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Welcome

The Library is pleased to offer the second issue of our web-based newsletter. We are excited to have a forum to disseminate information and keep the campus up-to-date on all of the developments and changes in the Library. We will offer a new issue each semester.

This issue inaugurates the standard format for future issues. Please note that we will include three columns (Ovid Hints, Featured Web Site, and Staff News) in each issue along with general articles. Please let us know if there are specific issues or topics that you would like to read about. We can't wait to hear from you.

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Wilba Swearingen Appointed Director of Libraries

Wilba Swearingen was named Director of Medical Center Libraries effective November 1, 1998. Wilba began her career in medical librarianship at LSUMC when she helped open the new Dental Library in 1971. After spending nearly fifteen years as a librarian and publisher's representative in Wisconsin, Louisiana, and throughout the southwest, she returned to LSUMC in 1988 to take the position as Associate Director. Since then, she has served as Acting Director twice, in 1994-95 and from September 1997 until her appointment as Director.

Wilba received a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education and a Master of Arts in English from North Texas State University. She earned her Master of Library Science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1977. She has written extensively in the area of serials and is a member of Beta Phi Mu, the international library and information science honor society. In 1996 Wilba was named a distinguished member of the Medical Library Association's Academy of Health Information Professionals.

Professional associations have played an important role in Wilba's career. She has been active on the national level in both the Medical Library Association (MLA) and the American Library Association (ALA), serving on numerous committees for both groups. Regionally, Wilba participates in the South Central Chapter (SCC) of MLA. She has held several offices and committee appointments in SCC, and she served as the chapter's president in 1993-94.

Frequent visitors to the Library may have noticed some of the changes that Wilba has implemented. Her main priority as Director is to continue to improve user services. From moving service access locations and adding shelves to upgrading computer equipment, she has shown her commitment to that goal. While maintaining a dedication to traditional resources, Wilba hopes to expand into newer areas of service, such as distance education and document delivery.

The Library Staff is proud to have Wilba as our Director, and we look forward to helping her succeed in her new position.

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Library Donors Wanted!

Donations play an important role in enhancing a Library's collection. The LSU Medical Center Library uses gifts to supplement its yearly Medical Center funding. Donations are received from individuals, departments, and some organizations. Significant donations have been received from many of our patrons. Their generosity is always welcome.

Donors can make financial contributions directly to the Library. These contributions are frequently given in honor of an individual or department or in appreciation of services received. The Library staff works with the donor to purchase materials in the subject areas preferred.

Some donors contribute journals and books that are in good condition. The Library has limited shelving space and staff time to process this type of donation. For this reason we ask that individuals wishing to donate materials contact the Library in advance to discuss the donations. We request an inventory of items from which we select titles that will complete or enhance our collection.

The Library Director sends written acknowledgement to donors thanking them for their contributions. We also send letters to individuals or families acknowledging gifts as memorials. All gifts are accepted with the understanding that upon receipt the Library becomes the owner of the material and reserves the right to determine retention, location, cataloging treatment, and other considerations related to use or disposition.

The Acquisitions Section of the Library maintains a list of other local and national institutions and organizations that accept donations of used books and journals. We will forward the information upon request.

For further information or to make a donation, please contact Pauline Fulda or the Acquisitions Section at 568-7698.

-- Pauline Fulda *link removed*
Marlene Bishop

List of Donors 1997-1998

The following individuals or organizations have made contributions during 1997-1998 to the LSU Medical Center's Isché Library and/or the Dental Campus Library:

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LALINC/CALL Is Here!

Need a book about the mechanics of bungee jumping? The history of snow skiing? A biography of your favorite Lithuanian poet? Or do you just need to expand your research beyond the health sciences?

Thanks to the LALINC/CALL program, now you may go to Tulane Uptown (Howard-Tilton Library), UNO, Loyola, and other local academic libraries to borrow these and other materials from their collections. For a list of all New Orleans and statewide participating libraries, ask at either the Isché (Resource Center) or Dental Library.

What is LALINC/CALL, and why should it interest me?

LALINC is a statewide consortium of academic libraries that have agreed to share collections; CALL is the associated New Orleans consortium. A LALINC/CALL card allows faculty, staff, and graduate students from LSUMC to check out materials directly from other academic libraries.

How does this work, you might ask, who can participate, and how do I get my card?

The LSUMC Library is participating in LALINC/CALL at the Faculty/Staff and Graduate Student Levels. Residents and fellows are included under the staff category; medical and dental students are under the graduate student category. Just come to the Library -- either the Isché or Dental -- and have the circulation staff fill out a card, and you are ready to go. Remember to bring both your LSUMC ID and your LALINC/CALL card when using this service.

Okay, how do I know when to bring the materials back, and where do I return them?

The lending Library decides the length of time an item is loaned. Also, it is the responsibility of the user to return materials to the library from which they came, to pay any late fees or other charges, and to take good care of the materials borrowed.

What about Tulane Medical Library?

Although Tulane Medical Library is not participating in the LALINC/CALL program, LSUMC Library does have a separate agreement with them. All LSUMC faculty, staff, and graduate students have checkout privileges at TMC Library.

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Searching the Journal Literature: Beyond Ovid

The Library's Homepage provides access to essential databases beyond the scope of Ovid for users' research and information needs. Under the [Additional Search Systems](#) **link removed** link, users are directed to selected database sites: Free MEDLINE, Micromedex (NODRUG), WebSPIRS, Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe, InfoTrac, ProQuest Direct, IRIS & OPS, and Galenet. (An alphabetical and subject list of [individual databases](#) **link removed** is available.)

The **Free MEDLINE** page provides access to the National Library of Medicine's bibliographic database in the fields of medicine, nursing, dentistry, health care systems, and pre-clinical sciences via the World Wide Web. Coverage extends back to 1966, and new material is incorporated weekly. There are two types of web interfaces (points of access) available for users: **PubMed** and **Internet Grateful Med (IGM)**. The **PubMed** interface is a quick and easy search tool to locate authors or journal articles in the biomedical sciences; its database is comparable to **Ovid's MEDLINE**. There are two modes of searching in **PubMed**: basic and advanced. **IGM's** interface provides users with assisted searching in fifteen databases, including **MEDLINE**. (For a listing of these databases, link to the [Internet Grateful Med](#) **link removed** page.) **IGM's** set of assisted search functions is automatic. It checks the user's key terms against its controlled vocabulary (MeSH) and searches them as both MeSH headings and text words. Both interfaces provide users with help screens and links to some publishers' full-text pages, if available.

MICROMEDEX, Inc. produces a clinical information system which is called **NODRUG** at LSUMC. Updated on a quarterly basis, **NODRUG** provides users with an array of clinical information from any workstation with LSUMC mainframe access. An LSUMC mainframe userid and password are required, as is a TN3270 connection. There are a number of databases available via **NODRUG**; four which are beneficial to LSUMC users are *POISINDEX*, *TOMES*, *DRUGDEX*, and *EMERGINDEX*.

WebSPIRS is comparable to **Ovid** in that it offers an assortment of commercially produced databases, including **MEDLINE**, **CINAHL**, and **PsycINFO**. It is accessible only from an LSUMC domain workstation and is made available through the Louisiana Academic Library Network (LOUIS) and the Louisiana Library Network (LLN). Other databases of interest to LSUMC users include *Biological and Agricultural Index*, *Dissertation Abstracts*, *PAIS International* (Public and Social Policy Information), and *Sociological Abstracts*. Help screens are available.

Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe offers a wide range of databases, from general, government, and political news to medicine and health to extensive legal information. A list of eighteen searchable topical areas is provided. JCAHO (Joint Commission On Accreditation Of Healthcare Organizations) publications and FDC (Food, Drug, and Cosmetics) Reports are indexed as well. **Academic Universe** is accessible via LOUIS/LLN and by LSUMC domain only.

The Library subscribes to InfoTrac's six **IAC (Information Access Company)** databases via LOUIS/LLN. These databases provide LSUMC users access to a variety of bibliographic information as well as full-text titles. (Links to the titles owned by LSUMC are provided in INNOPAC, the LSUMC online catalog.) Although a wide range of the journal literature is covered by IAC, disciplines of particular interest to LSUMC users are clinical medicine, nursing, allied health, and consumer health. To use the **IAC** databases, your computer must connect from the LSUMC domain.

A useful database for LSUMC users regarding health care administration and research is **ProQuest Direct**, which offers *ABI/Inform*. It is accessible via LOUIS/LLN and by LSUMC domain only. This database provides international business information and includes a number of full-text titles.

IRIS (Illinois Researcher Information Service) & **OPS** (Online Periodical Service) allow LSUMC users to search and retrieve information on funding opportunities in all disciplines. The Library's subscription to **IRIS** is provided by the LSUMC Office of Research. LSUMC users are able to customize their own search profiles to meet their funding needs and objectives via **IRIS** Alert Service. In addition, users are provided with links to national and international research resources. **OPS** database is a subsection of **IRIS** and provides access to the Commerce Business Daily and the Federal Register.

Galenet is accessible only from an LSUMC domain and is administered by LOUIS/LLN as well. The *Literature Resource Center (LRC)* is the only available database. It provides information in the area of literary biography and criticism. Both historical and contemporary authors are included.

System enhancements in the above databases take place periodically and may cause temporary suspension or disruption of services. Also, new databases and search systems are added periodically. If you have any questions about the above databases, please contact the Reference Department at (504) 568-6102 or (504) 568-8339.

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Ovid Hints: Looking For That Author

Locating citations written by a specific author can sometimes be tricky. The authors' names are cited as last name first in all the available Ovid databases. Some of the databases use only the first initial of the author's first name; some use the name as it is cited in the article. The use of truncation, or shortening, may be required to retrieve all forms of an author's first name. Enter the author's last name, a space, and then the first initial of the author's first name. Use the truncation symbol (\$) after the first letter of the author's first name (r\$ for R, RA, Rob, Robert, or Robert A.). Additionally, the field qualifier (.au.) should be used to direct the system to search only in the author field.

The author field is designated with the two-letter abbreviation "au" surrounded by periods (.au.). The field qualifier follows the entry of the author's name. Put a \$ next to the first name initial. Enter .au. next to the \$ (no spaces).

Thomas b\$.au.

If the author's first name is unknown, use \$.au. instead of an initial to search for all authors with the stated last name. Retrieval will show all citations to all authors using that particular spelling.

Alberts \$.au.

Caution: When an author's name is a common one like Smith or Jones and the first name initial is unknown, search for the author's name as indicated (Smith \$.au.). Retrieval will be tremendous. Next search for the topic(s) or keywords that would most likely be associated with the author. Then use the combine icon to "AND" the author's name and topic(s) together. Combining terms (author and topic) should increase the reliability of your search by eliminating citations by authors with the same name and keeping citations to papers about relevant topics.

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Highlighted Websites:

Search for Medical Conferences and Journal Publication Information on the Web

Want to find out what conferences are coming in up in your field without having to leaf through journals looking for announcements? Looking for CME courses or board reviews that you may not have heard about? Trying to get the word out about an event you are hosting or are involved with?

The *Doctor's Guide to Medical Conferences and Meetings* *link removed* (<http://www.pslgroup.com/searchconf.htm>) is the website for you. (A link to this website is available via the Library's Links page under the subject heading *Search Engines, Health* *link removed*.) This site consists of a database of over 5000 events scheduled worldwide through the year 2009. The listings are searchable by date, location, specialty, and keyword. Contact information is given for each event and webpage links are provided where available. One handy feature of this webpage is the ability to add an event to the database via an online form. This useful site is part of the larger *Doctor's Guide to the Internet* where you can find medical news, patient education guides, and even a section on travel and leisure to help you plan your conference trips.

With the website *Publist* *link removed* (<http://www.publist.com>), finding publication information on periodicals is now a quick and easy process. (A link to this website is available via the Library's Links page under the subject heading *General Reference* *link removed*.) This innovative site combines data on over 150,000 periodicals culled from a variety of sources. Both print and electronic journals are included as are mainstream and academic publications. Each journal entry includes publisher contact information, circulation figures, and subscription prices displayed in a clear and compact form. The *Publist* search engine is simple, yet powerful. While specific publications are retrievable by title or ISSN, periodical lists can also be generated according to subject or a keyword. Whether you want publication information for subscription needs or article submission, *Publist* is an invaluable tool.

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Staff News

Tom Finicle started as Stacks Maintenance Supervisor for the Isché Library on October 1st. He was employed a few years ago by Tulane Medical Library as their head of circulation.

Madeleine Kersting, Circulation Associate in the Isché Library, presented a talk on the "History of Medical Illustration" for the History of Medicine Club on January 8th. Madeleine has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in medical illustration from the Cleveland Institute of Art/Case Western University.

Wilba Swearingen is the new Director of the LSUMC -- New Orleans Libraries. She was previously Acting Director and Associate Director ([See related story](#)).

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Publishing Information

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All current LSUMC faculty, staff, and students should be receiving an automatic announcement about the availability of a new issue. If you are not receiving announcements about new issues of the newsletter, or if you are not a current member of the LSUMC community and would like to receive these announcements, please contact Jennifer Lloyd at jlloyd@lsumc.edu *link removed*.

Archived copies of the newsletter may be found via the LSUMC Library's homepage at <http://www.lsumc.edu/campus/library/no-lib.htm> *link removed*.

Additionally, the LSUMC Dental Branch Library publishes its own newsletter, the *Library Explorer*. Copies are archived via the [LSUMC Dental Library homepage](#) *link removed* under *Library Explorer*.

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