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UAMS Library Website Redesigned

The UAMS Library Website (www.library.uams.edu) has been redesigned to be an even better gateway to the Library's resources. Favorite services and resources are included, but they may have been moved to a different location. Also, some new resources and facilities are making their debut on the Website.

Two main categories, **Online Resources** and **Library Services**, make it easier and faster to find what you need:

The new Online Resources category pulls together access to resources available via the Internet.

The Databases link provides access to Medline through Ovid and PubMed, plus many additional databases such as Clinical Pharmacology, MedlinePlus, and the Ebsco databases that include CINAHL and PsycINFO.

Under the new **Clinical Resources** category are resources designed to provide immediate access to clinical information resources useful at the point of care, such as UptoDate, MedWeaver, and StatREF!.

The new **Library Services** link provides access to the various services and departments of the UAMS Library. Here are:

- Interlibrary Loan (which includes the link to ILLiad),
- the Learning Resource Center,
- the Historical Research Center,
- the Circulation Department
- the Reference Services Department,
- the Collection Management Department
- and Library Administration

Another change: Instead of being in one place, **forms** requesting services are now found directly under the appropriate Library Services link. For example, a link to the History of Medicine Associates Membership form at the bottom of the Historical Research Center page.

The new **Hot Topics** section presents two new resources appearing on the UAMS Library Website for the first time:

- Scholarly Publishing Updates, and
- UAMS Copyright Policy and Guidelines.

**PDA Resources**, the **Library Access Grid**, and the **Faculty Development Room** are making their first appearance on the Library Homepage because we want to make sure that you know about these helpful resources and facilities.

Jan Hart, Assistant Director of the Library, and Eric Dousay, the Library's web manager, have worked closely with other members of the Library staff over the past year to redesign the site. The redesign was based on a lot of research and compliance with commonly accepted usability standards. We would really like to know your thoughts about the redesigned Website.

The Library faculty and staff realize that it may take a little time to get used to the changes, but it is sincerely hoped that you find the redesigned Website easier to use, and that you can easily see all of the services and resources available to you.

Please send comments, suggestions, and questions to: LibraryReferenceServices@uams.edu.
JEAN ANN MOLES RETIRES

After 30 years of service to the UAMS Library, Jean Ann Moles retired June 30, 2004 to enjoy her garden, her animals, life with her husband J. Louis, and whatever else comes along.

Jean Ann became Serials Librarian in 1974 and has been a major player in the development of the strong serials collection at UAMS. In 2001 Jean Ann accepted the job of Electronic Serials Coordinator. All the knowledge she had gained through the years of marshalling the print journals laid the groundwork for her new job mastering electronic journals. Jean Ann became an extension of the Reference Department as she was the trouble-shooter for PDF articles that wouldn’t load, passwords that wouldn’t work, and publishers’ servers that suddenly weren’t available. She had a way of empathizing with faculty who desperately needed an article for a grant deadline or presentation. At least one faculty member at his wits end was surprised to find Jean Ann in his office door with his elusive journal article in her hand.

In December 2003 Jean Ann wrote:

“These past years have been among the most interesting of my professional career. After initial trepidation I learned e-journals. Once you are immersed in the field you discover that e-journals are just journals after all. Publishers are still publishers.”

From 1974 to 2004 much has changed in the Library, especially relating to journals. We will miss Jean Ann’s span of experience as a Serials Librarian, but we’re also grateful for her devotion to this campus and the people she’s helped and known. Most of all we’ll just miss Jean Ann.

Mary Hawks,
Collection Management Librarian
USE OF UAMS LIBRARY’S LRC FOR TESTING GROWS

This was a busy year for testing in the Library’s Learning Resource Center (LRC). Two hundred and ten (210) tests were given to students from all of the UAMS colleges. This is a 72% increase in the number of tests given when compared to those given in the academic year 2002/2003. There have been very few days when there has not been at least one test going on in the LRC. Tests have been given using Authorware, WebCT, and Perception as well as a few customized tests for special programs.

Testing is handled in two ways in the LRC. Instructors may reserve LRC facilities for specific times when all students come at the same time and take a test. Or students may work with the LRC staff to arrange for “window of opportunity” testing in which the students come by at any time during a specified time period to take their tests. The LRC checks photo IDs and requires students to sign in before logging students into a test.

College of Medicine students have been taking “window of opportunity” tests, but due to the large class size the students are required to reserve a specific time period before testing begins. When large numbers of students are taking tests, the LRC works together with Academic Services and Academic Computing to make use of multiple computer labs in the LRC and on the 8th floor of the Education Building.

Instructors and students were pleased to discover that students could take tests in the LRC on evenings and weekends. Students have generally had a positive attitude toward being able to select times that are convenient and that they believe are times when they can give their peak performance.

Please contact Joanna Delavan, (686-6752, DelavanJoannaE@uams.edu) or Jan Hart, (686-6751, HartJaniceK@uams.edu), for further information.

RESOURCE OF THE MONTH: PDA NEWS

Epocrates just released the new ePocrates Dx for the Palm. This PDA diagnosis tool uses the Griffiths 5-Minute Clinical Consult integrated with ePocrates Rx reference and ICD-9-CM codes. This application needs 5.5MB of free memory and costs $59.99 for a one-year subscription and $99.99 for a two-year subscription. However, UAMS affiliates get 50% off ALL ePocrates products.

This resource is available for Palm systems only. The Pocket PC version is currently under development and will be released at a later date. Please contact Abby Holt, (holtabby@uams.edu), for the ePocrates discount code.

Abby Holt, MLS
Campus Outreach Liaison

VISITORS AND ACCESS TO COMPUTERS AND THE INTERNET

The UAMS Library is eager to assist visitors seeking health information, including students involved in biomedical research. Visitors are welcome to peruse the collections, particularly the Library’s consumer health collection housed behind the Reference Desk. Visitors are also welcome to use the limited number (currently eight) of computers on the First Floor of the Library that are set aside for the general public. The Library’s Computer Use Policy for Visitors outlines the Library’s policy for use of computers and the Internet, the behaviors considered inappropriate on UAMS Library computers, and restrictions on children using the computers. Please see further details in the policy.
ACCESS GRID USAGE INCREASES

As word of mouth and other advertising techniques spread the information about the Access Grid located in the UAMS Library, the number of interested parties asking for more information has increased.

The Access Grid is an Internet 2-based, real-time conferencing tool that allows participants to meet face to face without leaving UAMS. The use of the Access Grid totally eliminates phone conferencing. Currently there are over 200 Access Grids worldwide with the number increasing almost daily.

UAMS has two Access Grids. One is on the eighth floor of the College of Public Health building. It is more suitable for large audience presentations. The other is located on the third floor of the UAMS Library and it is best suited for small group meetings.

Library personnel are also setting up a PIG (Personal Interface to the Grid). A PIG is a single machine (usually a laptop) that runs the Access Grid software and allows a single user to meet with other users with access to an Access Grid. Both the UAMS Library Access Grid and the PIG were purchased by BRIN (Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network) funds.

The Access Grid in the UAMS Library has been used for a number of activities, including a class, board meetings, Genomic seminars, and numerous other group meetings. Using the Access Grid for these events allows the participants to meet with people from different locations while feeling they are in the same room with each other. There is no charge for UAMS faculty and staff to use the Access Grid.

This is exciting technology and we are fortunate to have it available here at UAMS. For more information please visit http://www.library.uams.edu/AccessGrid/AGHome.aspx or call Heather Smith at 686-8116 or email hlsmith@uams.edu.

Heather Smith,
Curriculum Support Liaison

UAMS LIBRARY REFINES VISITOR COMPUTER USE POLICY

Beginning July 6, 2004, non-UAMS visitors to the UAMS Library will be asked to read and follow the Library’s Computer Use Policy for Visitors before being assigned a special password that allows access to the Library’s 8 public computers.

The full policy is available at http://www.library.uams.edu/policy/visitcomp.aspx.

For more information please call Reference Services at 686-6734.
CINAHL AND PSYCINFO ON EBSCOHOST:
FAMILIAR FEATURES, MORE FULL-TEXT

The UAMS Library now provides access to CINAHL and PsycINFO via EBSCOhost. Please note that CINAHL access via Ovid expires June 30, 2004; PsycINFO access via Ovid expires February 28, 2005. If you have questions about switching from Ovid to EBSCOhost, contact the Reference Services Desk at LibraryReferenceServices@uams.edu or 501-686-6734.

The EBSCOhost interface provides familiar options for searching and saving citations. Added-value features include more links to full-text content and the ability to email full-text articles in PDF format when available.

CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature) includes links to 60 full-text journal titles, with easy access to an additional 550 full-text journals available through EBSCOhost’s Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition.

PsycINFO includes direct links to 500 full-text journal titles available through EBSCOhost’s Psychology and Behavioral Sciences full-text collection.

Legal, business, education, and news databases are also available on EBSCOhost. Visit the UAMS Library web site http://www.library.uams.edu/resources/databases.aspx to view a complete listing.
The UAMS Library Staff who publish the *UAMS Library News* have graciously agreed to allow me to contribute on a regular basis to their publication. I will use this column to highlight various services the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare Library offers that you may not be aware of. I will try to keep this column informal and as informative as possible.

First some basics about the Library or Libraries at the VA. We have two Health Sciences Libraries: one in Little Rock and one in North Little Rock. You may use both. The one in Little Rock is located on the seventh floor in room 7D120. It is staffed Monday through Friday from 7:30 in the morning to 4:30 in the afternoon. After hours access is available by signing for a key in the admissions area of the hospital. The library in North Little Rock is in Building 170 (the one where the hospital is located) opposite the Canteen on the first floor. It is staffed Monday through Friday also but is closed daily from noon to 1:00 and on Friday from noon to 4:00 to allow the librarian to visit the wards.

Each library has a good selection of journals, books, and audio-visuals as well as public access computers. Persons needing assistance in conducting literature searching may contact the librarians, Edward Poletti at Little Rock and Glenna McCowan at North Little Rock. Interlibrary loans are available at no charge to those on VA rotation. The library also offers free photocopying to those on VA rotation.

As always, let us know if we can be of assistance.

Edward J. Poletti,
Chief, Learning Resources Service