence that supports lifelong learning, access to the latest information and attainment of knowledge in the health sciences."

As Executive Director, Naomi initiated a five-year restructuring plan in 1996.
In the last three years, the following goals have been accomplished:

- Renovation of the Library building
- Creation of a Health Informatics Education Center (HIEC)
- Establishment of a Knowledge Network Services (KNS) management center
- Development of a consumer health information service
- Procurement of grant funds
- Remodeling the McGovern Historical Collection and Archives
- Sponsorship of an annual Computers in Health Care Conference
- Creation of a publications service
- Development of a digital library with electronic book and journal collections

Naomi at the kickoff for the Medical Questions: MEDLINE Has Answers project, Fifth Ward Branch, Houston Public Library.

Third Annual Computers in Health Care Conference: Naomi, Dr. Michael Fordis, Dr. Constance Baldwin, Roy A. Smith, Rhoda Goldberg, and Dr. William Yasnoff.

Friends Gala, October, 1998. Greg Chauncey, Dr. Ferid Murad, Naomi, and Carol Murad.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE HAM–TMC LIBRARY

LOCATION & PARKING
The Library is located in the Jesse H. Jones Library Building in the TMC at 133 M.D. Anderson Boulevard. Short term parking (20 minutes) is available in front of the Library on a first-come basis, and there is a parking garage under the building.

LIBRARY CARDS
Faculty, students and staff from all TMC institutions, as well as members of the Harris County Medical Society, are eligible for Library cards. Associate (fee-based) memberships are available to individuals and institutions not affiliated with the TMC. Health care providers who are not card holders can receive some services through our affiliation with the NN/LM SCR. To obtain a Library card and for more information please contact the Circulation Desk at (713) 799-7147.

LOCATION OF MATERIALS
First Floor: Circulation and Reference desks; reference and core collections; reserve books; Knowledge Network databases; current journals; photocopiers; book and audiovisual collections; consumer health resources
Second Floor: Bound journals; photocopiers; oversized book collection; Photocopy/Interlibrary Loans; McGovern Historical Center; individual and group study rooms
Street Level: Health Informatics Education Center laboratory and classroom; teleconferencing facilities; Publications Services office; TMC archives; reference storage; NN/LM SCR offices

LIBRARY SERVICES
Circulation Department
(713) 799-7147
- Register for Library card
- Check out and return Library materials
- Purchase copy/print cards
- Place holds on circulating items
- Pay fines and fees
- Pick up computer searches, photocopies, interlibrary loans
- Access reserve and core collection items

Knowledge Network Services
(713) 799-7161
- Searching and electronic access to information
- Database searches
- Reference assistance
- Online catalog assistance
- Assistance using the Library

Consumer Health Information
(713) 799-7183
- Assistance finding patient-related information
- Brochures, information packets
- Consumer health databases

Education (713) 799-7154
- Schedule orientations, tours, classes
- PubMed, Internet Grateful Med classes

Health Informatics Education Center (713) 799-7128
- Computer lab
- Classroom
- Scanner
- MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel
- Teleconferencing facilities
- Public lunchroom

Publications (713) 799-7803
- Manuscript preparation
- Grant writing consultations
- Editorial services
- Citation verification
- Page Layout/Graphics

McGovern Historical Collection
(713) 799-7141
- On-site use of historical collections
- Reference assistance
- Consultation on local history projects, book, manuscript and photograph preservation
- Rare book collections

Harris County Medical Archives
(713) 799-7139
- On-site use of manuscripts and records
- Reference assistance
- Consultation on local history projects and preservation

Hospital Library Services
(713) 799-7163
- Contract hospitals
- Access to collections, electronic resources and services of HAM–TMC Library

Photocopy/Interlibrary Loan
(713) 799-7179/7805
- Interlibrary borrowing services
- Staff-assisted photocopy service
- Assistance with self-service photocopying

Library Website
http://www.library.tmc.edu
- Links to PubMed, Internet Grateful Med and other databases
- Links to electronic journals
- Remote access

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NOTEWORTHY

INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

J. Robert Beck, MD, Vice President for Information Technology, Baylor College of Medicine and 1998/1999 HAM-TMC Library Board Chair, has been appointed Interim Executive Director of the Library.

Dr. Beck has served on the Library Board for seven years and has also served on the Board of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region.

WELCOME

The Library welcomed Richard Jasper, Assistant Director for Collections, on June 28, 1999. Prior to joining HAM-TMC Library, Richard spent 10 years at the Emory University General Libraries in Atlanta, where he served as head of the Acquisitions Department and more recently as Electronic Licensing Coordinator.

CUNNINGHAM FELLOW VISITS HAM–TMC LIBRARY

Timothy Shola Abolarinwa, 1999 recipient of the MLA's Cunningham Fellowship, visited the Library in July.

A native of Nigeria, Timothy is interested in public health issues and diseases common to Nigeria, as well as technologies he plans to implement in his medical library in Lagos. While in Houston, he toured Texas Medical Center facilities and the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and School of Public Health libraries.

FELLOWSHIPS

Donald A. Barclay, Assistant Director of the HIEC, was a recipient of the 1999 Fellowship Award sponsored by the National Library of Medicine to attend the Health Informatics Course at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA.

NEW STAFF

Charles Breedy joined the Library as a catalog collection assistant June 21, 1999. He was previously employed with Baker Hughes as a tape librarian and playback technician. Chuck has a great interest in music and plays the drums.

FAREWELL

Dawn Bick, Associate Director for Collections, left her position on July 9 to devote her efforts full time to the Cat's Pajamas, a business she and her husband, Paul, started many years ago. She and Paul plan to relocate their business to Santa Fe, NM in the near future.

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