FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The UAMS Library’s management team has been discussing for quite some time the best way to improve the Library's ability to provide much needed educational services. We need to increase the amount of instruction on Ovid and other products and services presently provided by the Library. In addition, we have received many requests for instruction on copyright issues and other topics not yet covered in classes offered by the Library. In order to improve the Library's ability to provide these services, the following changes were made in November, 2001:

1) A new Education Services department was established. Jan Hart, soon to receive her doctorate in Education, is the head of the department. The Learning Resource Center will continue to be one of Jan's responsibilities in this new department.

2) Rena Sheffer, who was formerly in the Information Services and Systems Department, is now the Information Resources Instruction Librarian in the Education Services Department. Her primary responsibilities include teaching Ovid and other classes related to the Library's resources.

3) A Curriculum Support Librarian position was established by combining two vacant staff positions, one in Interlibrary Loan and one in the Administrative Office. The responsibilities of this position include working with faculty in the various colleges to identify and purchase, or subscribe to, educational materials in support of the curriculum, and providing access to educational programs from point-of-care and distributed locations on and off campus. We will begin recruiting a librarian for this position soon.

We anticipate that these changes will result in a significant increase in the Library's ability to provide much needed education services. Please let us know what the Library can do to help meet your educational needs. Jan can be reached at 686-6751 or hartjank@uams.edu.

Mary L. Ryan
Library Director
OUTREACH NEWS

Outreach Buffet

Below is a quick glimpse of some important outreach items of interest.

OT/PT/Public Health Focus

The UAMS Library has an annual subcontract with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region (funded by the National Library of Medicine or NLM) to provide training for unaffiliated health professionals in Arkansas to use NLM's products and services.

The outreach subcontracts for the next 5 years will focus on particular groups of health professionals. This year's contract enables us to provide training in the use of NLM databases and products for Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists and public health officials working in state health units/departments.

These 3 groups will have access to free training in the use of PubMed to search the MEDLINE database, as well as assistance finding information resources in their fields and for presentation to their professional groups.

If you are interested in attending training or would like more information, please contact Susan Steelman.

Internet Connectivity Sites

Johnson Regional Medical Center in Clarksville was awarded an Internet Connectivity Grant from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region which is part of the National Library of Medicine. During October, 2001, Susan Steelman visited JRMC and conducted PubMed training for the staff there.

Each award includes a new computer, printer, fax machine and 12 months of Internet access. Free training is provided in the use of the equipment, general Internet functions and use, and PubMed searching.

Additional awards should be available in coming months. If you know of an Arkansas hospital with little or no Internet connectivity, it may be eligible for this program. If you'd like more information on the Internet Connectivity Project, call Susan Steelman, UAMS Library, 501-686-6737 or email: SteelmanSusanC@uams.edu.

Exhibits

The UAMS Library and Arkansas Consumer Health Information Network [ARCHIN] exhibited at two recent health fairs. On October 19, 2001, Susan Steelman demonstrated the ARHealthLINK consumer health web site at the Arkansas Children's Hospital Employee Wellness Fair. Peggy Morrison exhibited the ARHealthLINK site at the UAMS Employee Health Fair on October 25, 2001.

ARHealthLINK was also exhibited at the UAMS Information Technology Fair in Jeff Banks Student Union on November 8, 2001 by Susan Steelman, Mary Ryan and Dena Plaisted. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth during these events.

Susan Steelman, MLIS

PUBMED CLASS SCHEDULE

Please note that free PubMed classes are being offered each month. These classes are open to any practicing health care professional in Arkansas. If you would like to register for one of these classes or schedule an individual class, please contact Susan Steelman, M.L.I.S. at 501-686-6737 or SteelmanSusanC@uams.edu.

January 15th Tuesday 2:00 - 4:00 pm
February 6th Wednesday 9:00 - 11:00 am
February 26th Tuesday 1:30 - 3:30 pm

All classes will be held in the classroom on the 5th floor of the UAMS Library.
MORE IDEAS FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS

Don’t forget you can “adopt” a book in the History of Medicine collection by funding conservation treatment. You can also donate a book to the Library’s regular collection, or the History of Medicine collection, in someone’s honor or memory. Membership in the History of Medicine Associates is a great gift for someone interested in the history of the health sciences.

For information on gift donations of books to the regular collection contact Mary Hawks, Collection Management, 686-6749, or e-mail hawksmarys@uams.edu.

For information on donations to the History of Medicine collection, Adopt-a-Book, or membership in the History of Medicine Associates, contact Margaret Johnson, Historical Research Center, 686 6733, or e-mail johnsonmargareta@uams.edu.

LIMITED INTERLIBRARY LOAN DURING HOLIDAYS

The UAMS Library will not borrow original material during the Holiday Season, beginning December 10, 2001. This applies to books, journals, audio cassettes, and audiovisual cassettes. Regular service will resume January 2, 2002.

Requests for photocopied material will be processed as usual during this time.

If you have any questions, please contact Interlibrary Loan Dept., UAMS Library (686-6742, LibraryInterlibraryLoan@uams.edu).

Rena Sheffer

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR COPH

The UAMS Library has numerous links to government web sites pertinent to public health, such as that for the Centers for Disease Control, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Federal Register. Check these and other sites out at http://www.library.uams.edu/links/govern.htm and add them to your Bookmarks or Favorites.

Margaret Johnson
LIBRARY PEOPLE

In November 2001 several employees celebrated their employment anniversaries at UAMS Library. Margaret Johnson, History of Medicine Librarian celebrated 30 years. Cindy Caton, Interlibrary Loan; Libby Ingram, Circulation; and Cindy White, Serials, all celebrated 20 years of employment. Dena Plaisted, Document Access Services, celebrated 15 years. Nancy Sessoms, Collection Management, celebrated 10 years. Those celebrating 5 years were Frank Brown, Systems; Fred Bassett, Learning Resource Center; Joanna Delavan, Learning Resource Center; Lily Liu, ACH Library; Peggy Morrison, Information Services & Systems, and Susan Steelman, Information Services & Systems.

Interlibrary Loan: Congratulations to Lynne Finister on the completion of her Master's Degree in Library Science! Lynne has been employed in the Interlibrary Loan Department of the Library for 8 years, working as Mail Processor, Borrower and is currently the Lender. She will graduate from the University of North Texas on December 15, 2001.

Arkansas Children's Hospital Library: Sharon Wooten, a former employee in the Circulation Division of UAMS Library, and most recently working part time at the Library at ACH, died Nov. 22, 2001. Survivors are a son, Tyler Wooten; and her mother, Stella Brown Hughes.

MORE HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS ON CAMPUS

Media Services and the UAMS Bookstore have filled the exhibit cases in the Library with items that would make excellent holiday gifts. The services and products of both departments are presented in one location for the benefit of campus staff and students. Simplify your holiday shopping.

Margaret Johnson

UAMS LIBRARY NEWS ADDED TO LIST

The UAMS Library News was recently added to the list of newsletters (http://southmed.usouthal.edu/library/libnews.htm) published by academic health sciences libraries that is monitored by Sally Murray at the University of South Alabama Biomedical Library.

This listing allows the newsletter to be even more accessible to those looking for information on UAMS, even though it is also indexed by search engines, and does have a viable "list of subscribers."
THE VIEW FROM THE VA

As part of the South Central VA Health Care Network, the Central Arkansas Veterans Health Care System has recently gained access to a nice selection of web resources. Staff who have access to the VA Intranet can tap these resources with a few clicks of their computer mouse.

The first click is to the CAVHS homepage. From there, you should click on the Library link. Once the Library homepage loads, you should then click on the Virtual Library link which will take you to the web page that serves as a portal to the resources.

The following resources are available:

**The American Psychiatric Online Library.** This site provides full text access to APA journals.

**CancerNet.** A gateway to the most recent and accurate cancer information from the National Cancer Institute.

**EBSCOhost.** Provides access to 5 databases that can be searched individually or simultaneously.

- Biomedical Reference Collection. Provides access to 200 full text journals covering such disciplines as clinical medicine, nursing, dentistry, veterinary medicine, the health care system, and the preclinical sciences.
- CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature). This is the complete CINAHL database with full text/page image coverage for 276 journals from 1987 to the present.
- Expanded Nursing & Allied Health Databases. This database contains 200 full text journals covering the areas of nursing, biomedicine, health sciences, consumer health, and allied health disciplines.
- Health Business Fulltext. Explore the business of health care administration and other non-clinical aspects of health care institution management.

**Harrison's Online.** The full searchable text of Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine.

**Health and Wellness Center.** An integrated collection of general interest, health and fitness magazines, medical and professional periodicals, reference books and pamphlets. Records are available in a combination of indexing, abstracts and/or full text formats.

**MD Consult.** Designed to meet the needs of practicing physicians, MD Consult includes the most trusted clinical content from over 50 publishers and organizations.

**Medical Matrix.** An excellent source for ranked, peer-reviewed, annotated, and updated clinical medical resources on the web.

**Merck Publications.** Full texts of the Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy, the Merck Manual of Medical Information (home edition), and the Merck Manual of Geriatrics.

**PsycInfo Plus Text (Proquest).** Provides indexing and abstracts for over one million articles in 1,500 journals from over 50 countries. This database, provided by the American Psychological Association, also includes abstracts for dissertations, books and book chapters ranging in date from 1887 to the present.

**SAMS (Scientific American Medicine).** Scientific American Medicine online.

**Stat-Ref.** A complete medical reference library including most Little, Brown books.

While you're at the VA, don't forget these valuable resources are as close as your computer. For assistance in using them, you may contact the Librarians at the VA.