13th Annual Book Swap

It wasn’t the infamously superstitious number thirteen that delayed the Library’s 13th Annual Book and Media Swap, but the inconveniences brought on by Hurricane Sandy. The Swap was originally set for Wednesday, October 31 to culminate the month long celebration of National Medical Librarian’s Month. However, in the interest of offering everyone the opportunity to participate, it was rescheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2012. At ten o’clock the line to enter the Swap wound through the lobby of Building 549, and an enthusiastic countdown commenced. A focused and orderly crowd of bibliophiles then began making their book selections. Once again this year, Mystery/Thriller was the largest category, with, of course, the obviously broad category of non-fiction a close second. Many seasoned swappers filled boxes and bags with new reading material, music, and movies for themselves and their children. By mid-day, the crowd had thinned, and the Library staff was reorganizing the materials that were left. At the conclusion of the first day, the Library staff relocated all of the books to the Library for the month of November, requiring the tallied book cards of contributions for two weeks before making the remaining volumes free to all employees. Ultimately, the books left behind are boxed and sent to local charitable organizations. The Library staff is happy to annually organize the Swap, but the continued success of the Book Swap is solely employee-driven.
Training Classes When and Where You Need Them

The Library’s Training Team continues to offer free classes through November and December. Please join us and register for upcoming classes listed below by contacting the Library at NCIFredLibrary@mail.nih.gov.

MORE TO GOOGLE THAN A QUICK SEARCH: Thursday, 11/15, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
TRACKING CITATIONS: Thursday, 11/29, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
INTRODUCTION TO ENDO NOTE: Thursday, 12/6, 1:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
INTERMEDIATE ENDO NOTE: Thursday, 12/13, 9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
SKYPE: Monday, 12/17, 2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

For full descriptions about all classes, visit our list at http://www-library.ncifcrf.gov/libclass.aspx. As we develop our 2013 schedule, we welcome suggestions for classes that you would like us to offer.

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

Wednesday, November 14, 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 12, 2:30p.m.

Featured Website

Medical Heritage Library and Digitization of Historical Medical Journals
http://www.medicalheritage.org

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) is among the Medical Heritage Library (MHL) member libraries participating in a project to digitize over 6,000 volumes from 200 historical American medical journal titles published between 1797 and 1923. Digitization of these journals from the collections of Columbia, Harvard and Yale Universities and the College of Physicians of Philadelphia is funded through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Other MHL collaborators, including NLM, will provide journal volumes not held by the four participants. The digitized journals will join over 33,000 monographs, serials, pamphlets, and films currently available in the MHL which will be freely available through the MHL collection in the Internet Archive at http://archive.org/details/medicalheritagelibrary.
**Resource of the Month**

**December – PubMed Central (PMC)**

**PubMed Central (PMC)** is a free archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature at the National Library of Medicine. As **NLM** has a legislative mandate to collect and preserve biomedical literature, **PMC** serves as a digital counterpart to **NLM’s** print journal collection. As an archive, **PMC** provides free permanent access to content. Publishers and individual authors hold copyright on material in PMC, and users must abide by copyright holder’s terms.

**PMC** is a repository for journal literature deposited by participating publishers, and author manuscripts submitted in compliance with NIH’s **Public Access Policy** mandate. **PMC** offers publishers ways to participate and deposit their content in the archive. Although free access is a requirement, publishers can delay release of their material in **PMC** for a reasonable period after publication.

Access **PubMed** and **PMC** on the Library’s Databases page at [http://www-library.ncifcrf.gov/databases.aspx](http://www-library.ncifcrf.gov/databases.aspx). If you have any questions about or need any assistance using these or any resources, please contact the Library at [NCIFredLibrary@mail.nih.gov](mailto:NCIFredLibrary@mail.nih.gov).

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**Building Collections WorldWide**

Sometimes the mail just doesn’t deliver. Over the years, with the number of print subscriptions the Library has maintained, there have been a few missing journal issues here and there, which we attempt to retrieve from the publisher. When the claim for the issue isn’t fulfilled, a gap is left in the collection. Fortunately, there is a cost-effective solution. Since early 1998, the Library has been a member of the listervs, Backmed and Backserv, which connect libraries across the country, as well as internationally, and exchange their excess journals for the cost of postage.

Over 135 titles have been completed in the Library with the aid of this service. Because the service is reciprocal, we also post our discards, once approved by the government. Scientists, too, have asked the Library to dispose of their excess print issues, so we offer those as well. All told, more than 650 titles from the Scientific Library have found their way to shelves in other libraries, as far away as Argentina and as close as McDaniel College in Westminster, Maryland. Issues have been mailed to universities, hospitals, government and private research libraries, including such institutions as: Columbia University, NASA, Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

“We are delighted to give these issues a new life rather than recycling them,” says Pamela Noble, Library Serials Technician. She recounts a recent fulfillment to the University of Wisconsin-Superior. The Jim Dan Hill Library was inundated with flood waters which destroyed a large part of their book and journal collection in June of this year. By coincidence, a patron had recently donated several complete volumes of the journal **Nature** to us, and they were boxed and sent to replace those lost in the UW flood.


Posting lists of journals to **Backmed** is a service that the Scientific Library willingly provides so that libraries can complete their collections, and print journals stay out of the waste stream. If you are interested in donating issues that are no longer of use in your office or lab, please contact Pamela Noble at x 5618. She will be glad to help you.
2013 Journal Subscription Review

The Library would like to thank those who shared their valuable time to review our 2013 Journal Subscription List. In order to make the best decisions with regards to collection development, input from the journal’s end-users is an important consideration for adding or canceling titles.

The following PRINT titles have been canceled for 2013 – ELECTRONIC access remains available:

- American Hospital Formulary Drug Service
- Annals of Internal Medicine
- Antimicrobial Agents & Chemotherapy
- Applied & Environmental Microbiology
- Biochemical Journal
- Biochemical Society Transactions
- Biological & Pharmaceutical Bulletin
- BMJ
- Bone Marrow Transplantation
- Cellular & Molecular Life Sciences
- Chemical & Pharmaceutical Bulletin
- Development
- Human Genetics
- Intervirology
- Journal of Cell Science
- Journal of Medicinal Chemistry
- Nature Biotechnology
- Nature Reviews Drug Discovery
- Nature Structural & Molecular Biology
- Pharmaceutical Research

The following PRINT and ELECTRONIC titles have been canceled – NO access remains available:

- Chemical Science - electronic
- Computerworld
- E-Content
- IET Systems Biology – electronic
- Job Safety & Health
- Journal of Computational & Theoretical Nanoscience. – electronic
- Journal of Nanoscience & Nanotechnology – electronic
- Methods in Organic Synthesis
- Occupational Safety & Health Reporter

Title added to the collection for 2013:
- Genome Biology - electronic

“Libraries are reservoirs of strength, grace and wit, reminders of order, calm and continuity, lakes of mental energy, neither warm, nor cold, light nor dark. The pleasure they give is steady, unorgastic, reliable, deep and long-lasting. In any library in the world, I am at home, unselfconscious, still and absorbed.”

~ Germaine Greer~