The College of Medicine needs a large space where 175 students can participate in active learning sessions in small teams, and a similar space is needed for the UAMS interprofessional curriculum and probably for other uses in the future. During the last few months groups from various campus units have developed and reviewed multiple space plans, taking into account location, functionality, access, costs, teaching/testing/scheduling needs of all colleges and the Graduate School, and availability by August 1, 2012, to name a few. The options were reviewed by Dr. Rahn, and the Library was chosen as the location for the UAMS Active Learning Center.

This will result in several changes to the Library during the coming months.

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- A large new study space will be built on the south end of the 3rd floor of the Library. The Library staff and volunteers have completed shifting 140,000 volumes of journals and books to make room for the new study area. Vacant shelving has been dismantled and removed from the Library. Carpet has been ordered, additional lighting and electrical outlets will be added, and glass panels will be installed to enclose this area. It will contain a variety of furniture, including soft seating, study carrels and tables. We anticipate that this area will be available mid-April. It will become the temporary 24/7 study space while the first floor 24/7 space is closed for renovation.

- The current first floor study space (fishbowl) will be renovated for use as the Active Learning Center during parts of the day, and will be available for study the rest of the time. It will also continue to serve as the 24/7 space available when the Library is closed.

- Several new group study rooms/areas will be added to the 24/7 space on the first floor. These include the soft seating area in the southeast corner of the 1st floor (which will be enclosed with a glass wall), and some currently vacant offices on the west side of the floor.

A renovation timeline will be posted on the Library’s website with regular updates, signs will be posted within the Library with further information as different areas are being renovated, and updates will be sent to the associate deans to be distributed to students periodically as the renovations progress. We will do all we can to provide adequate study space during the renovations.

In summary, the renovations will result in a significant increase in student study/collaboration space throughout the Library, and we think you will be pleased with the results. We will provide more details on the Library’s website and in further messages as the details become available. We look forward to providing you with a better library.

A layout of the post-renovation first floor, including the Active Learning Center is on the following page.

- Mary Ryan, Library Director

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Furniture, computers, pods, electrified tables will be distributed between the new 24/7 areas and the 2nd floor. The 2nd floor will be reorganized to provide better study areas there.

A new quiet/silent study area will be added at the south end of the 3rd floor. Journals and stacks have been removed and new furniture will be added. Some computers will be provided in this area.

The Learning Studio will have 33 tables of 6 students each=198.

There will be 10 80” LCD panels on walls around the Learning Center.
Recent Funding Awards for the UAMS Library

The UAMS Library recently received four funding awards from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region (funded by the National Library of Medicine at NIH). The four awards are as follows:

1) Digital Preservation and Access (DiPA) Award – The purpose of this $24,000 funding award is to increase accessibility to historically significant and unique items in the South Central Region by enabling libraries to digitize portions of their collections and to make the digital collections freely available online. The UAMS Library, the only library in the region to receive this award this year, will use the funding to purchase a high-end scanner to digitize and provide online access to the pre-1924 publications of the Arkansas Medical Society.

1) Resource Library Outreach Subcontract – The fifteen academic health sciences libraries in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas are eligible to apply for $15,000 annual awards to support outreach activities promoting the products and services of the National Library of Medicine, such as PubMed and MedlinePlus. The UAMS Library will use the funding to exhibit at health fairs and health professional meetings, as well as to provide PubMed training and other classes for unaffiliated health professionals.

1) Express Outreach Award - The project funding of $5,000 will be used to provide equipment for two health information centers that will use MedlinePlus as a primary source of authoritative, easy to read patient education materials. The centers will be at the Mexican Consulate and the 12th Street Community Clinic in Little Rock. The UAMS Library will purchase, install and maintain computer equipment for the health information centers, provide MedlinePlus training to healthcare workers, and will ensure that relevant printed MedlinePlus patient information materials are routinely available in Spanish as well as English.

1) Cindy Caton, the Head of the Interlibrary Loan Department in the Library received a $1,500 Professional Development Award to attend the ILLiad International Conference in Virginia Beach, VA.

The UAMS Library was also one of only three libraries outside of the New England region invited recently to participate in a three-year project funded by the National Library of Medicine to provide training and access to a wide variety of information resources for the employees of the Arkansas Department of Health. The project also includes reimbursement to the UAMS Library for interlibrary loans of articles provided to the ADH employees.

- Mary Ryan
Arkansas e-Link Awards Equipment to UAMS Library

The UAMS Library was recently awarded one public access computer and one interactive video network setup as part of the e-Link project. According to the e-Link website http://cdh.uams.edu/arkansaselink, “This project will upgrade, expand, and integrate fragmented, limited bandwidth broadband networks by offering 474 community anchor institutions substantial broadband upgrades, added broadband equipment and connectivity to a fiber backbone to meet broadband needs in healthcare, higher education, public safety, and research in unserved, underserved, and economically distressed areas in Arkansas.”

The public access computer is located on the first floor allowing patrons quick access to online health resources. There is no login to this computer at this time, simply ask a reference librarian or staff member at the circulation desk for help. Access to editing programs such as Microsoft Word is unavailable on this computer. It is strictly Internet activity only. Please use one of the other public computers for access to other programs.

The interactive video network (IVN) setup is located on the third floor of the Library in the Digital Conferencing Center. This setup will allow participants to meet with other distant sites for video conferences using compressed video rather than the IOCOM/Access Grid equipment. Having the dual capability in the Digital Conferencing Center will allow us to meet with most video conferencing centers. As part of our agreement, the Library will be working on offering instruction to other institutions on using health related resources readily available online such as Medline Plus and ToxTown.

Please contact Fred Bassett at 501-686-5428 or bassetfrede@uams.edu to schedule a video conference or to discuss your video conferencing needs. For more information about the Digital Conferencing Center go to http://www.library.uams.edu/dcf/dcfhome.aspx.

- Heather Smith
UAMS Librarian Selected for Biomedical Informatics Fellowship

Web Services Librarian Jon Goodell was recently selected to attend the spring session of the Biomedical Informatics course at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA. This course is offered twice a year and is limited to 30 fellows per session. The fellowship is funded by the National Library of Medicine. Course directors include James Cimino from the National Institutes of Health and Joyce Mitchell from the University of Utah.

The week long Biomedical Informatics course covers such topics as biomedical informatics methods, clinical decision support, telemedicine, ethics, evaluation, genetics/genomics and informatics, information retrieval, PubMed and other National Library of Medicine resources, principles of controlled biomedical terminology, and public and population health informatics.

As part of his work in the Library Education and Reference Services Department, Jon Goodell serves as Library Liaison to the UAMS College of Public Health, Arkansas Department of Health, UAMS Center for Rural Health, and the new UAMS Physician Assistant program. Jon is an active member of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association and serves on the Board of the Arkansas Library Association.

If you have attended the course before or have any suggestions about things to see and do in the Woods Hole area, Jon would love to hear from you at jgoodell@uams.edu.

- Jon Goodell

UAMS Library Implements Staff Reorganization

A reorganization plan for Library personnel has been implemented. The plan included redistributing the duties of the retiring Head of Document Access Services & Systems to various departments, and creating a Head of Education & Reference Services position. Specific changes included the following:

- Libby Ingram, Head of Circulation, assumed responsibility for the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Department and became the Head of Document Access Services (Circulation & ILL).

- Heather Smith, Head of the Learning Resource Center, assumed responsibility for the Systems Department and became the Head of the Learning Resource Center & Systems.

- Daphne Hyatt, Head of Collection Management, assumed responsibility for many of the maintenance duties related to the Innovative Interfaces system used for acquisitions and cataloging of books, journals and databases.

- Susan Steelman assumed the position of Head of Education & Reference Services.

- Jon Goodell, Web Manager, assumed responsibility for coordinating the Library’s outreach activities with entities outside of UAMS.

Thanks to the hard work of the people mentioned above, the transition to the new organization of duties has gone well.

- Mary Ryan

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Save the Date: Teaching With Technology Annual Symposium

The 2012 Teaching with Technology Symposium is scheduled for July 19-20, 2012. Please mark your calendars! This year’s theme is Engaging Our Students: Technology & Active Learning. We will have wonderful speakers, ideas, and methods of engaging students in active learning, both online and in the classroom.

For more information contact Kristal Boulden at kboulden@uams.edu.

The Teaching with Technology Committee http://www.uams.edu/tnt/ coordinates a weekly series of presentations and demonstrations.

March 15 Scott Dawe of Echo360 will give a presentation on products to support blended learning. http://echo360.com/blended-learning/informational-videos/echo360-explained/

March 29 we will have a presentation on Mediasite Lecture Capture and Video CMS. http://www.sonicfoundry.com/mediasite

Visit https://video.uams.edu/index.aspx (requires UAMS Domain login) for archived eTech@Noon presentations. Contact Jon Goodell at jgoodell@uams.edu if you have questions about eTech@Noon presentations.