

HSLs UPDATE



Special Fall 2008

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It's that time of year again—summer is over and it's time to get back into the swing of things. This special issue of the HSLs Update, an online newsletter, will introduce the services and resources available at the Health Sciences Library System to the students and faculty of the University of Pittsburgh Schools of Health Sciences.

To receive the regular issues of the HSLs Update, distributed through e-mail or RSS feed six times a year, see the article in this special issue titled "Staying Updated".

[Ask your School's Liaison Librarian](#)

Do you have a question regarding how to search a specific database? Feeling overwhelmed and not sure where to begin researching a topic of interest? Ask for help from your school's liaison librarian, contact information below.

Liaison librarians provide a communication link between HSLs and the departments and programs within the schools of the health sciences and UPMC. Liaisons have in-depth expertise in retrieving, evaluating, and managing information in these subject areas.

Liaison librarians are available to:

- make presentations to departments or courses regarding library programs, resources, and services.
- incorporate library and information management skills into the curriculum;
- provide instruction on the use of online information resources;
- identify and evaluate subject specific Web sites;
- collaborate on research projects or grants;
- perform professional-level literature searches;
- review and validate your search strategies;
- answer questions about library collections, remote access, or document delivery;
- consult one-on-one on in-depth or specialized topics.

HSLs Liaison Librarians



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[PITTCat: Your Finding Aid for Books, Journals, Audiovisuals, and Other Library Resources](#)



PITTCat for the Health Sciences

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Are you looking for a specific book or DVD? Do you have a citation to an article and want to obtain the full-text? Make PITTCat your first stop. PITTCat is the online card catalog for the Health Sciences Library System (HSLs) and other University of Pittsburgh libraries. PITTCat contains information on electronic or print books, journals, audiovisual aids, and other items held in all University of Pittsburgh libraries.

PITTCat can be easily accessed from the HSLs Web site (www.hsls.pitt.edu), at the link shown in the illustration below.



There are four search tabs within PITTCat:

Basic Search: Search for exact titles of books, journals, audiovisual materials or other resources using the "Title Begins with" or "Journal Title Begins with" search type. You can also browse by subject heading or call number.

Guided Search: a form-based keyword search. Keyword searches may be especially helpful if you are looking for items on a topic, but are not sure of specific titles or authors.

Course Reserves: Browse current course reserves by instructor, department, or course.

New Items: View new items added to library collections. Browse by library, call number, author, or title, for new items added in the last one to four weeks.

See the online help below the PITTCat search boxes for more detailed search instructions and examples. If you have questions or need assistance navigating PITTCat, please contact the Falk Library Reference Desk, 412-648-8796, or e-mail medlibq@pitt.edu.

~ John Siegel

HSLs Homepage Highlights

The HSLs homepage provides access to library resources, journals, and answers to commonly asked questions. The main features of the site are detailed below.



Features

1. Remote Access (Sign up for an HSLs Account for off-campus access)
2. search.HSLs – Simple search interface for all HSLs holdings
3. Easy access to PITTCat, the University of Pittsburgh Libraries catalog
4. Search 1,000+ full text E-books instantly with Vivisimo “clustering” technology
5. Ask A Librarian – contact us in person, by phone, or e-mail
6. How Do I? – Answers to common questions
7. Find E-Journals list and links to databases
8. Links to databases & clinical resources including EMBASE and UpToDate
9. Upcoming HSLs Classes, such as EndNote Basics, PubMed Basics, and Genetics

Selected Available Resources

To Access	Description
PubMed Click link in “Quick Links” box on HSLs homepage	Includes MEDLINE and OLDMEDLINE databases, and additional health and life sciences journals. BONUS: Single Citation Search tool can track down mystery citations.
Ovid MEDLINE Click link in “Quick Links” box on HSLs homepage	Excellent for building and recording search strategies. Ovid also connects with other databases including PsycINFO. Easy connection with EndNote and Refworks.
EMBASE Enter “Embase” in <i>search.HSLs</i> box; click on resulting link	Includes MEDLINE. More international, with its own controlled vocabulary, although it integrates MEDLINE’s MeSH into searches. Good for drug information.
CINAHL Click link in “Quick Links” box on HSLs homepage	Identifies articles from journals as well as books, proceedings, etc., related to nursing and allied health fields.
EXAM MASTER Enter “Exam Master” in <i>search.HSLs</i> box; click on resulting link	Includes study exams to prepare for NAPLEX (Pharmacy), NBDE (Dental), USMLE (Medical)
ISI Web of Knowledge Enter “ISI Web of Knowledge” in <i>search.HSLs</i> box; click on resulting link	Known for Journal Citation Reports, but can also search MEDLINE. Excellent for citation tracking.
MICROMEDEX Click link in “Quick Links” box on HSLs homepage	Comprehensive drug information from sources such as the PDR and Martindale’s. Includes product identification tools, dosing tools, drug interaction tools, etc. PDA version is available.

Director's Reflections . . . Welcome!



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The staff at HSLs is pleased to welcome new and returning faculty and students. Though we've hardly been napping all summer, it's fun to get back into the faster pace that fall term brings. HSLs librarians spent the summer orienting new UPMC residents, working with students from the Pennsylvania Governor's School for Health Care, planning orientations and workshops for the fall, adding new resources, and expanding access to old favorites such as Up To Date.

In this special issue of the Update newsletter, you'll find information to help you become oriented to the wide range of services and resources available at HSLs.

Take a quick virtual tour (http://online2.hsls.pitt.edu/acmcontent/c806271f-4eac-4bb7-aec0-22057db48f86/video7_Unspecified_2008-08-11_04-06-PM_files/flash_index.htm) of Falk Library or stop by and talk to your liaison librarian for more details. We look forward to a productive year ahead.

HSLs Access 24/7

Out of the office? Need access to an electronic journal article at 2 a.m. on a Sunday? No problem! HSLs can assist you with your information needs 24/7, whether you are sitting in your campus office or in a Starbucks in Hawaii. With an HSLs account, licensed databases and e-resources are readily available from our Web site and can be accessed from any computer with an Internet connection. HSLs accounts also allow you to access the computers located in HSLs libraries.

Log in to
HSLs Remote Access

Username:

Password:

[Forgot your password?](#)

Don't have an HSLs Account?
[**Create an account now**](#)

An HSLs account is simple to create. Fill out the online form (www.hsls.pitt.edu/services/account/signup), entering your valid Pitt or UPMC e-mail address. You will receive a confirming e-mail message, with a link to click on to activate your account. If you have questions or concerns about your HSLs account, please contact HSLs account representative Megan McKeown at mcm16@pitt.edu or 412-648-9926.

Another option for University of Pittsburgh faculty and students is Pitt's Secure VPN (<https://sslvpn.pitt.edu>), which provides access to most HSLs and other Pitt online library resources.

Falk Library's Computer & Media Center



The Computer & Media Center (CMC), located on the second floor of Falk Library, is open to health sciences faculty, students, and staff. Technology available at the CMC includes scanners, DVD burners, and Windows XP computers.

Other technology/services (www.hsls.pitt.edu/howdoi/article.php?id=114) available at the CMC include:

Group Study Rooms

Falk Library hosts four group study rooms, available for 2-8 people. Each room is equipped with a circulating laptop, Internet access, and a plasma display monitor. Individuals can reserve group study rooms online or on a first come, first served basis from the CMC helpdesk. Keys and laptops for these rooms should be picked up at the CMC helpdesk.

In-house Hardware and Software

The CMC's computer lab has Windows XP based Dell computers, along with several Macintosh computers, connected to both the campus network and the Internet. The computers are equipped with software for word processing, spreadsheets, statistics, graphics, video editing, and database management.

Peripheral hardware includes CD-ROM and DVD-ROM writers, video capturing devices, and flat-bed and slide scanners. Audiovisual equipment housed in the CMC includes slide-projectors, audio tape players, VHS videotape players, and DVD players.

Printing

Color, black-and-white, and double sided printing, are available from the CMC. Patrons must pay for printing through the use of VendaCards. Medical students may use their subsidized accounts to forego VendaCard printing on the black-and-white printer in the CMC only.

Circulating Technology

The CMC provides circulating technology, which currently includes twenty-seven general purpose Dell laptops, one Macintosh iBook, and one Dell specifically for Pathway Assist that can be checked out by patrons for up to four hours. Laptops have access to the Pitt wireless system with a valid university username and password and can be taken outside the library. Also available are headphones that may be checked out for up to four hours, and USB flash drives that may be checked out for up to twenty-four hours.

The CMC also offers a collection of audiovisual materials including slides, audiocassettes, videotapes, CDs and DVDs, which may be checked out for one week.

Operating hours (www.hsls.pitt.edu/services/computing) for the CMC are the same as Falk Library; however the computer center closes 15 minutes earlier. For questions regarding the CMC technology or policies please call the helpdesk at 412-648-9109.

~ CMC helpdesk staff

HSLS Offers Educational Support

The Health Sciences Library System (HSLS) supports the educational needs of the health sciences faculty and students. Teaching faculty should be aware of the many ways HSLS can provide course assistance.

How the library can help:

Integrated class sessions

Reference librarians are available to provide integrated instruction (www.hsls.pitt.edu/services/instruction/customizedinstruction) in information skills as part of courses offered in the Schools of the Health Sciences. Librarians can provide instruction on access to online resources, such as databases and full text journals, and instruction on identifying and evaluating subject-specific Web sites.

Web-based curriculum support

Web-based information resources can provide curriculum support (www.hsls.pitt.edu/services/instruction/customizedinstruction) to students on and off campus. Information resources include links to full-text journal articles, database searches developed by a librarian, chapters in electronic textbooks, and authoritative Web resources.

Course reserves

Provide access to required or supplemental reading materials by placing books and journal articles on closed reserve (www.hsls.pitt.edu/services/collection/reserves).

Request books to supplement a course

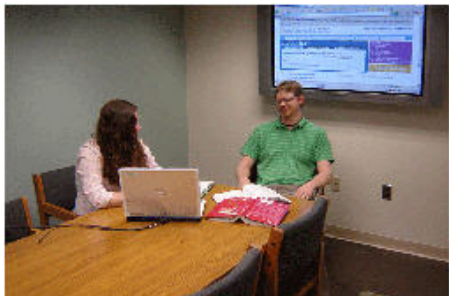
Faculty may request the purchase (www.hsls.pitt.edu/services/collection/purchase) of materials that support teaching, study or research.

Computing resources

The Computer and Media Center staff can assist in creating a CD-ROM that contains slides, Power Point presentations, image files and word documents to be used during a course. Instruction is available on presentation software such as PowerPoint or Photoshop. Faculty may request the purchase of software applications and videos to supplement a course. Please call 412-648-9109 for details.

~ Nancy Tannery

Falk Library Group Study Rooms



Because two heads are better than one, Falk Library offers four group study rooms— spaces to communicate and learn while still maintaining the library's quiet atmosphere. The rooms may be reserved for up to four hours and accommodate two to eight people. Each group study room contains a table, chairs, a laptop (upon request), and a plasma display monitor.

You may reserve a room online or in person in the Falk Library Computer and Media Center (CMC) up to three days in advance. A valid Pitt ID or HSLS account is

required for bookings. Before booking a room, please take a moment to read the group study room policy (www.hsls.pitt.edu/groupstudy/policy.html).

Please see the CMC help desk staff to obtain the room key for your reserved time. You must provide your Pitt ID or HSLs library card to access the room.

~ Fran Yarger

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