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One recent electronic resource, Micromedix, was offered to the Biomedical Library without charge. Micromedix includes:

- **MICROMEDEX Healthcare Series:**
  - A wide range of clinical databases, including unbiased, referenced information about drugs, toxicology, diseases, acute care, and alternative medicine.

- **CareNotes™ System:**
  - CareNotes™ provides your patients with complete, easy-to-understand information about all aspects of their care, medications, and health, in English or Spanish.

See additional article in this issue for further details on this product. A password is required to access this resource. You can call (251) 460-6888 or e-mail medlib@bbl.usouthal.edu to obtain the password. Also, according to license restrictions, this resource can only be used for educational and training purposes by University of South Alabama students and faculty in the health sciences, and is not to be used for any clinical care, emergency, or commercial purpose. While these restrictions are usually not acceptable to us, we felt that the quality of this resource (and the availability without cost), warranted an exception.

Computer Printing in the Biomedical Libraries

The library has changed the way printing from library computers is tracked and payments are made. In the past it was basically a "print then pay" system. The new system is just the opposite--"pay then print". All users who print from computers in our libraries will need to have a copy card with a sufficient balance to cover the print job. Cards may be purchased with cash, check, credit card or requisition at a library circulation desk or, at the Medical Center site, using cash, from a vending machine near the front door.
MICROMEDEX Healthcare Series and CareNotes System

The Biomedical Library has recently signed up with Thomson MICROMEDEX for its education only databases MICROMEDEX Healthcare Series and CareNotes System. Nursing and some Allied Health faculty and students may find the databases most helpful. The features of the databases are:

- Disease Information - Evidence-based, relevant information on disease states, treatment guidelines, and standards of care.
- Drug Briefs - Bulleted briefs which include summaries on a variety of topics like trade names, dosing, indications, contradictions, monitoring, and drug interactions.
- IV Compatibility - 600 unique drugs and solutions search individual drugs.
- Drug Identification - Identifies drugs that patients bring to the hospitals by color, shape, and imprint codes.
- Drug Interactions - 9 types of interactions which includes 8000 unique drug terms that are drug-specific rather than class-specific.
- Patient education documents - Easy-to-understand materials to help educate patients about their health condition and encourage their participation in care.

According to license restrictions, this resource can only be used for educational and training purposes by University of South Alabama students and faculty in the health sciences fields, and is not to be used for any clinical care, emergency, or commercial purpose. Please contact the Biomedical Library (251) 460-7044 or medlib@bbl.usouthal.edu to obtain your userid and password to access this database. The online tutorials may be found at http://www.micromedex.com/support/training/online_tutorials/.

-- Jie Li

**Book Sale Success!**

I would like to thank everyone involved for your tireless efforts to make this our most successful book sale ever! Books we sell are either donations from faculty or other donors, or are books that we have withdrawn from our collection, usually because we have a newer edition. Before deciding to place a book in the book sale, we always check to see if it might make a good addition to our collection. If it would not add to our collection, it then becomes eligible for sale.

The Biomedical Library made a total of $700.70 on the book sale! These funds will be used to improve the library; ideas under consideration include adding new seating to the library or making other improvements to the circulation area.

Thank You!

-- J. Michael Lindsay

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**BIOFEEDBACK, New Series, Issue #66, Winter 2006**

Biofeedback, the Biomedical Library Newsletter, a publication of the University of South Alabama Biomedical Library, is published at regular intervals. Editor: Geneva Bush Staggs. Contributors to this issue were Judy Burnham, Clista Canton, Jie Li, Michael Lindsay, Terri Ottosen, Justin Robertson, Ellen Sayed, Kay Hogan Smith and Geneva Staggs. Comments should be addressed to Geneva Staggs, Medical Center Library, University of South Alabama, Mobile, AL 36617-2293 or by email at: gstaggs@bbl.usouthal.edu.
Internet Basics
This class is designed to give basic knowledge of utilizing the Internet for medical research. It includes browser navigation, printing and saving, searching, and subject-oriented sites.

CINAHL Plus with Full Text
Learn to effectively search and retrieve articles using CINAHL Plus with Full Text as well as techniques to print and save results.

OVID MEDLINE
Learn to effectively search and retrieve articles using OVID MEDLINE as well as techniques to print and save results.

PubMed
Learn how to search and navigate MEDLINE through the free databases of the National Library of Medicine using PubMed and the NLM Gateway. Learn how to limit results, focus searches, and retrieve articles in print and online.

Workshops for Research Assistants and Secretaries
Learn about the Biomedical Library's resources and services, including remote access, library catalog searching tips for books and journals, article retrieval, and fact finding. Information includes both print and online resources.

Fill Rates UP
As a Resource Library in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, the Baugh Biomedical Library has a five year contract to participate in resource sharing activities. As such, the Library is required to fill at least 75% of interlibrary loan requests received via DOCLINE, a resource sharing database developed and maintained by the National Library of Medicine.

Recently, the Network Access Coordinator at the Regional Medical Library in Baltimore, commended the Library for a job well done in its resource sharing activities, which far exceeded the 75% fill rate. Our interlibrary loan fill rate varies from 80% to 83%. Variables that can negatively affect the fill rate are: material at the bindery or checked out; incorrect citation; material not on the shelf; the borrowing library does not want to pay our fee; journal issue requested has not been received yet, among others. As was pointed out in the letter, this high performance reflects effective work procedures within the Biomedical Libraries, and current journal holdings maintained in SERHOLD, which DOCLINE uses to route the requests to potential lenders.

To make this performance possible, the work flow must be monitored daily, which requires constant co-operation between staff members in various departments and branches. Journal holdings changes must also be monitored and edited in a timely manner. The Interlibrary Loan department has worked diligently to achieve and maintain this high performance rating. We thank all the library staff for their co-operation and hard work to make this possible.

Ellen Sayed

Medicare Part D CE Available
A continuing education opportunity from Clinical Pharmacology can help physicians, pharmacists, nurses can learn more about Medicare Part D, the new Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit. The program has been developed by Gold Standard, the producers of Clinical Pharmacology along with Informed Decisions, the National Community Pharmacists Association and CEcity. This will help the health care professional as they counsel with their patients on the options available from this program. Visit http://www.LearnMedicare.com for full details. (Note: You must use Internet Explorer for this resource.)

Other CE programs on Medicare Part D can be found at: http://ce.rschool.com/medicare.cfm and http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedlearnProducts/23_drugcoverage.asp

Judy Burnham
Ready, Get Set...Go Local Alabama!

Health InfoNet of Alabama, a free, library-based, consumer health information service, in participation with the National Library of Medicine’s MedlinePlus “Go Local” initiative, has launched its new website! The new site (www.healthinfonet.org), one of the first six “Go Local” sites in the country to go live, includes a statewide database of local health facilities and services. This database, with resources ranging from adult day care services to weight management programs, currently holds around 1300 records and is searchable by service type or health issue focus, as well as location (city, county or zip code). Through the nationwide “Go Local” initiative, users of the comprehensive, award-winning MedlinePlus consumer health information website (www.medlineplus.gov) can link to local consumer health websites, such as Health InfoNet’s, to find health services in their communities, in addition to linking from the local sites to MedlinePlus for reliable, current health information.

Health InfoNet began in 1999 as a partnership between UAB Lister Hill Library and the Jefferson County public libraries. Its primary goal is to provide easy access to authoritative resources for residents’ health information needs. In 2004, concurrent with its selection by the National Library of Medicine as a “Go Local” participant, Health InfoNet expanded its service area statewide throughout Alabama. This extended the partnership to all public and medical libraries in the state. Thus, residents of Mobile, for example, could now go to their local public library for access to up-to-date health information collections and assistance from library staff in locating the best resources for their particular needs. In addition, those users can also count on their local libraries being able to forward their information requests to the premier academic medical libraries in the state, UAB Lister Hill Library or the University of South Alabama’s Baugh Biomedical Library, if sufficient information cannot be found locally. This statewide multi-institutional partnership furthers the long-standing Health InfoNet goal of empowering consumers by providing efficient and easy access to reliable, current health information. Now with the broad-ranging health resource referral capability via the new “Go Local” website, Health InfoNet has begun an exciting new chapter!

For more information about Health InfoNet of Alabama and the “Go Local” program, or to suggest health resources for the website database, contact project director Kay Hogan Smith at (205) 934-2230 (email khogan@uab.edu) or local administrator Justin Robertson at (251) 460-7045 (email jroberts@bbl.usouthal.edu).

-- Kay Hogan Smith

Library Liaison Program

Librarians from the Biomedical Library have been designated as liaisons to departments in the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health Professions. The purpose of the liaison program is to communicate with the faculty concerning library services and collection.

The Biomedical Library also solicits suggestions from the faculty for new books and journals. Another aspect of assistance from the faculty is in the development of Specialty Pages on the BL web page. Faculty are asked to submit URLs for associations/organizations, full text, lists, and links in each discipline.

-- Judy Burnham
USA now on Google Scholar!

What is Google Scholar? Google Scholar is a new free service introduced by Google with the aim of providing access to scholarly literature. That is, you can search Google Scholar for papers, books, and abstracts; even preprints and other peer reviewed materials. Included are works from a variety of sources, including universities, preprint repositories, academic publishers, and professional societies.

The University of South Alabama’s resources are now accessible via this new resource. In order to check to see if you are searching on USA resources, from the Google Scholar search page (http://scholar.google.com/schhp?hl=en&tab=we&q=) go to the link entitled “Scholar Preferences” to the right of the search box, look for the section on the page labeled library links, and make sure the option University of South Alabama (USA eText) is checked. If it is not, just search on University of South Alabama in the Library Links search box. While Google Scholar is a great tool to help you get a good idea of the kind of resources that are out there or just to find a peer-reviewed article quickly, don’t forget about the many powerful resources and databases the library owns. MEDLINE, just to cite one example, has many powerful options for focusing a search. You can build sets, basically several different searches so that you can compare the results for each change in your search strategy. You can search by publication year, or specify that your results be from USA subscribed resources only.

Check out Google Scholar and add it to your arsenal of search tools, but don’t forget about the many high quality research databases that the Biomedical Library provides online to you from the Databases & Resources link on the Biomedical Library homepage (http://southmed.usouthal.edu/library/). Enjoy!

-- J. Michael Lindsay

PageRank in Google

Google uses several factors in determining the rank of resources presented. One algorithm used is the PageRank. PageRank evaluates how many links there are to a web page from other pages, and the quality of the linking sites. With PageRank, five or six high-quality links from websites such as www.cnn.com and www.nytimes.com would be valued much more highly than twice as many links from less reputable or established sites.

Another factor considered is the adjacency of the terms. For example, if a document contains the phrase “patient safety” with the words right next to each other, the web resource would be more relevant than one that used the word “safety” in conjunction with “fire safety.” Also if the terms are included in the web page title, the web page will probably be more relevant. Additionally, if the term “patient safety” appears several times on a page, the relevancy will probably go up and the resource will be ranked higher.

-- Judy Burnham

New Open Access Option on Google

Google now allows users to filter search results according to “Usage Rights.” This feature identifies websites whose owners have indicated that they carry a Creative Commons license. (Google recommends that users verify the terms under which the content is made available and to make their own judgment as to whether these terms are lawfully applied to the content.) Creative Commons (http://creativecommons.org/) allows the resource developer to determine the degree of copyright control they wish to maintain. The new Google feature will allow researchers to find materials that can be used without needing to get special permission from the publisher. The search can be for music, photos, movies, books and educational materials.

If you set the search filter to “free to use or share,” you’ll get results which you can copy or redistribute. If you set the filter to “free to modify,” you’ll get results that you can use, share, or modify. (Please be sure to select “even commercially” if you want to use a work commercially.) If you leave the filter at “not filtered by license,” you’ll simply get standard, unfiltered Google results.

-- Judy Burnham
SELECTED RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Location of item is in brackets following the call number.

B = Baugh Biomedical Library (Campus)
CW = Children's & Women's Hospital Library
MC = Medical Center Library
Ref = Reference collection at indicated site.

QH BIOLOGY
QH 671 W567 [B]

QT PHYSIOLOGY, SPORTS MEDICINE
QT 261 S7951 [MC]

QZ PATHOLOGY
QZ 266 S358e [MC]

W MEDICAL PROFESSION
W 18.2 F57 [B - Ref]

W 813 E56 [MC - Ref]

WB PRACTICE OF MEDICINE
WB 33 D522s [MC]
The respiratory therapist’s legal answer book / Anthony DeWitt, Jones and Bartlett, 2006.

WB 39 O580 [MC]

WB 460 S528e [MC]

WB 460 S979p [MC]

WB 520 C737 [MC]

WB 535 M235s [MC]

WB 537 H729e [MC]

WB 537 S616p [CW]
Pediatric massage therapy / Marybetts Sinclair. 2nd ed. Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2005.

WE MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM
WE 18.2 W432h [MC]

WE 103 K741 [MC]

WE 103 S355m [MC]

WE 103 O11k [MC]

WE 140 M986 [MC]

WE 168 D691o [MC]

WE 344 P577 [MC]

WE 810 E45c [MC]
Clinical examination of the shoulder / Todd S. Ellenbecker, W.B. Saunders, 2004.

WE 810 P578 [MC]

WE 500 D986i [MC]

WF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM
WF 145 R359c [MC]

WG CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM
WG 166 C265 [MC]

WG 166 D479c [MC]

WL NERVOUS SYSTEM
WL 101 N789h [B]

WL 102 F981 [B]

WL 300 B547l [MC]

WL 355 S92136 [MC]

WM PSYCHIATRY
WM 402 S781e [B]
Electronic Books in Collections—Additions and Changes

Find these books through the library’s homepage at http://southmed.usouthal.edu/library/. Search SOUTHcat or click “Online Journals and Books” and then click “E-Books” right under the USA logo, find the book alphabetically and click on the link in the source field.

OVID:
Adams & Victor’s principles of neurology / ed by AH Ropper, RH Brown. 8th ed.
Drugs in pregnancy and lactation / GG Briggs, RK Freeman, SJ Yaffe. 7th ed.
Griffith’s 5-minute clinical consult / MR Dambro, J Griffith, HW Griffin. 2006 ed.
Manual of neurologic therapeutics / MA Samuels. 7th ed.
Neuropsychiatry / RB Schiffer, SM Rao, BS Fogel. 2nd ed.
Principles and practice of radiation oncology / CA Perez ... [et al.]. 4th ed.
Telinde’s operative gynecology / JA Rock, HW Jones. 9th ed.
Wintrobe’s clinical hematology / JP Greer ... [et al.]. 11th ed.

NCBI:
Clinical methods: the history, physical, and laboratory examinations / HK Walker ... [et al.]. 3rd ed. 1990.

FreeBooks4Doctors:
A guide to effective care in pregnancy and childbirth / M Enkin ... [et al.]. 2000.
A Journal of the plague year / D Defoe. 1722.
Allergy and immunology / eMedicine. 2002.
Applied molecular biology / University of Maryland Baltimore County, Department of Biological Sciences. n.d.
Approaches to differential diagnosis in musculoskeletal imaging / ML Richardson, University of Washington School of Medicine, Department of Radiology, 2001.
Asthma management handbook / National Asthma Council of Australia. 2002
Atlas of brain perfusion SPECT / BL Holman ... [et al.]. n.d.
A first course in pharmacokinetics and biopharmaceutics/D Bourne. n.d.
Atlas of genetics and cytogenetics in oncology and haematology / JL Huret ... [et al.]. 2002.

-- J. Michael Lindsay
Faculty Publications

Listed below are journal publications by USA faculty indexed in MEDLINE, CINAHL, and Web of Science for August through December 2005. Department chairs are asked to submit citations of recent publications by their department members. If we missed your latest contribution to the literature, please notify the Editor so it can be included in a future listing. New faculty are encouraged to submit their latest publications to the Editor (gsgatts@bbl.usouthal.edu).


Dissertation and Thesis Writers

The accuracy of references in these documents is as important to future research as it is to the academic credibility and reputation of the author and the University.

Students in Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health Professions can insure the accuracy of references by bringing reference pages to the library to have them checked by a librarian before submitting the paper for the final approval process. Citations may also be attached to an e-mail message addressed to Geneva Staggs at gbush@jaguart1.usouthal.edu.

Evidence Matters Available on Library Website

As evidence-based practice has been adopted more and more in health care practice, the Biomedical Library recently added a new EBM database: Evidence Matters (EM). EM is a new search engine to help choose the best therapy options for a specific patient with a confirmed diagnosis. EM provides quick and simple access to research articles from leading peer-reviewed journals. You may build your question easily by using the drop-down menus to obtain meta-analysis of current research and best practices, via personalized tables, graphs, and text. By using standardized statistics and outcomes, you may examine results and perform comparisons.

The announcement of Evidence Matters is on the Biomedical Library’s homepage at http://southmed.usouthal.edu/library/. You may also click on the Databases/Resources from the page to go to Evidence Matters from the library’s webpage. -- Jie Li
Judy Burnham completed her year-long National Library of Medicine/Association of Academic Health Science Libraries Leadership Fellows program with a three-day Capstone event in Washington, DC. At the Capstone, Burnham and other Fellows and Mentors met with representatives from the Association of Academic Medical Centers, the Association of Research Libraries, the Association of Academic Health Centers, the Institute of Museum and Library Services and participated in a session on Scholarly Communications. They also spent a day at the National Library of Medicine, meeting with representatives from the National Network Office and the Bibliographic Services, Technical Services and Public Services Divisions as well as representatives from the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), from ClinicalTrials.gov and from Extramural Program. The day at NLM ended with a meeting with Dr. Donald Lindberg, NLM Director and Betsy Humphreys, NLM Deputy Director. The Capstone concluded with a reception and graduation ceremony. Burnham represented the Fellows with a summary of the year-long experience. She is pictured at the graduation ceremony with Brett Kirkpatrick, Director, Moody Medical Library, UTMB (Burnham’s mentor during the program), Betsy Humphreys, NLM Deputy Director and Michael Homan, Director of Libraries, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine/President, AAHSL.

The Medical Center Staff participated in the USAMC Tree Decorating Contest with their “Love Libraries” entry. The tree included miniature books as ornaments.

Carol King has retired from the Biomedical Library after 26 years of service. Carol has worked at the Medical Center site since she started at USA and during her tenure at USA, Carol has made many friends especially at the USAMC. A retirement reception was held for her in December.

At the Southern Chapter’s annual meeting in Puerto Rico, several papers were presented by members of the Baugh Biomedical Library. Ellen Sayed, Clista Clanton and Justin Robertson presented the paper “Integrating Virtual Reference with Electronic Resources and Document Delivery Services”. Jie Li presented a paper on “Successful International Library Partnerships: Collective Efforts”. Judy Burnham and Michael Lindsay presented a paper entitled “Rejuvenating the Collection Assessment Program”. Tom Williams, Patricia Williams, and Clista Clanton presented a paper entitled “Multi-Disciplinary Distance Education: Developing Academic Medical Library Support”. Ellen Sayed, along with Glendine Smith of the Holberton Hospital Library in Antigua, presented the paper “Meeting Information Needs of Diverse Library Users in Holberton, Antigua”.

J. Michael Lindsay has been appointed to the NAAL Task Force on Recruitment and chair of the SC/MLA Public Relations Committee. Michael has also been elected a Member-at-Large for ALHeLA.

Herbal and Supplement Monographs now in MedlinePlus

NLM has released an enhancement to MedlinePlus: over 100 herbal and supplement monographs in English and Spanish from Natural Standard. Natural Standard is an evidence-based, peer-reviewed collection of information on alternative treatments. Each monograph includes a table of uses of the supplement based on scientific evidence. The herbal or supplement receives a grade ranging from A (strong scientific evidence for this use) to F (strong scientific evidence against this use) for diseases or conditions it treats. In addition, each monograph provides information on dosing, safety, interactions, and selected references. Many monographs also contain illustrations.

You will find Natural Standard monographs by choosing Drugs & Supplements from the MedlinePlus home page. An A-Z list of herbal and supplement links will appear below the alphabetical index to MedlinePlus’s drug information. Search results for Natural Standard pages will have the label (supplement) following the name of the monograph. Find MedlinePlus at: http://medlineplus.gov.

-- Terri Ottosen, M.L.I.S., AHIP
SOUTHmed Update

Access to timely healthcare information contributes to the efficiency of the operation of a hospital. A recent systematic review published in Health Information and Libraries Journal* noted that “professionally led library services have an impact on health outcomes for patients and may lead to time savings for healthcare professionals.” As a member of the University of South Alabama’s SOUTHmed Information Network, hospitals can

- Provide evidence-based information for clinical decision making
- Provide classes and expertise in searching databases such as PubMed and locating health care information on the Internet
- Serve as a reliable source of health care information for physicians, nurses and allied health professionals
- Serve as a reliable source of management information for hospital administrators

To find out more about SOUTHmed Information Network, contact Judy Burnham, (251) 460-6888, jburnham@jaguar1.usouthal.edu

--Judy Burnham