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## STORAGE! STORAGE! STORAGE!

For several years the Biomedical Library has stored the pre-1969 journals in a room in the basement of the University Library Building. As a part of the plan to provide a Special Collections area in the Library to house the papers of Congressman Jack Edwards and other archival materials, these journals are now being moved to an off-site storage area. This means that we will no longer be able to retrieve journals from storage on demand. Monday-Friday there will be a daily delivery service for journals in storage. Saturday and Sunday we do not have access to the storage area so there will be no delivery service. Campus patrons who need items in storage should fill out the storage request forms which are available at the Biomedical Library Circulation Desk. Medical Center Library patrons should continue to request storage items through the In-house process. We deeply regret the necessity for this curtailment of service to our patrons and will make every effort to minimize the inconvenience caused by this move.

## END-USER UPDATE

A few of you have expressed interest in performing your own literature searches. In response to your interest, I have gathered materials on the subject and have initiated an end-user service through the Biomedical Library.

### DATABASE VENDORS

As mentioned in the last issue of BIOFEEDBACK, the Biomedical Library subscribes to three major subscription services (vendors): BRS, DIALOG, and MEDLARS.

**BRS:** BRS (Bibliographic Retrieval Services) provides three searching packages that may be of interest to you. Colleague is for searching medical databases at a discount. It offers the best BRS rates for medically oriented databases if one searches during non-prime time hours. BRS After Dark is a service that offers discounted searching rates from 6 pm - 3 am weekdays plus weekends (discounts not restricted to medical databases). Breakthru allows for searching at a discount, including even better reduced rates at night and on weekends (discounts not restricted to medical databases).

**DIALOG:** Dialog has an end-user discount package also. It is called Knowledge Index and provides discounted access to a selection of databases covering all disciplines. The discounts do not apply to any additional databases not included in the Knowledge Index package.

**MEDLARS:** MEDLARS (Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System) is operated by the National Library of Medicine. Many of the databases that you are probably interested in are not available through MEDLARS, such as Chemical Abstracts, Biological Abstracts, Psychological Abstracts, ERIC, etc. However, MEDLARS does include Cancerline, Bioethicsline, Toxline and others that are not available through any other source.

MEDLARS provides discounted rates during evening hours and on weekends. Non-prime time hours are before 9 am and after 4 pm plus weekends. In order to receive a password from the MEDLARS system, you must attend a workshop instructed by someone certified to train end-users. This fall after attending a seminar conducted by the National Library of Medicine, I will be certified to conduct the workshop here at USA.

## SELECTING A VENDOR

In choosing a vendor and indeed, in deciding whether end-user searching is for you, you need to consider several factors:

- 1) Your expectations of the results--The ability to do comprehensive searching requires money to purchase the necessary manuals and thesauri, and an investment of your time and money in learning basic searching principles. If you want a few relevant articles on a topic, the investment of your time and money is not very large and you will probably be happy with the results. The convenience of being able to do a quick search from your office or home may be worth the expense. However, if you want a comprehensive search, you are likely to miss relevant articles until you have spent a considerable amount of practice time online. If you get a search through the Biomedical Library, the price is very reasonable (it's free).
- 2) Time of day you wish to search--You can save money by searching during the evening and on weekends. Each vendor has its own searching packages aimed at different audiences. It is important to decide at the outset what times you want to search and what databases you will be using in order to take advantage of the best rate packages. I have a list of databases, rates, service start-up prices, and hours for your perusal.
- 3) Coverage -- There is substantial overlap in database offerings between BRS and Dialog. MEDLARS, on the other hand, offers a limited number of mainly medical and toxicological databases. It is necessary to be aware of the databases each vendor covers so you can determine which vendor best meets your needs.

## END-USER SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOU THROUGH THE BIOMEDICAL LIBRARY:

- \* free online demonstrations of the services mentioned above
- \* users' manuals of the services available for loan
- \* free brochures of the services
- \* consultation and advice

Please call Barbara Shearer at 460-7043 if you are interested in any of the above end-user service.

Barbara Shearer  
ONLINE SERVICES COORDINATOR

## FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Charles Lowry, Director of the University of South Alabama Libraries, left on July 1, 1985 to become the Director of the Library, University of Texas at Arlington. Robert Donnell, Head of the Biomedical Library, will serve as interim director of the Libraries.

Pat Rodgers, Coordinator of Technical Services, has been on maternity leave since the end of March. The new addition to her family has been named Mary ~~Barkley~~ <sup>Barckley</sup> Rodgers. When Pat returns on August 1, she will be the interim director of the Biomedical Library in addition to her other responsibilities.

Dawn Bick has joined the Biomedical Library faculty as Collection Development/Information Services Librarian. Dawn received a Diploma in Nursing from Kingston General Hospital in 1967 and a BNSC from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario in 1968. She has worked in both nursing and nursing education. Since earning her MLS from the University of Western Ontario in 1982, Dawn has worked in several libraries. Her most recent position was at the Louisiana State University Library in Baton Rouge where her major responsibility was science collection development.

Amy Nichols is our new Information Services Librarian at the Medical Center Library. Amy received her BA from Louisiana Tech University in 1980 and her MLS from Louisiana State Univeristy in 1982. She was employed at the Baton Rouge Medical Center from 1981 to 1984. Her responsibilities included the Medical Library, the Chemical Dependency Unit Library, and the Nursing School Library.

Sister Mary Giles Peresich attended the Medical Association Annual Meeting in New York City on May 24-27.

Jan Bolton, who has been an Information Services Librarian at the Medical Center Library for the past 3 years, will be leaving the USA Libraries in August. Jan is moving to Lexington, Kentucky to become Technical Information Services Coordinator for the NASA Technology Applications Program at the University of Kentucky.

## Keywords!!

The research is complete and the article written but the editor wants six keywords. Sound familiar? Just add any six words, hopefully not as the term implies. The words are "key" words.. Keywords will provide information not only to the reader but also to the indexer. The indexer, an important communication link, will enable other readers to find the article. In a world of everchanging terminology the American Pediatric Society, Society for Pediatric Research and American Pediatric Association decided there needed to be some consistency in the keyword index to the abstracts of their annual meeting. Their keyword index had been unwieldy. In order to standardize the keywords, the authors were required to utilize the subject headings found in the Medical Subject Heading-Annotated Alphabetic List and other indexing tools compiled by the National Library of Medicine for their keywords. Index Medicus utilizes the same subject headings.

If one group finds that the Medical Subject Heading book solves the standardization and unwieldiness of their index others may follow. Some are already requiring this procedure. As Rex Bicker states "a librarian can be an author's most important resource" when finding the proper keywords. The Biomedical Library in both locations contains not only the indexing tools for Index Medicus but for other indexes as well which can be utilized in finding the right keywords for your article. So the next time you need aid in finding the best keywords for your article/abstract consult the Biomedical Librarian nearest your office.

Jan Bolton  
Medical Center Library

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE LITERATURE SEARCHES

Recent Additions  
(All housed at the UMC Branch Library)

- 84-32 Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)  
84-33 Human T. Cell Leukemia/Lymphoma Virus (HILV)  
84-35 Multiple Personality Disorder  
84-36 Travelers' Diarrhea  
85-01 Surgical Treatment of Morbid Obesity  
85-02 Drugs and the elderly

SELECTED RECENT ACQUISITIONS

\*Denotes items located at the Medical Center location of the Biomedical Library.

QV Pharmacology

Yamamura, H. I. ed. Neurotransmitter receptor binding. 2nd ed.  
QV 126 N494 1985

QZ Pathology

\*Haskell, C. M. ed. Cancer treatment. 2nd ed.  
QZ 266 C219 1985

W Medical Profession

Farber, L. ed. Medical economics encyclopedia of practice and financial management.  
W 80 M488 1985

WD-300 Diseases of Allergy

\*Karakousis, C. P. ed. Atlas of operations for soft tissue tumors.  
WD 375 K175a 1985

WE Musculoskeletal System

\*Layzer, R. B. ed. Neuromuscular manifestations of systemic disease.  
WE 550 L431n 1985

### WF Respiratory System

\*McPherson, S. P. Respiratory therapy equipment. 3rd ed.  
WF 26 M172r 1985

### WG Cardiovascular System

\*Friedman, H. H. ed. Diagnostic electrocardiography and vectorcardiography.  
3rd ed.

WG 140 F911o 1985

\*Horwitz, L. D. ed. Signs and systems in cardiology.

WG 141 S578 1985

\*Hatle, L. Doppler ultrasound in cardiology. 2nd ed.

WG 141.5 .E2 H361d 1985

McCauley, K. M. ed. McGoon's cardiac surgery.

WG 169 C267 1985

\*King, S. B. ed. Coronary arteriography and angioplasty.

WG 300 K54c 1985

\*Goldhaber, S. Z. ed. Pulmonary embolism and deep venous thrombosis.

WG 420 P9745 1985

\*Gerlock, A. J. ed. Essentials of diagnostic and interventional angiographic  
technique.

WG 500 G371e 1985

### WI Gastrointestinal System

\*Maingot, R. ed. Maingot's abdominal operations. 8th ed.

WI 900 M225a 1985

### WO Surgery

\*Shires, T. G. ed. Principles of trauma care. 3rd ed.

WO 700 P9575 1985

### WQ Obstetrics

\*Sanders, R. C. ed. The principles and practice of ultrasonography in obstetrics  
and gynecology. 3rd ed.

WQ 240 U47 1985

### WT Geriatrics. Chronic Disease

\*Lewis, C. B. ed. Aging, the health care challenge.

WT 104 A2684 1985

### WY Nursing

DeYoung, L. Dynamics of nursing. 5th ed.

WY 16 D529f 1985

Scales, F. S. Nursing Curriculum.

WY 18 S281n 1985

Scherman, S. L. Community health nursing care plans.

WY 18 S326c 1985



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