Who’s Using the Scientific Library?

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My name is King Chan. I came to the NCI facility in Frederick in 1992. Currently, I am a staff member working for SAIC-Frederick in the Laboratory of Proteomics and Analytical Technologies. I have been using the Scientific Library since the first day I started my job here, 19 years ago!

I remember that most, if not all, journals were not available on-line in the early years, so I had to go to the library to look for articles and make copies afterwards, and check out books. When Pubmed was not yet available, I also went to the library and requested the service on database searching. Typically, I visited the library 3 times a week.

In recent years, I don't go to the library to look for journals that often as most of the journals I use regularly are available on-line. I do drop by the library to read the new books on display or if I need to look at the journals that are only in print. I also stop by the library for special events like the Darwin celebration, Chemistry Month etc.

I basically like everything about the library as it is a great resource for my research. Besides, the library offers many programs that benefit the general public like the diversity movies, health information, and special activities. In addition, in my opinion, the staff in the library is extremely helpful. For example, whenever I come across problems on searching using Pubmed and Web of Science, the staff always can help me immediately. The off-site access to the library is excellent, as I use Pubmed and Web of Science often at home.

I remember one time I had a problem of setting up an autosearch function in Web of Science. The staff sent me a procedure sheet immediately and offered to come over to set up the function on computer. Also, I had a recommendation for the library and it was implemented very quickly.

Based on my own experience, I feel that the unique thing in the library is that the staff likes to communicate with the researchers in order to help them the best way possible. Whenever I have a question, the staff always gives me an answer in a short time. On the human side, I feel the staff has lots of passion for their profession.

**Free Training Classes When and Where You Need Them**

The Scientific Library has announced its Winter/Spring 2011 instruction schedule. The schedule in March and April includes QUOSA, 30 WEBSITES IN 60 MINUTES, HINARI, EXPLORING PUBMED, and more. Although some of the classes are taught by external instructors, most of them are taught by your own librarians. Therefore, keep in mind we are always available to provide additional training, individual training, and to help with troubleshooting. We look forward to seeing you in our classes!

We also offer assistance with other resources. 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](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! For more information, please contact the Library at x1093 or NCIFredLibrary@mail.nih.gov.

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**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, March 9, 2:30 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, April 13, 2:30 p.m.**

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

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**Featured Websites**

**THOMAS – Federal Legislative Information**

[http://thomas.loc.gov/](http://thomas.loc.gov/)

**THOMAS** was launched in January of 1995, at the inception of the 104th Congress. 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 features and content such as Bills, Resolutions, Congressional activity, searchable Congressional Record, calendars and committee information, treaties, as well as legislative resources for teachers.

**Images**


Over 2 million images and figures from medical and life sciences journals are now available through **Images**, a new resource for finding images in the biomedical literature. The database was developed and will be maintained by NCBI, part of the National Library of Medicine (NLM). The initial content of **Images** reflects images and figures contained in the **PubMed Central** full-text digital archive of biomedical and life sciences literature. **Images** content in the future may be expanded to include other NCBI full-text resources.

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**CHI Spotlight**

There is a set of scales and a blood pressure cuff in the Center for Health Information (CHI) room that are available to any Library user whenever the Library is open. You can track your blood pressure as often as needed to maintain good health. If you are participating in the Fitness Challenge, remember that you can weigh yourself in the CHI and record your weight using the CHI computer.
Information to Save Time and Improve Research

Please join representatives from thirteen different organizations to learn more about information resources that can save you time and improve your research at the Scientific Library’s Resource Fair on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, in the NCI-Frederick Cafeteria from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. You may visit the information tables there to find out more about valuable resources that are currently available from the Library’s website. Each spokesperson will also offer a short product overview in Conference Room D. Please see the Library’s website for a full schedule of presentations and a list of databases and tools represented.

NCI-Frederick Spring Research Festival

Join us in April during the 2011 NCI-Frederick Spring Research Festival. The Scientific Library will host a booth on both days of the Festival, Wednesday, April 27 and Thursday, April 28. Plans are still being made, but the staff hopes to focus in some way on the Festival mascot Pseudopterogorgia elisabethae, a small coral that is used in pharmacology. We invite you to stop by our booth during the Festival to see what we have to offer.

National Autism Awareness Month

April is National Autism Awareness Month, and the Reading Diversions Book Club will learn more about Asperger’s syndrome, one of the autism spectrum disorders, for its April 21, 2011, meeting. The group will discuss Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger’s, a memoir by John Elder Robison, as its non-fiction selection. The Second Opinion, a thriller by Michael Palmer, is our fiction title for April. The main character in this story, Dr. Thea Sperelakis, has Asperger’s syndrome and investigates the reason for her father’s hit and run accident, which has left him in a coma. To borrow a copy of either 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.

Resource of the Month: E-EROS

The Scientific Library’s Resource of the Month for March is E-Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis (E-ROS), the one source for in-depth information on reagents and catalysts. The online version of the reference source combines the complete text of the Encyclopedia with features of a searchable database, containing structures or reactions, names of reagents, reactions, catalysts, solvents, products, authors, reference and publication years.


If you would like to request an individual or group session to learn more about E-EROS, please contact the Library at x1093 or NCIFredLibrary@mail.nih.gov.
Every year in April libraries of all kinds across the nation celebrate **National Library Week (NLW)**. The Scientific Library staff is busy planning our celebration this year during the week of April 11-15. Our theme is “What Are You Reading?” In keeping with our reading theme, we are creating four new “NCI-Frederick READS” posters that feature four avid NCI-Frederick readers. These reading celebrities will be revealed during our annual Open House on Tuesday, April 12. On Thursday, April 14, we are planning another “Free Book Lover’s Raffle,” a follow-up to a very successful event held during NLW 2010. Please watch for announcements and check our website for complete information about **National Library Week 2011**.

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**National DNA Day Science in the Cinema**

**National DNA Day** is observed annually on April 25. This day commemorates Watson and Crick’s discovery of the double helix, and the completion of the Human Genome Project. The Scientific Library plans to celebrate **National DNA Day** with a Science in the Cinema about genetics. On Monday, April 25, we will host another in our continuing lecture series “Research Through the Years @ NCI-Frederick.” Three scientists who have worked in the genetics field for a long time here at NCI-Frederick will discuss “Genetics Research Through the Years @ NCI-Frederick.” The following week, on Tuesday, May 3 and Thursday, May 5, we will show the true-life movie *Extraordinary Measures*, starring Harrison Ford and Brendan Fraser. A father (Fraser) of two children suffering from Pompe disease, a genetic disorder, joins forces with a genetics researcher (Ford) to find a cure. Complete information about this program will be announced on the Science in the Cinema webpage at [http://www-library.ncifcrf.gov/science-cinema.aspx](http://www-library.ncifcrf.gov/science-cinema.aspx).