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Grants/Sub-Contracts in Effect FY09


Partners in Information for the Public Health Website. NHLIN, NER, 5/1/06-12/31/07. $32,000/year. Elaine R. Martin, principal investigator. Halley Simpson, project director. To maintain the Partners in Information Access for the Public Health Workforce Website.

University of Massachusetts and New England Area Librarians’ Science Symposium. Express Outreach Award. NHLIN, NER, 6/1/06-5/31/07. $5,000. Elaine R. Martin, project administrator. Reagha Revere, project coordinator. To continue to enhance collaborative New England region librarians’ support of e-science initiatives for their research institutions.

Honors and Awards

Jane Fama 2008 AHSL Leadership Scholarship

Lee Lezin 2008 MAHSL Achievement Award

Vivian Olenyik Medical Library Leadership Scholarship: Access Solutions Program

Mary Prunz D. A. Roberts Fellowship, awarded by HLL Medical Library association.

Science

The exponential growth of scientific data requires new ways to manage data management, preservation and curation. Health science researchers manage their data. The Lamar Soutter Library is a forum to bring together librarians from the New England region to collaborate in identifying the opportunities of managing the increasing amount. As the era of the past year included:

• An exhibition on medical informatics and bioinformatics: a big topic for librarians now as a huge amount of data is being generated.

• A web portal development project.

Sharing research data is important but challenging. LIS librarians are taking the lead in building a network of librarians who can help.

Cultural Events in the Library

The LSL hosted many events this year: bringing students, staff, and the public into the library.

• Artist in Residence Exhibits
  - Nancy Van Horn: The View from Here, Landscape Paintings in Pastel
  - Dorothy Cris: Watercolor: People, Places, Etc.
  - Gregory Seward: You Me and What Was Missing, Conceptual Photographique
  - Joan-Planche Drehy: Artwork of a Woman in a Ocular World (Photographic)
  - Jean-Pierre Dieghern: Abstract View, Abstract, Anatomical
  - Kabuki Art: Dialogue Aggression -
  - Student Art Show - Celebrating Black History Month

• Humanities in Medicine Presentations
  - John Harley Warner: The Modern Medicine: Professional Identity and Cultural Practice in America at the Turn of the 20th Century
  - Dorothy Cris: Artwork of a Woman in a Ocular World (Photographic)
  - Michael Halber: Poems on Postals: Mental Health, Treatment, and the Creative Process
  - The Fith Annual Gerald F. Berlin Prize: Fire, Flight and the Chemical Awards Ceremony and Receptions to celebrate poem and written literary work by UWSS students.
  - The Village of 9: An Artists’ Formation of Life, Relationships and the Human Spirit
  - A Walk to Beautiful (Movie)
  - Iris bowls: Writing that changes lives: the importance of sharing health stories

• Other Events
  - Jane Fama Lecture: You and Me and What was Missed, Conceptual Photographique
  - Art exhibition: The View from Here, Landscape Paintings in Pastel
  - Ria Chan: Narrative Medicine, Healing the Stories of Illness

• Lamar Soutter Library’s Annual Report for the period July 1, 2007-2009

Director’s Message

It is my pleasure to present you the Lamar Soutter Library’s Annual Report for the period covering July 1, 2007-August 31, 2009. The library is a place that is a place where people connect to share information, and in a place of art, history and the culture of academic medicine and health care, a “cultural commons” for the entire UMass library community. This report highlights the many services, resources and projects that accomplished these goals.

One of our major achievements this year was the launching of the library’s web development project. The development of a single service and outreach model focuses our patron services and resources on those who really need them in a timely manner. They are physically in the library or at a remote location. Our focus on customized, personalized service irrespective of time or place is what defines the Lamar Soutter Library. A new service initiative focused on e-science—both in our service to our researchers and as a leader of the other libraries in New England in e-science initiatives. With money from the National Library of Medicine, we hosted a symposium to bring together health science and science librarians to brainstorm ways to collaboratively address the needs of researchers to curate, retrieve, manage and preserve data. We continued to take a lead in the e-science initiative by creating an e-science web portal and seizing other opportunities for collaboration for curating, retrieving, managing, and preserving data. We continued to create a lead in the e-science initiative by creating an e-science web portal and seizing other opportunities for collaboration for curating, retrieving, managing, and preserving data. We continued to take a lead in the e-science initiative by creating an e-science web portal and seizing other opportunities for collaboration for curating, retrieving, managing, and preserving data. We continued to take a lead in the e-science initiative by creating an e-science web portal and seizing other opportunities for collaboration for curating, retrieving, managing, and preserving data. We continued to take a lead in the e-science initiative by creating an e-science web portal and seizing other opportunities for collaboration for curating, retrieving, managing, and preserving data.
NER Update

Working toward our long-term goal of bringing more outstanding information to our primary clients, the LSL eliminated the Reference Desk in January, 2009 and introduced a new model of customer service, the Service Desk. In simple terms, the change and referral model means:

- Library assistants staff the desk.
- Reference librarians are on-call for in-depth patent questions.
- Other reference librarians provide services in clients’ own departments.

As the one-stop-shopping point of service for the library patron, the Library Service Point provides an introduction into the Library. It combines the service formerly provided at the Circulation Desk and the ready reference service formerly provided at the Reference Desk. Instead of picturing the what the appropriate place to go for help or for particular need would be, the Library assistants at the LSP “tag” the patron’s question. Either the assistants handle ready reference questions, or they hand over the question to the reference librarians to answer in-depth reference questions.

Facts and Figures

- Over 5,000 pages to dates, across 19 collections
- 35,393 downloads in the past year, up 60% from FY08
- Most downloaded paper: G55:D86 downloaded by Parshad, S. et al. in the Establishment of Chronic Virus: Produces 40% of the journal’s downloads, 11,473
- 18 personal resolver pages, which relate to the individual work of faculty and researchers
- Number of authors with works in escholarship: over 7,500

Established collections

- Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences dissertations and student publications
- Graduate School of Nursing dissertations and publications
- International Medical Education Program

Open access publications continue to expand. The Open Access publications project, which gathers journal articles from the NIH PubMed Central archive, increased facility search features, and led to the creation of two new personal resolver pages and four new collections.

New collections:
- Biochemistry and Molecular Pharmacology
- Cancer Biology
- Cell Biology
- Infectious Diseases and Immunology

Scholarly Communications

“Scholarly communications pertains to the creation, transformation, dissemination and preservation of knowledge related to health, research and scholarly activities.”

NER coordinators and members. Other updates continuing education courses offered throughout the winter months. Updates to the RML, NIH, NLM, NER and NER coordinators and members.

Infectious Diseases and Immunology

- Cell Biology
- Cancer Biology
- Infectious Diseases and Immunology

Presentations/Posters/Pamphlets FY2009

Bianco, Cecile E. Presentation/Poster: Medical Libraries’ Uses and Perceptions of Social Tagging

Gleason, telephone, NLM Library Award. (Available online at http://escholarship.umassmed.edu/mh_fy09/12)

Bianco, Cecile E. Article: “Medical Libraries’ Uses and Perceptions of Social Tagging”

Journal of the Medical Library Association, 2009, April; 97(2), 136-139. (Available online at http://escholarship.umassmed.edu/mh_fy09/13)


Ling, Jeffrey E. Bibliotherapy Through Memoir: Monthly meeting for the Memorial Campus and Holden. Holden, MA, April 16, 2009


More, Ellen. Poster: “Instruction in Integrative Medical School Curricula: A Tale of Two Libraries” (Available online at http://escholarship.umassmed.edu/lib_articles/96/1)


Nicholas Soutter, Robert Tranquada (Part 2), Brian Hill, Nicholas Soutter, Robert Tranquada (Part 1), Brian Hill. The Archive received a letter from a former UMass Memorial employee, who had worked in the archives, to the descendents of Dr. Milman Soutter, the founder of the Medical Library. The archives is working with the descendents to digitize a collection of letters and correspondence. (Available online at http://escholarship.umassmed.edu/lib_articles/95/1)

Long, Jeffrey E. Presentation: “History of Medicine” lecture series. The first lecture was delivered on April 14, 2009. The lecture series continues on the first Thursday of each month during the academic year. (Available online at http://escholarship.umassmed.edu/lib_articles/94/1)

Pockwinse, Aldo. Poster: “Medical Libraries’ Uses and Perceptions of Social Tagging”

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