FROM THE DIRECTOR

July 2014 marks the beginning of another academic year for the Health Sciences Library. This newsletter is a record of many of our accomplishments and complements our FYI... Online Newsletter blog posts that grow in value as a record of what’s happening at the Library and our initiatives. This issue has special meaning because I will be retiring as associate dean and endowed director of the Library at the end of October. I have seen many changes, and in the end all of them have been productive. I am so proud of the accomplishments of the Library and the staff; FY2014 was no different than my previous 22 years at NYMC! This year we launched the new Skyline Library, completed historical signage displayed throughout the campus, celebrated our faculty authors, while hosting a number of exhibits, special events and programs. We are truly much more than most people think; see Marie Ascher’s article on page 4 of this issue. I would like to acknowledge the library’s Friends, especially Dr. Antonelle, who is such a great example of commitment to the institution, and to our Library. Thank you for the honor of serving as your director.

HIGHLIGHTING ONE OF OUR FRIENDS:
MICHAEL ANTONELLE, M.D., CLASS OF ‘62

The Health Sciences Library is delighted to welcome Michael A. Antonelle, M.D., Class of ‘62, as our newest “Friend of the Library” and acknowledge his very generous donation. Dr. Antonelle has a long history supporting New York Medical College, beginning as an intern at New Rochelle Hospital in 1962. Dr. Antonelle served as president of the Alumni Association from 1993 to 1997, as well as on the New York Medical College Board of Trustees from 1993-2011, receiving the Distinguished Service Award in 2011 on behalf of all Alumni Association Presidents. As director in 1992, I remember meeting Dr. Antonelle and his lovely wife, Kathy, who unfortunately passed away in 2009. His involvement then and now to make the Library a better place for all students and faculty was always important to him and I thank him profusely for his continued support and generosity toward the Library.

—DC
EXHIBITS: “FROM DNA TO BEER” AND “DEADLY MEDICINE”

The Health Sciences Library was pleased to host the National Library of Medicine (NLM) traveling exhibit, “From DNA to Beer: Harnessing Nature in Medicine & Industry,” from May 12 through June 26. Drawing from the NLM collection and the National Museum of American History, the exhibit highlights the microbes, including bacteria, yeasts, and molds that can cause sickness or restore health, as well as produce foods and beverages (such as beer!). Our current exhibit, “Deadly Medicine,” from the U.S. Holocaust Museum is on display in Skyline from July 15-September 3.

“From DNA to Beer…”

The Library hosted two receptions on May 13 and June 25. Michael S. Wolin, Ph.D., Professor of Physiology and Chair of the Library and Academic Support Committee, welcomed guests followed by remarks from Francis L. Belloni, Ph.D., Dean of the Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences, and Jan Geliebter, Ph.D., Professor of Microbiology and Immunology and Course Director. Fifty guests, mostly students, heard Dr. Belloni highlight Louis Pasteur’s life—reporting Pasteur was not very academic, describing the “Pasteur quadrant,” and noting though not a stellar student, Pasteur had keen observational skills. Students should not be put off by early failures in matters of observation; chance favors the prepared mind, advised Dr. Belloni.

Dr. Geliebter, who brews his own beer, described the process and economics, noting the New York State Beer Production Tax Credit, as well as gut fermentation syndrome. He cited the 2013 Barbara Cordell and Justin McCarthy article from the International Journal of Clinical Medicine, entitled, “A case study of gut fermentation syndrome (auto-brewery) with Saccharomyces cerevisiae as the causative organism.” He explained the syndrome and how and why patients become intoxicated without ingesting alcohol. Also cited was the Report from the American Academy of Microbiology entitled, “If the yeast ain’t happy, ain’t nobody happy.” He spent a few moments discussing the role of yeast and hops and balancing the sweetness with the bitterness and referred to the review article from Microbiology (2003), 149, 557-567 entitled, “Beginning of microbiology and biochemistry: The contribution of yeast research” by James Barnett.

The Health Sciences Library also sponsored a quiz contest about the exhibit. Diana Punko, a third-year medical student, won the contest and was the only participant who got 100% of the answers correct (see photo at left). She received her prize at the library’s evidence based medicine session during the Transition to the Third Year program. Fellow students applauded as she accepted her exhibit-appropriate prize: a bottle of Goose Island Matilda, a Belgian strong pale ale. Take the quiz just for fun at: http://fyi.libmedia.nymc.edu/?p=4447.

“Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race:”

July 15 marks the arrival of the U.S. Holocaust Museum Exhibit, “Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race.” “Deadly Medicine” explores the Holocaust rooted in then-contemporary scientific and pseudo-scientific thought, according to exhibition curator Susan Bachrach. “At the same time it touches on complex ethical issues we face today, such as how societies acquire and use scientific knowledge and how they balance the rights of the individual with the needs of the larger community,” she explains.
“Deadly Medicine” will be in the Skyline cafeteria, with supplementary reading materials located in the Skyline branch library on the ground floor. Library staff will serve as exhibit docents. The exhibit is free and open to the public from Sundays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. and additionally Thursday evenings until 8 p.m. from July 15 to September 3. For groups interested in visiting this exhibit, please contact: (914) 594-4200 or register at http://calendar.library.nymc.edu/deadlymedicinegrouptours. An opening exhibit reception is scheduled for Wednesday, July 16 at noon.

The exhibit is made possible through the support of The David Berg Foundation, the Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation, The Lester Robbins and Sheila Johnson Robbins Traveling and Temporary Exhibitions fund, and the Dorot Foundation.

—DC, MA

RESOURCES SPOTLIGHT

The Health Sciences Library is pleased to offer three new resources, available from the Library’s Databases page: http://library.nymc.edu/Database/

**5-Minute Clinical Consult ebook** is now available from our Books@Ovid Collection. This best-selling clinical reference helps practitioners diagnose, treat and follow up on more than 900 medical conditions seen in everyday practice. Alphabetical organization by diagnosis and full-text searchability allow rapid access to answer questions.

**Bates’ Visual Guide to Physical Examination** delivers more than eight hours of video content demonstrating head-to-toe physical assessment to prepare students for the Boards and patient encounters. Organized by body systems, the videos provide detailed explanations of examination procedures and demonstrations of specific techniques emphasizing health history, communication and patient-practitioner interaction.

When paired with the Bates’ pocket guide text, available online via [uCentral](http://uCentral) from the Library’s Databases page and in print from the Library’s collection, the Bates’ Visual Guide provides thorough patient-first instruction in physical examination. Additional videos help students develop the clinical reasoning and examination skills required for Objective Structures Clinical Examinations (OSCEs). Bates’ videos can be viewed on computers, iPads, and smartphones.

**Embase**, a leading biomedical database, offers full text indexing of drug, disease and medical device data. Its detailed life science thesaurus, Emtree, and unique journal and conference coverage mark it as a required source to search for articles when conducting a system review. Embase’s comprehensive indexing of trial and study types, reviews and meta analyses, make it a superior source for biomedical evidence.

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AUTHOR RECOGNITION EVENT HELD
JANUARY 8, 2014

On January 8, 2014, the HSL hosted the 20th annual Author Recognition Event to celebrate the recently published NYMC authors. The 20th annual Faculty Authors’ Bibliography is the print and online database that includes publications from July 2012 through June 2013. The bibliography, edited by Nina Kurzban, Cataloger, and Judy Gitlin, Assistant Director, Resources Management, includes 369 authors who published a total of 991 items including: 794 journal articles, 100 letters/communications, 71 book chapters, 16 books, and web sites. The event was attended by more than 100 authors.

Several awards were given. The award for the first author published in the journal cited the most times went to: Michael Phillips, M.D., from the Department of Medicine. The award for author cited the most times as a member of a team went to: Allen Dozor, M.D., from the Department of Pediatrics. Six authors (Robert B. Nadelman, M.D., Dionysios Liveris, Ph.D., John Nowakowski, M.D., Donna McKenna, M.S., Ira Schwartz, Ph.D., and Gary B. Wormser, M.D.) won the award for publishing in the journal with the highest impact factor: the New England Journal of Medicine. For the twentieth consecutive year, the Department of Physiology won the award for highest percentage of published faculty in the basic sciences. The Department of Pathology won the award for the highest percentage of published faculty in a clinical department. The Departments of Environmental Science and Epidemiology tied for the highest percentage award for the School of Health Sciences and Practice. Special recognition was given to Fred Moy, Ph.D., MBA, from the Department of Pathology, acknowledging his many years of support for the library programs.

Efforts are underway to collaborate with the Touro College and University System libraries for the next faculty bibliography. As of 2015, the HSL will no longer print the bibliography as we shift to a dynamic, continuously updated database. Touro Libraries and the HSL now share a database and inclusion and exclusion criteria; Touro will assume responsibility for the combined print publication.

THINK ABOUT YOUR LIBRARY MORE BROADLY

Libraries seem to be questioned more and more about the value they provide to their institutions and communities. Favorite and frequent questions include, “Why would anyone go to a library when everything is online?” and “What do you actually do?”

Let’s set the record straight and look at the library more broadly—as a leader and collaborator along every step of the information cycle. From access to production to publication or presentation and making new information accessible, the library is involved. Forget the image of the library as a warehouse for materials, as rows and rows of book stacks.

Your Health Sciences Library researches and selects resources and provides access. While books and journals are enduring media, most information is, of course, moving to electronic platforms and new types of formats are emerging. While open access is a positive trend, there are still heavy costs to individuals and institutions for access to scholarly information.
Yes, the library still selects, purchases, and makes available information resources—print and electronic. And yes, the library is still and will always be an information provider with carefully selected collections that are increasingly online. Libraries provide authentication for only valid user access in compliance with negotiated licenses.

While making information accessible is still at the core, the library is much more.

We teach and provide search services. Librarians are teachers that help users navigate information, whether it’s via one-on-one instruction, formalized instruction, or working with instructors to develop assignments that reinforce information management competencies. Librarians frequently act as teachers and partners in the curriculum where evidence based medicine requires that health care providers can locate and evaluate the best available information.

Librarians offer expert search services as well. Researchers who want to have a complete and comprehensive search should reach out to librarians to assist with their searches. For those doing a systematic review search, national guidelines recommend collaboration on the search strategy with a librarian.

We assist with writing and knowledge production and presentation. The library now offers a Writing Center to help users with their writing. We offer consultations for students to help to define a research question, assistance with issues of copyright compliance and finding a place to publish, as well as services like poster printing and plagiarism detection. The library offers workshops on software and technology, from social media to PowerPoint for presentations and posters. And the library provides educational media services that enable course lectures to be seen and heard by audiences locally or via broadcast technologies.

We offer space for study and collaboration. Library spaces are changing, taking on broader roles. The library, a longtime a place for quiet study, is also a place to collaborate. Some libraries are removing their print collections and creating new types of spaces and new roles for librarians, such as “makerspaces,” hands-on environments for creating, inventing and learning.

We adapt. The library is a leader in technology, providing tech training and is responsive to the needs of the community it serves. The library is adept at reinventing itself and assuming new roles. Currently the library is considering new and more active ways to link users to the information resources and services they need through its liaison program and exploring new services like data management for researchers.

The library also celebrates and promotes the current and past scholarly output of the College via the production of a faculty bibliography database and the enduring university archives.

What does the Health Sciences Library do? More than you imagined? The possibilities are up to you.

—MTA

“In February the Library, with urging from the graduate school deans, launched a writing center collaboration which is an outgrowth of comments and recommendations from a campuswide survey. The center includes scheduled lectures or workshops, peer-review clinics, and consultations with Health Sciences Library staff as well as external volunteers. More volunteers are encouraged. In July 2014 staff from the Touro writing center will meet with interested participants to further develop a cohesive program. For more information about this project, volunteering to help or to benefit from colleagues, see: http://guides.library.nymc.edu/writing_center.”

—DC
HISTORY OF THE NYMC ALUMNI CENTER

The NYMC Alumni Center celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. The text that follows is reprinted with permission from a plaque which will be installed on the building itself in the near future. We are grateful for assistance from the Westchester Historical Society and the Westchester County Archives.

The building that currently houses the NYMC Alumni Center has an intriguing history dating back to pre-revolutionary times. The first occupant was believed to be Captain Thaddeus Avery (1). Avery, a farmer, was instrumental in hiding money needed to pay Washington’s troops. In 1900 the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented a silver tablet (1,2,3,4) that was attached to the stove that used to be in the home that read:

"Captain Thaddeus Avery was branded with hot irons in this room and his wife, threatened with death by the Hessians when they refused to divulge the hiding place of money for the Continental Army. Mrs. Avery baked bread in this oven for the Revolutionary Soldiers. This hero and heroine were the Grand Parents of Mrs. R. Ogden Doremus, Second Regent of the New York Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution which organization affixed this tablet June 9, 1900." (1)

Later, the structure was occupied by Westchester County Commissioners of Public Welfare, V. Everett Macy and Miss Ruth Taylor among others, and became known as the "Commissioner's House." The Strawson family was the last known to occupy the house, from 1944-1960. Stanton M. Strawson was Commissioner of Public Welfare for the County from 1950-60 (5). After 1960 the "Strawson House" stood abandoned for many years. The building was scheduled for demolition by the Department of Public Works and in the interim, used by the Fire Safety Training Unit for practice in putting out fires.

Hearing of the demolition plans in 1979, the School of Medicine Alumni Association initiated a campaign to restore the building. On January 29, 1982, The Alumni Center was officially leased to New York Medical College by Westchester County (6). On December 15, 1982, the Association presented a check for $230,000 to College President John J. Connolly (7). Renovation began in June 1983. The building was restored as faithfully as possible in consultation with the County Planning Department. The front and back porticos were added and an open porch was enclosed for the boardroom (8). The dedication of the Center was held on June 2, 1984 (9).

The Alumni Center is now home to the administrative offices of NYMC Alumni Relations and offers an elegant venue for meetings and alumni events. For more information see http://guides.library.nymc.edu/alumnicenter.


—MTA
PROFESSIONAL STAFF ACTIVITIES

Ascher, Marie T.*

Attended the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May 2014.

Awarded Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries Leadership Scholarship, to attend the Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, July 27-August 1, 2014.

Presented paper Direct-to-Consumer Genetics and Privacy: This Way to Gattaca? Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association, May 2014, Chicago, IL.


Board Member, Upstate New York & Ontario Chapter (UNYOC) of the Medical Library Association.

Crooke, Deborah.*

Executive Board Member, New York-New Jersey Chapter of the Medical Library Association.

Cunningham, Diana J. *


Presented Grand Rounds, Department of Psychiatry, Metropolitan Hospital, May 18, 2014.


Medical Library Association institutional representative to AAAS.


UNYOC, Chapter Treasurer.

UNYOC, Annual meeting conference chair, 2014.

Gitlin, Judy.


Editor, NYMC Faculty Authors’ Bibliography, July 2012-June 2013. 20th ed. 2014.

Kurzban, Nina.

Editor, NYMC Faculty Authors’ Bibliography, July 2012-June 2013. 20th ed. 2014.

Mohiuddin, M. Afsar.*


Stein, Phoebe.*

Exhibits Chair, UNYOC.

Planning Committee for NN/LM Middle Atlantic Region Data Management Symposium, April 28-29, 2014, Rockefeller University.

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