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LIBRARY HOURS

INTRODUCING MEDLINEplus

MEDLINEplus (www.nlm.nih.gov), a new consumer health information web site created by the National Library of Medicine (NLM), is designed to assist users in locating appropriate, authoritative health information sources. Emphasis is on information available from NLM and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), including links to MEDLINE and many full-text publications created at NIH institutes.

MEDLINEplus is an easy-to-understand resource for the public which includes MEDLINE, links to self-help groups, access to NIH consumer health information, clearinghouses, health-related organizations, and clinical trials. Information on specific health topics, dictionaries and glossaries for finding definitions of medical terms, links to major associations, publications and news items, directories of health professionals and health facilities, and other libraries are also included.

The information found on MEDLINEplus is not a list of every web page on health, but is a selected list of quality sources. These pages are designed to direct the user to resources containing information that will help research health questions, but are not intended to replace advice from a health professional.

3rd ANNUAL COMPUTERS IN HEALTH CARE CONFERENCE: CONSUMER HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1999

The Library will sponsor its annual Computers in Health Care Conference on June 18, 1999. The event is scheduled from 9AM–

Monday-Thursday:
7:00 am-Midnight

Friday:
7:00 am-9:00 pm

Saturday:
9:00 am-5:00 pm

Sunday:
1:00 pm-10:00 pm

CIRCULATION POLICIES

Audiovisual materials: 7 days, 2 renewals.

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OVERDUES

Overdue charges are $1.00 per item per day. Unpaid fines result in the suspension of borrowing privileges.

3PM and includes presentations in the Sammons Auditorium of the Jones Library Building, exhibits and lunch in the Library's Health Informatics Education Center, educational workshops, demonstrations, and a special celebration of the Library's 50th year.
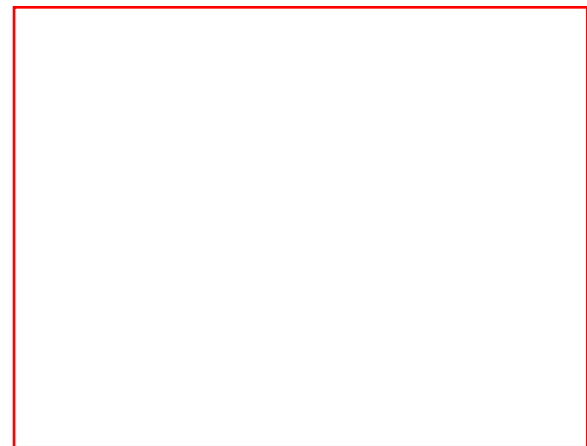
This year's speakers are Donald W. Hackett, President and C.E.O of "DRKOOP.COM", Dr. William Yasnoff from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. J. Robert Beck, Dr. Karen Johnson and Dr. C. Michael Fordis of Baylor College of Medicine, and Ms. Gwen Stafford of the Texas Telecommunication Infrastructure Fund (TIF).

Lunch and educational workshops will follow the morning presentations. Door prizes will be awarded by drawing. Last year's lucky winners received prizes that included VIP hotel getaways, four-star restaurant dinners, and Houston Grand Opera tickets. Register online at http://www.library.tmc.edu/conf99 or pick-up a registration form at the Information Desk in the Library. Advance registration is only $10. TMC-affiliated students may attend FREE (registration required). Don't miss this unparalleled event and opportunity to celebrate the Library's 50th "birthday."

NOTEWORTHY

LEDLEY RECEIVES AWARD

The American College of Medical Informatics (ACMI) awarded the Morris F. Collen Award of Excellence to Robert S. Ledley, DDS, Georgetown University Medical Center, for his many innovative uses of technology in health care. As shown in the photo Naomi C. Broering, MLS, MA, Executive Director, HAM-TMC Library and Robert Greenes, M.D., Ph.D, ACMI President, presented the award during the American Medical Informatics Association's annual meeting in Orlando, Florida.

Ms. Broering produced a 20-minute videotape highlighting Dr.

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Ledley's achievements and inventions. His most memorable invention, the first full body ACTA scanner now housed at the Smithsonian Institution, led to the National Technology Award presented to Dr. Ledley at the White House by President Bill Clinton in 1997. Ms. Broering prepared the video in conjunction with former Georgetown University colleagues, Milton Corn, MD, William R. Ayers, MD, Virginia Saba, EdD, RN and Alan Zuckerman, MD, and it was produced by Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas with local shots taken at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Maryland. Ms. Broering's article on Dr. Ledley's lifelong achievements will be published in JAMIA, June 1999.   To view this exciting video contact (713) 799-7116.

LIBRARY HOSTS CHILEANS

Thee Houston Academy of Medicine—Texas Medical Center Library participated in the International Multi-Disciplinary Primary Care Professional Development Fellowship sponsored by Baylor College of Medicine Department of Family and Community Medicine and the Ministry of Health in Chile. On October 21 and October 22, 1998, Library staff taught 24 Chilean health care professionals basic library skills, how to search PubMed, and use of the Internet for medical information. As requested, these classes were taught in Spanish by Beatriz Varman, Assistant Director for Public Affairs.

PUBMED IMPROVEMENTS
You can now limit your search in PubMed to four different subsets, using the subset field qualifier [sb].

MEDLINE: 1966-present (i.e. stroke rehabilitation AND medline [sb])

Photocopy/Interlibrary Loan:
713-790-7056

Regional Medical Library:
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WORLD WIDE WEB:
www.library.tmc.edu

LIBRARY LINES
Library Lines is published six times per year. Please call the Library's administrative offices to be placed on our mailing list (713/799-7139).

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PREMEDLINE: all citations currently in progress for MEDLINE (i.e. brain tumors therapy AND premedline [sb])

PUBLISHER-supplied: citations that are electronically supplied by publishers (the majority of these quickly convert to PREMEDLINE) (i.e. coronary artery disease surgery AND publisher [sb])
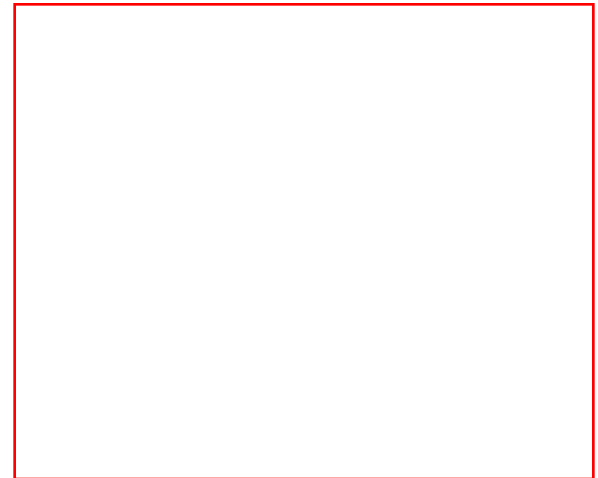
As a result, your search retrieval may include PUBLISHER-supplied citations, indicated by the tag [Record as supplied by publisher], PREMEDLINE citations indicated by the tag [MEDLINE record in process], or MEDLINE citations (no tag). These three subsets are mutually exclusive.

An AIDS search filter has been added, which utilizes the strategy developed for creating NLM's AIDSLINE database (i.e. HIV drug therapy clinical trials AND aids [sb]).
If you have questions regarding searching PubMed please call the Information Desk at (713)799-7161 or (713)799-7162.

STAFF NEWS

Zina Hayes, CPS, (pictured right) is currently serving as the Chair of the Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) committee and will soon be instated as a Director on the Board of the Medical Center Chapter, International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP). The chapter recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. Carrie Rogers, CPS, (pictured left) is a charter member and served as President, 1995–97. Both are Executive Assistants at the HAM–TMC Library. IAAP strives to maintain its vision and mission to be the acknowledged, recognized leader of office professionals and to enhance their individual and collective value, image, competence, and influence.

SIGN-UP FOR REMOTE ACCESS

On April 19, 1999, the HAM–TMC Library implemented a remote access service that allows Library card holders to access databases and electronic journals from off-site locations (outside the Texas Medical Center) with a special user ID and password. This service is available to all Library card holders. Please go to www.library.tmc.edu/access.html for registration or call (713)799-7146.

LIBRARY HOSTS HIV VIDEOCONFERENCE

The HAM-TMC Library hosted the interactive satellite broadcast Accessing HIV/AIDS Information Resources on February 11, 1999. The videoconference was well-attended by librarians and health care providers, and it was an excellent resource to gather information on HIV/AIDS.

Houston Academy of Medicine–Texas Medical Center Library: Networking and Connectivity

The Houston Academy of Medicine – Texas Medical Center Library currently has four major groups of pentium computers connected internally with ethernet using 10BaseT speed at 10 Mbps. The Health Informatics Education Center (HIEC) Classroom and the Library staff's computers are connected via Novell's Netware 3.12, while the HIEC Lab and Knowledge Network Services' computers are connected via Microsoft's NT 4.0 Operating System for printing and applications. They all use TCP/IP to connect to the Internet.

All systems are interfaced with a UNIX server which houses the Library's catalog system (SIRSI) that is shared by the libraries in the Texas Medical Center. These connections are made in the library's main computer room to link to Baylor University's FDDI ring. This is the gateway to Internet Access (Sequinet) using OC3 and the gateway to Internet2 using OC12.

DEFINITIONS:

10BaseT – An Ethernet standard that uses twisted wire pairs (telephone wire)

Ethernet – A very common method of networking computer in a LAN. Ethernet will handle about 10 Mbps
and can be used with almost any kind of computer

FDDI – (Fiber Distributed Data Interface) A standard for transmitting data on optical fiber cables at a rate of 100,000,000 bits-per-second

Internet2 – A very high performance Backbone Network Service (vBNS) capable of connecting approximately 100 research institutions

LAN – Local Area Network

Mbps – MegaBits Per Second

OC3 – Optical Carrier capable of data transmission speeds to 155.52 Mbps

OC12 – Optical Carrier capable of data transmission speeds to 622.08 Mbps

Pentium – A 32-bit multitasking processor

TCP/IP – (Transmission Control Protocol / Internet Protocol) A routable protocol, which means that all messages contain not only the address of the destination station, but the address of a destination network

UNIX – A multiuser, multitasking operating system that is widely used as the master control program in workstations and servers

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