

# **Mixing up an Allied Health Liaison Program: Ingredients for a Successful Allied Health Collection Appetizer**

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Librarian deployed for initial 3-4 month special assignment

- To conduct an environmental scan
- To explore the library support needs of the Department of Allied Health Sciences
- To train as a liaison

# Project Background

- School of Medicine: 27 departments served by 1 liaison
- Other liaisons assisted in AHS, upon request, to teach classes and provide consultations
- Not much known about status of department or of collection
  - Small amount of end-of-year funding available for collection needs
  - Specific materials had to be identified quickly in order to use available funds



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of Allied Health  
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## Welcome

### Welcome to the Department of Allied Health Sciences at UNC – Chapel Hill!

Welcome to the UNC Department of Allied Health Sciences, a nationally recognized leader in allied health education, research and clinical practice. Established in 1970 with a handful of faculty and a total of 105 students, the department is now home to 18 accredited degree and certificate programs in 7 different professional disciplines, with a current enrollment of nearly 400 students. Follow the links on this page to learn more about our educational programs, our distance education opportunities, our centers, our clinical services, and much more.

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# Objective:

To initiate a collection development effort

for an underserved unit of the School of Medicine

-- the Department of Allied Health Sciences –

prior to formal launch of a liaison program

# Collection Development Project Methods

- **Sent emails to Chair/Associate Dean & 7 Division Heads seeking recommendations for**
  - **Key materials for purchase**
  - **Key web sites**
  - **Top 5 journals**
  - **Online book collections or titles**
- **Follow-up emails sent to 3 non-respondents @ 4 weeks**

# Key Materials Recommended by Department

- 19 books
- 9 DVD's
- 1 VHS video
- 6 CD's
- 5 specialized software items
  - Boardmaker and SALT for Speech and Hearing Sciences—under discussion
  - Anatomy software, web sites, or tutorials with radiographs and case correlations



Need Help? Ask a Librarian

LIBRARY

## Public Health Practice

This resource collection was developed by the Health Sciences Library for North Carolina public health providers and administrators.

### Public Health Information Portals

American Public Health Association - APHA  
Health Services Research & Public Health  
Information Program Medscape Public Health &  
Prevention Homepage Partners in Information  
Access for the Public Health Workforce

### Brief Guides to Resources

North Carolina Statistics  
Current United States Health Statistics  
Health Policy and Administration  
International Health Internships and Service  
Opportunities  
Latino Health Information for Health Care  
Providers

### UNC Centers & Programs

Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services  
Research  
Public Health Grand Rounds  
Carolina School of Public Health

### In-Depth Online Tutorials

Finding Health-Related Statistics  
Finding Health Law and Legislative History  
Finding Health Information  
Evaluating Online Information

### Community Assessment Tools

Public Health Papers  
Community Assessment Guide Book  
Finding Information for a Community Health

### Literature Databases

PubMed (MEDLINE)  
Environmental Sciences and Pollution

# Among “Top 5” journals were those that

- We did not have (either electronically or in print)
  - Adding electronically, if available, print if not
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# Among “Top 5” journals were those that

- Main campus Library (not HSL) had in print that we could not add electronically
  - Policy generally precludes duplication
  - Exploring options
- We had “incidentally” electronically
  - Upgraded to stable electronic subscription

# Non-Collection Development Outcomes

Upon announcing the liaison program (June):

- Liaison given immediate access to Chair and Admins
- Chair expanded June Advisory Meeting to ½ day retreat
  - Hosted in the library
  - Introduction of and presentation by liaison
  - Tour of facilities; focus on technology enhanced spaces

## Following June Chair's retreat:

- Increased AHS use of facilities and services
- Requests & invitations by division heads
- New requests for HSL course involvement
- Collaboration on HSL Exhibit  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of PT Program



**Collection development undertaken  
*prior to* launching a liaison program  
can be an effective way to...**

- build the collection
- learn about unique needs
- allow liaison to build a positive partnership with key faculty and administrators
- collect information to assist in decision-making
- launch a new liaison program on a positive note