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Annual Report FY 2009

A Legacy of Service and Learning

Director’s Message

It is my pleasure to present to you the Lamar Soutter Library’s Annual Report for the period covering July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009. The library is a place of study; it is also a place where people connect to scholarly information, and it is a place of art, history and the culture of academic medicine and health care, a "cultural commons" for the entire UMass Worcester community. This report highlights the many services, resources and projects that collaborate and address the needs of our researchers, curators, manage their data manage-
Under contract with the National Library of Medicine, the Lamar Soutter Library serves the UMass Medical School Medical Library in the New England Region. The NLM, through OWTI, supports the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) that provides health information services and resources to librarians and the public. OWTI supports the NNLM by providing biomedical information to community organizations and businesses, such as PubMed, MedlinePlus, and other databases. OWTI serves as a resource for the libraries and community organizations to plan and conduct outreach projects that provide training and expand the use of National Library of Medicine resources.

Instructional Sessions/ Presentations

Across the region and in other parts of the state, OWTI has conducted 11 instructional sessions to 120 participants. These sessions included PubMed, MEB, consumer health topics, and NCBI. The Connection with the NER was introduced this year for the delivery of online learning sessions and continuing education courses offered through LMU’s online library. OWTI supported several other events, such as the Annual Conference of North Atlantic Health Sciences Libraries, which was held in the fall. The Conference had a theme of “A New Vision of Shared Knowledge,” and it provided a platform to discuss current trends and initiatives in health information services.

Scholarly Communications

“Scholarly communications pertain to the creation, transformation, preservation and presentation of knowledge related to health, research and scholarly activities.” Through instruction and outreach, OWTI’s expertise in community outreach is transferred to the target audience at the health education project. OWTI will develop a curriculum based on research and OWTI’s expertise in community outreach to provide training and expand the use of National Library of Medicine resources.

Using this definition, OWTI’s sleeve continues to focus on several areas including: Public access funding

OWTI’s area of focus includes:• Public access funding
• Author rights
• Journal publishing models (e.g., open access, public access, open model, etc.)
• New publishing models (e.g., open access, peer review, open access, etc.)
• Copyright education and compliance

Accomplishments

- Establishment of Chronic Virus Producers
- Campuses

NER Update

The successful GSN personal librarian program has also continued its success, by matching 18 personal researcher pages, over 5,000 papers and 30,000 abstracts. The program has been successful in helping researchers find relevant information and navigate the vast amount of scientific literature available online.

LSL Professionals Transition to Outreach Activities

With the advent of the new service model in the Library, the professional staff that had previously covered the Reference Desk became available to engage in the LSL’s educational agenda of service and learning at a higher level.

Accomplishments:

- Further immersion into School of Medicine (SOM) and Graduate School of Nursing (GSN) curricula
- New classes in Evidence-Based Practice
- Training new members of National Institute of Health (NIH) publications unit

Librarians now support Graduate School of Nursing via attendance at chart rounds/resident education. Librarians have also been involved in the establishment of Chronic Virus Producers for AIDS.

Supported courses:

- Graduate School of Biological Sciences dissertation and student publications
- Graduate School of Nursing dissertation and publications
- Institutional Medical Education Program (IMEP)
- Open Access publications project continued. The Open Access publications project, in which journal articles from the National Library of Medicine’s PubMed Central library were focused on public access, increased interest in the publication of open access journals.

New collections:

- Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology
- Cancer Biology
- Cell Biology
- Infectious Diseases and Immunology

Presentation/Poster: Medical Libraries’ Views and Perceptions of Social Tagging


Poster: Developing Our Awareness of Social Tagging


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