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Welcome

We'd like to call attention to the new exhibit in one of the Library display cases. Madeleine Kersting, a former library associate, created an exhibit on the history of the nursing uniform. Stop by the Library and check it out.

On another note, I was overwhelmed by the length of our Staff News column this issue. The volume of information demonstrates two things. One is how active in our profession many of our staff are. Second is the unfortunate truth that late Spring and early Summer are common times for staff turnover. Although we certainly miss co-workers who have moved on, we have been lucky to find good people to replace those who have left.

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Pauline Fulda Named Associate Director

Pauline Fulda was recently appointed Associate Director of Medical Center Libraries. She came to the LSUMC Library in 1990 as Coordinator for Collection Development and Acquisitions. During 1997 and 1998, Pauline took on the additional responsibility of temporarily supervising the Library's public services departments. She became Associate Director in January.

Pauline has spent her entire professional career in libraries; in fact, she decided to become a science librarian at the tender age of 15. After graduating from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in 1969 with a degree in biology education and library science, Pauline worked for a year as a school librarian in rural Patterson, Louisiana.

In 1971 Pauline received her master's degree in library science from LSU-Baton Rouge. She then worked for a number of years in public libraries in Galveston, Houston, and New Orleans. In these positions she gained valuable experience working in business and science, government documents, and reference departments. After taking a few years off to be a full-time mother, Pauline entered the field of health sciences librarianship when Baptist Hospital hired her in 1980. In her nine years there, Pauline centralized the hospital's library functions, combining its small nursing, medicine, blood bank, and pastoral care collections into a new state-of-the-art facility.

Throughout her career Pauline has maintained a commitment to professional library associations. She has held every office in the Health Sciences Library Association of Louisiana and several offices in the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association. She is currently serving a three-year term as a member of the national Medical Library Association's (MLA) Bylaws Committee. In 1994 Pauline was named a distinguished member of MLA's Academy of Health Information Professionals.

In her "other life" Pauline participates in a number of activities. She is the mother of one son, two stepchildren, and a step grandchild. She and her husband David are avid outdoors people; they enjoy gardening, hiking, camping, and fishing. Pauline also enjoys cooking, and she is the Library's resident baker.

Pauline hopes to foster a positive environment for the employees whom she supervises. Staff development is extremely important to her, and she tries to utilize the various talents of all the staff members in creative ways. The Library Staff is proud to have Pauline as our Associate Director.

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EndNote Workshop

An EndNote workshop will be offered Thursday, June 24th from 2 - 3 p.m. in the John P. Isché Library (Resource Center), Room 405. EndNote is a bibliographic database and reference management program that allows online citations to be downloaded, imported, and formatted in a few easy steps. The workshop will include hands-on instruction in importing OVID MEDLINE and CINAHL citations into a database. Space is limited, so reserve your spot today by contacting Kathy Kerdolff in the Library at 568-6102 or kkerdo@lsumc.edu *link removed*.

-- Kathy Kerdolff

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Public Access Computers

The LSU Medical Center Library provides twenty-one public access computers throughout its three floors. The primary purpose of these computers is to enable users to access the Library's online catalog (Innopac) and database services (Ovid, WebSpirs, etc.) for informational and educational activities.

Thirteen computer workstations are centralized on the Library's first floor. Also in this area is the Library's Reference Services Desk with a librarian scheduled from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays to assist patrons in using the Library's computers. **New in this area are six carrels with electrical connections as well as Ethernet data ports. Patrons can bring laptop computers into the Library and access network resources at these locations.**

Another eight computers are evenly distributed between the Library's second and third floors. Again, these computers are configured to access the online catalog and database services. All public access computers are available to any user of the Library.

The LSUMC Library also offers a computer lab equipped with personal computers and Macintoshes on its second floor. The equipment in this area provides patrons with access to the Library's catalog and database services, the Internet, and a variety of software and computer aided instructional materials. The lab is key-access and open only to LSUMC faculty, staff, and students. The computer lab will be undergoing extensive remodeling this summer. We ask your patience and understanding during this transition.

The Library Staff, together with the Academic Affairs Computer Support Staff, continually evaluates the ongoing needs of library patrons for network resources. For this reason computer access will continue to evolve in the LSUMC Library.

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It's All About Order

Look up at the sky on any clear night and you can see numerous stars shining down upon you. To anyone who is unfamiliar with constellations, these stars are simply random dots against the black (or gray) background. However, to someone with a sky map and a bit of patience, constellations seem to form from the randomness. These constellations, or star patterns, were mapped out early in this century to form a common frame of reference for stargazers.

Libraries follow a similar logic; put things in a standardized order and people can find them. Unlike the stars, though, a journal collection changes with time, outgrowing its space in a horrifyingly brief time. When that happens, the choices for fixing the problem are few. Either you get more space, stop getting new material, throw out the old stuff, or rearrange your collection in such a way as to make better use of your space. The last choice is called "shifting" and is just what we are starting to do now. The Library Staff has cooperated to measure each and every title in the library. With this data we can accurately plan a shift that will give us growing space through at least 2009. Once all this data is finally compiled, we will begin the physical shifting of the over 3500 titles in our collection. If this seems like a big project, that is because it is, but we believe that the results are worth it.

What does all this mean to you, our patrons? It means a Summer full of activity and some noise in the journal stacks that cannot be helped. However, when it is finished, our collection should be consistently shelved, better documented for easier access, and well spaced for growing room. We ask you to bear with us during this time, because the library will ultimately benefit from this project.

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Ovid Hints:
Printing, Saving, and E-mailing your OVID Results

After you have refined your Ovid search to a reasonably-sized list of relevant citations, you will probably want a hard copy of your results. Ovid gives you three options for this output: **Display** (to print), **Email**, and **Save**. Ovid allows you to tailor your output, so there are several choices to make. The feature in Ovid that provides this functionality is called **Citation Manager** and appears at the bottom of most Ovid screens.

The **Citations** box allows you to select which citations from your search that you want to print. The option **All on this page** will print the ten citations shown in brief format above the Citation Manager. The option **Selected (all pages)** allows you to review your search results and select only the items of interest for printing, saving, or e-mailing. This is Ovid's default setting, and it must be changed if it is not the option you want. The **All in this set** option lets you output all the results of your search in one easy step. The number given in parentheses in this option reminds you how many citations will be forthcoming. The **Range** option allows you to specify which citations are to be printed and is especially helpful if you want to print, save, or e-mail more than the 800 maximum that the system allows.

The **Fields** box defaults to the most popular option, **Citation + Abstract**. You may print less information than that by selecting the **Citation Only** option, which will not include the abstract. You can print more information by selecting one of the three bottom options. Use of the **Citation + Abstract + Subject Headings** option can be helpful if you are using a database to manage your bibliographies and want to be able to sort or search by subject heading. **Complete Record** just as the name implies allows the printing of the entire database record. The **Select Fields** option lets you tailor your output to suit your needs.

The **Citation Format** box default should be changed if you will be saving your citations and entering them into management software such as EndNote, ProCite, or Reference Manager. Your software's documentation should tell you which formats it can accept.

At the bottom of the Citation Format box is a check box where you have the option to **Include Search History** with your print-out. The Search History is a list of the terms you have searched and a record of the search results. Having a copy of the search history may be important if you are sharing your results with another person or if you are not satisfied with the results and want to consult with a librarian to see if they can be improved.

The **Save Format** box defaults to DOS or Windows operating systems. Options for Macintosh and UNIX are also available.

At the bottom of Citation Manager are two drop down menus that allow you to change the order in which the citations are produced. The default order in Ovid is to print the citations most recently added to the database first. The **Sort by:** function gives two opportunities to override this default. You can select which field of the record to sort by and indicate whether the sort is to be ascending (A-Z, 1-9) or descending (Z-A or 9-1). The sort I use most frequently works in ascending order on the source field (which begins with the name of the journal) so that my printout is sorted in alphabetical order by the name of the journal, which is the way the journals are shelved in the Library.

Finally, by clicking in the **Action** box, you execute the options you have made in the other boxes, and you receive your output.

Ovid uses the print capability of your browser, so in order to print your citations in the format and style you

have chosen, you first must **Display** them. This turns all of the citations that you wish to print (with abstracts and other fields, if desired) into an organized page that your browser will then print easily.

Clicking on the **Email** icon in the Action box will bring up a screen where you must enter the e-mail address to which the citations will be sent. It also asks for a sender's address and gives you the opportunity to create a meaningful subject line for the e-mail document and to include a message to the recipient of the citations.

Clicking on the **Save** icon will give you a screen to indicate the drive and filename you wish to give the data. You may need to add or change the file extension that is supplied by the system to one that is recognizable to wordprocessing software (.txt should be used for DOS or Windows based programs).

After you have used the system for a while, these selections will become automatic for you, and you will be better able to take advantage of some of the customization features built into the Ovid system.

If you have any questions about these or any other Ovid features, please call the Library. The Reference Department at the Isché Library can be reached at 568-6102 or 568-8339. For the Dental Library call 619-8507.

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Highlighted Websites:
Travel

Whether you prefer to spend your vacation time exploring big cities or going to remote places, the World Wide Web is a valuable resource for planning your trip. While there are a great number of travel sites on the web, these four are among the most comprehensive and reputable.

Preview Travel www.previewtravel.com *link removed* Travel planning has never been easier than with Preview Travel. You can research destinations through Fodor's guides then book your flight, car, and hotel room online. The sight is secure, easy to use, and has a section devoted exclusively to business travelers. Many airlines offer double frequent flier miles when you book through Preview Travel, and the Travel News section keeps you updated on any beneficial fare wars taking place in the industry.

Travelocity www.travelocity.com *link removed* Travelocity is the public version of Sabre, the network that travel agents use to book their customers' vacations and business trips. Best Fare Finder, a feature recently added to the site, quickly retrieves the lowest fares published daily, then lists the dates and times the fares are available. This is a quick way to find out what special airfares are being offered by all airlines. Want to visit Paris but not sure if you can do so on your budget? Use Travelocity's Price Shopper to look for vacations to worldwide destinations in any price range. Recent offerings included 6 nights in Paris at only $349 per person or 6 nights in London for $469. These deals always change, so check back often.

National Park Service ParkNet www.nps.gov *link removed* Our national parks offer unsurpassed beauty and ample opportunities for outdoor activities such as camping, hiking, rock climbing, or even lounging. You can search for parks by region, theme, or name. Descriptions of all parks, historic sites, and monuments are given, as is pertinent information such as hours of operation and entry fees. Links to expanded pages for most parks are also provided. If you have never visited a national park, the gorgeous pictures on this site are sure to entice you. If you have been to the most famous parks such as Yosemite, Yellowstone, or Great Smokey Mountains, this site is an excellent place to research less known but equally stunning wilderness areas throughout the United States.

Great Outdoors Recreation Pages www.gorp.com *link removed* Interested in hiking, fishing, or mountain climbing in foreign lands? This site lists all the major parks and wilderness areas throughout the world. You can search by attractions (forests, parks, wilderness areas), activities, or location. After you find the perfect destination, you can make all your travel arrangements on GORP or buy all the equipment you will need for your outdoor adventure. Even if you will never visit the places described at this site, you can still take in the exotic beauty of Chilean national parks or African wilderness areas through the numerous photographs featured. The many travel articles written exclusively for GORP are outstanding and a valuable resource for anyone planning an outdoor excursion.

-- Tanya Sanchez

Staff News

Bruce Abbott, Assistant Director for Library Systems & Electronic Resources, was appointed incoming Chair of the Louisiana Academic Library Information Network Consortium (LALINC) Resource Sharing Committee.

Carolyn Bridgewater, Reference Librarian, has been named the incoming Chair of the Medical Library Association (MLA) Minority Scholarship Committee.

Pauline Fulda is the new Associate Director of the LSUMC -- New Orleans Libraries. She was previously Coordinator for Collection Development and Acquisitions ([See related story](#)). Pauline has also been appointed to the MLA Bylaws Committee and the LALINC Preservation/Disaster Task Force.

Jennifer Kelly was hired as the evening Reference Librarian at the Isché Library in July of 1998. She was recently appointed to the Health Sciences Library Association of Louisiana (HSLAL)Nominating Committee.

Madeleine Kersting, Circulation Associate at the Isché Library, left the library in February. She is now working as a Shelving Supervisor at Howard-Tilton Library at Tulane University.

Jennifer Lloyd, Circulation & Interlibrary Loan Manager, presented at two recent meetings. At the Louisiana Library Association (LLA) annual meeting, she participated in a panel on security issues in libraries and at the HSLAL annual meeting, she presented on "Cooperation Between Net-Borrowers and Net-Lenders."

Mary Marix, Reference Librarian, taught a class at the LLA annual meeting on "Pubmed/Internet Grateful Med." Also, she presented at the HSLAL annual meeting on "Successful Searching Techniques for Pubmed and Internet Grateful Med." Similarly, at a lunch & learn for the School of Medicine, she spoke on "Medline*plus*, Pubmed, and Internet Grateful Med."

Gene Meneray joined the Library Staff in April as an evening Circulation Associate at the Isché Library. He previously was employed by Thomas Mann Design.

Vern Parker returned to the LSUMC Libraries on April 1st as a Circulation Associate at the Dental Library. He worked at the Dental Library from 1990 until 1994. We are glad to have him back!

Tanya Sanchez, Circulation Associate at the Isché Library, left the library at the end of May. She relocated to Salt Lake City, Utah. Additionally, Tanya received the 1998 George G. Windell Award from the Department of History at the University of New Orleans. The award is given for the best master's thesis in an academic year and is voted on by the department's graduate faculty. Her thesis is entitled, "The Feminine Side of Bootlegging: Women, Drink, and Prohibition in New Orleans." She graduated in August 1998.

Denise Smith, Circulation Associate at the Dental Library, left the Library in February. She is now working at the Law School Library at Loyola University.

Wilba Swearingen, Library Director, is the Chair Designate of the MLA Membership Committee. She is also on the MLA Scholarship Jury.

David Wolff, Circulation Associate at the Isché Library, moved from evenings to days at the end of May.

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Additionally, the LSUMC Dental Library publishes its own newsletter, the *Library Explorer*. Copies are archived via the LSUMC Dental Library homepage *link removed* under *Library Explorer*.

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