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Welcome from Director Ruth Riley

On behalf of the Library faculty and staff, I would like to welcome all new students, faculty, and staff to the School of Medicine and welcome back our returning students, faculty, and staff. As evidenced by the articles in this issue, the Library continues to add new electronic information tools at a steady rate. We now provide access to over 25,000 e-journals, 400 e-books, and 50 databases.

One of our greatest resources is our excellent faculty and staff! They are committed to helping you find the information you need to be successful in your studies, research, and patient care. Please stop by the Library Reference Desk or use our Ask A Librarian online reference service if you have a question or need help in using our numerous electronic resources. We also offer training programs and one-on-one consultations.

Thanks to funding from the Office of the Dean, the Library is in the process of redesigning the first floor area into an information commons. The vision for the information commons is an inviting, high tech, comfortable social space that will encourage community and collaboration between and among students and faculty. Four 40" flat panel LCD displays have been installed and will soon display high definition satellite TV channels. We also plan to use the LCD displays as a presentation venue for faculty and students wanting to make presentations in a casual, small group setting and possibly initiate a regular lecture series such as Friday @ Noon.

Please let us know how we can help with your study, teaching, research, and clinical service. We hope to make your year a successful one!

Welcome New Students!



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Science Direct Freedom Collection Now Available



University Libraries recently negotiated the purchase of Elsevier Publishing's Science Direct Freedom Collection in a consortial deal with eight other universities and colleges in South Carolina. This purchase expands USC's present Science Direct subscription to include all 1,547 Elsevier journals rather than the existing 1,281 titles we had access to prior to the purchase. Science Direct contains over 25% of the world's science, technology and medicine full text and bibliographic information. Science Direct e-journals are available via TDNet, the Library's e-journal system. Links to individual articles in Science Direct e-journals are also available in Pubmed, Ovid, and other databases. For a full listing of Science Direct e-journals, visit www.sciencedirect.com.

PDA Resources Page

The Library's new PDA Resources page is divided into three categories: *Licensed Applications*, *Free Applications*, and *Sources for PDA Applications*.

The *Licensed Applications* area highlights School of Medicine Library resources that have PDA components. Within the *Free Applications* area you will find resources covering a wide range of topics, such as guidelines, preventive services, textbooks, and MEDLINE searching applications. Under *Sources for PDA Applications*, we include general resources to use to identify other PDA applications available for free or for purchase.

The PDA Resources page is available at <http://uscm.med.sc.edu/pda.htm>.



Journal Citation Reports 2006 Data Available

2006 data is now available for Journal Citation Reports on the Web. Journal Citation Reports is a comprehensive and unique resource that allows you to evaluate and compare journals using citation data drawn from scholarly and technical journals. It is the only source of citation data on journals. Journal Citation Reports can show you the:

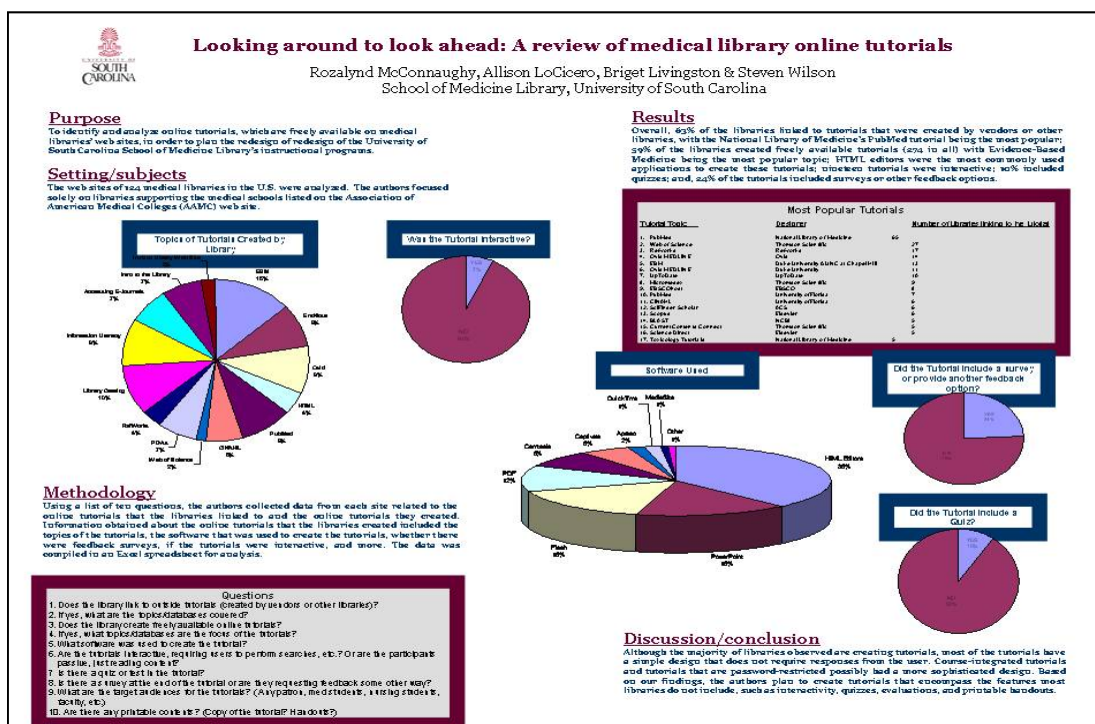
- Most frequently cited journals in a field
- Highest impact journals in a field
- Largest journals in a field

Journal Citation Reports is available via the Library's Databases page.

Library Faculty Win Research Award

Each year, the Medical Library Association Research Section presents awards to recognize quality research-oriented contributed papers and posters presented at the annual meeting. A \$100 cash award is presented for 1st Place for both papers and posters, and a \$50 cash award is presented for 2nd Place and Honorable Mention.

Roz Anderson, Assistant Director for Education & Outreach, Allison LoCicero, Web Services Librarian, Briget Livingston, Head of Access Services, and Steven Wilson, Coordinator, Center for Disability Resources Library, won Honorable Mention for their poster "Looking Around to Look Ahead: A Review of Medical Library Online Tutorials" presented at the MLA 2007 meeting in Philadelphia. Congratulations!



Library Committee Appointed

The charge of the Library Committee is to advise the Director of Library Services on policy matters, especially relating to the collection and staffing of the Medical Library.

Library Committee 2007/2008:

James Barker; Internal Medicine

Katryna Bogovich; Obstetrics & Gynecology

Phillip Buckhaults; SC Cancer Center

Charles Carter; Family Medicine

Brandie Firetag; M-IV Student

Margaret Hunt; Pathology and Microbiology

Zach Leuschner, M-IV Student

Muhammed Raza, Internal Medicine

Lawrence Reagan; Pharmacology, Physiology, and Neuroscience

Sadiye Rieder, Biomedical Sciences PhD Student

Lindsie Cone; Chief Information Officer (ex officio)

Ruth Riley; Director of Library Services (ex officio)

Faculty & Staff News

Grants, Awards, and Exhibits

- Roz Anderson, Assistant Director for Education & Outreach and Steven Wilson, Coordinator, Center for Disability Resources Library have been awarded the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association Research Project Grant for their research proposal, Quantifying the Effectiveness of Interactive Tutorials.
- Ruth Riley, Director of Library Services, has been approved for membership in the Medical Library Association Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) at the Distinguished Member Level through 2012.

Library Faculty Serving on School of Medicine Committees

- Roz Anderson was elected to the Student Services and Publications Committee, 2007-2010.
- Christine Whitaker was elected to the Student Academic Responsibility Committee, 2007-2010.
- Laura Kane continues serving on the Committee on Women, 2005-2008.
- Briget Livingston continues serving on the Admissions Committee, 2006-2009.
- Felicia Yeh continues serving on the Student Services and Publications Committee, 2005-2008.



Fond Farewell

Soumitra Kayal, our Systems Librarian since January 2006, recently accepted a position as the Systems Manager for the Health Sciences Library Consortium (HSLC) in Philadelphia. Soumitra will be greatly missed by all of us. We wish him the best of luck with his new endeavor.

New Systems Librarian



Briget Livingston has been appointed Systems Librarian for the University of South Carolina

School of Medicine Library effective September 1, 2007. Briget previously served as Head of Access Services as well as systems back-up at the School of Medicine Library. She also worked in the University of South Carolina Thomas Cooper Library as a Computer Lab Manager for seven years. Let us welcome Briget to her new position.

Librarians Conduct Training Session at Free Medical Clinic

As a part of the outreach project *Partnering to Improve Patient Education (PIPE)*, two School of Medicine librarians conducted a training session on July 26 at Columbia's Free Medical Clinic. Allison LoCicero and Roz Anderson are working to improve the patient education program at the clinic. With money from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Southeastern/Atlantic Region, Allison and Roz were able to purchase a new computer, projector and screen for the clinic to use in their patient education classes. Roz conducted the training session on the use of MedlinePlus as a patient education tool. The hour-long session covered content from all of the major areas of MedlinePlus and highlighted the free interactive tutorials available for use by the clinic.



Library Spring Service Project

This spring the School of Medicine Library participated in a new service project – The Toy Box. The Toy Box is a popular program at The Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. Children receive coupons for each procedure they go through and they trade those coupons in for prizes from the Toy Box. The library staff donated two large boxes full of items for these kids.





You Are Invited to an Open House!

HELP CELEBRATE
NATIONAL MEDICAL LIBRARIANS MONTH!

When: October 30, 2007, Noon – 4 p.m.

Where: School of Medicine Library

Enjoy some refreshments and “freebies”
while checking out the Library’s newest
technologies!



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