New Electronic Resources

Podcasts
The library has added a new Podcasts page to its website (http://uscm.med.sc.edu/podcasts.htm). This page contains links to popular medical and scientific podcasts available on the Internet.

A podcast is a simple yet sophisticated transfer of audio content over the Internet. Podcasts are usually MP3 audio files that are available for downloading onto your computer and transferred to an iPod or any portable digital-media device that can play MP3 files. Note that you do not need a portable digital-media device to listen to podcasts.

Journal Citation Reports (JCR)
Journal Citation Reports (JCR) is a comprehensive and unique resource that allows you to evaluate and compare journals using citation data drawn from over 7,500 scholarly and technical journals from more than 3,300 publishers in over 60 countries. It is the only source of citation data on journals, and includes virtually all areas of science, technology, and social sciences. JCR includes information such as:

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

Citation and article counts are important indicators of how frequently current researchers are using individual journals. By tabulating and aggregating citation and article counts, JCR offers a unique perspective for journal evaluation and comparison. JCR can be accessed through the Library’s Databases page.

Funding for this resource is provided by the School of Medicine Library Endowment.

PsycARTICLES
PsycARTICLES is a definitive source of searchable full-text, peer-reviewed scholarly and scientific articles in psychology. The resource covers general psychology and specialized, basic, applied, clinical and theoretical research. It contains more than 40,000 articles from 56 journals - 45 published by the American Psychological Association (APA) and 11 from allied organizations. Coverage spans 1985 to present. PsycARTICLES can be found on the Library’s Databases page. Funded by University Libraries.

Encyclopedia of Biomaterials & Biomedical Engineering
The online Encyclopedia of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering is written by over 400 subject experts representing diverse academic and applied domains. This electronic encyclopedia surveys the vanguard of biomaterials and biomedical engineering technologies utilizing biomaterials—uncovering current lines of research as well as innovative applications in tissue engineering, prosthetics, drug delivery, biosensors, and medical devices. The encyclopedia is accessible via the Library’s E-Textbooks page under “Biotechnology.” Funded by the South Carolina IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (SC INBRE) program.

InfoRetriever - New Release
The Winter Release for InfoRetriever is now available for download onto your Palm or PocketPC device, and includes over 200 new InfoPOEMs, 256 new H&P and Diagnostic Test Calculators, 200 new Cochrane Systematic Review Abstracts, the full 2006 5-Minute Clinical Consult, and much more. Installation instructions can be found on the Library’s Databases page under “InfoPOEMs.”

Web of Knowledge Backfiles
USC University Libraries recently added access to the backfiles of Web of Knowledge as follows:

- Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-EXPANDED) - 1945-present
- Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) - 1956-present
- Arts & Humanities Citation Index (A&HCI) - 1975-present

For access and more information on Web of Knowledge, visit the Library’s Databases page.

New Web Service: Ask a Librarian!
The Library now offers reference services on the web. To send an electronic reference question, visit the Library’s home page (http://uscm.med.sc.edu/) and click on “Reference Services.” Fill in the form and click “Submit.” Reference services are also available at the Library’s Reference Desk from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m Monday through Friday.

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Local Area High School Tours

Every spring semester, area high schools tour the USC School of Medicine. Approximately 15 high schools participate each year. After an introduction to the School of Medicine from the Office of Medical Education and Academic Affairs, the students learn about plastinated specimens from Tim Sullivan. Next, the students come to the computer classroom in the library to see some examples of electronic health information resources. The library portion of the tour uses a Harry Potter theme to give the students a virtual tour of the library, transforming it into Info-Med, the School of Medical Information Wizardry. They visit the four houses of medical information and see examples of resources from each house. In the Librus House (the house of books), students see examples of e-textbooks available in MDConsult. While visiting the Periodicus House (the house of journals), the librarians show examples of articles in the electronic version of the New England Journal of Medicine. Students experience sample PubMed and DxPlain searches within the Databits House (the house of databases). In the Arachnida House (house of the web), the students view a clip from a MedlinePlus surgery video and listen to a portion of a medical podcast. The School of Medicine tour is concluded with a visit to the anatomy museum with Dr. Lance Paulman.

Center for Disability Resources Library

The Center for Disability Resources (CDR) 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. It is located within the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library on Garners Ferry Road, and is available to any South Carolina resident.

Over the past 4 months, the CDR Library acquired twenty-eight new titles. We received a total of 338 reference questions; 78 research questions; 207 check-out requests; distributed 255 web articles and/or journal printouts; and, had 53 new patrons join the library! To use the CDR Library’s services e-mail Steven Wilson at wilsons@gw.med.sc.edu, or call 803-733-1501.

Library Spring Class Schedule

Library classes are open to USC faculty, students, staff, and the general public. All classes are hands-on and last about an hour. They are held in the library’s computer classroom. Classes are free of charge, but registration is required. To register, simply contact the instructor. In addition to the scheduled dates, classes are also offered on demand. The most up-to-date schedule is on our website at: http://uscm.med.sc.edu/train.htm. Remaining classes for the spring include:

**Biomedical Information on the Web**
Roz McConnaughy at 733-3310 or roz@gw.med.sc.edu
Apr 24 & May 22 at 3 pm

**Consumer Health Websites**
Ruth Riley at 733-3353 or ruth@gw.med.sc.edu
Apr 25, & May 30 at 3 pm
Soumitra Kayal
Soumitra has been appointed Systems Librarian. He earned his M.L.I.S degree from the University of South Carolina in 2005.

New Faculty

**Briget Livingston**
Briget been appointed Head of Access Services. Previously, she was Information Resource Coordinator with the Thomas Cooper Library Computer Lab, University of South Carolina.

**Faculty & Staff News**

- Laura Kane has been accepted as a Summer Fellow for the Summer Institute for Academic Library Leadership at Vanderbilt University Peabody College. The Summer Institute, to be held in July 2006, focuses on the higher education context in which libraries exist and explores new roles for libraries in helping support the goals of the parent institution.
- Steven Wilson exhibited at the South Carolina Association of School Psychologists meeting in Columbia, September 23rd, and the South Carolina Chapter of the American Association of Mental Retardation meeting in Myrtle Beach, October 26th-28th.
- Steven Wilson has been appointed to serve as a member of the 2006-2007 Medical Library Association David A. Kronick Traveling Fellowship Jury. This grant awards one $2,000 fellowship each year to cover the expenses involved in traveling to three or more medical libraries in the United States or Canada, for the purpose of studying a specific aspect of health information management.
- Sarah Gable, former Associate Director, has been conferred with the status of Librarian Emerita by the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees. She was also awarded the Honorary Lifetime Membership Award at the South Carolina Library Association Annual conference on October 28, 2005.
- Under the coordination of Laura Howell, members of the library staff stuffed 60 dozen plastic eggs for the First Lady’s Easter Egg Hunt. The event is for children treated last year at Children’s Hospital at Palmetto Health Richland.
Library Faculty Publications & Reviews

- Karen Rosati, Librarian Emerita and former Head of Serials, wrote a chapter in the recently published book *Integrating Print and Digital Resources in Library Collections*. The title of her chapter is “The Decline of Print: Ten Years of Print Serial Use in a Small Academic Medical Library.”


Clara Barton’s *The Red Cross*

Many thanks to President Andrew Sorensen who donated a first edition of *The Red Cross* by Clara Barton (copyright 1898) to the Library. The book will be housed in the Charles S. Bryan History of Medicine Room.

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