

Library News

BRISCOE LIBRARY, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT SAN ANTONIO

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UpToDate and eMedicine Added to Library's Electronic Resources

The Library has recently added subscriptions to two important electronic clinical reference resources, UpToDate and eMedicine.



UpToDate, which is already popular on campus and at University Hospital as a single station resource, provides immediate information on nearly a

dozen specialties and subspecialties. These include Adult Primary Care and Internal Medicine, Women's Health, Cardiovascular Medicine, Endocrinology and Diabetes, Infectious Diseases, and Oncology. A Pharmacology database is also available. Other specialties are in development.

Original material in UpToDate is written by an international faculty of practicing clinicians, who are leading experts in their specialties. Material is peer-reviewed and physician editors regularly incorporate additional significant findings from more than 270 medical journals that they review each month, as well as from systematic reviews and consensus statements, and advice from authors and editors. Specific recommendations for diagnosis and treatment are included in order to provide clinicians with instant, point-of-care answers. Guidelines from major societies are included as well.

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The second clinical resource, eMedicine, provides electronic full-text access to a growing number of specialty reviews,

drug information, and handy reference tools such as calculators and algorithms, diagrams, scores, and tables. Review information is presented in a standardized format that details the clinical presentations, workup, treatment, medications, and follow-up. You can browse through a large alphabetical index of available topic information, or you can do a direct search using a basic or advanced interface. With the advanced interface, searches can be limited by field and by specialty area. A search for "obesity" yields results in the specialties of Medicine, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Psychiatry, Surgery, and Pediatrics. For example, a review authored by Gabriel I. Uwaifo, M.B.B.S., and Elif Arioglu, M.D., both from the NIH, provides a lengthy overview of the topic; a clinical discussion about patient physical and history, differential diagnosis information, and workup; and a detailed discussion of treatment options, including extensive information about various drug therapy options.

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Library to Participate in Ovid@Hand PDA Test

The Library will be participating in a 30-day trial of the new Ovid@Hand PDA (personal digital assistant) product during the month of April. Ovid is seeking 25 participants to test and evaluate the Ovid@Hand product. Ovid@Hand currently provides access to a drug information resource and allows users to download journal table of contents profiles to their PDAs and to enter MEDLINE searches to be synched later to their desktop computers. An Ovid representative will provide training on the use of Ovid@Hand during the 30-day trial. If you are interested in participating in this trial, please contact Cathy Rhodes, Reference/Instruction Librarian, at 567-2400 or rhodesc@uthscsa.edu.

*Cathy Rhodes, M.L.I.S.
Reference/Instruction Librarian*

Visit the Library's web site at <http://www.library.uthscsa.edu>

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The UpToDate interface is easy to use. You can browse through one of the specialty topics via a table of contents or do a direct search for information on a disease, drug name, or drug class. A search for “hyperlipidemia,” for example, yields 23 links to “most relevant topics” and 87 links to “related topics,” which provide additional information. It is also possible to restrict further by adding a second search term and to limit search retrieval to patient information or to screening or treatment information.

The UpToDate license was purchased funded by the medical school. Due to licensing restrictions, UpToDate is available only from computers connected to the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio network. **No remote access is available, so UpToDate cannot be accessed through the Library’s proxy server.**

Both UpToDate and eMedicine have been licensed for one year. Use will be evaluated after six months to determine whether to continue the licenses. UpToDate and eMedicine are available as “featured resources” from the Library’s home page at <http://www.library.uthscsa.edu> as well as through the **Ebooks** link and the **Databases** tab. Questions about these two new resources can be addressed to the Library’s Information Desk at 567-2450 or info-blis@uthscsa.edu.

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Database Services Coordinator*

eMedicine

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eMedicine also provides a unique downloadable disaster and trauma ebook as well as discounted CME for many topics. Some eMedicine content is available for downloading to a PDA; currently, the Palm and Windows CE platforms are supported. eMedicine is written by over 7000 physician-authors and editors, who have created thousands of peer-reviewed, disease-specific articles, with more added monthly. Each article incorporates four levels of physician peer review, plus evaluation by a Pharm.D. Remote access to eMedicine is available through the Library’s proxy server for UTHSCSA students, faculty, and staff who have registered with the Library and set a PIN. We recommend that you use Internet Explorer rather than Netscape when you are working with eMedicine

Electronic Resources Utilization and Cost

As the above story indicates, we will increasingly be adding electronic resources for a trial period, due to the substantial expense of the annual license. Although publishers sometimes provide use data, we do not always receive this in a timely manner. It therefore is very helpful to have your comments on the value of electronic resources as we continue the move to electronic access. The *F.Y.I...* on page 6 shows the growth in the percentage of the Library’s collection dollars being spent on electronic resources. For more information, contact Rajia Tobia at 567-2400 or tobia@uthscsa.edu.

*Rajia Tobia, A.M.L.S.
Associate Library Director for Collection Development*

Briscoe Library Hours	
Mon. - Thurs.	7:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight
Friday	7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight
The Briscoe Library may be contacted at 210-567-2400 or at info-blis@uthscsa.edu . Info-BLIS is monitored 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.	
Easter Weekend Hours	
Friday, March 29	7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 30	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 31	1:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight
Brady/Green Library Hours	
Mon. - Thurs.	7:00 a.m. - 12:00 midnight
The Brady/Green Library at University Health Center - Downtown may be contacted at 210-358-3939.	
Editor of the <i>Library News</i> is Janna Lawrence (jlawrence@uthscsa.edu), with assistance by Luis Barcenes III.	

Best Sellers Available for Your Enjoyment

Do you occasionally find yourself wanting to read something non-biomedical? Something to kill time on a trip, or to distract you? Check out the Library’s Best Seller Collection. Also known as the Leisure Reading or McNaughton Collection, the Best Seller Collection consists of currently popular works, including many found on the *New York Times* Best Seller List. This collection rotates—the Library keeps the books for several months or until they are no longer being checked out, then sends them back through a system called the McNaughton Plan—so that the books in it are usually very recent. Books currently in the Best Seller Collection include *Death in Holy Orders* by P.D. James, *The Painted House* by John Grisham, *Ist to Die* by James Patterson, and *The Fourth Hand* by John Irving. To see an entire listing of the collection, you can do a Keyword search in BLIS, the Library’s online catalog, for **best seller**. For more information, or to suggest books for the Best Seller Collection, contact Linda Levy at 567-2400 or levy@uthscsa.edu

*Linda Levy, M.L.S.
Database Services Coordinator*

Computer Classrooms Available for Instructional Use

Enhancements were recently completed in a number of rooms on the 2nd floor of the Library. The enhancements were funded by a special PUF allocation in FY 2001 for improving the UTHSCSA teaching facilities.

Room 2A now has a video projector mounted in the ceiling, thus allowing instructors to teach from either the front or the back of the room without obstructing the view from any of the fourteen PCs in the classroom. New tables designed for computer workstations replaced the previous furniture. Room 2S was converted from a group study room into a small classroom with five wireless laptops, screen, electricity and a wireless access point. Finally, each of three group study rooms (2M, 2N, and 2R) now includes a computer

with a large monitor. These rooms work well for small group meetings where a computer is needed.

The two computer classrooms are available to all UTHSCSA faculty and staff for instructional use. Librarians are also available to teach information research skills. See the story below for information on Library workshops.

For more information about the equipment available in the classrooms and group study rooms, contact Melissa De Santis, M.L.I.S., at desantis@uthscsa.edu or 567-2400. To reserve one of the computer classrooms or to find out more about instructional services available from the Library, contact Janna Lawrence, M.L.I.S., at jlawrence@uthscsa.edu or 567-2400.

*Melissa De Santis, M.L.I.S.
Microcomputer Services Librarian*

Information Management Workshops Available

Each month, the Library offers several workshops that are open to anyone wishing to attend. This month's class schedule is shown in the "Library Calendar" on page 4 of this issue, as well as on the Library's web site at <http://www.library.uthscsa.edu/consultation/schedule.cfm>. The listed classes represent only about 25% of the workshops taught by Library staff. Of the 116 classes taught between September 1, 2001, and January 31, 2002, fewer than 30 were included in the *Library News* and web site listings. Seventy-nine workshops were designed and taught especially for groups requesting classes. Topics of these special classes include database use (such as MEDLINE, CINAHL, Micromedex, and PubMed), Internet search engines, critical appraisal of web sites, and citation-management software including EndNote and Reference Manager. Librarians can also assist faculty to create new information management classes that are customized to faculty needs. Many students and faculty do not know how to efficiently maximize their use of the Library's growing list of electronic resources; a ninety-minute class can save hours of frustration. Classes are taught in a hands-on environment whenever possible.

Groups attending Library classes range from high school students to post-doctoral fellows and UTHSCSA faculty. In January, ten

new members of the Nursing School faculty came to the Library for an orientation session that included a hands-on refresher on searching CINAHL and using electronic journals. In February, approximately thirty Medical School fellows and faculty members attended hands-on sessions on literature searching that covered MEDLINE and evidence-based medicine resources, and a group of fellows from Dental Diagnostic Science attended a workshop on how to do better and more sophisticated MEDLINE searches. Third-year medical students receive MEDLINE training as part of the Internal Medicine rotation. Allied Health and Nursing faculty regularly request training sessions on using EndNote.

In addition to these group sessions, librarians are also happy to make appointments for one-on-one consultations, either in the Library or in your office. Consultations are tailored to your exact question or problem and don't have the interruptions that sometimes occur when asking for assistance at the Information Desk.

To schedule a workshop or consultation, or to discuss the possibilities, contact Janna Lawrence, Reference and Instructional Services Coordinator, at 567-2400 or jlawrence@uthscsa.edu.

*Janna Lawrence, M.L.I.S.
Reference and Instructional Services Coordinator*

Document Delivery Service Charges Adjusted

On February 1, the Library increased the price to non-UTHSCSA affiliates for photocopying done by Library staff. For Library users who are not affiliated with UTHSCSA and who are not area health professionals, charges will be \$8.00 per article for regular turn-around time, \$16.00 for priority copying, and \$20.00 per article for rush copying. Charges for UTHSCSA personnel and area health professionals remain the same. For more information on photocopy services, contact Circulation Desk staff at 567-2440.

*Tania Barydn, M.L.I.S.
Access Services Librarian*

NetLibrary Changes

The online resource **netLibrary** provides access for UTHSCSA students, faculty, and staff to several thousand digital books in full-text format. These “ebooks,” purchased through the UT System Digital Library and the state-wide TexShare cooperative library project, both supplement and complement the UTHSCSA Library’s print collection. Subject coverage includes the disciplines of nursing, alternative medicine, allied health, biotechnology, and public health, as well as related academic disciplines like computer science, chemistry, and biology. Reference resources include books on writing resumes, interviewing, legal forms, and Social Security and benefits.

Library Workshops and Events

Ovid Workshops

Thursday, Ovid Tips & Tricks: Ovid Online
March 7 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., Room 2S

Monday, Ovid Tips & Tricks: Shortcuts &
March 18 Advanced Features
2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Room 2S

Internet Workshops

*(Instructors are available for an additional 30 minutes
“practice time” after each workshop.)*

Thursday, Searching the Web for Biomedical
March 14 Information
12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Room 2S

Thursday, Advanced Web Searching &
March 28 Evaluating Biomedical Information
12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Room 2S

Other Workshops and Events

Tuesday, Can I Get That Online?
March 12 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Room 2A

Thursday, Basics of Library Use
March 14 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., Room 2S

Wednesday Can I Get That Online?
March 20 5:00 - 6:00 p.m., Room 2A

Thursday, More Library Skills for
March 21 Support Staff
9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Room 2S

Registering for Library Workshops:

Register for **Ovid** and **Internet Workshops** and for **Can I Get It Online?** through the Technology Training web site at <http://www.uthscsa.edu/computing/training/training.html>. Non-UTHSCSA personnel may register by calling the Library Office, 567-2400.

Register for **Basics of Library Use** and **More Library Skills** by calling the UTHSCSA Training Office at 567-2320. Non-UTHSCSA personnel may register by calling the Library Office, 567-2400.

For more information on these and other workshops offered by the Library, contact Janna Lawrence, M.L.I.S., Reference & Instructional Services Coordinator, at 567-2400 or jlawrence@uthscsa.edu.

Ebooks that are considered “in scope” (within the subject area) for the UTHSCSA Library are included in BLIS, the Library’s online catalog, and a direct link to the ebook is part of the catalog record. You may see an alphabetic list of ebooks available through the BLIS catalog by using the keyword **netlibrary**. Using the complete netLibrary collection is easy, too. Simply click on **E-books** in the Quick Links box on the Library’s home page. Then select **netLibrary** under **Search by Collection**. Search options include title, author, and keyword. You can restrict your search to items owned by the two consortia, or you can include ebooks within the public domain. When you find an ebook of interest, you can read it (“browse”), or you can check it out if you are affiliated with the Health Science Center and have established a free netLibrary account from a computer within the UTHSCSA domain. Once an account has been established on netLibrary, remote access is available to registered borrowers who have set a PIN.

Books are checked out for a short designated period (usually two hours) that has been set by the library cooperative program that has purchased the book. The limited check-out period was selected with the goal of balancing availability of the books and convenience of the user, because a checked-out book is not available to anyone else during the check-out period – just like a print book checked out from the library is not available to others. Once the check-out period has expired, the book is automatically “returned.” (No late fees!) Books cannot be downloaded, because netLibrary has discontinued its ebook reader due to limited use and the fact that it did not support PDF formatting. The “fair use” policy and copyright regulations severely limit printing from ebooks, and printing is monitored by netLibrary software.

NetLibrary was recently purchased by the OCLC Online Computer Library Center in Dublin, Ohio. OCLC is a nonprofit organization providing computer-based cataloging, reference, resource sharing, and preservation services to thousands of libraries worldwide.

For additional information about netLibrary and other electronic resources, contact the Library’s Information Desk at 567-2450 or info-blis@uthscsa.edu.

Linda Levy, M.L.S.

Database Services Coordinator

Staff News

Rajia Tobia, A.M.L.S., Associate Library Director for Collection Development, is the author of an article about the Library’s weeding project which was completed in 2001. (Tobia RC. Comprehensive weeding of an academic health sciences collection: the Briscoe Library experience. *Journal of the Medical Library Association* 2002 Jan;90(1):94-98.)

In Appreciation

We would like to thank the following persons for their recent generous contributions to the Library:

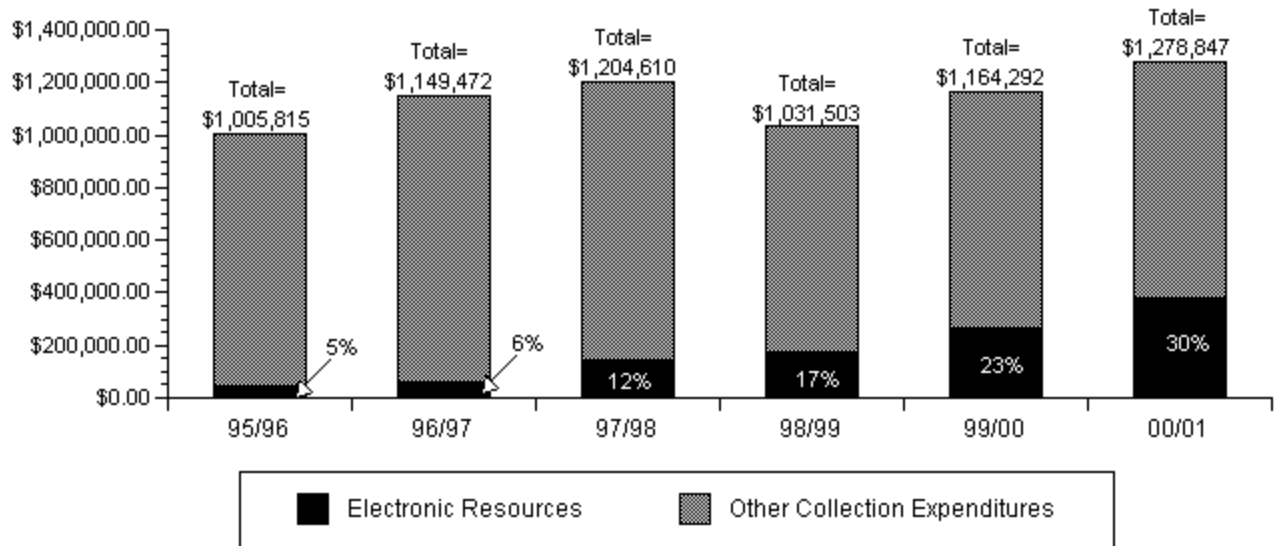
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Measuring the Difference

The Library hosted a special workshop on Planning and Evaluating Health Information Outreach on February 5th. Catherine Burroughs, MLS, Assistant Director, Outreach Evaluation Resource Center, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific Northwest Region, University of Washington, was the instructor. In addition to UTHSCSA staff, librarians from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Texas A&M University, and the Houston Academy of Medicine/Texas Medical Center attended the all-day workshop. Ms. Burroughs also visited several sites in the Harlingen area where the Library may establish special pilot projects promoting consumer health information resources. For more information about these projects, contact Debra "Debi" Warner, M.L.S., RAHC Library Director, at warnerd1@uthscsa.edu.

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Growth in Expenditures for Electronic Resources



Electronic resources include databases, electronic journals, and computer software. The percentages are actually greater than shown, because dollars spent for a title in BOTH print and electronic format are credited to the print total. Some publishers require that libraries maintain a print subscription in order to acquire the electronic edition. There is a danger in switching to the electronic versions and dropping print. If a library cancels an electronic subscription, the previous years of the subscription may not be available.