From the Director’s Desk

School of Medicine and Health Sciences Faculty Retreat!

Mark your calendars! The School of Medicine and Health Sciences Faculty should reserve the dates of May 22nd and 23rd for this year’s faculty retreat. The retreat will focus on health sciences informatics and its application to education in a variety of settings – including the classroom, hospital, and ambulatory practice. Features of the retreat include the following:

- Hands-on workshops on topics such as Prometheus, web publishing using HTML, the virtual classroom, evidence-based medicine resources, and patient education on the Internet.
- Demonstrations of innovative software and technology by vendors such as Gold Standard Media and local experts, such as Bill Koffenberger from GW’s Instructional Technology Lab.
- A nationally-known speaker who will challenge you to bring medical education into the age of technology over dinner. Round-table discussions over lunch will let you share ideas and innovations with colleagues.

Many sessions will be repeated to accommodate busy schedules; introductory and advanced sessions will be offered. You may attend all or part of the retreat as your calendar permits! Plans for incorporating CME credit are underway! All meetings will be held on campus. Contact Cara Molinari at surcam@gwumc.edu for more information. Check your e-mail for more details in the near future!

Statistics Software Availability

Both SPSS (ver. 10) and SAS (ver. 6.12), two of the most commonly used statistical analysis software packages, are now available on the Medical Center campus. In conjunction with the School of Public Health and Health Services, the Himmelfarb Library provides access to SPSS on 19 computers in the Women’s Board Teaching Classroom. SPSS and SAS are also available to Medical Center faculty and staff through the Novell-delivered applications on their office computers. Both programs include tutorials on the basic functions of the programs. In addition, the Himmelfarb Library will offer a one hour introductory class on SPSS beginning in March. For additional information on the Library’s SPSS class, please contact Alexandra Gomes at (202) 994-1825. To request the addition of SAS to your Novell-delivered applications, please call the Help Desk at (202) 994-2434. To request the addition of SPSS to your Novell-delivered applications, please call Sam Simmens at (202) 994-7887.
Himmelfarb Library Responds to Your Comments

In our third installment of results from the Electronic Resources Survey we will highlight the questions relating to Interlibrary Loan. The full report is available at the following url: http://www.gwumc.edu/library/99report.htm

Can the Himmelfarb Library provide access to Loansome Doc?

Himmelfarb Library does offer Loansome Doc services. Loansome Doc is the document delivery ordering feature of Internet Grateful Med and PubMed. When reviewing references from a Grateful Med or PubMed search you can tag the articles you wish to order. Then submit your order. This information is forwarded to the Himmelfarb Library from the National Library of Medicine.

Please note that this is a fee-based service. To use the Loansome Doc ordering feature, you need to register with the Himmelfarb Library. Contact the Himmelfarb Photocopy Service (HPS) staff at (202) 994-2860. For additional information about the service and charges stop by the Circulation Desk.

In addition, you can now order articles directly from your OVID MEDLINE search. Effective August 23, 1999, Ovid Order is available at Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library. This new document delivery service allows electronic ordering of articles while searching Ovid databases. The process is simple. While searching your selected database, check the titles that you wish to order. Click the "order" button, located in the citation manager. Then complete the electronic form and read and accept the Copyright statement. These electronic requests are considered Himmelfarb Photocopy Service (HPS) orders or an Interlibrary Loan. Please note that the pricing structure is based on your affiliation with the GWU Medical Center. Your request will be forwarded to ILL/Document Delivery for processing. A copy of the request will be sent to your e-mail address.

This Ovid Order feature is available in the following Ovid databases:

- Journals @Ovid Full Text
- AIDSLINE
- BioethicsLine
- CancerLit
- CINAHL
- ERIC
- HealthStar
- Medline
- Newspaper Abstracts
- PAIS International
- PsycINFO
- SPORTDiscus
- Wilson Applied Science and Technology
- Wilson Biological & Agricultural Index
- Wilson Index to Legal Periodicals
- Wilson Library Literature

Why did the Library begin charging for Interlibrary Loans (ILL) and other document delivery services?

The Himmelfarb Library implemented ILL fees in FY97/98 due to significant reductions in the budget. The fee to faculty, staff and students is $10 which does not fully cover the $11 per loan charged by many libraries. Himmelfarb absorbs the cost difference. Currently GWUMC students are given one free ILL per year. This is charged to the Medical School. Doctoral students are allowed two free ILL's per year.

Himmelfarb Photocopy Service (HPS) is also available to GWUMC students and staff at reduced rates, $4.00/article for faculty and staff and $3.00/article for students. Questions about Loansome Doc and Photocopy Service (HPS) may be forwarded to the ILL/DD Specialist at (202) 994-2860.
Himmelfarb Library Responds (continued)

**What is the turn-around time for Interlibrary Loans?**

Library staff tries to process ILL requests within 24 hours of receipt. These requests are for materials borrowed from medical libraries throughout the United States.

Once a request has left the Himmelfarb Library, many factors affect fulfillment time. These include availability of the item at potential lending libraries and the speed of the U.S. mail.

**MICROMEDEX®**

Are you a student with questions about a particular drug? The comprehensive drug database, MICROMEDEX, is now available to provide the answers you need. The producers of MICROMEDEX have provided this database free-of-charge with the condition that its use be restricted to students.

MICROMEDEX is a compilation of databases that can be searched either together or individually. These databases provide comprehensive information about drugs including their actions, pharmacology, toxicology, costs, etc. Information about alternative medicine, occupational medicine, and patient education is also available. To ensure accuracy, the information incorporated in MICROMEDEX is examined by an editorial board of 450 experts from around the world.

The search interface for MICROMEDEX looks similar to a web browser, making it familiar and easy to use. To search all databases at the same time, use the “Integrated Index.” To choose and search a particular database, such as AltMedDex, DRUGDEX, or POISINDEX, select the “Search by Database” option. To search for a particular type of drug information, such as dosage, contraindications, or drug interactions, select the “Search by Category” option. All of the information in MICROMEDEX is provided in a full-text format and you can easily print or save the information that you need.

Currently, MICROMEDEX is available from the computers in the Women’s Board Computer Classroom on the third floor of Himmelfarb Library. It will soon be installed on the library’s Novell network so that it will be accessible to students from computers on the first floor within the Library.

**REMEMBER**

Mark your calendars! Income taxes and the MS1 Final Project both come around in April. We can’t do anything to help with your taxes, but the library staff can assist with the MS1 Final Project, due April 14. The specific requirements and directions are linked from the Himmelfarb Library homepage (http://www.gwumc.edu/library). Questions can be sent to Anne Linton (mlbaml@gwumc.edu) or Pat Wilson (mlbphw@gwumc.edu). Reference Desk Staff will also be happy to assist.
NEW REFERENCE TITLES

1. Statistical Sources


Slater, Courtney and Davis, Martha. State Profile: The Population and Economy of Each U.S. State. (Ref 6 HA203.S74 1999)


2. Encyclopedias and Directories


UNESCO. Study Abroad, 2000-2001: Opportunities for Post-Secondary Studies in All Academic and Professional Fields. (Ref 9)
Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:** Why are students asked to provide call numbers when requesting Reserve items at the Circulation Desk?

**Answer:** In an attempt to serve everyone better and shorten waiting lines, we ask that you look up the items and have the call numbers ahead of time. We often have one person working at the desk and by providing the call number, you help us serve you more efficiently. If you are not familiar with searching the on-line catalog system, please see a librarian at the Reference Desk.

**Question:** How can I register my e-mail address with the Circulation Desk and how does it help me?

**Answer:** You can register your e-mail address with us at the Circulation Desk by filling out the pink E-mail Notification form. By doing so, you will be informed of your overdue/outstanding fines via e-mail. This will save paper and staff time.

**Question:** I lost my instructor’s office telephone number, where can I find it?

**Answer:** In GWIS2, the telephone directory for both students and staff (Main Menu, Option 4) has been disabled for reasons of privacy. The e-mail directory is still functioning. You can send the instructor a message using GWIS2 or the Online Webmail version of GWIS2. Online, go to http://www.gwu.edu and click the magnifying glass to use the e-mail search option.

**Question:** How can I find a Reserve item when the course number, course name and instructor’s name are all unknown. How can I find a Reserve item placed there by a group?

**Answer:** From the Library’s home page http://www.gwumc.edu/library click on “Catalog & Reserves” in the left-hand column. Do a simple keyword search, by entering a word or phrase and click on “Search Everything”. When the list comes up, look for the Reserve label in the location column.
WebCat Searching Tips

1. If you can only remember the last names of the three authors for a book referred to by your professor:

Choose the Complex Search tab, on the right side of the initial search screen of WebCat.

Enter the author’s last names in the first three fields. Make sure that you are connecting your fields with AND.
WebCat Searching Tips (continued)

Click on the Search Catalog button to perform the search. If we own the item, the title will display with the call number, location, and number of copies!

2. To get the latest directory information for family practice residency programs:

Enter a keyword search from the initial screen for family practice residency programs. Click on the Search Everything button.
The catalog will retrieve the record, which will include copy information for the latest print item added to the library’s collection and copy information for the electronic version. The URL for the electronic version, near the top of the record, will be highlighted.

Click on the highlighted URL and you will be taken to the actual item!!!
Evidence-Based Medicine

When you search MEDLINE for information to answer a clinical question, the number of articles you retrieve can be overwhelming. In recent columns, we discussed how to plan and execute complex searches and how to limit by publication type. These techniques save time previously spent sorting through large numbers of citations to find the few articles that meet your needs.

In addition to refining your search skills, your search may be facilitated by using an alternate database. Evidence-based medicine (EBM) databases can shorten your information search by providing full-text sources of high-quality information. The evidence-based medicine databases answer narrow clinical questions such as “Do antibiotics shorten the course of acute bronchitis?” or “Does a protein restricted diet slow progression of diabetic nephropathy towards renal failure?”

Himmelfarb Library offers three full-text evidence-based medicine databases: the Cochrane Library, EBM Reviews: Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, and EBM Reviews: Best Evidence. Cochrane Library and EBM Reviews: Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews provide the full-text of systematic reviews where all of the research on a particular question was gathered and analyzed. Both databases provide the same contents through different search interfaces. EBM Reviews: Best Evidence provides structured abstracts and commentary on individual clinical trials.
STEP TWO – Frame a narrow clinical question, then type your search topic using keywords. Click once on the green pill labeled “Perform Search.”

If your search topic has synonyms, search on all variations of the term connected by “or.” For example, to find information on acute lymphocytic leukemia, you could search on the phrase acute lymphocytic leukemia as well as the acronym ALL. Connect the different topics of your search with “and.”

On Main Search Page, scroll down to review first ten items in search results, or click on Display.
STEP THREE – Review the document list for titles that correspond to your clinical question. Select “Topic Review” to read, print, or save the full-text of the article.
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## Himmelfarb Library Class Schedule
### Spring 2000 Semester

Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library is offering the following classes for March through May in Himmelfarb Library Room B103. **All classes are free and require no registration.**

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The Annual GWUMC Art Show is COMING in May.

Ever dreamt of being the next DaVinci, Picasso?
Well now, here’s your chance.

To submit your work, please contact Vicente Watson at x4-2963 or pop into the Himmelfarb Library Reference Desk.

Artwork being accepted the week of March 26 thru April 7!
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Library Hours

Holiday Hours
Monday, May 29, 2000 (Memorial Day) 9:00-Midnight

The Library is open to GW Medical Center Personnel
Monday-Friday 7:30 am-Midnight
Saturday/Sunday 9:00 am-Midnight

The Library is open to University Personnel:
Monday-Friday 7:30 am-6:00 pm

The Library is open to the public:
Monday-Friday 7:30 am-2:00 pm

Please be prepared to show ID after 2:00 pm

Call for Help!

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