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Hats off to the Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Department for their recent professional achievement award and their induction into the Massachusetts Health Sciences Library Network (MAHSLIN) Hall of Fame. MAHSLIN established its Hall of Fame “to recognize the performance and leadership” of special members of the Massachusetts health sciences library community.

Singled out for their meritorious work were the two fulltime employees of the Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Departments, John Hemenway and Spiro Efstathiou. MAHSLIN noted that “the true responsibility for the juggling and delivering the tens of thousands” of document requests falls on the shoulders of John and Spiro. This honor caps the many compliments that libraries and individuals have accorded them through their years of library service.

John and Spiro were inducted into the MAHSLIN Hall of Fame on Wednesday, April 29, 1998. To see more details of this honor received by John and Spiro, go to What’s New on the library website.

Welcome (and Welcome Back)!

The staff of The Lamar Soutter Library is happy to welcome in the class of 2002 and to welcome back the classes of 2001, 2000, and 1999. Whether you are a Nursing, Graduate or Medical student, we wish to be of service to you. Our aim is to assist you as you travel down the road of health sciences academia. It is not always an easy route, and sometimes the view is not particularly scenic, but we are happy you are traveling down this sometimes crazy but mostly satisfying trail.

We hope that your orientation to the library will prove to be beneficial to you and that we will be helpful as you aspire to academic greatness. It is our hope that the library will be a welcoming oasis in the months and years to come.

The library newsletter, the SoutteReview, strives to keep the library user informed on all of the latest developments happening within our department. Please let us know what we can do to be most helpful to you.

Welcome and welcome back!
Greetings to Our New Director

Elaine R. Martin has been hired for the position of Director of The Lamar Soutter Library. Ms. Martin is coming to us from the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Health Sciences Center where she administered the Health Sciences Library in Chicago and three regional site libraries in Rockford, Urbana and Peoria. She was the director and principal investigator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Greater Midwest Region. She was also Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Medical Education and School of Biomedical and Health Information Science.

Ms. Martin brings to the position a variety of experiences in administration, professional service, and publishing, which will support the mission of UMass Worcester and The Lamar Soutter Library. While at the UIC Health Sciences Library, Ms. Martin was involved with information systems projects for patient care, electronic information access, distance education initiatives (funded through the Sloan Foundation), Evidence-Based Medicine online searching fundamentals, and direct access to health information by consumers and health professionals in the local community.

Ms. Martin has published research findings in the area of information access that include an outreach program to the community’s consumers and health professionals. She has delivered lectures on the issues of information technology in medicine, and has spearheaded projects that have utilized her talents in leadership and management.

In addition to serving as Director of the library, Ms. Martin has been appointed as Research Assistant Professor in the UMass Worcester Department of Family and Community Medicine. We look forward to the beginning of her tenure here at UMass and The Lamar Soutter Library.

Electronic Journals on the Web

The increasing availability of online biomedical journals (e-journals) offers library patrons the possibility of accessing articles from their office or laboratory desktop computers. Currently, there are links from The Lamar Soutter Library website to almost 300 e-journals in seventy medically related disciplines. Many of the journals on the World Wide Web (WWW) are electronic counterparts of the print versions, but some, like the Digital Urology Journal and the World Wide Web Journal of Biology, are available only on the web.

Does this mean that the library will soon be canceling subscriptions to journals, as more and more of them are available on the WWW? Not likely, because many journal providers grant access to full-text articles online only if a library already subscribes to the print version. Some readers may also wonder, “Why do some e-journals prompt me for a username and password when I try to access them at home, but not when I am in the library or my office?” Some online subscriptions are configured with the UMass range of Internet Protocol (IP) addresses so that a particular computer will be admitted when its address lies within that range. However, when a computer from outside the range (such as your home computer) tries to connect, it will be denied access.

The Internet address for the library’s ejournals page is http://library.ummed.edu/ejournals.html. For more information about accessing e-journals from the library’s website, call reference librarian Robert Vander Hart at 856-3290.
A Dose of Reading

The following are accounts by people who have coped with various types of depression. All items are available through The Lamar Soutter Library.

Berger, Diane et al. We Heard the Angels of Madness: A Family Guide to Coping With Manic Depression (1991). With help from his family, 18-year-old Mark is able to effectively treat a sudden onset of manic depression.

Cronkite, Kathy. On the Edge of Darkness: Conversations About Conquering Depression (1994). Having herself battled depression, Cronkite here dovetails recent medical information with interviews of such notable sufferers of this illness as Mike Wallace, Joan Rivers, Rod Steiger, Dick Clark, Ann Buchwald, and John Kenneth Galbraith.


Hannon, Bill. Agents in My Brain: How I Survived Manic Depression (1997). One of the few published accounts of manic depression by a man; Hannon is a frequent guest lecturer on college campuses.

Jamison, Kay Redfield. The Unquiet Mind (1995). Herself an internationally acclaimed authority on mental illness, Jamison recounts her battles with manic depression during her girlhood and adolescence.

Manning, Martha. Undercurrents: A Life Beneath the Surface (1995). Afflicted with depression that was unresponsive to medication, this therapist tells of her return to health through electroconvulsive treatment.

Middleton, Harry. The Bright Country: A Fisherman’s Return to Trout, Wild Water, and Himself (1993). A most unusual coming-to-terms with depression, as described by a free spirit whose Colorado adventures range from the comic to the profound.

Real, Terrence. I Don’t Want to Talk About It: Overcoming the Secret Legacy of Male Depression (1997). Including instances drawn from his own life, Real makes the case that many men suffer from “covert depression,” hidden from view by compulsive and addictive behaviors involving work, violence, alcohol, and sex.


Wurtzel, Elizabeth. Prozac Nation: Young and Depressed in America: A Memoir (1994). Born in 1967, Wurtzel has woven a complex work that is part testimony of the torture she endured as a depressed adolescent and woman.

Did You Know . . . ?

You can access the General Laws of Massachusetts on the World Wide Web via the library’s website. This site contains all of the amendments to the General Laws passed before June 1, 1998.

- Go to the library homepage at http://library.ummed.edu
- Next go to “Government Sites,”
- Then click on “State,” in the Table of Contents,
- Finally, go to “The General Laws of Massachusetts.”

This resource is not considered an official version, but every effort is made to publish an accurate copy. The print version of the General Laws of Massachusetts is in the library.

You can find information online in three ways:
- Enter a specific chapter and section number.
- Browse by chapter.
- Perform a word search.
Remember that old encyclopedia you used to pore over, with its pages of information, its cross references, and its great pictures? Of course, you also had to deal with missing pages or volumes, with flipping back and forth from index to volume, and with having to consult separate yearbooks.

Encyclopaedia Britannica is now available on the World Wide Web—accessible on this campus via The Lamar Soutter Library’s web site (http://library.ummed.edu). Click on the “Britannica Online” link, then click on “College, School, Library & Business Users.”

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