Second Annual Computers in Health Care Conference

Cyberspace Medicine

June 22, 1998

The Library's Second Annual Computers in Health Care Conference will be held in the Simmons Auditorium of the Jesse Jones Library Building on June 22 from 9am until Noon. Following the Conference, lunch will be served in the Library, and there will be tours, gifts, and prizes for everyone.

Presentations—

Telemedicine in the Solar System, Dr. Joseph Kerwin, Senior Vice President of Wyle Laboratories, SkyLab astronaut, and first U.S. physician in space.

Medical Informatics in the Cyberspace Age: Preparing Students and Researchers, Dr. Tak Smith, UT-Houston School of Allied Health Sciences

Patient, Heal Thyself: Surf the Net, Dr. Robert J. Beck, Baylor College of Medicine

The Electronic Medical Record Imperative, Dr. Stephen J. Spann, Baylor College of Medicine

Register now and save. Registration forms on page 3.

AT YOUR SERVICE

Database searching, editing services, web pages, faxes, document delivery, consumer health information — these are just a few of the Library's new, and some not-so-new services.

DATABASE SEARCHING

The Library has the expertise to search thoroughly and efficiently, and has access to a world of databases not available on the Internet. If you're having trouble finding what you need, or if you need to be sure the search is as comprehensive as possible, call Knowledge Network Services at 713-799-7161. Special fees for non-cardholders apply.

EDITING

The Library's Publication Service (slated for August 1) will provide editing, citation verification and other technical services. The Library will also offer classes in various software applications, and teach writing and organization strategies with regard to publishing papers and writing grants. Contact Thomas Gegeny (713-799-7803; thomasg@library.tmc.edu).

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TRY OUR FULL-TEXT JOURNALS

The following full-text electronic journals are available through the Library’s web site:

http://www.library.tmc.edu

To connect to the full text, go to the Library’s Home Page, click on Core Biomedical Titles in the Electronic Journal Section, and then browse alphabetically to the journal title you seek. Click on the title to access the journal.

Aerospace Medicine and Biology
American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine
American Journal of Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology
Biology of the Neonate
BMJ - British Medical Journal
Disease Prevention News
Emerging Infectious Diseases
Gastroenterology
Genetics
Hormone Research
Journal of Histochemistry and Cytochemistry
JBC Online
Nephron
Online Journal of Knowledge Synthesis for Nursing

THE E-JOURNAL CHALLENGE

The list of electronic (e-) journal titles is growing daily! Publishers are offering temporary FREE trial access to limited full-text titles with paid print subscriptions. We are taking advantage of these trial offers, and also taking steps to expand our number of paid e-subscriptions based on the needs of our users.

Funding and ongoing support of e-journals is a major challenge for the Library. The Library will need to pay for print and non-print e-subscriptions. Because users still want print titles, the budget is stretched. There are also copyright and archiving issues that need to be resolved. In the meantime, the Library is exploring various funding strategies, including consortial arrangements, for cost-effective e-subscriptions.

Acquiring and implementing e-subscriptions is a complex process.

Over fifty different pricing models have been identified for subscriptions to electronic full-text journals. These models include site license agreements for groups of titles from the same publisher; in other cases, a title-by-title approach is required. Database vendors also provide fee-for-service arrangements.

Common modes of access to e-journals include IP address verification and password/PIN. The IP mode is easy, but restricts access to campus IP addresses only. Remote access (from home, work, etc.) requires an additional authorization process. Password/PIN access, while straightforward for individual subscribers, raises site license costs for the Library because we have thousands of users.

This is an exciting time in the evolution of health sciences literature. We plan to engage in future pilot testing and will ask users to participate. Questions? Contact Dawn Bick (dbick@library.tmc.edu or 713-799-7126).

HEALTH REFERENCE CENTER

Health Reference Center (HRC) is now available from the Library’s Home Page. HRC provides bibliographic references, abstracts and full text for excerpts and articles from a variety of health publications. Material includes a medical dictionary; medical directories and reference books; consumer-oriented and professional health periodicals; and pamphlets issued by leading health organizations. The periodical material is augmented by specially selected health articles from general-interest, business and specialty publications. It is updated weekly, and includes four years of material, plus entries from the current year.

DEBAKEY EXHIBIT

A photo exhibit featuring historical pictures of famed heart surgeon Dr. Michael E. DeBakey will be on display June 14–July 11 in the Library. The display, in honor of Dr. DeBakey’s 50th anniversary at the Baylor College of Medicine showcases various stages in his career as a surgeon, educator and medical statesman. Among the photos are Dr. DeBakey creating the first artificial artery on a sewing machine, meetings with former U.S. presidents Bush and Reagan, Russian president Yeltsin, and Britain’s Duke of Windsor. Also pictured is the 1965 Time magazine with Dr. DeBakey on the cover.
INTRODUCING FIRSTSEARCH: A FAMILY OF DATABASES

The Library now offers several databases from FirstSearch. Access is available to computers in the TMC.EDU domain. No password is required.

ArticleFirst
Covers 12,500 journals in science, technology, medicine, social science: business, the humanities and popular culture. Coverage begins in 1990, with daily updates.

ContentsFirst
Covers 12,500 journals and provides complete table of contents page and holdings information. Coverage begins in 1990 and the database is updated daily.

Electronic Collections Online
Includes over 700 journals in many subject areas, all with online full-text articles. Adobe's free Acrobat PDF viewer and Catch Word's Bee Real Page viewer are required to view full-text articles. Coverage begins in 1995, with daily updates.

NetFirst
Provides bibliographic citations including abstracts, subject headings, and classification codes for a variety of Internet resources including WWW pages and Listservs.

PapersFirst
Papers included in every congress, conference, exposition, workshop, symposium, and meeting received at the British Library. Coverage begins in 1993, updated 24 x per year.

ProceedingsFirst
Citations of every congress, symposium, conference, exposition, workshop and meeting received at The British Library. Coverage begins in 1993, and is updated 24 x per year.

Union Lists of Periodicals
This database locates specific journal issues at other libraries.

WorldCat
Records of any type of material cataloged by OCLC member libraries. Includes manuscripts written as early as the 12th century. Updated Daily.

AT YOUR SERVICE
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WEB PAGES
The Library's Web Service will provide you with a Home Page that includes design and layout of your WWW pages from a choice of styles, HTML markup of the pages, a choice of buttons and icons and links from your Home Page to your own documents, or to other WWW sites you select. Contact Donald Barclay (713/799-7120; donaldb@library.tmc.edu).

FAXES
The Library will send it for you, anywhere in the world, or have a fax sent to you here! Fees apply. Contact the Resource Access desk for information (713/799-7147).

DOCUMENT DELIVERY
Get your hands on the document you need. We'll find it, copy it and get it delivered to you. Special fees for non-cardholders apply. Contact Geanene Fenske (713/799-7179; geanene@library.tmc.edu).

CONSUMER HEALTH INFORMATION
Up-to-date, understandable, authoritative information — the Library has it. Contact Elizabeth Williams (713/799-7183; elizaw@library.tmc.edu).

Cyberspace Medicine Conference Registration
Space is limited — Early registration recommended

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
Institution: _______________________________________
Phone: ____________________________  Fax: __________________________
E-mail: ____________________________
Registration Fee (Includes Box Lunch & Break Refreshments):

$10.00 ______  $15.00 ______  Students
Before 6/15/98  After 6/15/98  (Free with valid I.D.)
Reserve a Box Lunch for me: ______ Yes ______ No
(Lunches guaranteed with registration by June 15th)
New Staff

Kim Sharp is the new Outreach Coordinator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine South Central Region (NNILM SCR). She earned her Masters of Librarianship at Emory University in 1984. Prior to coming to Houston, Kim was the Systems & Reference Librarian and an Assistant Professor of Medical Library Science at Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon, Georgia. In this position, Kim provided computer training to health professionals across Georgia. She also worked at Mercer as a Reference Librarian, and Acquisitions/Order Clerk. Kim has held offices and chaired committees in the Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association, and is completing her term on the MLA Membership Committee this year.

Ruicha Mishra is the new Network Coordinator for the NNILMSCR. She received her MLIS from Florida State University in 1991. From 1991 to 1993, she was the Assistant Manager of the library at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, and from 1994 to 1998, she was a Reference Librarian in the Business, Science & Technology Dept. of the Houston Public Library.

Library Classes

Thomas Gegeny joined the Library staff on March 2, as Publication Specialist. This new position will involve the development of services designed to assist faculty, staff, and students in the Texas Medical Center with publications and manuscripts through editing, citation verification, and other technical services. This program will also offer classes in various software applications and teach writing and organization strategies with regard to publishing papers and writing grants.

Tom received a Master of Biomedical Sciences degree, with a concentration in Neuroscience, from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. He also has expertise in the areas of desktop publishing and technical writing, which he continues to pursue at the Department of Technical Communications at Houston Community College in the Galleria.

At the Library, he will be responsible for developing and providing scientific publications services, computer graphics and desktop publishing assignments, and initiating Library courses on writing for publications and grants.

Farewell and good wishes to departing librarians Renee Bougard and Sandy Strozier.

Library Classes

The Library is rapidly expanding its offering of classes to meet the needs of the Texas Medical Center Community. In the near future, you will be able to take workshops in PowerPoint presentation, Reference Manager software, scientific writing and publishing, creating Web Pages (HTML), and consumer health information management. Our database classes (Ovid Medline, PubMed, etc.) are being updated continuously to keep pace with improvements to the software. There is no better time than the present to find out about these valuable classes. Please call the Library at 713/799-7174 for class schedules and information. Library courses are an excellent and inexpensive means of obtaining the knowledge and skills you need for professional and personal advancement.

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