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The services that the Library provides to the research community of the University have changed dramatically over the past several years. Many data bases are now available from the Library’s Intranet (LSL e), via department intranets. Resource Libraries are an important part of the Health Sciences’ curriculum, the Department spearheaded the creation of a personal librarian program in place for doctoral med students. Communities of Interest are organized around five focus areas: Healthy Communities, Health Literacy, Healthcare Workforce, of Interest is to have information providers reflect and contribute to the development as a resource guide for Members. The Lamar Soutter Library of the University of Massachusetts Medical School serves as the central medical library of the University to serve the research, instructional, and information needs of students, faculty, and staff. The Library was established in 1954 and serves the library needs of the University’s College of Medicine, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and School of Public Health and Health Sciences. The Lamar Soutter Library is the University’s only fully comprehensive health sciences library, offering a variety of services and resources, including 40,000 full-text journal subscriptions, 300,000 volumes, and access to a wide range of online databases. In addition to providing traditional library services, the Library participates in the University’s academic programs by offering research assistance, consultation, and training to faculty, students, and staff. The Library also participates in the University’s outreach programs by providing information, resources, and services to the local community and beyond. The Lamar Soutter Library is dedicated to meeting the information needs of the University’s faculty, students, and staff, as well as the local community and beyond. The Library is committed to providing a welcoming and inclusive environment that fosters learning and collaboration in support of the University’s mission and values.