The mission of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library is to provide quality library and information services to support the education, research and service programs of the School of Medicine, and to provide quality health information to the people of South Carolina. In support of this mission, the Library will undertake the following strategic initiatives during 2009-2010.

- Continue to build a digital library that is accessible to users from anywhere at anytime.
- Provide educational services that are available at the time and place of need.
- Maintain and expand partnerships, grants, and contracts.
- Provide a Library atmosphere for students, faculty, and staff that is inviting, comfortable, and functional and encourages community and collaboration.
Our mascot sits atop the Ready Reference Collection in the circulation desk area. Within this area are our circulation specialists who will be happy to assist you with checkouts, check-ins, printing, photocopying, etc. Make sure to introduce yourself to them.

The Information Commons area has two kiosks with ten public workstations, two printers for use with your Unicard account, and a soft seating area with four flat screen televisions mounted on the wall, current medical journals, newspapers, and popular magazines.

Note the collection of medical tools and rare books in the cases next to the kiosks. This collection was donated by the family of James Heyward Gibbes, M.D., the first South Carolinian elected to fellowship in the American College of Physicians.

This is the “Add Value Station” where SOM students will log in with their Unicard in order to add money to their account. Next to the Add Value Station is our Reserve Collection, which may be checked out overnight from one hour before closing to one hour after opening the next day.

This is the pamphlet display of the Center for Disability Resources (CDR) Library collection. The CDR Library consists of books, videos, brochures, and audiotapes covering a variety of disability-related topics. Any South Carolina resident may borrow materials from this collection.

Use your student ID card to access the study carrels area, which is protected by a magnetic lock and an alarm system.

Food and beverages are allowed in the Library, preferably in spill-proof containers. Please use the recycling containers found throughout the Library.

Sometimes a journal article may not be available in electronic format. Make sure to search our online catalog to see if we have the article in one of our paper-bound journals located in the stacks upstairs.

The group study rooms may be used by full-time medical or graduate students enrolled in School of Medicine programs, and are on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Charles S. Bryan History of Medicine Room consists of approximately 525 volumes dealing with many aspects of medicine and medical history.