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BUDGET UPDATE

In a previous article of this newsletter, I reported on the budget situation in the UAMS Library. Two-thirds of our collections budget is spent on journals, databases and software from two large European conglomerates. Unfortunately, during the past few years these conglomerates have increased the prices for their products more than the usual 10-15% increases we normally pay for journal subscriptions. I am happy to report that the UAMS Administration has approved a $50,000 increase in the Library’s journal budget for the coming year, which will help us to avoid major cuts in our journal subscriptions for 2004.

We will continue to look for good ways to deal with our budget situation, such as looking for alternative sources of funding and working with consortia to get reduced prices for some journal packages. However, these efforts just address the symptoms and not the problem itself, which is the control of scholarly publishing by large for-profit conglomerates which have monopolies on the biomedical publishing market. Some initiatives are attempting to change the process of scholarly publishing itself, such as BioMed Central (BMC). BMC (www.biomedcentral.com) is an independent publishing house which provides online access to peer-reviewed biomedical articles. It publishes journals in a wide range of biomedical subject categories, the journals have editorial boards and peer-review processes similar to those for traditional print journals, the articles are indexed in MEDLINE, and the free BMC journals are available online through PubMed. Six articles written by UAMS faculty were published in BMC during the past 14 months.

While some BMC journals are available for free, others require a nominal annual subscription fee. In addition to subscription fees, the other major source of support for BMC is a $500 per article publishing fee that authors pay to have their articles published. Because publishing in BMC is an important way to help provide inexpensive access to scholarly information, the Library will purchase an institutional membership in BioMed Central effective July 1, 2003. The institutional membership will allow UAMS authors to avoid the $500 per article publishing fee, and will allow the Library to receive a 15% discount on subscriptions to those BMC journals that are not free. The cost of the institutional subscription is usually $4,650 for an institution the size of UAMS, but because we are subscribing with some of the other members of our regional health sciences library consortium, we will receive a 10% discount.

In another effort to control costs and stay within the current budget, the Library will start charging for printing from the computers in the Library in August, 2003. We were reluctant to implement a charge, but the cost of paper, toner, and printers is too great for us to continue totally subsidizing printing costs. Also, much paper is wasted on copies that are not picked up from the printers or are thrown in the trash, and we think charging will cut down on the waste. The cost will be the same as for photocopies (10 cents), and the vendacards that work with the photocopiers can be used to pay for prints from the computers. Information can also be saved to personal CDs or floppy discs instead of being printed on paper.

Mary L. Ryan, Director

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HISTORY OF MEDICINE ASSOCIATES SPONSOR LECTURE

The History of Medicine Associates’ fourth lecture will be at 4:00 p.m. on May 8, 2003 in the Pauly Auditorium (G219) in Ed III.

Richard C. Baker, a book conservator in private practice in St. Louis, will be the speaker. The title of his lecture is “Saving Little Known Moments in American History.” He will discuss the treatment and historical significance of items he has treated over the years, which includes the first item printed in America: The Oath of a Freeman, (1637). Also included in this discussion is a 1760 manuscript of a poem by an African-American, documents from the transfer of the Louisiana Purchase, and Lewis and Clarke’s journals. Mr. Baker has provided conservation services for numerous books in the UAMS History of Medicine collection, and in addition to the lecture, Mr. Baker will provide conservation estimates for books that audience members bring to the lecture.

Margaret Johnson, Head, Historical Research Center

UAMS LIBRARY WEEKEND HOURS TO CHANGE

Weekend hours at the UAMS Library will be different beginning May 18, 2003. At the request of Library users, the hours have been redistributed to allow for more open time on Saturday and a few hours less on early Sunday afternoons. The total number of hours the Library will be open will not change.

This action reflects users’ continuing requests for longer hours on Saturday, supported by the gate-counts and usage statistics for the weekend hours. Those numbers do show that the number of people using the library on Saturday afternoons is indeed high, and that the amount of usage early Sunday afternoons (between noon and 2pm) is extremely low.

Beginning Sunday, May 18, 2003, the weekend hours for the Library will be:

Saturday 9 am - 6 pm
Sunday 2 pm - 12 Midnight

We hope this adjustment in hours will be a welcome change for our patrons.

Libby Ingram, Head of Circulation

RENEW YOUR BOOKS ONLINE
New Service Available

1. Select the Library Catalog at www.libcatalog.uams.edu
2. Select: Patron Information (Checked Out Items, Renewals)
3. Enter your name: First Name Last Name (e.g., Jane Smith)
4. Enter your UAMS badge number with the 21732000 prefix + number.
5. Click on the line listing the number of items currently checked out.
6. Choose to "Renew All" or "Renew Selected Items" by clicking on the boxes.
7. The new due date will appear.

Books may be renewed two times after the original checkout if the items have no holds. Journals cannot be renewed.

Please contact the Circulation Desk by e-mail at LibraryCirculation@uams.edu or by phone at 686-5980 for assistance.
JOURNAL CITATION REPORTS

UAMS Library now provides Web access to the 2001 Science Edition of Journal Citation Reports (JCR) for UAMS and ACH.

It contains journal evaluation data from roughly 5,000 journals in the areas of science and technology. Coverage is both multidisciplinary and international. It shows the relationship between citing and cited journals in a clear, easy-to-use way.

The following information is collected or calculated for every journal covered:

- Citation and Article Counts
- Impact Factor - this is what you have all been asking for!!!
- Immediacy Index
- Cited Half-Life
- Citing Half-Life
- Source Data Listing
- Citing Journal Listing
- Cited Journal Listing
- Subject Categories
- Publisher Information
- Journal Title Changes

The publisher claims that "it presents quantifiable statistical data that provides a systematic, objective way to determine the relative importance of journals within their subject categories."

Authors use it to identify journals in which to publish, confirm the status of journals in which they have published, confirm the status of journals which have cited their articles, and identify journals relevant to their research.

Librarians use it to manage and maintain journal collections and budget for subscriptions.

For further information on JCR Web, Science Edition contact the UAMS Library's Reference Desk: 686-6734, libraryinformationservices@uams.edu.

Sally Kasalko, MLS
Reference Librarian

ePocrates in the News

The US Dept. of Health and Human Services is developing a system using handheld PDA's to transmit urgent information about biological agents to clinicians.

The 3-month pilot project will be managed by the Health and Human Services Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). They are testing the "Doc Alerts" message feature in the ePocrates handheld system which is widely used by physicians in the U.S. The messages will be coded with the most urgent (category A) listed as biological diseases/agents, and web links will be included for additional information.


Currently, anyone can download the free clinical drug database (Rx 6.0) version of ePocrates. It's only available for the Palm OS and uses 2.5 MB.

The advanced version, ePocrates (Rx Pro), is available for the Palm OS and Pocket PC for $49.99/year. This version includes alternative medicine monographs and interactions with prescription drugs, ePocrates ID infectious disease guide, clinical tables and guidelines, and a MedMath clinical calculator. The advanced application uses 3.0MB on the Palm OS, and 4.0MB on the Pocket PC.

The online desktop version of ePocrates Rx is scheduled to be released this spring.

To download these applications onto your PDA, logon to: www.epocrates.com.

Abby Holt, MLS
Campus Outreach Liaison
EXHIBITING: A CHANCE TO PROMOTE NLM & UAMS

As Arkansas’ Resource Library for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine [NN/LM], the UAMS Library exhibits at conferences and meetings of health care professionals. There are multiple purposes to these exhibits.

- To promote databases, products, and services available to health professionals from the National Library of Medicine (NLM).
- To announce NLM funding opportunities available to hospitals, clinics and health care agencies.
- To promote training classes taught by the UAMS Library. These classes emphasize the most efficient and proper use of NLM’s resources.
- To promote medical library services through the UAMS Library and the Area Health Education Center Libraries.
- To network with health professionals around the state.

Exhibits are also provided to the public, but these exhibits have slightly different purposes. We exhibit at health fairs in order to promote NLM’s consumer health products such as MEDLINEplus (medlineplus.gov) and ToxTown (toxtown.nlm.nih.gov). We also use these health fairs as a way to promote the state’s consumer health web site, ARHealthLINK (www.arhealthlink.org).

The following is a list of exhibits completed in the last year.

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The following photos were taken at the April exhibit of the Grand Prairie Health & Wellness Expo in Stuttgart.
Abby Holt describes ARHealthLINK to a visitor. (view larger)

Susan Steelman with the display prior to the fair opening. (view larger)

Abby Holt demonstrates ARHealthLINK for two booth visitors. (view larger)

For additional information about UAMS Library exhibits, please contact Susan Steelman, M.L.I.S., Coordinator of Outreach Services at 501-686-6737 / SteelmanSusanC@uams.edu.

Susan Steelman, MLIS
Coordinator of Outreach Services
We would like to introduce you to the variety of resources that are available to UAMS faculty, staff, and students. Each month, the Library will ‘show case’ a different resource and offer a demonstration during one of the “Friday@Noon” sessions.

FEATURED RESOURCE OF THE MONTH: ONLINE TEXTBOOKS

Go to www.library.uams.edu and select ‘Electronic Reference Sources’ from the left toolbar on the Library homepage. The following resources are included:

- **STAT!Ref** – Find fast, reliable answers to clinical questions. STAT!Ref quickly cross references 70,000 pages of medical text from numerous publishers. Developed by physicians, STAT!Ref is a powerful search tool that delivers relevancy ranked results instantly.
- **MD Consult** – 40 textbooks to choose from. Includes drug information, patient handouts, practice guidelines, and CME modules. To access these books, open the ‘Generic Edition’ of the database and then choose ‘Books’ from the left MD Consult toolbar.
- **Harrison’s Principle’s of Internal Medicine ONLINE** – on-campus only. The complete text, illustrations and expanded features from the 15th edition of Harrison’s are available, including additional references, an easy drug look-up database, links to MEDLINE™ abstracts, and important information from emerging fields.
- **Books@Ovid** – 12 online books which include: Washington Manual of Medical Therapeutics, Kaplan and Sadock’s Comprehensive Textbook of Psychiatry, 5-Minute Emergency Medicine Consult, and a few more. To search Books@Ovid, select ‘Ovid Database Searching’ from the top of the Library homepage, then choose ‘Without Password’ and select “Books@Ovid” from the list of databases.
- **PubMed** – 20 online books which include: Cancer Medicine, The Cell, Essentials of Glycobiology, Developmental Biology, and more. These free books are searchable and available to everyone. Logon to http://pubmed.gov and select “Books” on the top toolbar.

(follow instructions in the description to access Books@Ovid and PubMed Books)

The Friday@Noon demonstration for Reference Textbooks will be held in ED III, room G226 at noon on Friday, May 9.

For more information about these workshops, please contact Abby Holt at 686-6748 holtabby@uams.edu or Sharon Keel at 686-6735 keelsharone@uams.edu.

To find out information about any of our resources, please contact the Reference Department at: 686-6734 or email: libraryinformationservices@uams.edu.

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Sharon Keel,
Reference Assistant
REFERENCES EXPRESS
DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS? WE HAVE ANSWERS. AND, WE TRAVEL!

What is Reference Express?
Reference Express is a new instruction/help service. Essentially, this service brings the reference desk to you.

How does this work?
Each Reference Express session is informal. Each is held in conjunction with meetings or journal clubs that are already scheduled. Reference librarians will come to your meeting room area before the meeting and answer individual questions ("How do I find an article in our electronic journals?") or show the newest library resources.

What technology is needed?
Electrical outlets and an Internet connection, which might be in the conference room or outside in a hallway.

Has it been done before?
The first session of Reference Express was held a couple of months ago for Internal Medicine Grand Rounds and was very popular.

Want more information?
To learn more or schedule a visit from Reference Express, call Rena Sheffer at 686-6736 or the Reference Desk at 686-6734.

Rena Sheffer, MLS
Instruction Librarian

USED BOOK SALE
The UAMS Library held its annual used book sale on March 7th, 2003. Many people came and bought, and helped support the UAMS Library.

THANKS!

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.

May 23 Friday 9:00 – 11:00 am
June 17 Tuesday 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Note: On-site classes are available for any Arkansas hospital or clinic where 4 or more health professionals are registered to attend.
The National Library of Medicine is constantly working on refining and improving access to MEDLINE through PubMed. One of the more useful features they have added recently is the ability for local libraries to identify their holdings so that searchers can limit the retrieval to local library holdings. Just this past month, the CAVHS Library has done just that. In order to take advantage of this feature users must connect to PubMed either through the link on the Learning Resources Service Homepage or by entering a special URL: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?holding=arcavhlib.

Once connected, the user must then add the following to any search statement: AND loprovarcavhlib[sb].

In many cases, full-text articles will be identified with a button that can be clicked to take the searcher directly to the article. What makes this especially valuable is that access is provided not only to the print subscriptions the library maintains but also the full-text articles available through EBSCOhost and MDConsult!

One proviso, though, is that access to full-text online is dependent on the Librarian working in concert with the publisher to activate the links, and policies vary with the publishers on how this is accomplished. Searchers are asked, then, to contact any of the Librarians at the VA when they encounter a problem.

George M. Zumwalt,
Chief, Learning Resources Service

[Editor’s note: for those wishing to access this service via the UAMS access to PubMed, and to be able to limit to journals owned by UAMS, we have included this information: The first step is either to access PubMed via the UAMS home page (www.library.uams.edu) or to use this url: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?holding=uamslib. Then to limit to UAMS holdings, add the following to any search statement: AND loprovuamslib[sb]. The rest of the above information is the same.]