



# Inside The Library

A newsletter of the NCI-Frederick Scientific Library

Operated by Wilson Information Services Corporation

VOLUME 6 ISSUE 1

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2011

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Free Training Classes . . . . . 2

Library Orientations . 2

Featured Website . . . . . 2

CHI Spotlight . . . . . 2

Resource of the Month - Biological Abstracts . . . 2

Reading Diversions Book Club . . . . . 3

Research Through the Years @ NCI-Frederick . . . 3

Calling All Artists . . . . . 3

Book and Media Swap Wrap Up . . . . . 4

Scientific Library Takes 2nd Place . . . . 4

### Library Hours

Monday - Thursday  
8:30AM - 9:00PM

Friday  
8:30AM - 7:00PM

Saturday  
10:00AM - 5:00PM

Sunday  
11:00AM - 5:00pm

## Kindles Now Available for Checkout



The Scientific Library now has two Kindle DX devices in its collection for use by NCI-Frederick employees. The Kindles feature a 9.7" diagonal "E Ink" screen that allows you to adjust the size of the type that is displayed and to read in bright sunlight. The handy units are pre-loaded with a selection of ninety-eight titles from our Research, Reading Diversions, and Center for Health Information collections, and may be borrowed for four weeks. For more information about the Library's Kindles and to check their availability, please visit our website at <http://www-library.ncifcrf.gov/kindle.aspx>.

## Employee Development Collection Supplements Training

Have you ever attended an Employee Training Workshop and been so inspired that you wanted to do additional reading on the topic? **The Employee Development Collection** can help you with that! These books are on loan to the Library from SAIC's Training and Development department to supplement the various workshops they offer. Topics currently include conflict resolution, project management, "people skills," and more. This new collection is located below the Career Development Collection, just outside our public computing area. Please stop by to browse and borrow these helpful titles. You may view a list of the twelve titles in this collection at <http://library.ncifcrf.gov/search/ftlist%5Ebib32,1,0,12/mode=2>. Additional books will be added in the future.

NCI-Frederick, Scientific Library, Building 549  
Main Phone Number: 301-846-1093 ~ Circulation: x 5848 ~ Reference: x 1682  
On the web at: [www-library.ncifcrf.gov](http://www-library.ncifcrf.gov)

## Free Training Classes When and Where You Need Them

The Library is in the process of scheduling classes for the Winter/Spring semester. For more information, please contact the Library at x1093 or [NCIFredLibrary@mail.nih.gov](mailto:NCIFredLibrary@mail.nih.gov). Call on us if you need help improving your search results or organizing your citations. We can also schedule group sessions. Visit our list of classes at <http://www-library.ncifcrf.gov/libclass.aspx> and request a session. We can tailor any of our classes to meet your needs! In addition, if there are any classes you would like to see offered in the future, please let us know!

### CHI Spotlight

New materials have been added to the Center for Health Information (CHI) collection in support of the "Cancer Corner" programs. The CHI now has DVDs available on the following topics: cancer prevention, cancer and diet, colon cancer, prostate cancer, ovarian cancer, breast cancer, and lung cancer. Stop by and check out a DVD to view at home.

Looking for Scientific Library Events?

Go to the Library's Homepage at

<http://www-library.ncifcrf.gov>

and look under the **News and Events** column

(the right side column) for upcoming events.

### Library Orientations

Library Orientations, held in the Library's Technology Training Lab in Building 549, require no registration. We encourage all new (and not-so-new) employees to attend one of the upcoming orientations to learn about the many services and resources offered by the Library.

**Wednesday, February 9, 2:30 p.m.**

**Wednesday, March 9, 2:30 p.m.**

If you are unable to attend these sessions, please contact the Library at x1093 or [NCIFredLibrary@mail.nih.gov](mailto:NCIFredLibrary@mail.nih.gov), to schedule an alternate session.

### Featured Website

#### THOMAS - Legislative Information

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

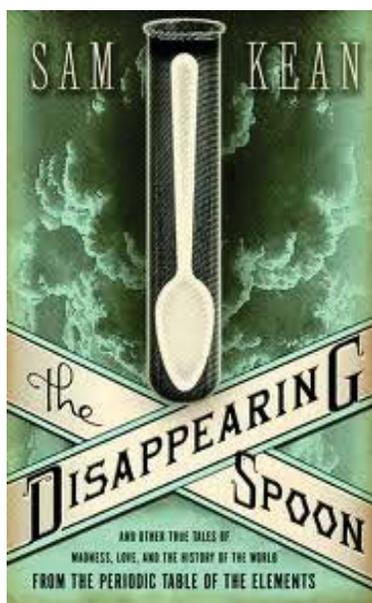
**THOMAS**, named for Thomas Jefferson, is the legislative information website from Library of Congress. Launched in 1995, the leadership of the 104th Congress directed the Library of Congress to make federal legislative information freely available to the public. Since that time **THOMAS** has expanded the scope of its offerings to include Bills and Resolutions, Activity in Congress, Congressional Record, Committee Information, Treaties and more.

### Resource of the Month: Biological Abstracts

The Scientific Library's **Resource of the Month** for January is **Biological Abstracts**, which provides searching of the basic life sciences bibliographic literature. Search options include topic, publication name, taxonomic data, chemical and biochemical information, and more. You can access **Biological Abstracts** through ISI **Web of Science** or from the Library's Databases page:

<http://www-library.ncifcrf.gov/databases.aspx>

If you would like to request an individual or group session to learn more about **Biological Abstracts**, please contact the Library at x1093 or [NCIFredLibrary@mail.nih.gov](mailto:NCIFredLibrary@mail.nih.gov).



## *Disappearing Spoons and Stones Into School*

The **Reading Diversions Book Club** will get elemental at its February 10, 2011 meeting. The group will read a non-fiction and fiction selection related to the periodic table. ***The Disappearing Spoon: and Other True Tales of Madness, Love, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of the Elements*** by Sam Kean tells entertaining and sometimes chilling stories about elements and scientists that use them. In ***The Hydrogen Murder: a Gloria Lamerino Mystery*** by Camille Minichino, a scientist-turned-crime-consultant risks her life to discover who murdered a Boston physicist. This is the first installment of a series of Periodic Table mysteries.

On March 17, 2011, the group will discuss books by Greg Mortenson in preparation for the Frederick Reads events in April 2011 (for more information on that visit <http://www.frederickreads.org/>). The Scientific Library will loan copies of ***Three Cups of Tea*** and ***Stones Into Schools***. To borrow a book or to learn more about our upcoming meetings and titles, please visit the **Reading Diversions Book Club's** website at <http://www.library.ncifcrf.gov/bookclub.aspx>.

### *New Lecture Series From the Scientific Library*

An excellent suggestion by one of our loyal users has led us to sponsor a new lecture series. Our library user suggested that we find long-time employees who can talk about the history of NCI-Frederick. After much discussion, we decided to host various talks on **"Research Through the Years @ NCI-Frederick."** We chose to make these talks panel discussions so that we can invite 3 or 4 people to discuss various aspects of the same topic. We also decided to expand these lectures by combining them with topical movies to turn them into **Science in the Cinema** events.

We kicked off this new oral memory series last May with a 4-member panel discussion about **"Cancer Research Through the Years @ NCI-Frederick"** that included Ms. Robin Winkler-Pickett, Dr. Howard Young, Dr. Lucy Anderson, and Dr. Andy Byrd. We followed that very successful program with another one in December on **"AIDS Research Through the Years @ NCI-Frederick."** Although there was only one speaker to discuss this topic, Dr. Steven Hughes drew a very large and enthusiastic audience for his talk.

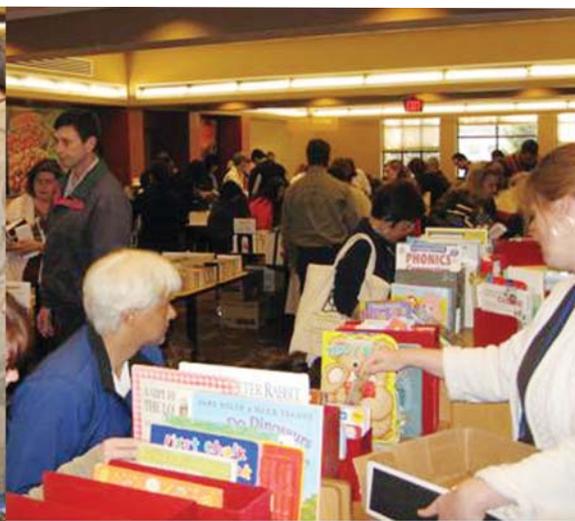
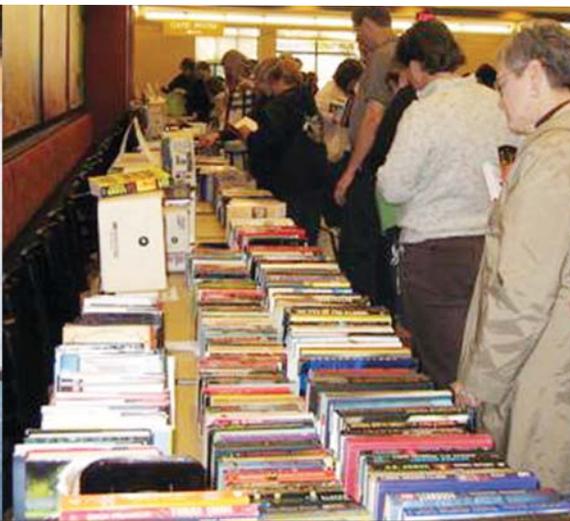
We intend to continue this new series in 2011. Plans are underway for a February program about **"Chemistry Research Through the Years @ NCI-Frederick."** We also hope to offer programs on genetics research, natural products research, and veterinary research. Complete information about upcoming programs will be announced on the **Science in the Cinema** webpage at <http://www.library.ncifcrf.gov/science-cinema.aspx>. We also welcome suggestions on topics and/or speakers for this fascinating new lecture series **"Research Through the Years @ NCI-Frederick."** Please email your comments to [NCIFredLibrary@mail.nih.gov](mailto:NCIFredLibrary@mail.nih.gov).

### *Calling All Artists @ NCI-Frederick!*

Are you a "right-brain" thinker or a "left-brain" thinker or perhaps both? The popular belief about creativity is that the "right brain" thinker is visual and processes information in an intuitive and simultaneous way, looking first at the whole picture then the details, while the "left brain" thinker is verbal and processes information in an analytical and sequential way, looking first at the pieces then putting them together to get the whole. [http://painting.about.com/od/rightleftbrain/a/Right\\_Brain.htm](http://painting.about.com/od/rightleftbrain/a/Right_Brain.htm)

Many people believe that artists are "right-brain" thinkers and scientists are "left-brain" thinkers. The Scientific Library staff thinks that people just aren't that simple! We think there are many scientists who are also artists, and that some of these people work here at NCI-Frederick. Are you a scientist or a lab tech or support person who loves to create original artwork? Do you rush home from your day job so you can paint or draw or sculpt or snap photos late into the night?

If so, the Scientific Library staff is looking for you! We wish to host an art exhibit for NCI-Frederick artists. We are interested in any type of artwork: photographs, paintings, drawings, sculpture, or other media. We're looking for anyone who will permit their original artwork to be displayed in the Library in Building 549. Please let us know what type of artist you are, and what pieces you have to display. You can stop by the Library in Building 549, or email us at [NCIFredLibrary@mail.nih.gov](mailto:NCIFredLibrary@mail.nih.gov). Specific information about when and how the art exhibit will occur will be decided after we know how many people are interested in participating. We hope to hear from all you artists soon!



*2010 Annual  
Book and Media Swap  
A Great Success!*

Whether it was the theme of “Better Health Through Literacy”, our goal-oriented approach, or an email reminder from the NCI-F Green Team, this year’s Book & Media Swap was the most successful that the Library has sponsored. A record 7,839 items were donated. The Swap opened in the Discovery Café, where eager participants claimed 2,458 items, over half of them within the first hour! In addition, one free item was offered to any person who registered for the NIH “Be the Match” bone marrow donor drive, and 60 contributors redeemed their coupons that day. The Library staff has coordinated this annual event since 2000, and its success is measured by the enthusiastic response of those who participate.



*Scientific Library Staff Place 2nd in  
Halloween Contest as the Hons®*

The history of Baltimore, with its hard working blue collar neighborhoods and the rich diversity of its immigrant population united by the pride of being a Marylander, is personified by the Baltimore Hons®. The term “hon”, short for honey, is just one of many terms of endearment expressed by friendly Baltimoreans in the local restaurants, at corner “Mom and Pop” markets, and exchanged with passersby on the street, whose particular dialect has been coined “Bawlamerese”. Inspired by Honfest, a yearly festival which began in the Baltimore neighborhood of Hampden in 1994, library staff members charmed the audience with their parody of this internationally recognized tradition, outfitted in spandex and leopard prints, beehive hairdos, blue eyeshadow, and 1960’s style eyeglasses. What will they come up with next year?

Tracie Frederick, Martha Summers and Pam Noble

*Newsletter Contributors*

Hungyune Chao · Susie Culler · Alan Doss · Tracie Frederick  
Robin Meckley · Debby McCalpin · Pam Noble · Sue Wilson