FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

In the last issue of the UAMS Library News, I wrote about the rapid changes in scholarly publishing as more online resources become available, about the rapid rise in the cost of online resources, and about the budget situation in which the Library finds itself. In this article, I will review some of the efforts made by the Library to leverage its limited resources by cooperating in purchasing and sharing agreements with other institutions.

SCAMeL (South Central Academic Medical Libraries) is a consortium of the fourteen academic health sciences libraries in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. This consortium has been in existence for twenty years and provides several benefits to the UAMS Library. The SCAMeL libraries do not charge each other for interlibrary loans, which saves a tremendous amount of money since the vast majority of the interlibrary loans requested by the Library are filled by SCAMeL libraries. Libraries in other regions of the country charge varying loan fees averaging $10-12 per article. SCAMeL also participates in several group purchases of online resources, such as STAT!Ref and the Blackwell, American Psychiatric Association, and Nature journals. Until last year, SCAMeL had a cost-sharing consortial agreement to purchase the 167 Academic Press (AP) journals, but when Reed Elsevier purchased AP it eliminated consortial purchasing arrangements. Because of this elimination, the Library purchased the 20 most highly used AP titles, and paid the same $50,000 total for those 20 that it originally paid for all 167 titles. This illustrates the benefit of consortial purchasing.
ARKLink is a consortium of the 47 college and university libraries in Arkansas. The member libraries have a reciprocal borrowing agreement which provides free interlibrary loans, and they have universal borrowing cards which allow faculty and students from any of the participating institutions to check out books from any of the other participating libraries (see related article in this newsletter). ARKLink has also negotiated group purchasing agreements for several online resources, including the CINAHL and PsycINFO databases and their related online journals.

The Arkansas State Library has negotiated some discounts for group purchases, and provides funding for the purchase of several online resources to which Arkansas libraries have access. The products paid for by the State Library include OCLC FirstSearch and the Health and Wellness Resource Center.

The Mullins Library at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville is a member of the Greater Western Library Alliance (GWLA). Because UAMS is a UofA institution, the Library has been able to participate with UAF in the GWLA purchase agreement for online journals published by Wiley. The UALR and UAMS libraries recently jointly purchased access to the SciFinder Scholar (Chemical Abstracts) database. The UAMS portion of the cost of access to SciFinder Scholar is also partially funded by the UAMS Tobacco Research Review Committee.

UAMS colleges and departments have provided partial funding for several of the online resources provided through the Library to all UAMS personnel. The Integrated Medical Curriculum, which provides educational programs and access to several hundred biomedical images, has been funded by the College of Nursing, College of Medicine and the Library. Clinical Pharmacology, a drug reference database, has been funded by the University Hospital, Department of Psychiatry, Poison Control Center and the Library. Clineguide, a database of treatment pathways, drug formulary and other clinical information resources, and MedWeaver, a differential diagnosis program, have been funded by the Library, Information Technology, and the College of Medicine. The Perception software, which is widely used on campus for evaluations, surveys, self-assessments, and testing, was originally funded by all of the colleges, Human Resources, and University Hospital.

If any UAMS colleges, departments or units are considering purchasing access to online information resources which might be of use to other UAMS personnel as well, please contact the Library before purchasing such resources. Sometimes we can negotiate campus-wide online access for a price slightly higher than what would be paid for limited access within a department or college.

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ARKLINK ALLOWS STATEWIDE BOOK CIRCULATION FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Students, faculty and staff from UAMS can now get an ARKLink card from the UAMS Library. With the ARKLink card in hand, they can go to the libraries from other participating universities and check out books, because the UAMS Library is participating in ARKLink, a consortium of Arkansas college and university libraries.

Here’s how it works:

1. Come to the Circulation Desk in the UAMS Library to get your ARKLink card.
2. Once you get the card, take it to one of the participating libraries and present it, along with a photo ID, at that library’s Circulation Desk to register for services.

Things to remember:

- The circulation privileges are specifically for books.
- Each library sets its own guidelines for levels of service. These guidelines cover the number of items that may be checked out at one time, and the length of time a patron may keep them.
- Privileges will not include journals, special collection materials, AVs, computer software, anatomical models, reserve materials or electronic resources restricted by licensing agreements.

ARKLink participating institutions are:

- Arkansas State University
- Arkansas Tech University
- Central Baptist College
- East Arkansas Community College
- Harding University
- Hendrix College
- John Brown University
- Lyon College
- Mississippi County Community College
- North Arkansas College
- Northwest Arkansas Community College
- Pulaski Technical College
- Rich Mountain Community College
- Southeast Arkansas College
- Southern Arkansas University
- University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
- University of Arkansas at Monticello
- University of Central Arkansas
- UALR Law
- UAMS
- University of Central Arkansas
- University of the Ozarks

Libraries are continuing to join, so look for the list to expand in the near future.

If you have questions about this service, please call Libby Ingram at 686-6741 or e-mail her at IngramLibbyE@uams.edu.
The Donald W. Reynolds Center on Aging Resource Library at UAMS is now in Phase II of its development. In continuing with the Center on Aging mission of research, clinical care, and education, the Resource Library is now providing additional clinical research services with support from the main UAMS Library. This growth began when the Resource Library was recognized as an affiliate member of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, National Library of Medicine.

Recently, the clinicians, researchers, educators, and staff at the Reynolds Center on Aging were surveyed concerning their Resource Library use and needs. The results of the survey will be used to improve services and access to materials.

The Resource Library has also received a donation from Novartis Incorporated to purchase books for a professional reading collection that will serve the faculty, staff, and students at the Reynolds Center on Aging. Currently, 11 books have been purchased with more to follow.

These are just a few new items included in the Phase II development of the Reynolds Center on Aging Resource Library. Updates will be posted as other services are added. For more information, please contact Jane Prather (jane.prather@fcsmtp.uams.edu), Jan Hart (HartJanK@uams.edu), Abby Holt (HoltAbby@uams.edu) or Rena Sheffer (ShefferRenaA@uams.edu).

The History of Medicine Associates offers an award each year to an individual who is preparing a paper on an aspect of the health sciences in Arkansas. The award is in the amount of $1000 which may be used for expenses related to the project.

The goal of the award is to encourage original research that contributes to the history of the health sciences in Arkansas.

The applicant must submit a brief abstract (about 100 words) of the proposal, statement of the significance of the proposal, summary of the proposal (1-2 pages), detailed budget, anticipated completion date, and brief resume or curriculum vitae.

Proposals should be submitted to the Treasurer of the Associates by May 31, 2003. Guidelines are available from the Treasurer, Margaret Johnson, (501) 686-6733, JohnsonMargaretA@uams.edu, or the UAMS Library webpage www.library.uams.edu/services/HRC/award.htm.
OUTREACH NEWS

NLM’s Links to the Past

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) is the world’s largest biomedical research library. As such it carries enormous responsibilities in many areas. One of the more interesting responsibilities to history buffs is the gathering, maintenance and provision of access to an amazing history of medicine collection.

The History of Medicine Division [HMD] provides access to approximately 59,000 items that cover the historical aspects of medicine as well as the social. The collection is diverse and extensive, including:

- All book-length material in NLM printed before 1914.
- All journals prior to 1871.
- Thousands of pamphlets and dissertations.
- Western manuscripts prior to 1600.
- Modern Manuscripts Collection (includes over 250 oral histories).
- Prints & Photographs Collection (includes caricatures, and other graphic arts in a variety of media).
- Historical Audiovisual Collection (includes materials produced between 1917 – 1970).
- A collection of Arabic and Persian medical manuscripts.
- Reprints of over 1,300 important Chinese medical works, dating from the pre-Han dynasty.

Special Projects

This division also takes part in specialized projects such as the Profiles in Science® web site that makes the archival collections of pioneering biomedical scientists of the 20th century available. For example, if you’d like to read the personal correspondence of Linus Pauling, two time Nobel Prize winner, it is available on this site. The Profiles in Science® web site is accessible at http://profiles.nlm.nih.gov/.

Exhibits are also put together by the HMD focusing on certain areas of biomedical science. Images from the various collections are compiled to create fascinating tours through medicine’s history. One of the most popular was the 1998 exhibit of Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature. Current exhibits and images from past exhibits are available on the web site at: http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/exhibit_pub.html.

Image Database

One of the most interesting responsibilities of the HMD is the maintenance and growth of the Images of History of Medicine (IHM) database. Looking for an image of the 9th Infantry's wheelchair brigade? You could find a photo in the database. Need depictions of the plague from the 17th century? That is available as well.

Over 60,000 images from NLM's historical prints and photographs collection make up this highly specialized database. The images are primarily from periods prior to the 20th century. There are various ways of searching the IHM database. Keyword searches look for your typed term in the item's description and can be limited to title, subject or author. A Browse feature is also included in alphabetic order. To search the IHM database, visit: http://wwwihm.nlm.nih.gov/. The HMD collection is open to the public Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 5:00 pm, except on federal holidays.

To find out if NLM has a particular item in its History of Medicine collection please call the UAMS Library’s Reference Desk at 686-6734. We will be happy to help you.

Also, if you have an interest in the medical history of Arkansas, the UAMS Library houses an extensive Historical Research Center and Archives. To view items in our collection, please contact Margaret Johnson at 686-6733.

THE UAMS LIBRARY'S ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Come find a treasure!

The UAMS Library will hold its annual used book sale on Friday, March 7th, 2003, in the lobby of the ED II Building, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Items to be sold include books removed from our collection and some non-medical books as well.

Most books will sell for $1.00 and the proceeds will be used to support the Library.

If you have books you'd like to donate for the sale, please contact Mary Hawks, HawksMaryS@uams.edu.

THIRD ANNUAL HISTORY OF MEDICINE ASSOCIATES' LECTURE SERIES

The third lecture in the History of Medicine Associates' series on the History of the Medical Sciences will be at 4:00 PM on April 17, 2003, in the Pauly Auditorium (G219) in Ed III.

Dr. Thomas E. Andreoli will present the lecture. Dr. Andreoli is the current holder of the Nolan Chair in Internal Medicine in the UAMS College of Medicine. He is Professor of Internal Medicine and Professor of Physiology and Biophysics. He will discuss the evolution of medical schools.

The Associates are a support group for the Historical Research Center in the UAMS Library. For more information, contact Margaret Johnson, (501) 686-6733, or via e-mail at JohnsonMargaretA@uams.edu.

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, customized class, please contact Susan Steelman, M.L.I.S. at 501-686-6737 or SteelmanSusanC@uams.edu.

Note: On-site classes are available for any Arkansas hospital or clinic where 4 or more health professionals are registered to attend.

March 12 Wednesday 9:00 – 11:00 am
March 27 Thursday 11:00 – 1:00 pm
April 18 Friday 8:00 – 10:00 am