Lamar Soutter Library Annual Report FY2011

Lamar Soutter Library, University of Massachusetts Medical School

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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 labs are in buildings separate from the library and have their own computer networks. The library needs to be able to serve multiple locations, not just the research labs. One solution might involve adapting technology to improve communication among the labs and the library. Another might be to set up a more efficient way of keeping the library informed about new developments in research areas.

Research and Scholarly Communications

The Lamar Soutter Library of the University of Massachusetts Medical School began its third NN/LM contract in FY 2011. Under contract with the National Library of Medicine, the Lamar Soutter Library works with 1,693 participants attending. These sessions include: Science Learning Outcomes, a talk by Martha Cutter, Ph.D.; and other photographs by Harrison G. Ball, M.D.

Practical Outreach: 2011

Facts and Figures (as of July 2, 2011)

- 10,134 papers
- 337,278 downloads to articles, web pages, and older works (as of 2010)
- Visits to library sites across the Northeast: 4,092,016
- 11,134 more have been 508-compliant so far, and 2,412 pages are 508 downloadable
- 76 collections, including 62 in 2009 to 2011
- 76 personal research projects, which are the work of individual faculty and researchers, including 34 in 2009 to 2011
- 154 library staff from 30 departments focusing on 5 and 2 extra journals
- 2 conferences underway

Selected FY2011 highlights:

- Published one professional open access journal (Psychology Today: Briefs) (2011)
- Participated in the UMBC Center for Translational Science to provide an open access journal dedicated to translational science
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UMSS 2011: 3,000 gene expressions by the laboratory of Dr. E. Craig Williams, 2011 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for science writing. The laboratory has conducted more than 150 research projects in recent years and is one of the leading research institutions in the world. In addition to conducting a site visit in March to assess the collection, staff, and infrastructure needs of the medical school faculty and students, Library Director Glenn Morris and former associate director Jim Combs, established a partnership with librarians at Howard University, George Washington University and Simmons College to plan for future staff training and professional development opportunities. The project also targeted 101 medical text books that have been donated, catalogued and made available in the opening for the fall 2011 session. This fall, the Medical School continues to restructure the library and provides access to up-to-date, evidence-based medical information. For more information about the Library library project, see http://libraryguides.umassmed.edu.

Global Health Initiative: Liberia

UMSS librarians are helping rebuild the Dokken Medical College, University of Liberia, Africa’s second oldest medical school. This program is designed to strengthen the medical school’s infrastructure and resources. Two librarians will continue to enhance collaborative neighborhood library services.

Education & Outreach

The Department of Education & Clinical Services continues its dedicated outreach to clinical users across the UMass Memorial Health Care network and to students in the School of Medicine and the Graduate School of Nursing. With the launching of the new UCH medical curriculum, the department spearheaded the creation of a professional library program for UMMS’s School of Medicine. The department is working with the new learning management system. This is in addition to the already strong professional librarian program in place for doctoral students in the nursing School and Unit-Based Educators in the Clinical Nursing Department. The department also remains committed to new liaison relationships formed with internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Infectious Control and Rheumatology.

In FY 2011, the curriculum development service began hosting the Inscreen Gag Library of the Medical Campus which officially incorporated into the Lamar Soutter Library. As well, the Lamar Soutter Library began providing contracted library services to the Milford Regional Medical Center, a 121 bed community hospital in Milford, Massachusetts, 35 miles southeast of Worcester. Departmental librarians were recognized for their skill and service to the profession. The School of Medicine faculty was recognized for its dedication to the Lamar Soutter Library with Institutional Review Board awards, and papers given at regional, national, and international meetings. Two librarians from the department were awarded the “MAF Teacher” in Family Medicine. Librarians are involved in the work for their residency program in the UMass Department of Family and Community Health.

UMSS exhibits and programs:

UMSS participates in the NIH sponsored Art Exhibit from the National Library of Medicine.

Office of Medical History and Archives

UMSS has a rich history. In 2008, Harvey D. Grenon House. OMHA continued its efforts in support of the Library, a digital consortium funded by the Sloan Foundation and the Open Content Project in the Boston Library Consortium through the Open Content Program. Developers can choose this content for use in developing educational resources, or for use in creating new programs.

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