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## **Responding to Student Needs: Creating a Better Study Environment**

For many years, library staff have been aware of the need for more student study space and longer hours of accessibility, and of problems with noise and temperature control (or the lack thereof) in the Library, especially on the first floor. The increases in the number of students, and the increased use by students and faculty of the Library Learning Resource Center, the Teaching Research Center, the Historical Research Center, the Access Grid and other important components of the Library, have made space needs even more critical. During the past several years, the Library reversed the growth of the print collections by providing online access only to most journals, which stopped the encroachment of stacks into study space, and by replacing print indices with online databases. Various renovation plans were developed, but funding was not available.

Recent accreditation self-study surveys of students indicated that study space is indeed very important to them. The results of the recent NCA/Higher Learning Commission self-study survey listed increased, improved, and 24/7 study space among the most common needs of the students. The student survey for the College of Medicine LCME accreditation self-study last year reflected the same need, as did other college-specific surveys. These survey results provided further impetus for library renovation.

### **Highlights of Library Renovation:**

- **Glass partition to create quieter study area**
- **24 hours a day/7 days a week access for students**
- **Recovery Room Lounge and vending machines**
- **Additional student seating**

### **Phase I - Completed**

Fortunately, the College of Medicine administration decided recently to provide funding for Phase I of a library renovation project. The project began several months ago, and the Library is pleased to announce that this phase is now complete. The Quiet Room was converted to the Recovery Room Lounge, which includes vending machines and new furniture. The freestanding counter-high shelving on the first floor which formerly contained printed indexes was removed to make a new study space. Other improvements include the addition of electrical outlets for laptops, 98 new chairs and 18 new tables of various shapes and sizes, and several leather sofas and chairs. Also during the

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## Creating a Better Study Environment

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past year, chairs at all computer workstations were replaced using funding provided by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs office.

### Phase II

Phase II of the renovation project, which is just getting underway, will address noise, temperature and access issues on the first floor. The center point of Phase II is a glass wall that will separate the noisy front entrance area of the Library from the new study area in the North half of the 1st floor where most computers and the new furniture are located. The glass wall will mimic the wall at the entrance of the Library and will have ADA compliant doors for entry into the study area. The wall should help control noise and provide better temperature control.



*New furniture and seating on the 1st floor*

The glass wall will also enable the Library to provide access for students to the study area in the North half of the first floor when the Library is closed. Students will be able to access the area through the emergency door at the North end of the first floor with a card swipe reader. Only valid UAMS id cards will work with the card swipe which opens the door. There will be no library staff or reference and circulation services available when the Library is closed, and access to the rest of the Library, including the print collections on 2nd and 3rd floors, will not be available, but the vending machine room will be accessible. The estimated completion date for Phase II is August 15th.



*The new Recovery Room Lounge*

Funding for the glass wall was provided by the Chancellor and the College of Medicine. The Library is funding the relocation of Reference offices to the west side of the first floor and the conversion of the vacated Reference office space into a quiet study room.

### Phase III

Plans for Phase III of the renovation include moving Administration and Systems staff offices to another floor to provide more study space and to further eliminate noise on the 1st floor. Funding has not yet been identified for this phase.

We are very happy to be able to provide improved study space and to provide access to study space for students when the Library is closed. We appreciate the generosity of the College of Medicine and the Chancellor's office in making the renovation possible.

- Jan Hart, Mary Ryan

### Questions? Comments?

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## Success at MLA

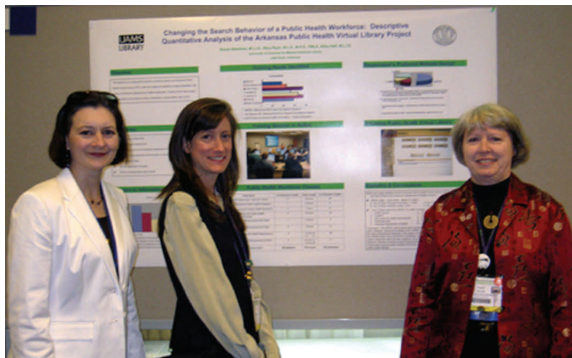
Susan C. Steelman, MLIS, Coordinator of Research & Clinical Search Services; Mary L. Ryan, MLS, MPH, Library Director; and Abby E. Holt, MLIS, Reference & Education Librarian from the UAMS Library were awarded the second place research award at the 2007 Medical Library Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA for their original research poster in the field of medical library science, "Changing the Search Behavior of a Public Health Workforce: Descriptive Quantitative Analysis of an Arkansas Public Health Virtual Library Project."

You can view the full poster as a power point presentation at [http://www.library.uams.edu/newsletter/In107/may\\_june/images/MLA%202007%20poster.ppt](http://www.library.uams.edu/newsletter/In107/may_june/images/MLA%202007%20poster.ppt)

The other MLA posters are here: [http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2007/e-present/poster\\_links.html](http://www.mlanet.org/am/am2007/e-present/poster_links.html)

The Arkansas Public Health Virtual Library is available at <http://arpublichealth.info/default.aspx>

- Abby Holt



*Susan Steelman, Abby Holt, and Mary Ryan at MLA 2007 in Philadelphia*

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## New HRC Digital Collection

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Library is pleased to present the Historical Research Center Digital Collections Website. The HRC digital collections site provides access to selected archival materials related to the history of UAMS and the history of health sciences in Arkansas.

"Images of Health Sciences in Arkansas History," the first digital collection to appear on the website, contains 400 images from the Historical Research Center's photograph collection, with more to be added. Future digital collections on the website will include images of artifacts and documents held by the Historical Research Center.

The Center welcomes donations or reproductions of materials related to the history of health sciences in Arkansas. For more information, contact Suzanne Easley ([easleymyras@uams.edu](mailto:easleymyras@uams.edu)), Archivist, or Amanda Saar ([saaramandae@uams.edu](mailto:saaramandae@uams.edu)), Head of the Historical Research Center.

View the collection at <http://libcontentdm.uams.edu/HRCDigitalCollections.htm>

- Suzanne Easley

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## 5 More of BioMed Central's Independent Journals Tracked by Thomson Scientific

The following article is a reprint, with permission, of a BioMed Central Blog posting from Monday, June 18, 2007. [http://blogs.openaccesscentral.com/blogs/bmcblog/entry/5\\_more\\_independent\\_journals\\_tracked](http://blogs.openaccesscentral.com/blogs/bmcblog/entry/5_more_independent_journals_tracked)



We are pleased to announce that five more titles from BioMed Central's portfolio of independent journals have just been accepted for tracking by Thomson Scientific, and will receive official impact factors in 2010. The journals are: *Environmental Health*, *International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity*, *Journal of Neuroinflammation*, *Lipids in Health and Disease* and *Virology Journal*.

The acceptance of these titles for tracking by Thomson Scientific (<http://scientific.thomson.com>) reflects their growing prominence and reputation in their respective fields, and is a strong endorsement of their achievement to date. We have calculated unofficial 2006 impact factors for each of these journals, based on Thomson Scientific citation data, and this demonstrates that they already have an impressive citation rate.

- Environmental Health - Unofficial Impact Factor 2.10
- International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity - Unofficial Impact Factor 3.06
- Journal of Neuroinflammation - Unofficial Impact Factor 4.36
- Lipids in Health and Disease - Unofficial Impact Factor 1.38
- Virology Journal - Unofficial Impact Factor 1.94

BioMed Central's growing independent journal portfolio consists of 109 titles which span the whole of biology and medicine. 21 of these journals are already tracked by Thomson ISI, and we look forward to seeing many more independent journals being accepted for tracking in the near future. To see the complete list of Journals currently covered by Thomson Scientific (ISI) go to <http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/about/faq?name=impactfactor>

Find out more about publishing in these titles at <http://www.biomedcentral.com/info/authors/>

We would like to congratulate the Editors-in-Chief of the five newly tracked journals on their impressive achievement.

Charlotte Hubbard  
Managing Editor, BioMed Central Independent Journals

**The UAMS Library wishes to offer a special congratulations to the Editors-in-Chief of the *Journal of Neuroinflammation* Doctors Sue Griffin and Robert Mrak, both of UAMS.**

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## PubMed Central Hits One Million Article Mark



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<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/news/pmcmillion.html>

PubMed Central (PMC), NLM's free digital archive of full-text journal articles, reached the one million-article mark the week of June 18. The millionth article reportedly came from the American Journal of Pathology. Now in its seventh year, PMC is enhanced each week with articles from over 350 important life sciences journals whose publishers have agreed to deposit current issues. All of the content submitted to PMC is converted to a normalized electronic format for long-term storage and display on the web.

Many of the participating publishers have also benefited from the PMC Back Issue Digitization Project, where NLM scans older issues from cover to cover, starting with volume 1, and creates PubMed citations for articles that are not in PubMed. Jointly sponsored by the Wellcome Trust and Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) in the UK, the NLM scanning project has collected and collated over 5 million pages of material. As of June 2007, these scanned articles accounted for 675,000 of the million articles in PMC.

Because of back issue digitization, several historically important works are now available in their entirety, including: Annals of Surgery from v.1, 1885; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the U.S.A. from v. 1, 1915; and all of the titles published by the American Society for Microbiology, including the Journal of Bacteriology, from v.1, 1916. This year, scanning was completed for the American Journal of Public Health v. 2 1912, and very soon BMJ will be available back to v. 1, 1857 along with all of the specialty journals published by the British Medical Association. Each of these titles continues to participate in PMC by submitting current content in full-text electronic form for every issue.

NLM is indebted to a wide range of publishers depositing electronically produced content to PMC and to a host of contributors to the back issue scanning project. Worldwide donations from libraries and associations of disposable back issues have assisted NLM with filling in journal volumes not supplied by publishers. While all donations are gratefully received, two institutions deserve special mention: the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA and Brown University in Providence, RI.

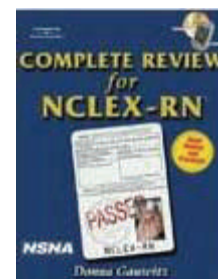
The staff of NLM's National Center for Biotechnology Information is responsible for the technical oversight of PMC and for the flow of current and scanned content, enabling PMC to grow exponentially each month. The staff of Library Operations manages contract activities, quality control and journal issue collection for the scanning project.

To learn more about PubMed Central, or to browse its contents, go to:  
<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov>.

## New Nursing Resources Available in the LRC

The Learning Resource Center has partnered with the College of Nursing to replace old VHS videos with new CD-ROMs. The Mosby Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced Nursing Skills videos are now available on 60 of the LRC's computers as well as the Citrix Remote Access server.

The Learning Resource Center has also purchased the Thomson Delmar Learning Complete Review for NCLEX-RN to help students prepare for the HESI and NCLEX exams. The CD-ROM contains questions that are representative of the types of questions seen on the NCLEX exam. Tests range from 75 – 225 questions that are pulled from a 4400 question bank. Tests can be taken in two modes. The Learning mode is not timed, and the student receives instant feedback after each question. The Test mode is timed and students can view incorrect answers and rationales at the end of the exam. The program is available on 60 of the LRC's computers, with 10 CDs available for checkout.



## Mobile Device Web Pages Redefined

The UAMS Library has redesigned the mobile device web site to incorporate services and resources for multiple types of handheld devices: mp3/iPods, Blackberries, and the traditional Palm and Pocket PC powered devices. The Library provides technical support and selected handheld clinical database and podcast resources to help support the education and patient care needs of students and clinicians at UAMS.

Please visit our improved resource for more information:

<http://www.library.uams.edu/PDA/PDAHome.aspx>

Redesign Team: Fred Bassett, Chrysanne Demirel, Loretta Edwards, & Abby Holt

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## A New Library Research & Clinical Search Service

Would you like to save valuable time? Are you frustrated when trying to find articles on the topic you need? Let us do your literature searching for you. The Library's new Research & Clinical Search Service is free to all UAMS faculty and staff. Our professional searchers are trained in expert search techniques and have in-depth knowledge of the scope, coverage, and strategy requirements for each database. We can provide free literature searches for:

- Patient-Care
- Research
- Grant Preparation / AUPs
- Teaching
- Publication
- Presentations/Conferences

We are also available for one-on-one database training and consultations on setting up AutoAlerts, using other specialized database features, and assisting in constructing end-user search strategies.

Requesting a search is painless... Just fill out the form at:

<https://www.library.uams.edu/forms/carsuams.asp> (on the UAMS Library Online Forms page) or call Susan Steelman, MLIS, Coordinator of Research & Clinical Search Services at: 501-686-6737. Average turn around time is 2-3 working days. Same day service is available for patient-care cases.

-Suzan Steelman

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## Teaching with Technology Symposium



The Teaching and Technology Committee at UAMS will be hosting the second annual Teaching with Technology Symposium, Thursday and Friday, July 19 & 20. The symposium is geared towards educators from all over the Arkansas that are interested in using technology to enhance their teaching and interaction with students. This program provides an excellent education and training opportunity and is approved by the Arkansas Department of Education.

This year, the program will include longer break-out sessions and a day of pre-symposium workshops. The symposium will offer three main tracks of courses: web-based learning, classroom teaching, and technology. Workshops include PowerPoint 2007, Tablet PC and Smartboard Technologies, Student Interactions, and Capturing Good Audio, just to name a few. The Thursday workshops are a great way to learn about WebCT, podcasting, digital image and video editing, audience response systems, instruction design, and presentation technologies.

Thursday's pre-symposium workshops are scheduled for 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., with registration at 8 a.m. and a networking reception from 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. in the concourse of the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health Building. Friday's symposium is scheduled for 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., with registration beginning at 8 a.m., at the UAMS Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute.

For more information visit <http://www.uams.edu/tnt/tnts2007.htm>