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Expanding our Reach: The Library’s Role in Research

Education & Outreach

The goal of Research and Scholarly Communication Services of the Lamar Soutter Library is to provide the UMass research community with the information resources, services, and support they need to discover and disseminate new research in biomedical sciences. To this end, we serve the basic sciences, clinical research, faculty, students, and the community within the Clinical and Translational Science CTC. Highlights of the past year include:

• Health care reform is moving forward with several major pieces already functioning. To help people navigate this rapidly changing landscape, we have worked collaboratively with the Massachusetts Association of Medical Libraries (MAML) and the American Library Association (ALA) to create a Health Reform Toolkit. This collection of resources provides step-by-step guidance, with information on everything from how to find the correct form to how to determine whether a patient is eligible for insurance. To learn more, visit maml.org/reform/hrrtoolkit

• Launched the 2012-2013 Children’s Reading Room guide: A Reading Guide for Children’s Books, 2012-2013 Edition, as an e-resource for parents and caregivers who are searching for the perfect read-aloud. The guide is available online at library.umassmed.edu/childrensreadingroom

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Research & Scholarly Communications

As more and more library resources are acquired in electronic formats, many reviewers license for their permitted use, authorized users, and other content terms have become an important function of the Lamar Soutter Library (LSU). LSU’s licensing services communicate with the vendors, the UMass Office of the General Counsel, and the Office of the Provost in order to finalize a license agreement that provides the level of V/A required by the LSU research community, faculty, students, and staff.

The LSU office offers copyright support services (non-legal advice) to assist the LSU research community in managing copyright—both as it relates to authors and digital content. The myths and misconceptions about copyright in this digital age are big enough to sort out. The LSU continues to offer guidance on copyright in the digital age because the technology, the economy, the law, and the practice continues to evolve, particularly for those researchers who care to share the results of their work.

Copyright & Licensing Services

Global Health: Liberia

The Doggett Medical Library continues to grow in FY12. In FY11 the Medical Library in Western Massachusetts made two trips to Liberia to gain an understanding of the health care environment, and to team staff with local librarians at the John F. Kennedy Medical Library system to facilitate circulation of library materials.

The Libraries of the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and Worcester are working together to help improve health care in Liberia. This past year, we provided two trips to Liberia, with the second trip a collaboration with the Medical Library at the School of Public Health. The Libraries at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and Worcester will continue to provide resources to help improve health care in Liberia.

eScience Symposium

This annual day-long event serves as an inspiring and collaborative opportunity for science and health scientists to discuss e-science research. In addition to highlighting how librarians and librarians might further support research at their institutions.

Cultural Events

Event programming in FY2012 included:

• Humanities in Medicine Presentations
  • Literature and Medicine: Poetry, and Graduate Medical Education, and book signing by Ross Straus, MD
  • American Archives Month—GSBS Archives: National Privacy Core Week
  • If... The Bard: a book signing by Dr. Edward Dunkin, The Manto MD
  • The Shakespeare Reading Circle: Richard III: Part 2, with Dr. William Locke, MD, Thomas H. Greenberg, University of Massachusetts Medical School
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• Visual and Performing Arts
  • Artists-in-Residence Series
  • events highlighting work by featured artists, including Gabrielle Michaud, Bethel, oil and watercolor exhibit
  • Impressions of New England at Albert M. D’Angelo, photography exhibit
  • Gathering the Great: Artists and Authors from the North Shore region, book signing by Victoria Moncrieff, and exhibit by Jeanne Delapierre

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• Community Engagements
  • Annual Reading List
  • Celebrating Our Selves: 35th Anniversary of LGBTQ Pride Month
  • What’s Next? Part 1: research for the history of UMMS

Office of Medical History & Archives

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Ongoing Research

The comprehensive history of the fields of Family Medicine and Community Medicine as well as the Massachusetts Medical Society and UMass. LMH, 137 years of history of the UMass Medical School.

Overseas Projects

Soroptimists International discontinued their participation in 2011. Members from California, Complimentary and alternative Medicine, Dietetics, Nutrition and Dietetics, Public Health, the Society, and from collaborating libraries.

Research Assistance

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