High Cost of Learning

The Shimberg Health Sciences Library relies heavily on input from faculty and students when it comes to purchasing information resources. Your recommendations, requests, and pleas do not fall on deaf ears. Believe us, we would love to be able to provide access to everything you want as quickly and easily as possible. After all, we’re librarians, it’s what we do. We want to have every bit of information available to anyone who wants it. Of course, for something of value there is always a price.

Just to provide a little comparison shopping, we have some examples that may help to explain why we don’t have EVERYTHING. Believe us, we’d love to have it all.

What we COULD have….

- An 8-day cruise for a family of four through Alaska’s famed Inside Passage. Includes round-trip air fare from Seattle. What a deal! at only $16,640.00
- Be the King of the Road with a brand new Dodge Frontier King Cab pickup truck. Drive it away for just $13,995.00
- Indulge your heart and senses with a glorious walking tour through the wonders of Provence, France. Rev up the romance for $3,500.00

What we GET….

- Brain Research International Multidisciplinary Journal. No icebergs here, but we do get a really cool price with the annual subscription at the institutional rate of $17,444.00
- The Journal of Comparative Neurology doesn’t have the payload or off-road options, but hey, what’s another two grand? Only $15,995.00
- Oncogene may not provide the same thrills and photo opportunities, but then you can’t do serious research while sipping wine and nibbling on brie. Annual institutional rate? Not bad, it’s an even trade at only $3,500.00

Want to try a little Quiz? (Answers are in this issue of The CLUE)

1) What is the average cost of a new medical book?
   a) $49   b) $56   c) $87   d) $106
2) What is the average cost of a medical journal?
   a) $193   b) $243   c) $423   d) $663
3) What is the average cost of a journal in the life sciences?
   a) $262   b) $332   c) $497   d) $832
4) What is the percent rise from 1986 to 1998 of the Consumer Price Index?
   a) 23%   b) 32%   c) 37%   d) 39%
5) What is the percent rise from 1986 to 1998 of the cost of scholarly journals?
   a) 23%   b) 39%   c) 109%   d) 207%
6) What is the percent rise over the past 15 years of the cost of journals in science and technology?
   a) 29%   b) 47%   c) 106%   d) 293%

Statistical information provided by the Health Sciences & Human Services Library, University Of Maryland.
**LAB BLAB**

**Wireless Now Available for Laptops to Access Network Services!**

We’ve cut the cables and set ourselves free! Okay we didn’t really cut the cables but it sure feels like it! If you have a laptop with a wireless network card you can now use it to access network services including the Internet. Contact Information Services regarding any special configurations. You may sit comfortably anywhere in the library (except the quiet study room) including right outside the building and access the network. Stay close, though. For those of you who would like to get a wireless network card we suggest you contact Information Services at 974-6288 to make sure you obtain the correct card and setup information.

**Wireless Headphones!**

We like the wireless network so much that we replaced the standard headphones in the lab with wireless headphones. The headphones are available for use with the Mosby/Elsevier laser disc series. Students can now sit comfortably in the lab and listen to heart sounds to their hearth’s content! We don’t like to miss a beat, you know! Students can still sit in groups of four to use the laserdiscs, but now there is no need to play the “Twister” game and sit so close to each other that they hear each other’s circulation desk. No more tangled cables or broken connectors! (Don’t worry about the wireless headphones interfering with the wireless network. They’re on different frequencies.)

The Mosby/Elsevier series includes:
- Applying Critical Thinking to Nursing Skills: A ctivity and M obility
- Applying Critical Thinking to Nursing Skills: N utrition and E limination
- Applying Critical Thinking to Nursing Skills: P romoting O xygenation
- Applying Critical Thinking to Nursing Skills: N ursing Skills: S hift A ssessment
- Examination of the A dult: H ead-to-Toe A pproach
- Interviewing and Taking a H ealth History
- Physical Examination of the A bodomen
- Physical Examination of the Cardiovascular System
- Physical Examination of the M usculoskeletal System
- Physical Examination of the N eurologic System
- Physical Examination of the R espiratory System

This series of programs provides video and graphic images with case studies and quizzes in an interactive format. Demonstrations of physical examinations are one of the highlights.

**Wireless Librarians Now Available**

O.K. we’ve always been wireless. We just got carried away.

**HSC USER ACCOUNT ALERTS!**

**Ovid Users**

Some individuals are receiving an error message when they login to Ovid. If you receive a message stating:

> “The Ovid Web Gateway is Down”

Please report it to the library at library@hsc.usf.edu so we can fix your account. The Ovid system may not actually be down, but some accounts think that it is. Those computers! What would we do without them?

**GCG (Genetics Computer Group) Users**

(aka Wisconsin Sequence A nalysis)

Due to password changes on HSC accounts, some users are not able to get into the program. Please email the library at library@hsc.usf.edu and let us know so we can take care of this issue for you. Maybe we should genetically alter the computers?

**BEHIND THE SCENES... WITH TINY ELVIS**

*former library assistant*

**Serials:**

Everyone stand back! The latest JCR is here! That’s right! You heard correctly. The latest edition (1999) of the Journal Citation Reports (JCR) has finally arrived. Is it just our imagination or is it being published a little later each year? But... we digress. Don’t be shy. You know where to find it. It’s kept in the Serials Office. Just inquire at the Circulation Desk or Reference Department and they will see that you have it in your hot little hands posthaste!

Don’t be cruel! We’re just as annoyed as you are about the electronic journals that refuse to allow access via IP address. Partly because it creates more work for us (we can be SO self-centered), since we have to “make up” the IDs and passwords. Then you, our dear patron, must beg, er, we mean ask for the ID and password from our staff. Of course, you can always click on HSC R es tricted R esources on the Library home page http://www.hsc.usf.edu/library. Remember we’re in this together! We want you to have fast and easy access, too, so we’ll try to be as accommodating as possible!

The Latest on Journals@Ovid. In the next few months, you may notice URLs popping up in the journal records in WebLUIS that will directly link you to the full text journals we subscribe to in Ovid. We hope you will enjoy this “extra” route to access these titles.

Questions? Comments? If you ever have any questions about the Shimberg Health Sciences Library’s ability to access electronic journals, don’t hesitate to contact us. We’ll do our best to answer your questions regarding access, no access, why can’t I access, etc. You can send questions via email: ihollsett@hsc.usf.edu or call 974-9080. Also, don’t forget our little brochure to “follow the yellow brick road” with L uis when searching for an electronic journal. You can pick up a copy at the Circulation desk or Reference department.

> “Thank you, thank you very much.” - E.

**Thin Clients**

Thin Clients are now slowly being installed in the library. Thin Clients are computers that don’t require much in hardware, but have just enough wits about them to find a server and give you access to WebLUIS and other electronic library resources. They’re much easier for us to maintain and update. This means more systems available to you at more times. Look for these new systems. They actually look like they’re from this century!
As we mentioned in Tiny Elvis' column, we have added online access to a number of journal titles that we already receive in print. Although it's great to have the convenience of electronic access, it's not so great when you discover that you need an ID and password. Hopefully, the publishers using this method will switch over to IP access in the near future. Until then, we'll keep you informed via The CLUE and eCLUE when we "switch" them on. Here are recent additions that require an ID and password:

American Journal of Surgical Pathology, The Laryngoscope, and Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

You will find these titles with their IDs and passwords in the HSC Restricted Resources. Go to the Shimberg Health Sciences Library home page: http://www.hsc.usf.edu/library - then click on the button that reads HSC Restricted Resources. You will be prompted for your HSC account ID and password.

On the brighter side, here's a sampling of the titles have been activated and are available through IP address (no ID or password needed):

- Drug Metabolism and Disposition
- Genes & Development
- Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience
- Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics
- Molecular Pharmacology
- Neural Computation
- Pharmacological Reviews

**Book Spotlight!**

Title: Healthcare Standards 2000
Location: Reference W 22 A A 1 H 4342

Healthcare Standards is an easy-to-use guide for locating healthcare standards, practice guidelines, and other practice documents issued by recognized authorities. This book will refer you to a source, such as a journal citation, a website, or a book, that has the practice guideline or healthcare standard you seek. Information is provided by medical societies, professional associations, government agencies, and other health-related organizations.

A broad variety of documents are listed including advisories, guidelines, opinions, position statements and papers, policies, protocols, recommendations, risk analyses, technology assessment reports, and federal and state laws. You can search for standards through Keywords or by Organization.

Sample Citation:
American Society of Anesthesiologists
Guidelines
Practice guidelines for obstetrical anesthesia.
Task Force on Obstetrical Anesthesia
Anesthesiology 1999 Feb; 90(2):600-11

**SOLD OUT!**

The Health Reference Center (InfoTrac) database has SOLD OUT to the competition. Its new name is the Health & Wellness Resource Center. Actually, they were bought by the Gale Publications Group and now offer an even greater scope of information, most of it FULL TEXT! We provide a direct link from our homepage. Click on the Electronic Databases pull down window and highlight Health & Wellness Resource Center. It’s user friendly and has lots of FULL TEXT!

Use the search term input box
Search For: influenz[a-zA-Z]  Search

or choose the **Advanced Search** option.

They also offer several subject specific databases. Just choose one of the subject areas in the Quick Start section.

**Quick Start**

Find basic information in one of these areas
- Medical Encyclopedia
- Health News
- Drug and Herb Finder
- Medical Dictionary
- Health Assessment Tools
- Links to Other Sites
- Health Organization Directory

**MDConsult's Practice Guidelines**

The current accepted practices of over 50 medical societies and government agencies are available at the click of a mouse when using MDConsult's Practice Guidelines feature. More than 600 peer-reviewed practice guidelines are available online. It is searchable by authorizing organization, by topic or by over 30 specialties. Cross-referenced links to current journal articles on select guidelines are also provided.
WEBFEATS  Special Delivery!

Do you need to keep up with the latest research? Do you need a Table of Contents service AND a Current Awareness service? Want it delivered to your email? Weekly? Daily? Want links from your email directly to FULL TEXT articles? Want it all FREE? If you say “YES”, then keep reading.

LINK  http://link.springer.de/alert
From the LINK site, click on Register Here. Choose one or more journals from the ‘complete list’ or select titles from your particular field of interest. Mark the ones you want, provide your email address, send the form, and you’re done! You will automatically receive an email notification whenever a new issue is put on the server. From your email, LINK provides full text links to journal articles the HSC Library subscribes to online.

IDEAL Alert  http://www.idealibrary.com
Tables of Contents, subject digests, daily or weekly, in text or HTML, full text links, you decide what you want. Just click on My Profile and create your search strategy.
* Tables of Contents - over 300 journal titles
* Alert Digests - 14 subject categories
Over 24,000 new articles are added each year from over 300 journals in more than 30 subject disciplines. Print and save full articles with all tables, figures, and equations.

Those of you currently using the Tables of Contents (TOC) service provided through the Library’s Circulation Department may want to consider the advantages of immediate, online delivery with the added bonus of FULL TEXT linking.

There are more TOC services available. Currently, none of them have full text links. We’ll let you know when they do.

Synergy  http://www.blackwell-synergy.com
Pub Crawler  http://www.pubcrawler.ie
Plus, from the HSC Library homepage
Current Contents Connect - create a “profile”
Ovid Alert - Ovid Medline; “Save Search History”

(?) URLS ...

FOR YOUR PERUSING PLEASURE

A real hodgepodge for this issue...

Research Randomizer  http://www.randomizer.org/
A assists researchers and students who want an easy way to perform random sampling or assign participants to experimental conditions.

Handheld Computers in Family Medicine  http://www.fammed.wisc.edu/education/res/PilotWeb.htm
Information on the use of handheld computers such as the Palm and the Handspring Visor for medical applications. Special focus on Family Medicine.

The Pediatric Pilot Page  http://www.keepkidshealthy.com/pedipilot.html
Medical files for pediatricians and other physicians who use a PDA with the Palm OS.

National Association of Physician Recruiters  http://www.napr.org/hotlist.htm
NAPR hotlist of web sites for physicians on the move or looking to make a move. Includes relocation calculator, listing of physicians by geographic location, along with state, city, and hospital information.

Since we all need some “chill” time during the summer, here’s a place where you NEVER have to be serious...

Very Crazy Productions  http://www.verycrazy.com/
According to the owners of this site, you can “consider this a place of refuge in a stressed out world! A resort for overworked minds! A playground for the tension packed person! Yes, this is your place to go when life is getting too darn serious!” Be sure to check out their “Most Classic guest book entries” and don’t miss the “Photo Gallery” and “Exhibit Tour”!

STAT!Ref

The ID and password for STAT!Ref has changed because STAT!Ref is now web-based, and no longer loaded locally here at the Library. What that means to you is no delay in accessing quarterly updates of its 28 full text medical texts. Updates include new editions and updated drug references.


Please contact a Reference Librarian (974-2288) or check the HSC Restricted Resources link on our home page at http://www.hsc.usf.edu/library for the new ID and password.

Journals@Ovid Changes/Additions/Deletions

Ovid Technologies has informed us that the journal Archives of Family Medicine ceased publication at the end of 2000. Ovid has replaced it with Clinical Medicine (formerly the Journal of the Royal College of Physicians of London). Another title that ceased publication in January 2001 was Lippincott’s Primary Care Practice.

Ovid has also added three new journals to their nursing collection. They are: AACN Clinical Issues: Advanced Practice in Acute and Critical Care, Clinical Nurse Specialist: The Journal for Advanced Nursing Practice, and Gastroenterology Nursing.
TANGLED WEB  Getting to the Good Stuff!

Everyone asks…… Where’s the full text? How do I find what you have? I want the article on my computer… ...

Warning: When you limit your search results to include only the full text resources, you omit a huge portion of the available literature, but when you DO want to find a particular article full text, online, here’s where to go and what to do.

There are several places to look to make sure you aren’t missing something.
As always, start at the HSC Library website http://www.hsc.usf.edu/library  There are link buttons for all of the following resources at this site. HSC account holders have additional resources not available to everyone else.

First, WebLuis, the site with the largest availability and greatest ease of use. Select Journal/Magazine Title as your search type, type in the name of the journal and click the ‘enter’ button.

If we subscribe to the journal, you will see the journal record.

Second, Ovid Mednet and MD Consult
Access requires a current HSC ID and password. If you don’t have one yet, you are missing out on some of the best information resources available. Click on the HSC Restricted Resources button from our home page.

Ovid Mednet
When searching the Ovid Mednet databases, do your search and then check the limiter box “Full Text Available”

Limit to:

☑ Full Text Available

to find which of your search results are online full text. This method allows you to retrieve and evaluate all of the available research on your topic, and then access those that are online full text.

Or, when you log in to Ovid Mednet, scroll down the list to

Journal @Ovid Full Text
to see everything that is available full text. Currently, there are over 115 journal titles available online. Some go back as far as 1988.

BEWARE! Journal @Ovid title content is far less than the over 4,000 titles in the Ovid Medline databases. To thoroughly research your subject you may want to search both ways.

You may BROWSE the journal title list. This takes a half-minute or so to be retrieved. The BROWSE list will note which titles are available to you full text. We do not subscribe to all 300 titles offered by Ovid.

MDC Consult allows searching by topic of over 50 online full text journal titles. You will not be able to browse the table of contents of the individual journals, but there are plenty of search options to get you what you need. Just click on the MDC Consult button on the HSC Library website.

Check out their exclusive articles, MDC Extra. These are articles not yet included in Medline. MDC Consult has many other full text resources, i.e. books, pamphlets, links, images, etc.

Third, the Virtual Library
Still want one last shot at getting your article online? From the HSC Library website, click on the Virtual Library link, then click on Electronic Journals. Now, type in the journal title you want, choose the title search type, and click on Search.

The display you get will list all databases that index your journal title, many of which will contain full text articles. The catch is that these databases contain random articles and are not cover to cover, full content of the journal. So, they may have your journal title but not the specific article you seek.

Just click on the link to the database, type in keywords, title, author, etc. and see if the article you want comes up. Look in each database containing that journal title to find your article.

Nutrition Abstracts & Reviews

An online version of the Nutrition Abstracts & Reviews index is now available. The database, issued by the Commonwealth Bureau of Nutrition and also known as CABI Online, affords access to world literature in agricultural and life sciences. All CABI Online A bstract Journals are derived from the combined CABI Health and CABI A bstracts database. We currently have limited full text access, as we are in the process of registering our journal titles.

No special password or ID is necessary for Nutrition Abstracts because access is available via IP (or proxy if not using USF as your Internet Service Provider (ISP)). From our home page, go to the Electronic Databases drop down box and choose Nutrition Abstracts or go directly to the site: http://www.cabsubsets.org/. If you’d rather thumb through pages, the print index is located on the 2nd floor of the Library.
When you receive your new issue of The CLUE, do you prop it up by your computer and start pulling up all the cool websites we write about? Well, now you can save a step by going directly to our online version of The CLUE and click directly on the link! From our home page http://www.hsc.usf.edu/library go to the Library Publications drop down box and choose The CLUE Library Newsletter. Yes, that’s right, we’re totally techie here at the Library!

netLibrary System Requirements

netLibrary is a collection of over 20,000 online full text electronic books from over 150 publishers, including Sage, McGraw-Hill, Aspen, World Bank, Oxford University Press, Blackwell Science, and Jones & Bartlett. Users may read an eBook online or download it to read offline. To read a book offline, special eBook Reader software must be downloaded first from the netLibrary website. Minimum system requirements for the eBook Reader are as follows: Windows 95/98/NT 4.0 or greater; Pentium 100; 32 MB RAM; and 20 MB of free disk space. netLibrary will not work with WebTV, Linux, any version of Unix, or Macintosh computers. You can access netLibrary from our home page http://www.hsc.usf.edu/library: Click on the Books/Journals dropdown box and choose netLibrary.

Books for PDAs

The Library of the National Medical Society (LNMS) now offers Current Clinical Strategies Publishing medical texts for downloading to your PDA. Medical books are available in both Pocket PC/Windows CE and Palm OS formats. For access to the LNMS web site, contact a Reference Librarian (974-2288) or check the HSC Restricted Resources link from our home page http://www.hsc.usf.edu/library for the ID and password. From the LNMS home page, click on CCS Books, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on “Medical books in Windows CE and Palm Format”, then click on your book of choice. You will be prompted to enter the ID and password.

eBooks are also available for hand-held platforms through netLibrary’s hand-held division, http://www.peanutpress.com, for a fee.

Conference Rooms Available

Did you know the Library has two conference rooms available for group reservations? Students of the HSC may request reservations from the Circulation desk. Rooms 2203 and 2216 may be reserved in advance or at the last minute (if available) for up to four hours. An Internet jack is also available in Room 2203.