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Library to Go! Remote Access to Databases

The Library now offers remote access to all sorts of Academic and Public Library resources. In order to gain access to academic databases such as

GaleNet,

Books in Print,

Cambridge Scientific Abstracts,

and many more, you will need your LSUHSC Library barcode. The barcode can be found on the back of your LSUHSC ID card. If you do not already have a barcode, just drop by the Library to get one.

To gain access to Public Library databases

Ancestry.com,

Facts.com,

Poem Finder,

ProQuest,

World Book Online,

and many, many more, you will need your Public Library barcode. If you do not already have one, simply go to your parish Library and apply for a card.

For more information on this service please visit our LSUHSC Libraries Search Systems page at <http://www.lsuhs.edu/no/library/searchsystem.html> *link removed*. Scroll down on the menu to the left until you see the Remote Access option.

Also, don't forget that the LSUHSC Library offers remote access to Ovid *link removed* with your LSUHSC UserID and password, and Innopac *link removed* from our homepage.

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The Big Switch: Moving to LSUHSC Cash Cards from Vendamat Copycards

The Library is now accepting the LSUHSC cash card. Like the new LSUHSC ID cards, these new cash cards may be used at various locations throughout the LSUHSC campus, including the Library, to pay for computer printouts and for photocopies. Cash cards are a good option for people who do not have new LSUHSC ID cards or those who prefer not to use their ID cards for these purposes. Auxiliary Enterprises' conversion from Vendamat copycards to new LSUHSC cash cards was completed in January. The following Q & A answers some of the most basic questions about the new cards.

How much do the cash cards cost? How do I get one? How do I add money value to them?

The new cash cards themselves, with no monetary value, cost \$1 and are available from a vending unit in the Library and also from the LSUHSC Bookstore. To purchase a cash card from the vending unit in the Library, you must have a single dollar bill to buy the card itself; once you've purchase the card, you may insert the card into the vending machine and use \$1, \$5, and \$10 bills (but not coins) to add value to it. You can also add value to your cash card at any copier: insert your card into the card slot, then insert your money in the bill or coin acceptor, and that amount is added to your card. (*Please note: The vending unit and the copiers do not make change -- the amount of cash you put in the machine is the amount that will be added to your card.*)

Why might I want a cash card? Can't I use cash or my new LSUHSC ID to make copies?

You may still use coins, \$1, \$5, and \$10 bills to pay for photocopies, at a cost of 10 cents per copy. The advantage of using a cash card or LSUHSC ID for copying is that the cost is only 7¢ per copy. *Also, the only way to pay for printouts from Library computers is with a cash card or an LSUHSC ID*, at a cost of 10¢ per page. If you already have an LSUHSC ID with value on it, the choice is yours as to whether or not you want a cash card; the two cards work the same way.

Though the printing and copying systems are managed by Auxiliary Enterprises, Library Staff is always happy to try to answer questions about copying and printing.

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Looking for Grants: in All the Right Places

Two databases, **IRIS** and **LaSmarts**, are available to the LSUHSC community for searching state, national, and international grant funding sources. An individual profile can be set up in each database to automatically identify and match funding opportunities of interest. The results are emailed to the individual.

IRIS (Illinois Researcher Information Service) (<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/iris/> [link removed](#)) contains records on over 8,000 federal and private funding opportunities in the sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities. Weekly email announcements provide a list of all matched opportunities. Access is provided via a subscription of the LSUHSC Office of Research.

LaSmarts (<http://www.osr.lsu.edu/smarts/> [link removed](#)) is a funding alert service that searches Louisiana, national, and international government, as well as private funding sources. Announcements are emailed daily to the individual. This service ensures that investigators are kept current of new funding opportunities and of revised or approaching deadlines. LaSmarts is sponsored by the Louisiana Board of Regents and the National Science Foundation under the EPSCoR initiative for registered Louisiana Institutions of Higher Education.

While both databases are theoretically "user friendly," Reference Librarians provide help to faculty and students who would like extra tips on using these services. We offer group classes as well as one-on-one sessions. Please contact the Reference Department (504) 568-6102 and (504) 568-8339 or on the web at <http://www.lsuhs.edu/no/library/staff.html#ref> [link removed](#) for more information.

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Library Display Featuring:

Thomas M. Wolf, PhD and his new book *To Your Health: Achieving Well-Being During Medical School*

The Library has created a display which features a few of Dr. Wolf's programs at LSUHSC as well as his new book. Programs highlighted include the Health Promotion Program which gave the campus its fitness center and APRIL (Academic Performance Resources in LSUHSC-NO) which offers support services to our students. The display cases surround the Library stairwell.

New Resource Guide

Alternative, Complementary or Integrative Medicine *link removed*

This Guide is a selective list of resources in the LSUHSC Library that can be used to find information on various CAM topics. It is designed for the student or clinician needing basic information on Alternative, Complementary or Integrative Medicine. Herbal Medicine *link removed* is not included in this Guide because there is a separate Resource Guide devoted to that subject.

Ovid Hints: Limiting

Through its Limit functions, the Ovid system offers many opportunities to fine-tune your search and save yourself the time and energy you might otherwise spend scanning numerous irrelevant citations.

The Limit icon appears at the top of the Main Search page. Some of the features available as Limits in Ovid include:

- § [age groups](#)
- § [gender](#)
- § [population groups](#) (human or animal)
- § [publication types](#)
- § [journal subsets and](#)
- § [language](#).

Age Groups

The most popular and well-constructed databases (MEDLINE, CINAHL, PsycINFO) have rigorous rules for indexing by these limiting parameters. Age groups are well defined so that when it is appropriate, you may limit your search retrieval to only those articles that include people in the age group of interest. This is particularly helpful in pediatrics and geriatrics/gerontology. One or more age groups may be selected.

MEDLINE and CINAHL use the same age groups:

- § Infant--1-23 months old
- § Preschool Child--2-5 years old
- § Child--6-12 years old
- § Adolescence--13-18 years old
- § Adult--19-44 years old
- § Middle Age--45-64 years old
- § Aged--65 years old and older
- § Aged, 80 and over

Other databases have age groups that are meaningful to the type of material that they cover.

Gender & Population

If the gender of the patient is significant to your research, it is possible to limit your retrieval to females or males from the Limit page. The same applies to the human/animal distinction. For example, when looking for information on a new drug, you can easily eliminate all of the animal studies by selecting Human on the Limit page.

Publication Type

Limits by Publication Type are available in both MEDLINE and CINAHL. They “describe the form of presentation of an article or other work.” In MEDLINE they include designations such as Review Article, Practice Guideline, Editorial, Clinical Trial, Biography and Historical Article. A complete list can be found at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/pubtypesg.html> **link removed**. In CINAHL, a most helpful publication type is Research, which enables you to restrict your search retrieval to only articles that are reports of research studies. By making yourself aware of the publication types, you will be better able to shape a search that more closely fits your needs.

Journal Subsets

Journal Subsets allow you to restrict the articles that you retrieve to a smaller portion of the entire database. For example, MEDLINE indexes over 4,000 journals but the AIM subset includes about 125 English-language, clinically oriented journals. The Dental and Nursing subsets are useful to people in those professions who want to limit themselves to their own literature. In CINAHL there are geographical as well as topical journal subsets. CINAHL also provides a Special Interest Category that allows you to zero in on an area of practice.

Language

Although the databases we provide through the Ovid system are produced in the United States, they are international in scope and include references to articles in non-English languages. The Languages limit box allows you to select from your retrieval only articles in the language you specify. Since most of our users wish to limit to articles in the English language, this feature has been made available on the Main Search Page as well as from the Limit page. Each database puts its most frequently used limits on the Main Search Page for your convenience.

In working with patrons who come into the library as well as with those who phone us with their search problems, the Reference Librarians have observed that failure to use the Limit function in Ovid is a widespread source of ineffective searching. We hope that this brief explication will encourage you to try the Limits and that you will see how they can be of assistance to you in your searching.

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Highlighted Websites: Death & Taxes

As the deadline for filing your income tax quickly approaches, there is some good news. This year April 15th falls on a Sunday, which means **Monday April 16th becomes the new deadline**. Why not make use of this extra time by becoming as familiar as possible with all of the available options and deductions specifically suited to your situation? A huge investment of time and energy isn't a requirement either. In fact, you'll even be able to print off the necessary forms from some of the following web sites rather than physically picking them up at your local Post Office or Public Library. So take a few moments to enlighten yourself about your tax requirements. The payoff may be more than just educational.

IRS - The Digital Daily: Income Tax Forms, Instructions, Publications, Regulations, and other stuff

<http://www.irs.gov/index.html> *link removed*

This comprehensive site maintained by the Internal Revenue Service does an excellent job of presenting all aspects of calculating and paying your taxes. Questions about filing electronically, tax regulations, and how to contact the IRS can be easily answered through the many helpful links within the site.

Student Loan Interest Deduction

<http://www.irs.gov/hot/not97-605.html> *link removed*

Educational regulations are spelled out in plain English. Be sure to cover the links on the Hope and Life Time Learning Credits too. For specific concerns regarding other aspects of student loans take a few minutes to review our last LSUHSC Library Newsletter under "[Highlighted Websites - Student Loans](#) *link removed*."

Yahoo! Tax Center

<http://taxes.yahoo.com/> *link removed*

A wide variety of informational aids such as books and articles are conveniently listed in this site as well as a tax guide for investors. Estimating the amount of your refund and filing electronically are also available options.

LSU Libraries - Tax

<http://www.lib.lsu.edu/govdocs/taxes.html> *link removed*

The LSU Library in Baton Rouge has provided this helpful site for finding state income tax forms for any U.S. state.

2000 Web Tax Forms

http://www.rev.state.la.us/htmlfiles/tax_forms/TaxForms00.asp *link removed*

The Department of Revenue for the State of Louisiana provides this site for their online services. Adobe Acrobat Reader is required to view and print the tax forms available. A method of downloading Adobe is accessible through the site itself for your convenience.

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Marlene Bishop, Acquisitions/Collection Development Librarian, presented a poster entitled "Handling Border Crossing: Electronic Journal Management in the South Central Region" at the Annual Meeting of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association (SCC/MLA) in El Paso, Texas in October. She has also been invited to join the Beta Phi Mu Library Honor Society.

Carolyn K. Bridgewater, Reference Librarian at the John P. Isché Library (Resource Center), has been elected Vice President/President-Elect of the Health Sciences Library Association of Louisiana (HSLAL).

James Hartgers moved from Circulation at the John P. Isché Library to Document Delivery/Technical Services.

Jennifer Kelly Hill, Evening Reference Librarian at the John P. Isché Library (Resource Center), has been appointed as Chair of the SCC/MLA Awards & Scholarships Committee.

Kathryn E. Kerdolff, Reference Librarian at the John P. Isché Library (Resource Center), presented a contributed paper, "Crossing State Borders: Linking State Morbidity Publications on the Web" at the Annual Meeting of SCC/MLA in El Paso, Texas in October.

Jennifer K. Lloyd, Circulation & Interlibrary Loan Manager/Web Coordinator for the John P. Isché Library, presented a poster entitled "Bordering on Insanity: Inventorying Monographs and Serials" at the Annual Meeting of SCC/MLA in El Paso, Texas in October. She has also been appointed Chair of the Continuing Education Committee for HSLAL.

Lisa Scanlon joined the Library Staff in January as a Technical Services Associate. She previously worked at Tulane Medical Center Library.

Wilba Swearingen, Director of Libraries, has been appointed Co-Chair of Local Arrangements for the Triple Chapter meeting of the Medical Library Association (South Central, Southern, and Mid-Continental Chapters) to take place in New Orleans in October 2001.

David Wolff, Day Circulation Associate at the John P. Isché Library, has been participating in a series of studies at the National Biodynamics Laboratory located at the NASA Michoud Assembly Center.

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Publishing Information

LSUHSC Library-New Orleans' *Library Bulletin* is published three times per year, corresponding to the university's three semesters.

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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