

Library Boasts Two Recent Pfizer Award Winners

The Library is proud that two of its long-time employees have been honored recently by the LSUHSC Foundation with Pfizer Awards for Excellence in Education, Research, and Patient Care. The awards recognize outstanding employees of the Health Sciences Center who demonstrate excellence in everything they do. Margaret Jean Rouse, Cataloging Librarian, was honored in 1998, and Elizabeth Dean, Library Associate for Administration, will receive the award in October.

Jean Rouse graduated from Millsaps College with a B.A. in English, and after a brief stint as a high school English teacher, she answered the call to move to New Orleans. She joined the staff in February 1960 as a Library Assistant working half-time in the Cataloging department and half-time in Public Services. In 1967 the Library began recataloging its collection from the Dewey Decimal system to the National Library of Medicine system. During that period Jean became a full-time Cataloging staff member. Ten years later, in June 1977, she became the Cataloging Librarian. Jean says that of all the things she has done in her nearly forty years here, she is most proud of the fact that she oversaw the conversion of the Library's catalog from paper format to computer. That five-year project, which was completed in 1993, ensured that patrons are able to access the records of all cataloged material in the Library via the online catalog.

Elizabeth Dean has spent her entire professional life at the LSUHSC Library; in a sense, she grew up here. After receiving a B.A. in English Literature from the University of New Orleans, she began working as a Library Assistant in the Serials department in September 1976. Elizabeth moved to a position in the Acquisitions department two years later. She remained there until January 1985, when she became the Library Associate in Administration. Elizabeth is well-known throughout the Health Sciences Center for her problem-solving and her enthusiasm.

In addition to their involvement in their work, both Jean and Elizabeth have active personal lives. A rabid sports fan, Jean roots for all the local teams, especially the Saints and - of course - the LSU Tigers. In her spare time, she enjoys playing cards and visiting with her many friends. Elizabeth is an avid mystery reader. She also enjoys doing crossword and jigsaw puzzles and participating in outdoor activities such as gardening and camping. Elizabeth is married to Richard Dean, Assistant Director of Auxiliary Enterprises at LSUHSC. She has a fifteen-year-old son named Ashley.

Jean and Elizabeth have worked at the Library longer than any other current staff member. Together they form our institutional memory; a conversation with these two close friends reveals fascinating details about the Library's history. When asked about the changes they have seen over the years, both mentioned the growth in the number of staff. This change reflects the continued expansion of services provided to our patrons. We are proud to have these exceptional women on our staff and are thrilled that the Foundation has recognized their hard work and dedication.

-- Elizabeth Schafer

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Late Breaking News Procite Workshop

A ProCite Workshop will be offered Friday, November 12th from 2 - 3 p.m. in the John P. Isché Library (Resource Center), Room 405. ProCite is a bibliographic database and reference management program that allows online citations to be downloaded, imported, and formatted in a few easy steps. The workshop will include hands-on instruction in importing OVID MEDLINE and CINAHL citations into a database. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today by contacting Kathy Kerdolff in the Library at 568-6102 or kkerdo@lsumc.edu *link removed*.

-- Kathy Kerdolff

Electronic Access to Library Materials

As an ongoing project, the LSUHSC Library offers electronic access to more than 300 of the books and journals in our collection through links from the online catalog, INNOPAC. The list of titles is available via the Library's Homepage, under the Electronic Access **link removed** Link. However, while the Electronic Access page is updated on an as-needed basis, INNOPAC is considered the more authoritative source. Please remember that this is a dynamic environment and changes may occur on a daily basis.

Access to the titles vary in form and extent. Some titles are offered in full-text format, and others are table of contents only. Some items are offered through subscription databases accessible only from the library and some are offered, in addition to the print subscription, from the publishers website on the World Wide Web to any computer in the LSUHSC.EDU domain. Some items are available free over the Internet from the federal government. If you have a problem with a link, please let a member of the Library Staff know.

Most of the new items were added because two publishers expanded their online holdings, Elsevier and Academic Press. Academic Press has greatly increased their online presence by the creation of the IDEAL **link removed** Library which offers access to about 250 titles on a subscription or contract basis.

New items added in October include:

- AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PATHOLOGY.
- ANALYTICAL BIOCHEMISTRY.
- ARCHIVES OF BIOCHEMISTRY AND BIOPHYSICS.
- BIOCHEMICAL AND BIOPHYSICAL RESEARCH COMMUNICATIONS.
- BIOCHIMICA ET BIOPHYSICA ACTA.
- BLOOD CELLS, MOLECULES, AND DISEASES.
- BRAIN AND LANGUAGE.
- BRAIN, BEHAVIOR, AND IMMUNITY.
- BRAIN RESEARCH.
- BRAIN RESEARCH PROTOCOLS.
- BRAIN RESEARCH REVIEWS.
- BRITISH JOURNAL OF PLASTIC SURGERY.
- BULLETIN OF MATHEMATICAL BIOLOGY.
- CELL BIOLOGY INTERNATIONAL.
- CELL CALCIUM.
- CELLULAR IMMUNOLOGY.
- CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY AND IMMUNOPATHOLOGY.
- COGNITIVE BRAIN RESEARCH.
- COMPUTERS AND BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH.
- CRYOBIOLOGY.
- CYTOKINE.
- DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY.
- DEVELOPMENTAL BRAIN RESEARCH.
- ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH.
- EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF CLINICAL MICROBIOLOGY & INFECTIOUS DISEASES.
- EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF PHARMACOLOGY.
- EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF SURGICAL ONCOLOGY.
- EXPERIMENTAL AND MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY.
- EXPERIMENTAL CELL RESEARCH.

- EXPERIMENTAL EYE RESEARCH.
- EXPERIMENTAL NEUROLOGY.
- EXPERIMENTAL PARASITOLOGY.
- FEBS LETTERS.
- FRONTIERS IN NEUROENDOCRINOLOGY.
- GENERAL AND COMPARATIVE ENDOCRINOLOGY.
- GENETICS.
- GENOMICS.
- JOURNAL OF ADOLESCENCE.
- JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE PATHOLOGY.
- JOURNAL OF HAND SURGERY. BRITISH EDITION.
- JOURNAL OF INVERTEBRATE PATHOLOGY.
- JOURNAL OF MEMORY AND LANGUAGE.
- JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR CARDIOLOGY.
- JOURNAL OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY.
- JOURNAL OF STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY.
- JOURNAL OF SURGICAL RESEARCH.
- MEDICAL HYPOTHESES.
- MICROVASCULAR RESEARCH.
- MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR NEUROSCIENCES.
- MOLECULAR BRAIN RESEARCH.
- NEUROBIOLOGY OF DISEASE.
- NEUROBIOLOGY OF LEARNING AND MEMORY.
- NEUROPEPTIDES.
- NITRIC OXIDE: BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY.
- PHARMACOLOGICAL RESEARCH.
- PLACENTA.
- PLASMID.
- PREVENTIVE MEDICINE.
- TISSUE AND CELL.
- TOXICOLOGY AND APPLIED PHARMACOLOGY.
- TUBERCLE AND LUNG DISEASE.
- VIROLOGY.

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Searching Louisiana Morbidity Statistics: A Locally Created Database

The Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Library in New Orleans announces the creation of a searchable Bibliographic Citation Database for the *Louisiana Morbidity Report* available on the World Wide Web at <http://melvil.lsumc.edu/ris/risweb.isa> **link removed**; it is also available from the Library's Homepage (<http://www.lsuhscc.edu/library/no> **link removed**).

What is the *Louisiana Morbidity Report*?

The *Louisiana Morbidity Report* is a publication distributed bimonthly by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health, Division of Health Protection and Promotion, Infectious Disease - Epidemiology Section. The publication began in its present form in 1967. The *Louisiana Morbidity Report* contains brief articles pertaining to incidence and prevalence of infectious diseases and reportable conditions, state surveillance data, injury and risk data, prevention news, disease outbreaks, vaccine statistics, etc. reported by the Louisiana Office of Public Health.

Where is it available?

The publication is available full-text online from 1997 to the present, through the Louisiana Office of Public Health, Division of Health Protection and Promotion, Infectious Disease - Epidemiology Section web site (select Publications and then select Louisiana Morbidity and Mortality Report) <http://www.dhh.state.la.us/OPH/infectepi/default.htm> **link removed**. For items not available full-text online, the LSUHSC Library in New Orleans houses the entire run of the publication (1967 - present).

What is in the Database?

This database contains citations to the published report. It is indexed using the National Library of Medicine's Medical Subject Headings (MeSH), without the attached subheadings. Use this database to search for articles pertaining to your topic, then go to the full-text (either online or in the print version) of the publication after identifying from the citation, the year, month and page(s) that are needed.

How do I search it?

The database is searchable by using "Quick Search" to search for a single keyword (a Medical subject heading (MeSH)) or single keywords combined using Boolean **AND**, **OR**, or **NOT** connectors (capitalization and underlining are unnecessary). The "Advanced Search" allows you to search keyword phrases (many MeSH headings contain more than one word), as well as use Boolean connectors to search for terms in the non-indexed fields: title, notes and abstract fields.

What else is available?

Also in production are a database of LSUHSC faculty publications and a database of dental materials and equipment citations.

- For further information on the *Louisiana Morbidity Report* Database, contact Kathryn E. Kerdolff (504-568-6102 or kkerdo@lsumc.edu **link removed**).
- For further information on the Faculty Publication Database, contact Elizabeth Dean (504-568-6105 or edean@lsumc.edu **link removed**).
- For further information on the Dental Materials Database, contact Elizabeth Strother (604-619-8507 or estrot@lsumc.edu **link removed**).

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Electronic Reference Service

Are you stretched too thin? Do you need answers but just can't get to the Library? Well, we have the answer to your problems!

The Library is offering, for the very first time, a brand new [Electronic Reference Service](#) *link removed*. From the privacy and convenience of your own home or any other computer with Internet access, you can ask easy, ready reference questions and receive an answer in ONE WORKING DAY (holidays and weekends do not apply)! You can get the answers to such questions as...

- What is "red diaper" syndrome?
- What is the 800 number for Majors Booksellers?
- What is the address for M.D. Anderson Hospital's Department of Family Medicine?
- Which database should I use to obtain citations to journal articles about nursing theory?

All these questions and more can be answered by clicking on the Electronic Reference Service icon on the LSUHSC Library Homepage and then entering your LSUHSC ID and password. These are the same ID and password you use to access Ovid and your email account. An information screen will appear and ask you to provide some information, then type and send your question. The questions are answered by the Library's knowledgeable and friendly Reference Librarians. It is as easy as pie!! So hurry to ask YOUR question today!!

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**Computer Laboratory Renovations
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Those of you here during the summer may have noticed the work and activity going on behind closed doors on the fourth floor of the LSU Health Sciences Center Library. We weren't trying to be secretive, and we are excited to announce the re-opening of our renovated computer lab.

We have added fourteen brand new Gateway PC's to our lab, bringing the total number of available computers to 30. These new computers have some spirit to them as well. "Comparing these new computers to the old is like comparing a Ferrari to a bicycle", says Bryant Faust of Academic Affairs. He's not guilty of hyperbole either. Equipped with 450 MHz Pentium III processors and 128 MB of RAM, the days of tapping your foot impatiently while waiting for images to load are a thing of the past. Equally exciting are the new 19" monitors, offering 40 extra square inches of viewing space. The improvements and innovations are not limited simply to individual computers. To further improve the classes on database searching given by the library, the new lab is equipped with a 48 square foot projection screen, and a new teaching PC station.

For those in need of more fundamental programs, we have equipped all the lab computers with Microsoft Office 2000 premium edition. This package includes not only the latest versions of staples such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, but also Photo Draw, Publisher, and Access. Right now, you may be thinking, "Well this is all dandy, but files for Publisher are so gigantic, I can't fit them on a disk." Ah, but you can fit them on a zip disk. In response to this need, all the new computers are equipped with 100MB zip drives, capable of holding the complete works of your favorite author (in the public domain) and an MP-3 of the latest hit band all on one disk.

Those of you doing book or journal searches have no doubt noticed the four new computers on the 4th and 5th floor. These are located near the study rooms on the 4th floor, and in the stacks on the 5th floor. This means no more running back and forth to track down the latest issue of *Renal Failure*. Saving all this time and energy may have allowed you to notice some changes in our public access terminals. They are in the process of being converted to Windows NT. Moving to a Windows NT platform will offer a more stable working environment for our Library users.

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DEED-Net Participation

The LSU Health Sciences Center Library is pleased to announce its participation in the statewide grant initiative known as DEED-Net. This project was established with a grant from the Board of Regents and the acronym stands for Distance Education Electronic Document Delivery Network.

The project grew out of the cooperative efforts of the Louisiana Academic Library Information Network Consortium (LALINC). A mechanism was needed to facilitate fast access to remote materials, particularly for Distance Education (DE) programs. Through the use of Ariel software (produced by the Resource Libraries Group or RLG), articles are scanned and then transmitted via the Internet to another Ariel workstation. This new system is more cost effective and less time-consuming than other delivery methods.

Since DE is the primary focus of this grant, the Library should be notified of any DE efforts at LSUHSC. If you are involved in a Distance Education project, please contact Kathy Kerdolff at the Isché Library (504-568-6102 or kkerdo@lsumc.edu *link removed*) or Liz Strother at the Dental Library (504-619-8507 or estrot@lsumc.edu *link removed*) for information and services for your students.

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Ovid Hints: Improving Your Subject Searches

Ovid, the LSUHSC web-based bibliographic database search system, allows access to eight essential health databases ***link removed***. After a user logs in to Ovid (LSUHSC userid and password required), an alphabetical list of all available databases appears, from which the user is prompted to select one to search. Because most database searches are subject searches, Ovid's main search page reads "Enter Keyword or Phrase." This statement alerts LSUHSC users that Ovid's default search is a subject search. Any search entered on the command line without field qualification will be treated as a subject search. All of the health databases available in the Ovid search system have a thesaurus, a controlled indexing vocabulary language.

A checkbox labeled "Map Term to Subject Heading" appears above the command line on the Main Search Page. When this box is checked, Ovid applies what is known as a MAPPING process to the search. MAPPING interprets the keyword or phrase that is entered on the command line according to the indexing rules and basic structure of the selected database. Users can turn MAPPING off by clearing the "Map Term to Subject Heading" checkbox on the main search page. The Ovid system will then search the user's keyword or phrase in the title, abstract, identifier, and the subject heading search fields. MAPPING is available only in the Advanced Mode.

Users of the Ovid system are cautioned to enter only one keyword or phrase at a time. Doing otherwise can cause the Ovid system either to issue an error message or to bypass the thesaurus. By entering one keyword or phrase at a time, and then clicking the perform search button, the Ovid system will present the Mapping Display Page. The Mapping Display Page, in most databases, lists up to ten controlled vocabulary terms, which seem to match the desired subject.

Depending on how closely the system was able to MAP the search term, users will be led through a process of one or more steps to select the appropriate checkbox next to desired vocabulary term(s). If none of the vocabulary terms appears to match the desired subject, a user should select the checkbox for the last line, "Search as Keyword." The Combine icon at the top of the page, permits a searcher to combine selections with the Boolean operator OR (to retrieve at least one selected term in each document) or AND (to retrieve all selected terms in each document). For additional information on how to improve database searches using Boolean logic, field qualification, and other search features, consult Ovid's Help screens, or contact the Library Reference Department to schedule a class at the Isché Library (504) 568-6102 or at the Dental Library (504) 619-8507.

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Highlighted Websites: Weather

Once again it's the time of year when our interests turn to tropical weather. Hurricane season can be a time of stress, but there are a variety of sites on the web that will greatly increase your knowledge and preparedness.

Terrebonne Readiness & Assistance Coalition (TRAC)

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TRAC provides a comprehensive site with a variety of links devoted to hurricane preparation, tracking, general education, and recovery. A drop-down menu is also available for specific information regarding evacuation shelters and routes for each parish. Kids and those young at heart will be delighted to find "TRAC Kids," which teaches about the serious subject of natural disasters in a fun way through games and stories. A brief booklet entitled "Surviving the Storm," and sponsored by TRAC, Entergy, and the City of New Orleans, is available at your local post office should you wish to inform friends and family without easy access to the Internet.

City of New Orleans Office of Emergency Preparedness

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This homepage has links to phone numbers for city departments and agencies, as well as a guide for citizens with disabilities, and, of course, emergency preparedness information in general.

Hurricane Hunters

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For the closest view possible of the actual storm without the wind and rain, join the famous Hurricane Hunters as they fly right into the eye of the storm. Links to past storm information and the current storm are provided. Don't miss out on your chance to take a "Cyberflight Into the Eye"!

Weather Online! from the National Weather Service

(www.srcc.lsu.edu link removed)

Just click on "Tropical Weather" and a variety of maps are available including animated satellite loops, strike probabilities, and warnings/watches for current storms. Links to related sources are provided to monitor storm activity throughout the southern region.

FAQ: Hurricanes, Typhoons, and Tropical Cyclones

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If you have a specific question in mind such as, "What is a Cape Verde-type hurricane?" and just can't find the answer anywhere else, a visit to this site will be very enlightening. Basic definitions concerning tropical storms are also addressed.

American Red Cross

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This site is devoted to helping the general public be as prepared as possible for a hurricane and provides specific information on putting together survival kits, the definitions of a watch versus a warning, and what to do in each case. A listing of the services provided by the Red Cross is also available, as well as what you can do to help during and after a disaster.

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Staff News

Charles Banks received an upgrade this Summer to his Civil Service position to Mobile Equipment Operator 1.

Carolyn Bridgewater, Reference Librarian, has been awarded the William D. Postell, Sr. Professional Development Award from the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association (SCC/MLA). She presented a poster session at SCC/MLA's annual meeting in October; the poster was entitled "Slyly (Not Slightly) Shifting Serials."

Elizabeth Dean, Assistant to the Library Director, has been awarded one of the 1999 Pfizer Excellence Awards ([See related story](#)).

Tom Finicle, Stacks Maintenance Supervisor, left the library in August. He is now employed with Space Station Kenner. He was a co-author on a poster session, "Slyly (Not Slightly) Shifting Serials," at SCC/MLA in October.

Pauline Fulda, Associate Director, was a co-author on a poster session, "Slyly (Not Slightly) Shifting Serials," at SCC/MLA in October.

Michelle Hudson joined the Library staff at the end of October. Her title is Document Delivery/Technical Services Associate.

Jennifer Kelly, Evening Reference Librarian, has been appointed to the SCC/MLA Awards & Scholarships committee.

Kerry Kareokowsky joined the Library Staff in October as a Circulation Associate at the Isché Library. She is a recent graduate of Loyola - New Orleans.

Kathy Kerdolff, Reference Librarian, presented a poster session on "Launching a Web Searchable Bibliographic Database: a Technique to Increase Access to Morbidity Information" ([See related story](#)) at the Assembly on Education Summer Symposium sponsored by American Health Information Management Association. She presented a similar session at SCC/MLA in October. Kathy has also been appointed to the SCC/MLA Continuing Education committee.

Hanna Kwasik joined the Library in September as Serials Librarian. She was formerly employed by the Earl K. Long Library at the University of New Orleans.

Jennifer Lloyd, Circulation & Interlibrary Loan Manager, has been appointed to both the SCC/MLA and the Louisiana Library Association (LLA) Membership committees.

Mary Marix, Reference Librarian, has been appointed Chair of the Nominating committee for the Public Services Section of MLA. She also has been appointed to the SCC/MLA Credentialing committee.

Sandra Ogden, Serials Librarian, left the library in June. She accepted the position of Coordinator of Technical Services for the Hancock County Library System in Mississippi.

Beth Oliver joined the Library Staff in July as a Circulation Associate at the Isché Library. She is a recent graduate of LSU-BR.

Liz Schafer, Circulation Associate at the Isché Library, left the library in August for a job in the Career Placement Office at UNO.

Freyja Stoltz, Serials Associate at the Dental Library, left the Library following the birth of her son, Joseph McCain Stoltz.

Elizabeth Strother, Head of the Dental Library, was recertified by the Academy of Health Information Professionals at the distinguished level. She also received an award for 20 years of service at the Career Service Awards Ceremony.

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Publishing Information

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

Archived copies of the newsletter may be found via the LSUHSC Library's homepage at <http://www.lsuhs.edu/no/library/> *link removed*.

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

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