Galter Library Recieves Health Web Kudos: $114,845 Contract and MLA's Frank Bradway Rogers Award

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Greater Midwest Region Contract
The Galter Health Sciences Library is the recipient of a Greater Midwest Region, NN/LM $114, 895 contract to upgrade and convert HealthWeb from a collection of home pages into an interactive database. The twenty-four month contract supports hiring a programmer, purchasing a server and acquiring database software.

The new database version of HealthWeb will allow library staff to enter the data about selected resources into a database form. The new web-based system then organizes the resources according to a specified model and the web page is created automatically by the software. Easy management of new and updated resources along with a consistent interface and better search engine for the user are the ultimate goals of the new database.

HealthWeb (www.healthweb.org) is an organized list of selective, evaluated web resources produced in a collaborative effort by the librarians and information professionals from the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (Big Ten academic consortium including the University of Chicago) and the member institutions of the Greater Midwest Region (GMR) of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM). The Galter Library is the technical site for healthweb.org.

Frank Bradway Rogers Award
During the Medical Library Association's Centennial conference in Philadelphia, May 22-27, 1998, the Galter Library staff received recognition along with its Midwestern

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EndNote 3.0 Installed on Library Computers

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The Galter Library recently purchased the bibliographic management software, EndNote 3.0, for computers in the Reference Room and the Learning Resources Center. Such software is enormously helpful to anyone who does research and writes papers. It allows one to keep personal databases of frequently cited books and articles and easily integrate references from these databases into one's papers, all with the proper formatting and style required by the publisher.

With version 3.0, EndNote has added some powerful new features. It is now possible to search the Galter databases from within EndNote and save results directly into EndNote. The new version also works with word processing applications to allow easy access to EndNote references while writing.

We selected EndNote 3.0, in part, because of these new features, but also because it seems to be the most popular bibliographic management software package among our patrons. We hope that this purchase will lead to the adoption of EndNote as a standard for the Medical School, which will allow us to more effectively offer training and technical support. Patrons who already own a competing package such as Reference Manager or ProCite should know that references downloaded in EndNote can be imported into these programs, and vice versa. Product information on EndNote 3.0 is available at http://www.endnote.com/. EndNote currently retails for $300. Students can get it for $100.

Introducing The New NUcat: How Will It Work?

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The libraries of Northwestern University will be converting to Voyager, a new integrated library system at the end of the summer (see *Library Notes* November/December 1997). The Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) Implementation Group has made several decisions on the function and look of the Voyager NUcat for future use by the Northwestern community. Here is a synopsis of some decisions reached so far.

How Will I Access and Use the OPAC?

You can access the OPAC by going to the Galter Library home page and clicking on the NUcat button. As with the old NUcat, library users will search the new online catalog to find out what books, journals and other materials are available at Northwestern University libraries. Users will have their choice of clients to use in searching. The Web client will principally serve the needs of remote library users, but it will also be available from library workstations for those users who prefer this version. A somewhat faster Windows client will also be available inside the Galter Library.

What Kinds of Searching are available?

You will be be able to click on five different buttons to search for library materials: by subject, author, title, journal title, or call number. Other methods of searching will include keyword searching (a relevance-ranked, web-type search); a Boolean, command line search; and a more guided, menu-driven way of searching.

How Will Search Results be Displayed?

After performing subject, author, or title searches, you will see the title, publication date and owning library name of the records that match your search request. You can then choose a display option for a particular record- "Brief View", "Long View", "Table of Contents" (only if this information is available for the item), and "Linked Resources" (if there is a link to an electronic resource such as an electronic journal).

Will I be able to Print, download and E-mail My Search Results?

You will be able to display, print, download, and e-mail results of your searches. The display will vary, depending on the option that you have selected. For example, it is anticipated that the "Print" command will result in a brief form of the record, but that "Download" and "E-mail" will result in a longer, more detailed form of the record.

Will There be Hot Links in NUcat?

Searchers will be able to click on hot links to eliminate steps in the search process. For example, you will be able to click on a subject heading and perform that subject search or click on an author name and find all materials in the catalog by that author. Many records will also include hot links to electronic resources such as electronic journals or other web resources.

How Will Galter Library Users Learn the New System?

It is anticipated that in August 1998, Northwestern University libraries will be fully operational with the new Voyager integrated library system. Galter Health Sciences Library users will have the opportunity to become acquainted with the new system in a variety of ways. Reference staff will be available in the Eckenhoff Reference Room to answer user questions starting Monday, August 3rd. Small group training sessions or one-on-one training will be available. On August 15th, library staff will demon-

colleagues for its work in creating HealthWeb. HealthWeb received MLA's ISI-Frank Bradway Rogers Information Advancement Award. Accepting the award were: Pat Redman, University of Michigan; Julia Ann Kelly, University of Minnesota; Ellen Nagle, University of Minnesota; Elaine Martin, University of Illinois at Chicago and James Shedlock, Northwestern University. The five recipients represent nearly 100 librarians and information professionals who have worked on HealthWeb since 1994. The award "is presented annually in recognition of outstanding contributions for the application of technology to the delivery of health science information, to the science of information, or to the facilitation of the delivery of health science information. The award, sponsored by the Institute for Scientific Information, was first presented in 1973." Librarians and information professionals search and identify, evaluate and select, describe and organize the best information available on the Web for the many health science disciplines important to users. Each participating institution is responsible for their share of the disciplines. Northwestern's commitment is to Dentistry, Pediatrics, Physiology, Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, Physical Therapy, Diabetes and Endocrinology. ✍

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The Medical Library Association (MLA), the premier professional organization for Galter librarians and information professionals, began its Centennial Year at its annual conference in Philadelphia, MLA's birthplace. The celebration ends at the 1999 annual meeting in Chicago, home of MLA headquarters.

MLA was founded in 1898 by four librarians and four physicians. The Association of Medical Librarians (as it was known until 1907) was founded "to encourage the improvement and increase of public medical libraries." Nearly a century later, MLA has grown to a professional organization of more than 1,200 institutions and 3,000 professionals in the health information field.

MLA is dedicated to improving excellence in health information librarianship and fosters professional development of members through continuing education, career information resources, meetings and teleconferences, publications, courses, awards, scholarships, and various support services. MLA's Academy of Health Information Professionals recognizes individuals who have demonstrated continuous career advancement through participation in life-long learning, professional activities, and publications or presentations. The Association also serves as an advocate for the profession and for all health sciences libraries.

The Galter librarians and information professionals will participate in the year long celebration by highlighting MLA's centennial through special displays and articles in *Library Notes.* ✍

strate a variety of new and enhanced library information resources at the "Taste Of Galter," to be held in the Learning Resources Center, and will include searching the new NUcat. The Galter Library's Home page (http://www.galter.nwu.edu) is a good starting point for the beginning searcher since hot links will be provided to class information, tutorials, and to the new NUcat itself. ✍

STAFF CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

This spring Galter staff participated in three important conferences to gain insight into how we can continue to enhance library services and programs.

Medical Library Association
Galter Library staff successfully represented Northwestern University at the recent Medical Library Association annual conference, May 22-27, 1998 in Philadelphia. Through various leadership roles, presentations and special recognition, Galter staff demonstrated their skills in health information services.

Dan Barkey, Head of Information Systems, and Steve Hunt, Electronic Resources Librarian, presented a paper poster, "Expanding the Electronic Library: Offering Library Services Using a Web Database System". The poster described the use of web-based database software, using electronic reserves as a model, to show how value is added to the organization of web documents.

Steve Hunt received some surprise recognition while attending a CE course on "Providing and Evaluating Electronic Full-text Information Delivery". During the course, the instructors highlighted the Galter web page he had created as an example and model of how best to organize library subscriptions to electronic journals. The instructors asked Steve to stand and receive recognition from his colleagues in the class.

Pat Anderson, former Media Librarian, participated in two electronic posters: "Comparison of Health Information Megasites", with Nancy Allee, Jean Chung, and Brian Westra, all of the University of Michigan, and Virginia Lingle, Pennsylvania State University,

comparing 25 Internet sites on criteria such as administration, quality control, content and design; and "Educational Media and Technologies: Our Common History and Uncommon Future", honoring the history of the Educational Media and Technologies Section for the Medical Library Association Centennial.

In his plenary presentation, "The Digital Estate: Strategies for Surviving and Thriving in an Interactive Age", Charles L. Martin, Jr., President of the Digital Estate Group featured the Galter Library web page. While discussing "service focus" as one of seven trends for success, Martin described and demonstrated the value of the Galter page's use of maps as a type of service focus.

Staff participated in a number of leadership positions within MLA. Jim attended MLA's Board of Directors' meetings before and after the conference. Faith Ross, Special Projects Librarian, participated in MLA's Chapter Council. Both Jim and Faith attended a special Leadership Institute on the role of leaders in volunteer organizations. Linda Walton, Assistant Librarian, serves on the National Program Committee for MLA's 2000 meeting in Vancouver. Ramune Kubilius assisted in efforts to promote the 1999 Chicago conference. Steve Hunt, Karen Gegner, former Head of Client Services, and Barbara Nadler, Education Coordinator, all attended CE courses.

Special Libraries Association
Ramune Kubilius, Head of Reference and Research Services, attended the 89th Annual Special Libraries Association (SLA) Conference in Indianapolis. The conference theme, "Leadership, Perfor-

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Steven Hunt is now the Electronic Resources Librarian for Galter. His responsibilities include serving as Galter Webmaster and overseeing the Learning Resources Center. Steve's enthusiasm for quality service and technology is perfect for continuing to develop the LRC. Good luck Steve!

Patricia Anderson, formerly Media Librarian, is now the head of the Dental School Library at the University of Michigan. Congratulations Pat!

Linda O'Dwyer is now the Reference and Research Services Library Assistant. Look for Linda and her lovely Irish brogue in the Reference Room.

LaShanda Howard-Curry began serving as the Program Assistant for Administration in July. LaShanda has worked in several library departments and brings extensive experience to her new position.

Gerald Battle is the new evening supervisor at the circulation desk. Gerald most recently worked at the IIT Library in the circulation and technical departments. Welcome to Galter!

Dan Zamudio has accepted the position as Clerk III in Interlibrary Loan. Dan has been working at the AHA Library for the past year. Welcome to Galter!

Karen Gegner, Head, Client Services, has accepted a position with Endeavor, the company developing our new integrated library system, Voyager. Good luck Karen!

Sylvia Nicholas-Moin has left Galter to pursue other career paths. Good luck Sylvia!

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mance, Excellence: Information Professionals in the Driver's Seat", guided a number of plenary sessions that highlighted librarians' skills in managing information. Of note to the Northwestern community was the National Library of Medicine's announcement to provide free access to its toxicology literature beginning this Fall. The SLA exhibit hall, a primary gathering spot for attendees, was busy with vendors displaying new products or information resources for libraries.

Illinois Library Association
The Illinois Library Association's conference for library assistants, "Reaching Forward 1998", was held April 24th at the Rosemont Convention Center and attracted over 1,100 registrants. As part of Galter Library's staff training and development program, eight paraprofes-

sionals attended for the first time.

Sylvia Murphy Williams, Director of the Dundee Township Public Library, gave the inspiring keynote address –- "Be Positively Charged" –- tracing her career path from library page to her current position. Candidates for Secretary of State (who, in Illinois, serves as the State Librarian) Al Salvi and Jesse White spoke at the luncheon.

In addition to the plenary sessions, staff had the opportunity to network with others, to visit vendor exhibits, and to choose three events of interest from more than 30 different workshops and discussion groups. Topics included: Technical Services –- Who's the customer?, Turning managers into leaders, Training staff on technology, and Meeting facilitation training.

MEDICAL ARTIFACTS COLLECTION TO BE CATALOGED

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The Galter Health Science Library's collection of medical artifacts dates from the 17th century to the early 20th century. Included in the collection are artifacts that illuminate various eras of medicine. For example, in the collection is a sheet of "anti-vaccination stamps" meant to discourage vaccination earlier this century; a framed display with explanatory note of the medicines used to treat Scarlet Fever; and a lancet used on George Washington when he wasn't being treated with leeches. These instruments and other medical paraphernalia, while historically and medically significant, are of little use in their present state without better organization. A goal of the Special Collections Department is to create an online pictorial database of this unique collection to be arranged as a pictorial dictionary.

Soon researchers will be able to know not only what we own and who donated it, but what it looks like and its place in history. Medical instruments document not only mankind's ingenuity, but man's tenuous grasp of humanity.

By creating an online picture dictionary of our instruments and artifacts we will fill a void in the library's service mission. The first step in this process is the complete identification of all the library's medical instruments. To identify medical instruments one must first have a general knowledge of materials and techniques used during the particular era to narrow the instruments' age down to a century. Next, access to illustrated texts to positively identify the particular item is required. Older instruments are even more difficult to identify and are identified only by professionals with the time, interest and expertise to do so.

The online picture dictionary is a 'work in progress', and staff will be seeking external support to enhance this important project. Faculty interested in participating in the identification of historic instruments are welcome to contact Laurel Graham at the e-mail address listed above.

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SUMMER HOURS

During the summer of 1998, Galter Health Sciences
Library hours will continue its academic hours.

MON-THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
8:30 am - 12 midnight	8:30 am - 9 pm	9 am - 7 pm	11 am - 11 pm

Reference assistance will be available:

MON-THURS	FRI-SAT
9 am - 6 pm	9 am - 5 pm