Public Library of Science

The Health Sciences Library / Learning Resources Center has purchased an Active Membership with the Public Library of Science (PLoS) for Creighton University. PLoS is a grassroots, not-for-profit organization of scientists, physicians, librarians, and members of the public working to make the world’s scientific and medical literature a freely available, open access resource. Membership includes print subscriptions to the new peer-reviewed journal *PLoS Biology*, and *PLoS Medicine*, which is to be launched in October or November 2004. *PLoS Biology* features works in all areas of biological science, including works that interface with other disciplines such as chemistry and medicine. All works published in *PLoS Biology* are open access, which mean everything is available immediately and with no cost for access. Copyright is retained by the author. There is a 10% discount off the author’s fee for anyone from Creighton University who publishes in the journals.

Please send your comments to Jim Bothmer, Health Sciences Library Director, at jbothmer@creighton.edu or 280-5120, or Bryan Stack, Serials and Electronic Collections Librarian, at cuhsl-serials@creighton.edu or 280-5137.

A physician who does not use books and journals, who does not need a library, who does not read one or two of the best weeklies and monthlies, soon sinks to the level of the cross-counter prescriber, and not alone in practice, but in those mercenary feelings and habits which characterize a trade.

Sir William Osler

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In observance of Occupational Therapy Month in April, 2004, Shirley Blanchard (Ph.D., OTR/L, Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy) and several of her students provided a display in the library giving an overview of the field of occupational therapy, along with a number of posters focusing on specific aspects of OT. The students in the picture are, from left to right: Christin Konz, Stephanie Reuter, Leah Lewis, Sam DeLong, Lori Howe, Kelly Peterson, and Jodi Slezak. Dr. Blanchard is on the far right.
Holiday Hours

Memorial Day
Sunday, May 30 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Monday, May 31 Closed

Summer Hours
June 18—August 8

Monday - Thursday 7:30 am – 10:00 pm
Friday 7:30 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Independence Day
Sunday-Monday, July 4-5 Closed

Labor Day
Friday, September 3 7:30 am – 6:00 pm
Saturday-Sunday, September 4-5 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Monday, September 6 Closed

Regular hours are listed on the back cover.

It is astonishing with how little reading a doctor can practice medicine, but it is not astonishing how badly he may do it.
Sir William Osler

Student Workers
What Would We Do Without Them?

Have you ever wondered how the library gets all of those books and journals re-shelved? Who enters all the records into the online catalog? How the library processes requests for articles in such a short turn around time? The answer to these questions is our student workers. The library relies on these students to provide you the user with the best possible service.

These students canvas the library, picking up loose books and journals as well as ensuring that faculty, staff and students can locate the books and journals that are needed.

Student workers also scan each item they re-shelve into the computer thus providing the library with important statistical data about a book or journal’s usage. If our data indicates a journal title isn’t being used, it is more likely to be cancelled. This is why we ask clients to please refrain from re-shelving library materials themselves.

Our student workers offer their services in whatever capacity is asked of them. They are all trained to work service desks, shelve, photocopy, and data entry. If it weren’t for our student workers some projects would be difficult to complete.

April 11th through the 17th was National Student Worker Week. The Health Sciences Library / Learning Resources Center appreciates the many students whose work helps keep the library running smoothly.

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Citations for William Osler quotes

1 The Functions of a State Faculty. Maryland Medical Journal, 1897; 37:73-77.
LRC Expo for OPS Students

On April 14th the LRC held its annual Expo in support of the Focus On Medicine program sponsored by Creighton University Health Sciences and Omaha Public Schools’ Office of Gifted Education. This program encourages middle and high school minority students to consider careers in the Health Sciences; in the junior year, students visit the HSL/LRC. Twenty students from Benson, Burke, Central, North and Northwest high schools participated.

Presenters included Jane Romack, Head of the LRC; Channing Bunch, Health Sciences Multicultural and Community Affairs; Barb Slattery, Health Careers Opportunity Program; Siobhan Champ-Blackwell, Community Outreach Liaison Librarian; and student representatives from the health sciences schools: Bobbi Sauder, Kathy Griner (Occupational Therapy), Amanda Lessert, Michael Witte (Physical Therapy), Justice Peters (Medicine), Jeff Merrell (Nursing), Lydia Ayad, Alison Jensen, Erika Pimental (Pharmacy), Jill Stephenson, and Tara Weed (Dental Hygiene). The students spoke about career opportunities in their fields, financial aid for study, tips for success at CUMC, and how the resources of the HSL/LRC have helped them in their studies.

Exam Master Online

Exam Master Online for Medical Study and Review is now available through the HSL/LRC web site. From the LRC Hot Picks page http://www.hsl.creighton.edu/SLRC/hotpicks.html, go to Board Review.

Examination preparation and subject review are available for USMLE Step 1 (9000+ questions), USMLE Step 2 (5000+ questions), and USMLE Step 3 (3000+ questions), among others. Certification Review aids cover Family Practice, General Pediatrics, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and SPEX. Students can create self-study exams in a variety of subjects.

Comments about Exam Master can be directed to Jane Romack, Head of the Learning Resources Center, at 280-5130 or jromack@creighton.edu.

Bloodless Surgery, Bloodless Medicine

Darryl Gucwa from Creighton University Medical Center’s Bloodless Medicine & Surgery Office presented a live webcast on the options and applications for this innovative approach to surgery on March 11, 2004. The staff of the Health Sciences Library / Learning Resources Center, with training assistance from staff of the Regional Medical Library in Utah filmed Mr. Gucwa’s presentation, which can be viewed at http://medlib.med.utah.edu/ram/rml/bloodless.ram. (RealPlayer is needed to view this presentation.)

New Electronic Resources

Among HSL/LRC’s growing collection of electronic resources are online versions of two familiar titles.

Healthcare Standards

Healthcare Standards Online is a directory of health care guidelines, standards and regulations compiled by ECRI (formerly the Emergency Care Research Institute), an independent nonprofit health services research agency. It identifies standards on a wide variety of topics issued by medical societies, professional associations, government agencies, and other health-related organizations, and provides contact information or publication information for obtaining the documents.

Taber’s Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary Online

The 19th edition of Taber’s medical dictionary is now available online. Browse or search all the definitions, tables, and illustrations in the print edition, and hear spoken pronunciations for many terms. Illustrations and tables can be accessed separately. The website takes about 30 seconds to a minute to load. You may need to install the latest version of Java from Sun at http://www.java.com/en/download.

Both of these new resources are accessible from the Health Sciences Library’s web site: from http://www.hsl.creighton.edu/ click on Library Resources, then Electronic Books.

For questions or comments, contact Bryan Stack, Serials and Electronic Collections Librarian, at cuhsl-serials@creighton.edu or 280-5137.
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  - Technical Services: 402-280-5102  
  - Fax: 402-280-5134

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