LIBRARY UNDERGOES CHANGES

The dust has settled, the work has been completed, and order has been restored to the Health Sciences Library. During October, new carpeting was installed in the library. Blue carpeting now covers the majority of the library’s first floor as well as the area behind the Circulation Desk. The previous red carpeting served admirably, having been in place since the opening of the library in 1977. Other physical changes to the Health Sciences Library occurred in October. All of the study carrels in the library were re-upholstered and re-painted. Consolidation of the Current Journals section allowed for the removal of some shelving units. Study carrels were subsequently placed in the area previously occupied by shelving units.

NIH PROPOSAL

Government Funded Research to be Made Open Access after Six Months Of Publication


The National Institutes of Health has proposed a major change to its funding policy -- it would mandate that all scientists who receive grants from the agency make the results of their research available to the public for free six months after publication. The policy change comes in response to a report by the House Appropriations Committee expressing concern that U.S. taxpayers are not reaping the benefits of research that they have paid for. The report urges NIH to devise a system whereby research results would be “freely and continuously available no later than six months after publication.”

The proposal drew swift criticism from the scientific publishing industry, which argued that if people stop subscribing to their publications because they can read about these research results for free, the journals will be unable to perform the costly process of selecting, peer-reviewing and editing the results into the reliable products now available. However, NIH Director Elias A. Zerhouni says he’s concluded that publishers' estimates of how much such a system would harm them or cost the government were “way out of line” with reality. Although about 60,000 articles are published each year reporting on NIH-funded research, they constitute only a third of all biomedical journal articles. "Do you really think people are not going to subscribe to a journal because they can read 30% of the articles in it for free?” asks Richard Roberts, a research director at New England Biolabs, who strongly supports the shift to open access. (continued on page three)
**HOLIDAY HOURS**

**Thanksgiving**
Wednesday, Nov 24  
7:30 am–6:00 pm
Thursday, Nov 25  
Closed
Friday, Nov 26  
Closed
Saturday, Nov 27  
10:00 am–6:00 pm
**Sunday Nov 28 Regular Hours Resume**

**Christmas/New Year's**
Friday Dec 17  
7:30 am–6:00 pm
Saturday—Sunday, Dec 18-19  
10:00 am–6:00 pm
Monday—Thursday, Dec 20-23  
7:30 am–6:00 pm
Friday-Sunday, Dec 24-26  
Closed
Monday-Thursday, Dec 27-30  
9:00 am–1:00 pm
Friday-Sunday, Dec 31-Jan 2  
Closed
**Monday Jan 3 Regular Hours Resume**

**Quik Bytes**

To stay up to date on what is going on in the HSL between issues of the BICInformer, checkout Quik Bytes (http://www.hsl.creighton.edu/HSL/quikbytes/QuikBytes.html), an electronic newsletter published each Friday during the academic year. An alert that a new issue of Quik Bytes is available will be posted on JayNet News.

**Food for Fine$**

Once again, the Health Sciences Library will be accepting food in lieu of payment for fines. We will accept one non-perishable food item (jar of baby food, can of vegetables, boxed side dish, etc) for every dollar owed in fines. We are only accepting food as payment for overdue fines; this program does not include payment for lost materials, photocopying charges or interlibrary loan fees.

We will be accepting food payments/donations from November 1st through December 19th. All food items will be given to St. Martin DePorres Food Bank. If you have any questions please call Pat Meeves (280-4126) for further information.

**The dissemination of knowledge is one of the cornerstones of civilization. - John F. Budd**

**Check-Out Policy Changes**

**Books**

The Health Sciences Library has received requests for longer check-out periods for books. Due to these requests, the policy for check-out of books has changed. The changes: faculty may now check-out books for the semester and may renew them if needed; staff and students may check out books for four (4) weeks with one renewal. Come and browse our many books and journals and see what new information the library has for you.

**Nursing Journals**

Nursing journals may now be checked out of the Health Sciences Library. The check-out period is the same as for any other journal: one week for bound volumes; one day for loose journals. Previously, nursing journals were not checked-out of the library. This policy has been revised, however, in order to better serve our clientele. Library staff are in the process of removing the non-circulating labels off of each journal. Please feel free to check-out nursing journals with non-circulating labels until this process is completed.
As might be expected, many groups have lined up to support the concept and many have expressed concern and opposition to it.

**Supporters of the NIH Proposal include:**

- The Alliance for Taxpayer Access, [www.taxpayeraccess.org](http://www.taxpayeraccess.org), an informal coalition of libraries, patient and health policy advocates, and other stakeholders who support reforms that will make publicly funded biomedical research accessible to the public.

**Opponents of the NIH Proposal include:**


NIH welcomes comments. The NIH encourages all comments to be directed to the following NIH website: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/public_access/add.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/public_access/add.htm). **The open comment period ends November 16, 2004.** (See page 5 for a related article regarding open access-"Public Library of Science Launches PLoS Medicine").

**Jesuits and the Sciences**

In October, The Very Reverend Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J., Superior General of the Society of Jesus, visited Creighton University to help celebrate 125 years of Jesuit – Lay partnership in Omaha. In recognition of this event, Health Sciences Library staff created a display in the library focusing on Jesuits and the Sciences. A remarkable characteristic of the Society of Jesus during the period of its first founding (1540-1773) was the involvement of its members in the sciences (from Introduction: Jesuits and the Sciences, 1540-1773; The Science Library / Loyola University of Chicago; [http://libraries.luc.edu/about/exhibits/jesuits/jessci.shtml](http://libraries.luc.edu/about/exhibits/jesuits/jessci.shtml)). Some of the Jesuits featured in the display included Ruggiero Giusseppe Boscovich, Athanasius Kircher, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, and, of course, Saint Ignatius of Loyola.
Library Director Receives Award

In October, the College and University Section of the Nebraska Library Association awarded its Distinguished Service Award to Jim Bothmer, Library Director of the Creighton University Health Sciences Library / Learning Resources Center. The criteria to receive this award included:

- Service to academic librarianship within the last five years
- Active participation in the section at the time of the award
- Present or potential service to:
  - NLA (Nebraska Library Association)
  - ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries)
  - ALA (American Library Association)

Following are some of the statements given to describe Jim:

- “Genuine warmth and acceptance of everyone, no matter who they are.”
- “Knows how to get things done, but without running roughshod over others to accomplish a group’s goals.”
- “Makes people happy to be around him with his quiet effectiveness.”
- “It is no wonder that he is often chosen to lead groups. He is a proven leader.”
- “An excellent candidate for the award.”

Congratulations, Jim, on a well-deserved honor!

Health Sciences Library Advisory Committee 2004-2005: Corrections

The previous issue of the BICInformer (Volume 116: August 2004) published the membership of the Health Sciences Library Advisory Committee 2004-2005. Following are corrections to that listing:

School of Dentistry

Stephen J. Hess, D.D.S.
(not R. Scott Shaddy, D.D.S.)

School of Medicine

Kelli Kazlauskas (M3)
Student Representative
(not Tiffani Dennis)

School of Nursing

Nathan Coffey
Student Representative

Library Hosts Practicum Student

Lola Gilbert, a Library Media student from the University of Nebraska-Omaha’s College of Public Affairs and Community Service, is participating in a practicum at the Health Sciences Library during October and November. The fifty-hour practicum includes experiences in both the Reference Department and the Learning Resources Center. Ms. Gilbert currently is employed at Sump Memorial Library in Papillion, Nebraska.
News from the LRC

“VISIBLE HUMAN DISSECTOR” AVAILABLE IN THE LRC

The Learning Resources Center (LRC) in the Health Sciences Library at Creighton University Medical Center has acquired a newly released software product to support the teaching and learning of anatomy for health sciences faculty and students. The software, VH Dissector, is based on the Visible Human Male Data Set from the National Library of Medicine. It is marketed by Touch of Life Technologies, Aurora, Colorado. The Health Sciences Library/LRC is the first library in Nebraska to offer this resource.

EXAM MASTER ONLINE

Exam Master Online, available through the Learning Resources Center website, announces two new courses:

USMLE Step 2: Clinical Skills High Yield Study Notes

This course designed for advanced preparation for Step 2 consists of:

- Detailed Information on Physical Examination of the Patient.
- Detailed Information on How to Conduct a Neurological Exam.
- Complete Information about the Step 2 CS Exam.
- Useful Links to Test Center and Exam Scheduling Information.

USMLE Step 2: Clinical Knowledge Course in Cardiology

This course designed for advanced preparation for Step 2 consists of study notes and practice exams for:

- Ischemic Heart Disease
- Rate and Rhythm Disturbances
- Diseases of the Heart Valves
- Congestive Heart Failure
- Diseases of the Myocardium and Pericardium.

Each of these modules includes study slides and a 50 question exam.

To access Exam Master, go to the category “Board Review” on the “LRC Hot Picks” page.
http://www.hsl.creighton.edu/HSL/lrc/hotpicks.html

Please send any comments regarding Exam Master to Jane Romack (jromack@creighton.edu).

Public Library of Science Launches PLoS Medicine

PLoS Medicine is a peer-reviewed, open-access journal that is now available online. PLoS Medicine is published by the Public Library of Science, a non-profit organization. Peruse this new open access journal, find out more about the open access model, or submit your research for publication. Access PLoS Medicine online at www.plosmedicine.org. View the PLoS Medicine editorial board at http://www.plosmedicine.org/medicine/edboard.html.
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- Technical Services: 402/280-5102
- Fax: 402/280-5134

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- http://druginfo.creighton.edu
- http://www.creighton.edu/mediaservices

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