New Electronic Journals

Based on requests from faculty, the library will be adding six new electronic journals in 2006. The new titles are: American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, Anesthesia & Analgesia, Cancer Cell, Current Opinion in Oncology, Circulation and Circulation Research.

The library will also be adding electronic access to the following journals from Lippincott, Williams and Wilkins. The print edition of these titles will be cancelled.

AIDS
Alcoholism
American Journal of Clinical Oncology
American Journal of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
American Journal of the Medical Sciences
American Journal of Nursing
Anesthesia & Analgesia
Anesthesiology
Annals of Surgery
Anti-Cancer Drugs
Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology
Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology
Critical Care Medicine
Current Opinion in Neurology
Current Opinion in Oncology
Current Opinion in Rheumatology
European Journal of Cancer

Encyclopedia of Genetics, Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics

In response to a faculty member’s request, the library has added access to the new e-textbook, Online Encyclopedia of Genetics, Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics. This book, written by a team of over 500 internationally recognized experts in the relevant fields, is available through the Wiley InterScience interface. The main focus of this text is on the human and mouse genomes. Topics include “Genetic Variation and Evolution,” “Epigenetics,” “The Human Genome,” “Expression Profiling,” “Proteome Families,” “Structural Proteomics,” “Gene Finding/Gene Structure,” and “Protein” function and annotation. There are currently 354 articles available. The complete table of contents, comprising 437 articles, will be available in October. There is a basic search feature and an advanced search screen. You can also browse the articles by title or by subject. Clicking on thumbnails of images, diagrams and tables in the full text will open them in a new window. An Acronym Finder search tool is also included.

You can access this e-textbook through the SOM Library E-textbooks page: http://uscm.med.sc.edu/etextbooks.htm
Mary Ann Liebert E-Journals

The School of Medicine Library continues to join with USC University Libraries and several other academic libraries in South Carolina and North Carolina in the Carolina Consortium to purchase access to electronic journals from publishers. The latest deal with Mary Ann Liebert, Inc. gives us access to an additional 61 e-journals. More than 90% of the 61 titles are related to medicine and biomedical research/life sciences. These titles are now available via TDNet, the Library's e-journal management system. Linkages to many of these e-journals from Ovid and PubMed are available.

Campus-Wide Access to The Chronicle of Higher Education

The Library is pleased to announce the availability of campus-wide access to all of The Chronicle's web pages without the requirement of a username or password. To access, search for Chronicle of Higher Education in TDNet (the Library’s E-Journals database). If you are interested in receiving the daily Chronicle headline service, go to http://chronicle.com/help/rss.htm for information about their RSS feeds. If you have any questions, please contact Felicia Yeh at 733-3355 (felicia@med.sc.edu).

InfoPOEMS

InfoPOEMS: The Clinical Awareness System is designed to place evidence-based decision-making tools at the clinician's fingertips. Available for the web, Pocket PC, and Palm OS devices, InfoPOEMS consists of two parts: daily InfoPOEMS and InfoRetriever. InfoPOEMS may be accessed from the Databases page of the Library's website.

- InfoPOEMS is a collection of searchable evidence-based information for clinicians. The primary care and family practice journal literature is continuously surveyed by InfoPOEMS to identify valid and clinically applicable new evidence that is summarized in brief synopses or InfoPOEMS (Patient Oriented Evidence that Matters). InfoPOEMS can be delivered daily to subscribers via e-mail.

- The InfoRetriever® search engine allows users to simultaneously search via keyword a number of evidence-based resources including:
  - InfoPOEMS (the full collection): 2,629
  - Cochrane Database abstracts (the full collection): 2,193
  - Evidence-based Practice Guideline summaries: 751
  - Clinical Decision Rules: 231
  - Diagnostic test calculators: 1,180
  - H&PE calculators: 1,282
  - The complete 5-Minute Clinical Consult Summaries: 1,043
  - The complete 5-Minute Clinical Consult Photos: 542
  - ICD-9 lookup tool, Most Commonly Used Codes: 1,500

Access to Nature E-Journals Restored

Online access to eight Nature e-journals was suspended in fall 2004 due to the end of funding from the South Carolina Biomedical Research Infrastructure Network (SC BRIN) grant project. With support from the School of Medicine Office of the Dean and the Office of Research and Health Sciences, access to all eleven of the Nature e-journals has now been restored. Faculty and students at the University of South Carolina may now access the following Nature e-journals: Nature, Nature Biotechnology, Nature Cell Biology, Nature Genetics, Nature Immunology, Nature Medicine, Nature Neuroscience, Nature Reviews Cancer, Nature Reviews Genetics, Nature Reviews Immunology, Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology, and Nature Reviews Neuroscience.
After 28 years of distinguished service, Sarah H. Gable, Associate Director, retired July 1, 2005. Although Sarah began her career at the School of Medicine Library as a catalog librarian in 1977, she spent most of her career in the area of public services as Head of Reference from 1981-1990. She served as Head of Reference/Education from 1990-2000 and served as a very effective interim director from 1999-2000. As Interim Director, she led the migration of the online catalog system from LIS to Innovative Interfaces, Inc. From 2000-2005, Sarah served as the Library’s Associate Director.

Sarah served on numerous School of Medicine committees, including the Admissions Committee, the Faculty Representation Committee, the Student Promotions Committee, and others.

At the university level, Sarah was elected twice by the School of Medicine Faculty to represent them as a Senator in the USC Faculty Senate. She also served on the Academic Responsibility Committee, the Bookstore Oversight Committee, and the Committee on Libraries. Sarah also had a presence on main campus due to her collaboration with Dr. Fred Roper on the teaching of the medical reference course for the USC College of Library and Information Science. Her work on this class has contributed to the careers of many medical librarians in South Carolina and the Southeast and helped us recruit excellent graduate assistants from the library school to work in our library.

Sarah’s contributions extend well beyond the University of South Carolina. Her service in professional associations is known at the state, regional, and national levels. She chaired the Health Sciences Roundtable and the Online Users Interest Group for the South Carolina Library Association. Her work in the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association has been outstanding. In addition to chairing the Governmental Relations Committee and the Professional Development Committee, she was elected as Chapter Council Representative. She made such an impression with the Medical Library Association Chapter Council at the national level, that her colleagues elected her chair of the council. Her election to this important post has afforded her the privilege of serving on the Board of Directors of the Medical Library Association. She will hold this office through 2007. So even though she is retiring from our library, she is going to continue to be an active contributor at the national level.

Sarah received her ML degree from the University of South Carolina in 1976. She is a Distinguished Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals. The faculty and staff of the School of Medicine Library are very proud of Sarah and wish to offer our sincere appreciation and congratulations upon her retirement.

**Staff News**

**Publications**


**Committee Appointments**

- Laura Kane began serving her term as the Secretary of the Faculty Senate of the University of South Carolina
- Roz McConnaughy was elected to the Faculty Senate
- Roz McConnaughy has been appointed to serve on the USC Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC). The committee reviews all of the research protocols and funding proposals involving laboratory animals
- Felicia Yeh was appointed to the Medical Library Association Technical Services Section Standards Committee. This committee monitors new information standards.
Dr. Al Pakalnis, Professor of Ophthalmology, is a new member of the Library’s Circle of Friends! The Circle of Friends are donors of $500 or more to the USC School of Medicine Library Endowment established in 2003. The Endowment, launched with a generous gift from Dr. Charles S. Bryan, provides support for the preservation of the rare book collection housed in the Charles S. Bryan History of Medicine Room, the acquisition of additional historical works, the purchase of books for the general circulating collection, and other specialized areas of the School of Medicine Library.

If you would like to add your name to the growing list of people who support the USC School of Medicine Library Endowment, please send your donation to the USC School of Medicine Development Office, Columbia, SC 29208. Library Circle of Friends’ names are placed on a plaque adjacent to the Charles S. Bryan History of Medicine Room.

Welcome to the Library!

Steven Wilson has been appointed Coordinator, Center for Disability Resources Library at the School of Medicine Library. Steve earned his M.L.I.S. from the University of South Carolina in May 2005. He also has a Master of Arts in English Literature from Mercy College, and a BA in Psychology/English from the University of Texas at Austin.

The library is a collaborative effort between BabyNet/South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Center for Disability Resources, the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, and the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library. The CDR Library consists of books, videos, brochures, and audiotapes covering a variety of disability-related topics and may be used by any South Carolina resident. See our web site at:

http://uscm.med.sc.edu/CDR/index.htm

Library Reorganization

The Library recently made several changes to its organizational structure. Listed below are the names of Library faculty members and their updated titles:

- **Ruth Riley**, Library Director
- **Laura Kane**, Assistant Director for Information Services
- **Allison LoCicero**, Web Services Librarian
- **Roz McConnaughy**, Assistant Director for Education and Outreach
- **Steve Wilson**, Coordinator, Center for Disability Resources Library
- **Felicia Yeh**, Assistant Director for Collections Management

Contact information for Library faculty and staff may be found under “Library Information” on the School of Medicine Library home page (http://uscm.med.sc.edu/staff.htm).
Four Library Faculty members (Laura Kane, Allison LoCicero, Roz McConnaughy, and Ruth Riley) developed a poster entitled “Talk Radio: Advocating and Celebrating Health Information Resources Over the Airwaves” to present at the annual meeting of the Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico (October 21-24, 2005). The poster describes an outreach project involving library faculty that educates the public about authoritative consumer health web sites and promotes library projects. This outreach effort is a segment of a local radio show, hosted by Gary Pozsik, called Health, Wealth, and Happiness. Once a month, librarians Ruth Riley, Roz McConnaughy, and Steven Wilson act as guest speakers on the radio show and comment on health-related information found on the Internet.

Poster Presentation: “Outreach Over the Airwaves”

Ruth Riley and Gary Pozsik
Roz McConnaughy
Steve Wilson

National Medical Librarians Month

To celebrate National Medical Librarians Month, the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library sponsored a digital showcase on October 19, from 9am to 5pm. The day’s festivities included free cookies and coffee; a raffle for two flash drives; a series of PowerPoint displays on laptops illustrating some of our newest and most exciting electronic resources; and a prominent “Meet the Staff” display, which describes the various roles fulfilled by all of the wonderful people that comprise our staff. For more information about this event, or to view an online PowerPoint slideshow about medical librarianship go to:

http://uscm.med.sc.edu/medlibmonth.htm

Photos of the Digital Showcase
A book signing reception for Dr. Donald E. Saunders was held in the School of Medicine Library on September 29, 2005, to celebrate the publication of his recently published book, *To Improve the Health of the People: An Insider’s View of the Campaign for the University of South Carolina School of Medicine*. The book traces the campaign for a second state medical school from the early 1960’s to the present. The effort quickly became a struggle; different parts of the state fought each other for provincial benefits, incorrect and misleading information was widely publicized, and politicians traded contentious charges. Powerful forces opposed the school. Dr. Saunders was in the middle of it, and this book describes all of the steps that led to establishment of our school. Walter Edgar, author of *South Carolina: A History*, offers this comment on the book: “This intriguing memoir is an interesting – and very South Carolina – story told against the backdrop of state politics, institutional rivalries, and long-standing intra-state sectional differences.” The book is available for purchase at the School of Medicine Health Sciences Bookstore and Happy Bookseller.