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In 2012, the Lamar Soutter Library (LSL) successfully collaborated with two principal investigators at UMass, as well as the Office of Research and Sponsored Grants from the Office of Research and Sponsored Grants (ORS). This project, titled “Library-driven Data Management: Building Capacity and Infrastructure for Collaboration and Data Sharing,” was one of eight awarded nationally. It provides funding to support an informationist, or in-context information specialist, to the research team. An informationist is a librarian who serves the research team by offering expertise in the areas of bibliographic management, information access in Liberia at The National Library of Medicine, and informationist projects included supporting the Community Engagement Research Section of the Office of Medical History & Archives. The project, “From the House of God to The Spirit of the Place: Staying Human in Health Care,” is an exhibit highlighting the role of faith in healing and the relationship between spirituality and health. The exhibit explores the history of religious healing in health care settings, including the role of faith in the treatment of illness and the impact of spirituality on patient outcomes. It features historical documents, photographs, and artifacts that demonstrate the ways in which faith and spirituality have influenced health care practice and policy. The exhibit also includes interactive elements that allow visitors to explore the intersection of faith, spirituality, and health in their own lives.

The Lamar Soutter Library is an integral part of the University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS) and is committed to providing high-quality information services to support teaching, research, and patient care. The library is located in the medical school's new medical library building, which opened in 2011. The library houses a collection of more than 350,000 books and 125,000 periodicals, as well as a variety of electronic resources. The library's collections cover a wide range of topics, including medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and health sciences. The library also provides training and support to students, faculty, and staff in the use of information resources. The library's mission is to serve as a center for information and knowledge creation, and to support the research and teaching mission of the UMMS.

The Lamar Soutter Library is also committed to supporting the broader community. The library hosts a variety of public events and programs, including lectures, workshops, and exhibitions. The library is also a member of the New England Research Libraries Group (NERLG), which is a consortium of research libraries in the New England region. The library participates in the NERLG exchange program, which allows students and faculty to access libraries in the region.

The library is staffed by librarians and support staff who are dedicated to providing excellent service to the UMMS community. The library is open daily and provides materials and services to support teaching, research, and patient care. The library is also a member of the Medical Library Association, the Association of Research Libraries, and the New England Library Association. The library is committed to providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for all users.

The Lamar Soutter Library is also a hub for the UMMS community. The library provides a range of services and resources to support teaching, research, and patient care. The library is open daily and provides materials and services to support teaching, research, and patient care. The library is also a member of the Medical Library Association, the Association of Research Libraries, and the New England Library Association. The library is committed to providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for all users. The library is open daily and provides materials and services to support teaching, research, and patient care. The library is also a member of the Medical Library Association, the Association of Research Libraries, and the New England Library Association. The library is committed to providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for all users.
Presentations, Posters & Publications


Gary, S. Presentation: Creativity in promoting our work. Library, University of Rochester Medical School, Rochester, NY, January 23, 2013.


Gary, S. Presentation: Taking names and zipping lockdowns: Building relationships and developing collaborations with researchers. 5th Annual Student Best-Care for Libraries Award, Amherst, MA, June 16, 2013. http://journals.library.umass.edu/imagery/5th-annual-student-best-care-for-libraries-award-


Academic Activity During the fiscal year 2012-13.

This results in library users accessing the library’s resources and services that facilitate the research and learning processes cited above. Others collaborate with faculty educators, highlighting the use of the library in order to inform students about the principles of evidence-based practice.

Patron core is online and research and learning are not necessarily physically connected to the library. This month in Library users access the library’s electronic collections remotely. As print resources migrate to digital formats, demands on our services increase more than the use of online resources, new technologies give us an opportunity to offer our students to our learners more effectively. We also intend to offer this program to a larger group of users, whenever they may be located. At the same time, it continues to be the place where students congregate, any time day or night.

Today, more than ever, the Lamar Soutter librarians play an integral part in supporting academic teaching, research and service responsibilities during the fiscal-year 2012-13.