

HSL News

A NEWSLETTER OF THE UW-MADISON HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARIES

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Coming May 12th:
The first ever HSL book sale will be held, featuring historical health sciences books! The proceeds of this sale will go to support the newly formed Friends of the Health Sciences Library.

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Welcome from the Directors

Welcome to our electronic newsletter! We are excited to renew this communication avenue with our patrons and colleagues. Watch here for news that will help you easily use library resources and find information. We see this not just as a way for us to communicate with you, our users, but as an opportunity for you to suggest ways for us to improve this newsletter as well as other library services.

Library administrators have been busy over the past few months hiring talented new staff to fill vacant positions and identifying new ways to work cooperatively with faculty and colleagues. We have set goals and priorities for 2001 and are pleased to have begun the search process to hire a new director.

We welcome your input at any time.

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Treasures at the Health Sciences Library: *This is not your grandparents' historical collection!*

There is nothing sedate or arcane about the Historical Health Sciences Collections. The 3rd floor of the Middleton Health Sciences Library houses books from the 15th century to the present, as well as pamphlets and journals dating as far back as the 17th century. In addition to timeless pieces such as Vesalius' 1548 *De humani corporis fabrica* and Montaigne's 1769 *The Causes and Seats of Diseases*, lesser known treasures like Dagoty's gorgeous *Anatomie des parties de la génération* and such ephemera as 19th century nostrum advertisements are available to scholars and students.

The vibrant 19th century collection includes hundreds of titles on public health, sectarian practice, hygiene, immunology, and pediatrics, over one thousand of which were used by students for class papers over the last year. Two transient exhibits of note were an exhibit of the 16th – 20th century illustrated anatomy texts (shown to first year medical students immediately following their Gross Anatomy

lab), and a presentation of 16th century illustrated medical texts for a group of art history students. In both cases students were inspired and intrigued by texts one would normally find in a museum collection. They were able to ask immediate questions about the background, content, design, and import of each book. Such interdisciplinary events outside the traditional venue of a History of the Health Sciences course are a cause for celebration.

If your department is interested in a customized showing of texts (perhaps someone in the art department would like to see the types of marbled versos our 16th and 17th century books have, or someone in the anesthesiology department would like a digitized copy of John Snow's 1858 classic *On Chloroform*), please contact Micaela Sullivan-Fowler, History of Medicine Librarian and Curator, at (608) 262-2402 or micaela@adhara.biostat.wisc.edu.

Health Sciences Libraries Web sites are Getting a Facelift— What Does This Mean to You?

On January 8, 2001, the Health Sciences Libraries Web site (including the Pharmacy and Weston Library sites) received a new look. Over the next year you will see more changes as we progress towards a Web site that will be more efficient to use and make it easier for you to locate the information you need.

A Web team has been formed to take a thorough and objective look at the current site and come up with a needs-assessment for the next version of the site. We hope to roll out this next version in time for the start of Fall semester 2001, and from that point onward will regularly assess and revise the site (perhaps on a yearly cycle). Fret not—

we have no plans to change things just for the sake of change itself, but we do expect that our users' needs will change over time, as will the resources we can make available to them. We also plan to document the process—not only for our own future use, but so that other libraries who wish may learn from our experience. The URL for the Web team is http://www.hsl.wisc.edu/staff/web_team/.

Please let us know what you think about our site, and feel free to contact us if there is anything you would like to see us add. Send comments and suggestions to Allan Barclay (abarclay@library.wisc.edu).

Just what is Library Express?

The Health Sciences Libraries have been involved with a UW-Madison Libraries pilot project, called Library Express, which allows users to receive journal articles and other library materials electronically. **Ulrike Dieterle**, head of access and delivery services at Middleton Health Sciences Library, recently published an article on this project entitled "Library Express Transforms Document Delivery." The article appears in *3 Sources*, the electronic newsletter of the National Library of Medicine's Greater Midwest Region. Read about the history of this program at

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/gmr/3sources/0012.html#libexp>.

To find out how you can use this service, follow the Library Express link under "Services" on the HSL homepage.

Customized Library Instruction

Health Sciences Librarians are experts in the field of Information Literacy—the selection, use, and evaluation of information resources. These skills are useful for researchers, students and clinicians, and can be developed and built upon across the curriculum and throughout your career. The Health Sciences Library can provide instruction on a wide variety of databases and Internet resources, either in your classroom or in a computer lab; instruction will be customized to meet the unique interests and needs of your course or program.

For more information, please contact Andrea Ball, Coordinator of Education and Distance Learning, ALBALL@facstaff.wisc.edu (262-4431)

Drop-in Instructional Workshops

Join us for these one-hour, hands-on sessions where we will learn how to use the health information databases. Workshops are free and require no advanced registration. Check our Web site for current offerings.

http://www.hsl.wisc.edu/reference/dropin_classes.cfm

Personalized Database Help

Prefer one-on-one instruction on how to use the databases or develop search strategies? Contact any of the Health Sciences Reference Desks by phone or email (ASKHSLIB@library.wisc.edu) to set up an appointment.

Middleton Reference Desk (262-2020)
Pharmacy Reference Desk (263-4205)
Weston Reference Desk (263-9088)

Library Forms go Online

Good news! Two of our popular document delivery services, Interlibrary Loan and HSL Shuttle, now allow patrons to submit requests from the comfort of their offices or homes. You can find all online request forms under the "Services" tab on our Website. For more information about these services, take a look at the forms online.

ILL: <http://www.hsl.wisc.edu/services/ill/index.cfm>

Shuttle: <http://www.hsl.wisc.edu/services/shuttle/index.cfm>

E-Reserves are Available at HSL Libraries

For Students:

Electronic reserves are now available for over 30 Health Sciences courses. To gain access, simply:

- Get the e-reserves password from your instructor
- Enter the Library Website
- Click on Course Reserves (left box)
- Click on appropriate school or department
- Click on appropriate course

Voila! You are now ready to download the material or print it out directly. Please note that an Adobe Acrobat Reader (free) is required to read most e-reserves. For more information, please call the Circulation or Reserve desk at the appropriate HSL library, or visit the library Website.

For Instructors:

It is very easy to provide e-reserves for your students (we do the searching, scanning, and posting). Please visit our "Submitting Reserves" Web page, or contact us to let us know if you are interested in placing items on e-reserve.

http://www.hsl.wisc.edu/ereserves/submitting_reserves.cfm