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NER Update

Under contract with the National Library of Medicine, the Lamar Soutter Library serves as the Regional Medical Library for the New England Region. It is the National Network of Libraries of Medicine that serves health professionals in the New England region. The library supports current research and evidence-based medicine information. Librarians support the training of researchers and medical students from all disciplines through the utilization of the Library's collections and programs. The Library is committed to providing access to full-text articles and other electronic resources. Staff travel throughout the six state region providing consultation and outreach to other libraries and community organizations that provide services to patients, families, and health professionals and to underserved and underprivileged populations.

The Library hosted 3,300 visitors with 1,773 participants. Through community engagement, the library and librarians are able to extend their role as staff and funded projects reached numerous audiences and settings. These audiences include health sciences librarians to its Regional Advisory Council meeting. The Library is committed to providing access to a variety of resources that provide information on the health sciences.

For the current year, NER conducted 102 activities that provide outreach to libraries and librarians in the Region (NER). The office supports the National Regional Medical Library for the New England Region (NER). The Lamarker focuses on advancing the Library’s mission to provide access to health information and resources in the region.

Redefining our roles: changing the perception of the roles of libraries in health sciences. The Office of Medical History and Archives, Libraries, and the Lamarker focused on advancing the Library’s mission to provide access to health information and resources in the region.

NER Update (Continued)

Approximately 6,000 square feet of unused shelving was removed and 100 new shelving units were added. Seating options range from free small study group rooms, with overflow stations, to facilitate group work, to wheeled tables and chairs for easy movement and configuration, high style seating, and small round tables. This new space provides seating that raises the overall availability of library seats (study and computer) to 473, supporting the growing student population.

NER Update (Continued)

The office of Medical History and Archives (OMHA) is a digital archival offering worldwide access to the scholarly publications of Universi- ty of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS) faculty. In FY2010, the OMHA created an archive website that provides access to the research and scholarship of the UMMS faculty and students. The archive website is intended to showcase, preserve, and provide access to research. The archive was launched in FY2009 and grew significantly in FY2010. The repository now contains 252,908 items, 57,757 full-text downloads, and 10,807 unique user sessions. The OMHA continues to develop the repository to increase its accessibility and visibility.

NER Update (Continued)

The last of the Lamarker Newsletters was published in October 2010. The newsletter provided information about the Library's services, resources, and initiatives to the University community. The newsletter was discontinued due to budgetary constraints and a lack of resources to continue its publication.

NER Update (Continued)

Approximately 200 new faculty members were added to the Library’s Faculty Advisory Board. The board provides feedback and recommendations to the Library on issues related to faculty resources and services. The board also serves as a channel for communication between the Library and faculty members.

NER Update (Continued)

The Library’s membership in two leading Open Access (OA) organizations, BioMed Central and the Public Library of Science, facilitates and encourages OA research. OA resources in the region.

NER Update (Continued)

This year’s upgrades to the Library’s website include the addition of a new content management system (CMS) that allows for easier maintenance and updates to the website. The CMS also includes a new search feature that allows users to search for materials by keyword or phrase. Additionally, the website now includes a new “What’s New” section that highlights recent developments and initiatives at the Library.

NER Update (Continued)

What’s New in Education & Outreach

The library’s medical historian/archivist taught a medical history elective.

Doctoral Experience Exhibits

Tobias McConville: Combating the Life of Tobias McConville and couching his practice.


Lucy Grant: The Life and Art of a Professor.

What’s New in Education & Outreach

The Library remains committed to the creation of a greater degree of relevance and value. The Library is committed to providing access to a variety of resources that provide information on the health sciences.

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