Dena Plaisted Retires

Dena Plaisted, Head of Document Access Services and Systems, is retiring on June 30th after working in the UAMS Library for eleven years. Her responsibilities included supervision of the activities of the Library’s circulation, interlibrary loan (ILL) and systems departments, and service on the Library’s management team.

During her time here, Dena automated the ILL process, enabling requestors to submit article requests electronically and receive the articles online, usually within 24 hours of request. The interlibrary loan department almost always had the highest (or close to the highest) interlibrary loan fill rate of the fifteen academic health sciences libraries in our five-state region. Dena also coordinated the Interlibrary Loan Committee for the South Central Academic Medical Libraries Consortium (SCAMeL), and has been consulted on interlibrary loan issues by many health sciences librarians throughout the region. The Library’s circulation and systems departments flourished under Dena’s leadership as well, and many improvements were made in both departments during her time here. Dena also served ably as the Library’s liaison with the seven UAMS Area Health Education Center libraries.

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Dena’s contributions to UAMS actually began long before she came here eleven years ago. From January of 1976-April of 1990, Dena served as the first director of the AHEC library in Texarkana, where she built the library from scratch and turned it into one of the largest and busiest of the AHEC libraries. Dena then served in various positions at the National Network of Libraries of Medicine office at the Texas Medical Center Library in Houston from 1991-1997, during which time she trained many librarians, health professionals and consumers throughout the region to utilize the products and services provided by the National Library of Medicine, including PubMed and MedlinePlus. Dena returned to Arkansas to serve as the director of the Delta Health Education Center Library and the Coordinator of Library Services for the Phillips Community College from 1997-2000.

Service to the profession is another of Dena’s many contributions. She presented numerous papers and posters at Medical Library Association (MLA) and South Central Chapter/MLA meetings, served on many professional committees, was SCC/MLA President in 1984/85, and received the SCC/MLA Distinguished Service Award in 1993.

Dena has made many contributions to the UAMS Library and the AHEC libraries throughout the state, and to health sciences libraries and health professionals throughout Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and New Mexico through her work with SCAMEL and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. She will be sorely missed by her colleagues at the UAMS Library, AHEC libraries and scores of other libraries throughout the region. We thank Dena for her many years of dedicated service to libraries and health professionals, and we wish her health and happiness in her retirement years.

- Mary Ryan, Library Director

Visit Dena’s Retirement Celebration event page on Facebook to leave Dena a message.

Questions? Comments?
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Cynthia Pitcock Presents 2011 History of Medicine Lecture

On May 5, 2011 The Society for the History of Medicine and the Health Professions (SHMHP) sponsored the 2011 Lecture in the History of Health Science. Cynthia Pitcock PhD presented a lecture entitled Bugs, Worms, and Bad Water. The lecture was an overview of the history of challenges facing public health workers in Arkansas.

A highlight of the lecture was images of different historical structures and dwellings that allowed insects to enter and the steps that have been taken to block those insects to prevent malaria, yellow fever, and other insect-borne diseases.

Dr. Pitcock is an associate professor of History of Medicine in the Division of Medical Humanities at UAMS. She earned the MAT at Vanderbilt University on a Ford Foundation Grant before receiving her PhD in history from the University of Memphis. Dr. Pitcock teaches two senior electives: From Sects to Science: the History of Medicine in America and William Osler: Genesis of Modern Medicine. She was recently named to the Board of Directors of the American Osler Society, the first woman to hold that position. She is an overseas Fellow of The Royal Society of Medicine, London, and on the Executive Board of the International Society for the History of Medicine.

The Society for the History of Medicine and Health Professions is a support (friends) group for the UAMS Library’s Historical Research Center. Its purpose is to enhance the resources of the history collection beyond the Library’s regular resources. The membership numbers about a hundred, but they are continually seeking more to join them in meeting the organization’s goals. For more information on SHMHP, visit http://www.library.uams.edu/hrc/HMA.htm or contact Amanda Saar at 686-6733 or SaarAmandaE@uams.edu

- Joanna Delavan

4000 PDF Books Available for Free Online

The National Academies Press (NAP) announced on June 2 that all PDF versions of books published by NAP can now be downloaded for free. NAP publishes materials for the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and the National Research Council. To access these books, you can link from the Library’s eBooks page http://www.library.uams.edu/resources/ebooks.aspx or search directly from http://www.nap.edu.

- Daphne Hyatt
Julie Adamo, NLM Associate Fellow, Visits UAMS Library

For my Spring Practicum week as a National Library of Medicine Associate Fellow, I chose to visit the UAMS Library. For my practicum, I wanted to visit a school with a strong medical humanities program. I developed an interest in medical humanities during my time as a student at the School of Information and Library Science at UNC-Chapel Hill, and wanted a chance to connect with people who are active in the field. Because Mary Ryan, Director of the UAMS Library, is on NLM’s Board of Regents, it was natural to choose UAMS.

During my visit to UAMS I had the opportunity to meet with leaders in all departmental areas of the Library, spend a day at the Delta AHEC, meet with Drs. Charles Anderson and Karen Drummond in the medical humanities department, attend a bioethics lecture by Dr. Chris Hackler at the North Little Rock VA, and visit the Clinton Presidential Library. Additionally, I had the opportunity to sample a wide variety of signature fried foods, including fried catfish, fried asparagus, fried chicken, sweet potatoes, and hush puppies! I was definitely well-fed while in Arkansas.

It was an honor to visit UAMS and to meet and learn from the gracious and wonderful librarians and professors who work there. The warmth and welcoming nature of everyone there was unmatched. Thank you so much for the opportunity to spend a week in Arkansas. My love for the South grew stronger as a result of my visit.

- Julie Adamo

UAMS Library Focuses on Facilities

As part of the Library’s Strategic Plan outlining goals and objectives for the next five years a group was formed to address the physical needs of the Library. The Facilities Team met and assessed the public areas of the Library for clean up, repair, painting and renovation as well as esthetic needs. They also reviewed recommendations received from students on ways to improve the Library. Items such as more electrical outlets, enhanced lighting, better signage, and security needs will be addressed in the future.

Some of projects have already been completed. Over Christmas break the lighting in the 24-hour area of the first floor was serviced allowing a much brighter area. The Core Collection was moved into the 24-hour area for easier student access and soon the copiers will be placed where the Core Collection was once housed.

On May 24th and 25th the Library had clean-up days. The Library staff went out into the public areas and cleaned the walls, the carpets, dusted shelves, polished furniture and sanitized computer keyboards, table tops and carrels. The Recycling Team assisted with acquiring a large temporary recycle bin and Library Staff was able recycle paper from old unnecessary files.

If you have any questions or suggestions of ways to improve the Library facility contact Mary Carson at carsonmaryl@uams.edu.

- Joanna Delavan and Mary Carson
UAMS Library “Rolling on the River” at Arkansas Library Paraprofessional Spring Conference

The 2011 Arkansas Library Paraprofessional (ALPS) Spring Conference was held at the Holiday Inn City Center in Fort Smith, Arkansas May 18 – 20. The theme this year was *Rollin’ on the River: Keeping Libraries Current* with many great sessions such as adult programming using a recycling theme, active shooter, and genealogy for beginners.

The Keynote speaker, Marvin Williams, inspired the attendees with his “P3=Personal Professional Package.” Marvin, a native of Osceola and a program coordinator in the Advising Center at the University of Central Arkansas gave his “formula” for professional behavior. He challenged the attendees to come up with their own formula for professional success.

Activities at the conference included an Icebreaker event Wednesday night at the Fort Smith Museum and book cart drills teams on Thursday night. This was the first year for the ALPS Conference to include exhibits with the UAMS Library bringing the NLM Exhibit. Pictured above is Jon Goodell, Web Services Librarian, providing information about the many health information resources available from the National Library of Medicine.

To see videos of the book cart drill that several libraries participated in on the first night of the conference check out the Arkansas Library Association’s YouTube channel. [http://www.youtube.com/arkansaslibraryassoc](http://www.youtube.com/arkansaslibraryassoc)

- Loretta Edwards

Register Now for the Teaching With Technology Symposium

Join us July 21 and 22 for the fourth annual UAMS Teaching with Technology Symposium.

This year’s workshops and learning sessions showcase trends in mobile and web-based learning strategies, collaborative tools and inexpensive technology solutions. The Symposium is open to anyone interested in using technology to enhance teaching and learning, including educators, librarians, instructional designers and administrators.

Registration and student discounts are currently available. Early bird registration is available until July 11, 2011. Visit [www.twtsymposium.com](http://www.twtsymposium.com) to view the program schedule and register for the Symposium.

- Kristal Boulden
UAMS Library Liaison Program

The UAMS Library Liaison Program was established to foster partnerships between the Library and the research, educational, clinical, and outreach programs at UAMS. Members of the UAMS community are encouraged to contact their liaison with any questions about library information resources, services, or training opportunities.

A few of the services provided by Library Liaisons:
- Updates on new library resources and services
- Consultations and specialized search strategy development
- Library orientations, tours, presentations, and training
- Integrate research and information management skills into the curriculum
- Collaborative participation in evaluating resources
- Tailored library services
- Introductions to the Access Grid facility, Teaching Resource Center, and Learning Resource Center
- Assistance with copyright and fair use questions

The UAMS Library provides individual Liaisons or Liaison Teams for each of the five colleges and numerous clinical areas throughout the hospital and the UAMS campus. In addition, the Library Liaison program provides support to the Institutes, Centers, and partners associated with the mission of UAMS.

For a full Liaison contact list and more information about the service, please visit the Library Liaison Program web page http://www.library.uams.edu/AboutLib/Liaison.aspx .

- Debra Miller

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- Kristal Boulden
“Patient Care in AR” Student Interprofessional Seminar

“Patient Care in AR” was the topic of the fifth and final session of the Interprofessional Electronic Health Records, Medical Informatics and Emerging Technologies Seminar Series held on April 19, 2011. Ray Scott, MSW, State Coordinator for Health Information Technology, gave a presentation on the health information technology initiatives both nationally and within the state of Arkansas. He facilitated a panel discussion among health care professionals from ARcare, Arkansas Tech University, and Harding University. ARcare focuses on providing quality healthcare to rural Arkansas and is a model for interprofessional patient-based care. Mr. Scott and the panelists were chosen as our ‘cleanup hitters’ to put the series sessions into the perspective of patient care in Arkansas as the healthcare environment is rapidly changing. You can view session on the UAMS video index (http://video.uams.edu). Requires UAMS network account.

The panelists included:

ARcare
Steven F. Collier, M.D. - ARcare Chief Executive Officer
Brenda Kennedy, D.B.A, RN – ARcare Quality Director
Senthil Raghavan, M.D. - Chief Medical Information Officer
Melinda Wilkins, Ph.D. - Program Director for the Health Information Management and Health Informatics Programs at Arkansas Tech University
Melissa Max, Pharm.D. – Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice with Harding University College of Pharmacy

Approximately 500 first year students attended this presentation and panel discussion. Much to the pleasure of the students and the panelists, questions were received via Twitter, email, and FaceBook during the session and answered throughout the session as appropriate.

Information on the seminar series and the other topics has been presented in previous UAMS Library Newsletters.

Contact Jan Hart, 686-6751, hartjanicek@uams.edu for additional information.

- Jan Hart

(l-r) Ray Scott, Senthil Raghavan, Melissa Max, Steven Collier, Brenda Kennedy, and Melinda Wilkins
The library developed a new mobile website in March (http://www.library.uams.edu/m/). So far we have received very positive feedback. We see it as a way students, staff, and faculty can quickly access the information they need about the library when using a mobile device. It includes library contacts, our hours and calendar, a link to the catalog and book renewal login, links to popular mobile apps for Android, BlackBerry, iPhone/iPad, Palm, and Windows operating systems, eResources, our Facebook and Twitter pages, and directions to the library.

We’d love to hear what you think so please send an email to Jon Goodell, Web Services Librarian, at jgoodell@uams.edu or comment on our Facebook page http://facebook.com/uamslibrary.

- Jon Goodell and Loretta Edwards

The new SciFinder Mobile site allows users to access Chemical Abstracts databases from their smartphones. User registration is required to use both the web and mobile version of SciFinder.

The mobile site is not optimized for tablets. The UAMS Library recommends using the full website on tablets.

Visit https://scifinder.cas.org/mobile to get started.

- Kristal Boulden