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New NIH Public Access Policy Requirements

The new NIH Open Access Policy states that NIH-funded research must be "open access available" within 12 months of publication. This requires that authors take a new look at their ownership rights. Authors legally own the copyright to their original work.   However, over the years publishers have developed publication agreements which automatically ask the author to sign over all of their rights to the publisher. But copyright ownership does not have to be an all-or-nothing issue. The publisher only needs permission to print the article. NIH-funded authors must now retain some of their rights in order to deposit the article to PubMed Central.

This means that the standard publisher agreements must be amended to allow open access. This may be as simple as attaching a brief pre-written amendment to the publisher's agreement. Sample addendums are available at SPARC Author Rights Initiative (http://www.arl.org/sparc/author/addendum.html).

Some publishers (http://publicaccess.nih.gov/submit_process_journals.htm) will automatically deposit your article after publication. Other publishers may require more negotiation. The NIH Public Access page (http://publicaccess.nih.gov/) is a portal to much of the information that authors will need to comply with the new policy including FAQS and tutorials at http://www.nihms.nih.gov/web-help/index.html.

For more information on copyright or complying with the NIH Policy, contact Christine Whitaker, Collection Development Librarian, cwhitaker@gw.med.sc.edu, 803-733-3346.

Disability Library Now Lends Across the Nation!

CENTER FOR DISABILITY RESOURCES LIBRARY

The Center for Disability Resources Library (CDR Library) is now happy to offer our materials nationwide! Anyone in the fifty states may now check out items.

- Reference librarians are available from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday - Friday.
- Requests are accepted by mail, by email to wilsons@gw.med.sc.edu, by telephone to (803) 733-1501, or on a walk-in basis.
- Books may be borrowed for a month. Videos may be borrowed for two weeks.
- Materials can be mailed to your home or office.
- Postage-paid return mailers are available for materials sent to South Carolina families. All South Carolina residents may continue borrowing multiple items at one time.
- **Residents of states other than South Carolina may check out one item at a time, and are responsible for return postage.**
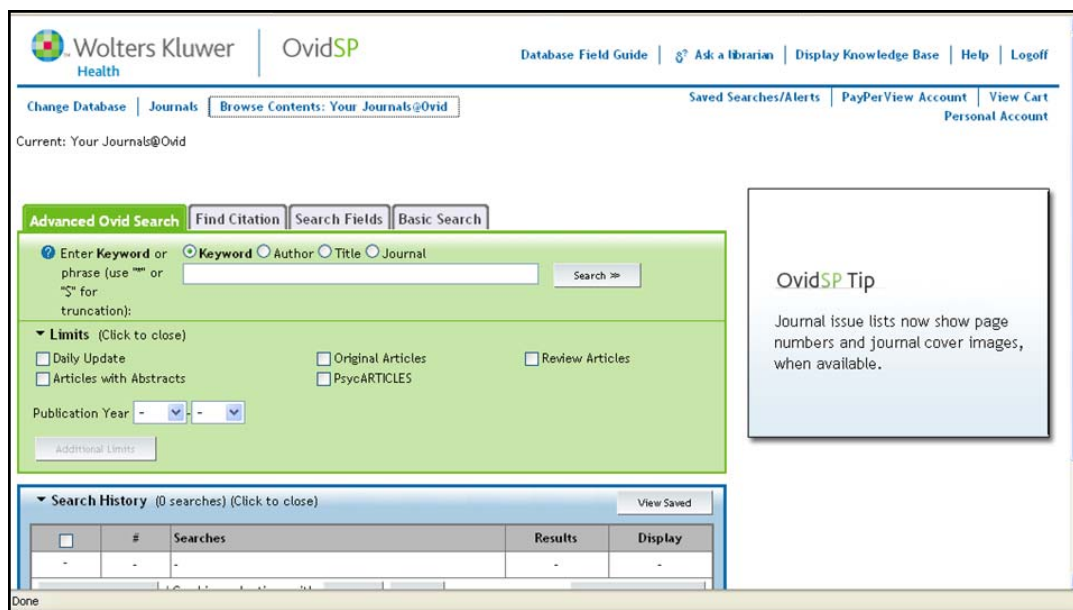
New Ovid Interface Launched

The new Ovid interface, **OvidSP**, has been released. For School of Medicine Ovid users, the interface looks very similar to the "old" interface, but offers the option of using a natural language search mode via the *Basic Search* tab. The *Basic Search* allows you to ask a question directly or describe a topic in ordinary English terms, without having to know special syntax rules, search conventions, or complicated search strategies. There are also enhanced table of contents alerting functions, including RSS.

You can view a 4-minute overview of OvidSP as well as a short tutorial by going to http://uscm.med.sc.edu/tutorials.htm and clicking on the links you'll find there.

To learn more about OvidSP, sign up for the Library's Ovid Medline Class offered monthly.
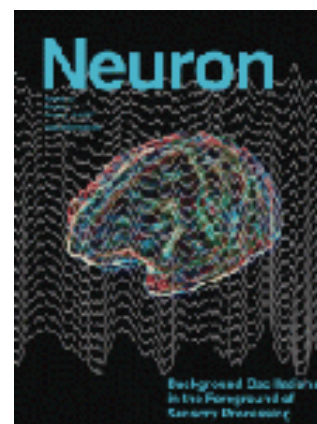

Welcome New Staff Member

Betty Phillips recently joined the staff as the Education and Outreach Specialist. Betty received an MLIS from the University of South Carolina and has over 10 years of library experience. She has worked for law firm libraries in Washington, DC and Richmond, VA. Most recently, Betty worked as the corporate librarian for an engineering firm in Columbia.

Access to Cell Press E-Journals Backfile Now Available

The Cell Press Backfile:

- contains over 12,000 articles containing ground breaking research from 6 journals
- contains Nobel-Prize winning articles
- goes back to Volume 1, issue 1
- Dates back to 1974

The titles and coverage are as follows:

Cell (1974-1994), Neuron (1988-1994), Current Biology (1991-1994), Structure (1993-1994), Chemistry and Biology (1994), Immunity (1994).

Access to the backfile is now available via TDNet, the Library's e-journal management system. Links to individual articles are also available in PubMed and Ovid.

Funded by the School of Medicine Library Endowment and the USC University Libraries and South Carolina IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (INBRE).

InfoPOEMs is now Essential Evidence Plus

Wiley-Blackwell has relaunched an enhanced version of its evidence-based medicine (EBM) content resource **InfoPOEMs with InfoRetriever** under the new name **Essential Evidence Plus**.

Essential Evidence Plus will continue to feature *InfoPOEMs* (now called *Daily POEMs*), the daily EBM content alerting service, and the EBM search application formerly known as *InfoRetriever*. The incorporation of two new content resources - *EBM Guidelines* and *e-Essential Evidence* - augments the existing product features and content.

EBM Guidelines is produced by the Finnish Medical Society Duodecim and includes a concise, easy-to-use collection of more than 950 Practice Guidelines, more than 3,000 Evidence Summaries, and more than 1,000 images.

e-Essential Evidence will be added to the **Essential Evidence Plus** suite during the first quarter of 2008. This resource is a general medical reference providing relevant medical content in a structured, evidence-based format for general practitioners, nurses and physician assistants providing first contact care.

You can continue to access this resource via the Library's Databases page. If you have any questions about the changes to this resource please contact Allison LoCicero, Web Services Librarian, at 733-3360 or locicero@med.sc.edu.

Faculty & Staff News

Publications, Grants, and Special Recognitions

- Kane, Laura Townsend. "Head of Information Services, Academic Medical Library" in Shontz, Priscilla K., ed. *A Day in the Life: Career Options in Library and Information Science.* Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited, 2007.

- Roz Anderson, Steve Wilson, Briget Livingston, and Allison LoCicero. "Characteristics and content of medical library tutorials: a review." *Journal of the Medical Library Association* 96 (1) Jan. 2008.

- Ruth Riley, Director of Library Services, was recognized at the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL) Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. on November 5, 2007, for her service as AAHSL Secretary/Treasurer and Board Member for the past three years.

- Roz Anderson and Steven Wilson were awarded a $1,000 Research Project Grant from the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association.

- Briget Livingston was elected Chair-Elect of the Medical Library Association's Public Services Section. Her term will run 2008-2010.

- Twelve people participated in the Walking Works program sponsored by Faculty & Staff Wellness Promotion. Also, the library formed a team for the American Heart Association Heart Walk. Six people signed up to walk and raised over $500.

- Christine Whitaker has been appointed to the Medical Library Association (MLA) Continuing Education Grants Award Jury.

- Christine Whitaker was recognized for 10 years of service to the University.

- Felicia Yeh and Karen McMullen. "Two Interfaces, One Knowledge Base: The Development of a Combined E-Journal Web Page." *Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries* 4(1/2) 2007.

New Head of Access Services Librarian

The Library welcomes its newest faculty member, **Karen McMullen**. Karen is our new Head of Access Services. She previously worked at Thomas Cooper Library, where she was the Serials Acquisitions Librarian. Her professional experience also includes many years of service as a Reference Librarian at the State Library. We are happy to have her join our team!

Recognizing our 2007 Book Donors

We would like to extend our thanks to the following people who donated books to the Library in 2007: **O'Neill Barrett, Jr. M.D., Regina Braga, Sylvia Brook, Charles S. Bryan, M.D., Karissa King, Eugene P. Mayer, Ph.D., William C. McLain, Jr., Nancy Nankin, Melissa Harris, Nancy Richeson, M.D., Donald E. Saunders, Jr. M.D., Andrew A. Sorensen, Ph.D., Steven P. Wilson, Ph.D., Samuel Robert Young, and Henry Yu, Ph.D.**

Web Development Projects

The Library is hosting many new web sites and assisting with web development projects for a variety of groups at the School of Medicine. Allison LoCicero, Web Services Librarian, has created and is maintaining the following useful resources:

LCME Web Site: http://uscm.med.sc.edu/LCME

This web site is designed to provide faculty, students, staff, partners, and the community with information during the LCME process. The site includes committee rosters, a calendar of committee meetings, and the self-study timeline.

Strategic Planning Web Site: http://uscm.med.sc.edu/strategicplan

Visit this site to see details about the strategic planning process, the task force rosters, and the calendar of task force meetings. You can use the online feedback form to submit any comments or questions about the School of Medicine's strategic planning process to the Strategic Planning Consulting Team. It also includes an online task force work space and an organized list of related sites.

Ultrasound in Medical Education Interest Group: http://uscm.med.sc.edu/ume

This web site provides links to resources, events, and associations related to ultrasound in medical education. The PubMed search button will retrieve articles on ultrasound in medical education. You can use the online form to join the interest group. Another feature of the web site will be a curriculum database, which is currently in development.

Genetic Counseling Thesis Database: http://tagc.med.sc.edu/abstract.htm

The Library has been working with Janice Edwards and the Transnational Alliance for Genetic Counseling (TAGC) to create a searchable database of master of science genetic counseling thesis abstracts submitted from training programs throughout the world. The site has an online form, which is used to submit the abstracts to a RefWorks database. This unique resource will help stimulate collaborative research among genetic counseling education programs.

Library Holiday Service Project

For the second year in a row, the library staff donated gifts to patients at the South Carolina Cancer Center at Palmetto Health as our holiday service project. The library staff donated 85 items that were given to patients staying at Baptist and Richland over the holidays. Staff members also donated 33 boxes of Little Debbie treats that were used as refreshments at the patients' Christmas party. Laura Howell, Acquisitions/Cataloging Specialist, coordinated the project for the Library.

Pictures from National Medical Librarians Month Open House

The following is an advertisement from the USC Dept. of Exercise Science:

Exercise Science Weight Loss Program

Are you ready to lose weight? Do you need help? Come join the University of South Carolina in a health promotion study. This study promotes long term lifestyle changes through physical activity and nutritional education.

We are looking for:

- Men and Women
- 18-65 years old
- Overweight
- Have access to a computer and the internet
- Currently not in an exercise program
- Currently not in a formal weight loss program

Participation in the study is FREE. A commitment of 9 months is needed.

If you are interested, please call (803) 777-2749.