NER Update
Under contract with the National Library of Medicine, the Lamar Soutter Library serves as the Regional Medical Library (RML) for the New England Region and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine that serve professional health sciences libraries. The staff is responsible for providing information and information services to those libraries and their users. Librarians and information professionals at member libraries have access to the Soutter Library's full range of services and resources.

Resource Maximization
In response to user requests for increased electronic resources and additional study space, the library converted the majority of the print journal collection to electronic-only format, maintaining a core print collection of journals with strong local demand and maximizing available real estate to fit the University’s resource maximization effort to develop more efficient and effective operations providing increased access to library collections, freeing space within the library for user services, providing a flexible environment for collaborative study and event programming, and reduced overall ordering and binding costs.

The new dynamic space takes the library beyond its traditional role of cultivating the mind, to a place where it can cultivate the spirit through humanities in medicine and health, medicine and social policy, health in community and campus, and classroom and community.

100 Seats Added
Approximately 6,000 square feet of unused shelving was removed and 100 new user seats were added. Seating options range from free small group study rooms, with overlook mentors, to facilitate group work, to wheeled tables and chairs for easy movement and configuration, high seat baking, and small round tables. This new user seating increases the total availability of library seats (study and computer) to 473, supporting the growing student population.

What’s New in Education & Outreach
Medical School: The year witnessed immersion in the curriculum to a greater degree than previously experienced. The library’s medical history/archives taught medical history-related courses. Librarians expanded a collaborative role with the Worcester Medical School and the Massachusetts Institute of Science phase II: Developing an electronic resource portal with dynamic relevant content for researchers and GSBS students, offered a link to the LInC website (library.umassmed.edu/LInC) to provide easy access to the library’s members in two leading Open Access journals.

Scholarship@UMMS
elibrary@UMMS is a digital archive offering worldwide access to the scholarly publications of University of Massachusetts Medical School researchers in all fields of medical research. The library collected and cataloged all the University’s research under one umbrella, provided access, and provided access to that research. The archive was launched in FY08 and grew significantly in FY09. The repository reached a significant milestone in FY10 by exceeding 180,000 full-text downloads on April 6, 2010.

New Features implemented in FY10:
• Published the online version of the journal Neurological Research (electronic only) with a print-on-demand option. elibrary@UMMS is now hosted by UMS Department of Neurology.
• Published the online version of the journal Oncology Reports (electronic only) with a print-on-demand option. elibrary@UMMS is now hosted by UMS Department of Neurology.
• Published the online version of the journal Cancer (electronic only) with a print-on-demand option. elibrary@UMMS is now hosted by UMS Department of Medicine.
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Office of the Medical History and Archives
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