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Extra! Extra! Library To Use Blog to Deliver News

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The Galter Health Sciences Library wants its users to be as informed as possible about what's happening at the library and what we're doing to improve our services and resources. With this in mind, the library is about to change how it delivers its news: we have implemented a blog! The Library News blog will not only keep you up to date, but it will also allow you to give us more immediate feedback on the library and information-related issues that matter most to you.

With the new blog, all news entries posted by Galter Health Sciences Library staff are categorized for easy retrieval at a later date - you can search for news across the entire blog archive or limited to categories of interest; you can also have news items emailed to you or picked up by your RSS reader. We get immediate feedback when you respond to news items directly using the "Add a Comment" feature beneath each news item. Your comments will be posted directly to our Web site. We know that our users have strong opinions and we invite you to share them with us by discussing them on the blog.

The library news blog should be unveiled by mid-August. Once implemented, you can click any of the news items in the Library News section on our home page. Please let us know what you think of this new feature!

To find out more about blogging,

Room

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Materia medica: 1,700 years at a glance

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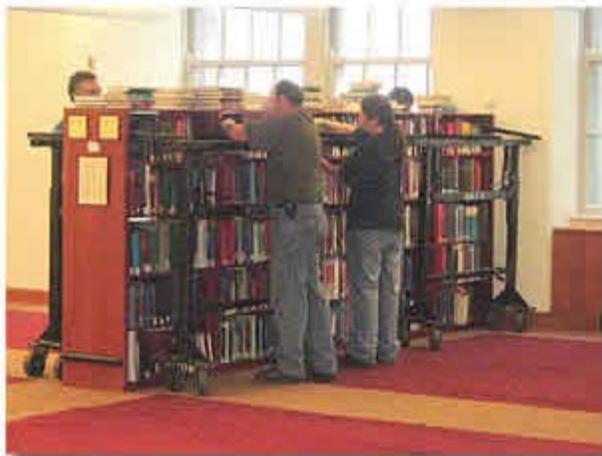
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actually lifted the West Reading Room stacks to make it easier to install the carpet tiles (see photo at left). New carpeting was ordered to replace the wall-to-wall carpeting that had buckled and became worn at the various seams thus causing a safety hazard. In addition, the entire floor has been painted and new network connections have been installed under the study carrels. The only item missing is new chairs, which will be proposed in future budget requests.



Considerable carpet damage requiring replacement

We hope that library users will enjoy the refurbished library environment, especially our incoming and returning students who value the quiet zone designated on Level 2.



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Quiet study zone on Level 2

Please take a look at our Web site, available at <http://www.galter.northwestern.edu>.

Here is a selection of the Web pages you may be interested in:

- **Library Information**: Find out about **hours**, **policies**, and general information on the library
- **New Library User FAQs**: Questions geared to the needs of the new user
- **About the Health SmartLibrary**: Learn all about how to customize and personalize the library Web site and how you can access everything from off-campus
- **Class Schedule**: Take a lunchtime class on EndNote, MEDLINE, and more

Here are some guides to help you find resources:

- [M1 Resource Guide](#)
- [Physical Therapy Resource Guide](#)
- [IGP Resource Guide](#)
- [Biomedical Engineering Resource Guide](#)
- [Genetic Counseling Resource Guide](#)
- [Orthotics and Prosthetics Resource Guide](#)

If you would like an overview of the library, either our physical facilities or our electronic collection, please don't hesitate to contact us. We would be happy to schedule a time for you to get acquainted with the library at your convenience.

Please call us at (312) 503-8109 or email the Education team at galter-ed@northwestern.edu.



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Jumping nearly three hundred years from Renaissance Cologne to early Federal Boston, Jacob Bigelow's *American medical botany* (1817-1821) rounds out this glance at the library's large collection of *materia medica*. Bigelow's text is a milestone in the history of North American medicinal plant literature and an important landmark in the history of printing, as it is the first American book printed with color plates! [Jacob Bigelow \(1787-1879\)](#) was a native of Massachusetts. He earned his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1810 and went on to practice medicine in Boston. Later he became a lecturer in botany at Harvard.



Dioscorides, 1529
Parallel text in Greek and Latin,
with hand-colored initial letters

Viewing the library's historical and rare books is by appointment only. Please email rnsms@northwestern.edu or call 312-503-1913 for further information.



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If you want to keep up to date and have news delivered to you, you should consider [Really Simple Syndication](#) (RSS). RSS is a web syndication protocol which allows you to have news fed to you instead requiring you to search for it. Have you ever seen these orange icons on Web sites and wondered what they mean     ? You will usually find these icons on news sites or weblogs (blogs). Web sites that display these icons distribute content via RSS. As content is updated on the Web site, it is pushed to users through RSS feeds which can be read by subscribers using an RSS reader (sometimes called aggregators). By occasionally checking your RSS reader you can keep on top of your favorite news sites, blogs, and best of all Galter Health Sciences Library News (coming soon). The [New England Journal of Medicine](#), and many other medical journals now offer RSS feeds of their tables of contents. Ebling Library at the University of Wisconsin has compiled [a nice list of medical journals offering RSS feeds](#).

There are many RSS readers available to you. The process of subscribing to feeds may vary depending on which reader you are using. Some readers will automatically detect feeds from Web sites, others allow you to drag and drop the orange feed icons to subscribe, and others will require that you cut and paste the URL of the Web site to subscribe.

Below is a list of just a few RSS Readers. Many are free! See the [RSS readers](#) section of [RSS Compendium](#) for an incredibly comprehensive list and the [RSS Blog](#) for a somewhat dated review of some of the more popular RSS readers.

Standalone RSS Readers

- FeedReader
- Pluck
- Awasu
- FeedDemon
- MedReader

Web-based RSS readers

- Bloglines
- NewsGator
- Rocketinfo

Firefox Extension RSS Readers

- Sage
- Wizz RSS News Reader

For more information on RSS, see [Wikipedia](#) or the [CNET RSS tutorial](#). If you have questions about setting up RSS feeds, feel free to contact Mark Berendsen at m-berendsen@northwestern.edu or by calling 312-503-1916.



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According to Wikipedia (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blog>) a blog, short for weblog, "is a type of website where entries are made (such as in a journal or diary), displayed in a reverse chronological order. Blogs often provide commentary or news on a particular subject, such as food, politics, or local news; some function as more personal online diaries."

Blogs can have one author or a group of people who contribute. A person who writes and maintains a blog is called a blogger. The act of creating a blog is called blogging. Each entry that is put on a blog by the blogger is called a post.

Most blogs allow for and encourage reader participation in the form of comments. Most bloggers allow people who read their posts to write comments that display with the original post. The comments, like the post, are publicly available. Sometimes a reader may find a posting on a blog of particular interest so instead of leaving a comment with the post the reader may decide to write their reactions on their own blog. In this case the reader will add a trackback in the comments area. A trackback is a link from one blog to another blog on the same or similar topic.

There are a variety of ways to keep up on what's new on your favorite blogs. Many blogs include the ability to syndicate their content using RSS (see [article on RSS](#) in this issue of *Library Notes*), so you can keep up with what's new using your favorite RSS reader. Many blogs will also allow its readers to register for email updates so new posts are sent to your email. While there are new tools to keep up on new posts you can still do it the old fashioned way: just go to the blog Web site.

The Galter Health Sciences Library is about to implement a blog for its Library News section in August 2006. See the article about this on the [front page of this issue of Library Notes](#). Find out more about blogging and blogs by checking out the Wikipedia entry linked above.



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Web Site Usability Testing on the Way

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Beginning in August, the Galter Health Sciences Library will be conducting usability assessments of its Web site, followed by a site redesign. Instead of creating a site redesign right away, we would like to run through our current site in order to elucidate the good, the bad and the ugly. The redesign, then, will depend heavily on the direct feedback of you, our users. First, the library is creating an online survey aimed at discovering some of the common issues and advantages of the current interface. Then we will begin formal usability assessment, observing volunteer users performing common tasks on the Web site. Under direct user observation, unforeseen problem areas of a Web site often become quite obvious. Using a fresh general assessment of the current site, we will create new "prototype" redesigns that will undergo further rounds of usability assessment. Without the re-testing, there is no way to know if squeaky wheels have truly been fixed, or if "improvements" have created a new range of problems.



Here's hoping there's more good than bad or ugly on the library's Web site

Throughout the redesign we will also conduct focus groups to discuss likes and dislikes, again offering perspective into our users' expectations and issues. Instead of creating a new Web site behind closed doors, the library would like you to become more involved in the process. General feedback about the current Web site is very helpful and always welcomed. Simply use the "Comments and Suggestions" link at the bottom of any Galter Health Sciences Library Web page. Anyone who is interested in participating in a round of usability assessment or a focus group should contact Jim Brucker at jimb@northwestern.edu.



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The Northwestern University Libraries online catalog system (NUcat) will be undergoing a software upgrade. The upgrade will commence at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 10th, and is expected to be completed by Sunday, August 13. During the upgrade, NUcat will be available for searching. While circulation information will be displayed, it may not accurately reflect the actual status of the item. Patron-initiated renewals will not be available through NUcat during the upgrade.

Once the upgrade is complete, the Galter Health Sciences Library will no longer use a separate interface for the online catalog system, NUcat. When users access NUcat from the Galter Health Sciences Library Web site, they will be taken to the updated NUcat that is used by most of the libraries at Northwestern University. NUcat contains the entire holdings information for all Northwestern University Libraries, including the Galter Health Sciences Library.

Besides the new look for Galter Health Sciences Library patrons, the following changes will also be implemented:

- The default search will be set to search by keyword instead of for a journal title.
- The **Limit to** option has also changed, with the addition of new limits for the Evanston and Chicago campuses.
- The limits to each of the hospital collections are no longer available from the **Limit to** drop down menu. To search for items in a particular hospital's collection users can:
 - go to **Choose More Limits** and then select the library from the Library Location section or
 - go to the Galter Health Sciences Library Web site, **mouseover the Catalog menu** on the navigation bar, and then click on the hospital library whose collection they want to search. This link will limit the search to the retrieval of items in the chosen hospital's collections.



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In our last issue of *Library Notes*, we reported on a new services and resources web portal for alumni (see *The Alumni Gateway to Health Information and Services*, *Library Notes*, #40). This dedicated Web portal provides quick and efficient access to many of the library's services and electronic resources. Alumni of the Medical and Dental Schools are eligible to use many of the same services available to current faculty, staff, and students. These services include photocopy service, literature searches, book-borrowing, library classes on MEDLINE and other tools, and special collections research. Some of these services are fee-based. See the [Alumni Gateway](#) for details.

Up until now, owing to strict publisher agreements, we have been only able to provide free and publicly-available online books and journals through the Alumni Gateway. Recently, we have been able to add additional full-text licensed resources, at no additional cost to our alumni. These new resources require that alumni register on the library's Web site, full details of which are available on the [Alumni Gateway](#) page. We will assess alumni usage of these resources and determine if there is a need for further additions. In the meantime, please let us know if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about the Alumni Gateway or the services and resources we are providing.

The full list of new resources is outlined below. Further freely-available resources can be found at the Alumni Gateway. Remember, alumni need to log in to the library Web site to access these resources.

- ***JAMA: Journal of the American Medical Association*** (1998-present)
- **AccessMedicine** - a suite of reference and textbooks that includes (as of August 2006):
 - *Harrison's Online*
 - *Hurst's The Heart*
 - *Current Medical Diagnosis & Treatment*
 - *Principles of Critical Care*
 - *Williams Hematology*
 - *Adams and Victor's Principles of Neurology*
 - *Schwartz Surgery Online*
 - *Goodman & Gilman's Pharmacology*
 - *Williams Obstetrics*
 - *Fitzpatrick Color Atlas*
 - *Tintinalli's*
 - *Emergency Medicine*
 - *MMBID The Metabolic and Molecular Bases of Inherited Disease*

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- About the HSL
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- Staff Directory
- Departmental Phone Numbers
- Library Notes
- The Alumni Gateway**
- Remote Access (Proxy Server)
- All Library Information

Access the Alumni Gateway from either the Library Information or the Services menus on the Galter Health Sciences Library home page.

(MMBID)

- Several more titles are available in the Educational Library section of the AccessMedicine portal. See the [AccessMedicine](#) portal for the entire collection.
- **Stat!Ref** - a suite of reference and textbooks that includes (as of August 2006):
 - *ACP Medicine*
 - *ACP's PIER: The Physicians' Information and Education Resource w/ AHFS DI Essentials*
 - *ACS Surgery: Principles & Practice*
 - *AHFS Drug Information®*
 - *AJCC Cancer Staging Handbook*
 - *Burket's Oral Medicine Diagnosis and Treatment*
 - *Control of Communicable Diseases Manual*
 - *Current Critical Care Diagnosis & Treatment*
 - *DeGowin's Diagnostic Examination*
 - *Delmar's Guide to Laboratory and Diagnostic Tests*
 - *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual - Text Revision (DSM-IV-TR™)*
 - *Dictionary of Medical Acronyms & Abbreviations*
 - *Essentials of Oral Medicine*
 - *Family Medicine: Principles and Practice*
 - *Geriatric Medicine: An Evidence Based Approach*
 - *Goldfrank's Toxicologic Emergencies*
 - *Guide to Culturally Competent Health Care*
 - *ICD-9-CM - Volumes 1, 2 and 3*
 - *Ingenix® CPT with RVUs Data File*
 - *Internal Medicine, Stein*
 - *Medical Immunology*
 - *Merck Manual*
 - *Neonatology: Management, Procedures, On-Call Problems, Diseases, and Drugs*
 - *Oral Cancer*
 - *Oxford Handbook of Tropical Medicine*
 - *Oxford Textbook of Palliative Medicine*
 - *Peterson's Principles of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*
 - *Pharmacotherapeutics: A Primary Care Clinical Guide*
 - *Red Book®: 2006 Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases*
 - *Review of General Psychiatry*
 - *Rudolph's Pediatrics*
 - *Sherris Medical Microbiology*
 - *Taber's® Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary*
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The Galter Library tries to acquire current books authored by Feinberg School of Medicine faculty. Recent books authored or edited by faculty that were acquired include (NU authors are in bold):

Clinical nutrition in gastrointestinal disease / edited by **Alan L. Buchman**
Level 2, WD 100 C641 2006

Current diagnosis and treatment of pain / edited by **Jamie H. Von Roenn,**
Judith A. Paice, Michael E. Preodor
Quick Reference, WL 704 C977 2007

Evolution of microbial pathogens / edited by **H. Steven Seifert** and Victor J.
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Handbook of sleep medicine / [edited by] **Alon Y. Avidan, Phyllis C. Zee**
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Meetings, Presentations, and Posters

The annual Medical Library Association conference, held in Phoenix, Arizona from May 19th-24th, saw several Galter Health Sciences Library staff members demonstrating their hard work and dedication by serving on committees, organizing meetings, and presenting vibrant and informative posters:

- **James Shedlock**, Director, co-chaired the 2006 MLA National Program Committee
- **Linda Walton**, Associate Director, was elected as a new MLA board member
- **James Brucker**, Instructional Design Librarian, has been appointed the editor of the Educational Media and Technologies Section newsletter and is now on the MLA Membership Committee
- **Stephanie Kerns**, Head, Education & Outreach/Curriculum Librarian, is chair of the Nominating Committee of the Educational Media and Technologies Section
- **Ramune Kubilius**, Collection Development / Special Projects Librarian, is membership chair of the Collection Development Section; while in Phoenix, she served as a Colleague Connection mentor and was a recorder for the Chapter Council Sharing Roundtable on Marketing and Public Relations
- **Linda O'Dwyer**, Education Librarian, is chair of the Continuing Education Grant Jury

Among the posters presented were:

- *Evidence-based Surgery Training: Collaborating to Fulfill Competencies* by **Linda O'Dwyer** in collaboration with John Coyle, MD (from the Department of Surgery at Northwestern University).
- *A Catalyst for Technology Transformation: The Library's Role in Instructional Technology* by **James Brucker**, **Stephanie Kerns**, **Linda Walton** and **James Shedlock**.
- *Enhancing Electronic Learning Through the Use of Training Videos* by **Mark Berendsen**, Education Librarian and **Stephanie Kerns**.
- *XML in Action: Collaborating with a Third Party Book Review Service* by **Steven Hunt**, Web Librarian, and **Michelle Frisque**, Head, Information Systems, assisted by Rik Tamm-Daniels, Chief Technology Officer for Doody Enterprises, Inc.
- *Do We Really Need All of These Computers? Moving Beyond Observational Analysis for Gathering Usage Statistics of Public Computers* by **Michelle Frisque** and **Jeremy Prevost**, Technical Support Consultant.

Informative sessions presented by our staff included the work of **Mark Berendsen** and **Linda Walton**, who organized a six hour Patient Safety Symposium titled *Patient Safety: A Proactive Approach for Information Professionals*, which was offered on Saturday, May 20th.

Michelle Frisque was elected by the Board of Directors of Library & Information Technology Association (LITA) of the American Library Association (ALA) to serve on the LITA Executive Committee. Her one year term began in July 2006.

News from Special Collections

Celebration of Montgomery and Elizabeth Ward



Display case featuring memorabilia associated with the Montgomery Ward Memorial and gift.

On June 23, the portraits of Mr. & Mrs. Ward were formally rededicated after recent restoration. Gathering in the Lobby of the Montgomery Ward Memorial, members of the medical school Dean's staff and invited guests, including trustees of the Montgomery Ward Foundation, were treated to a brief historical presentation by **Ron Sims**, Special Collections Librarian. Ron discussed the life of Montgomery Ward and Mrs. Ward's generous gift to the University in memory of her husband.

Two display cases featured items from the library's Special Collections including photographs, newspaper articles, books and other memorabilia associated with the Memorial and Mrs. Ward's gift.

New life for old display cases

The success of the historical exhibit that was temporarily placed in the Ward Memorial Lobby to celebrate the restoration of the Ward portraits will be continued on Level 1 of the library, as an effort to promote and publicize the library's historical collection of rare books, instruments, prints and other memorabilia.

An "ancient" flat display case has been placed in the Reference Room to exhibit these materials on a rotating basis. The current exhibit features a dozen or so editions of *Regimen Sanitatis Salernitanum* and associated materials. See the [Spring 2006 issue of Library Notes](#) for information on the *Regimen* and the school at Salerno. Please send your comments or suggestions regarding our historical exhibits to rnsms@northwestern.edu.



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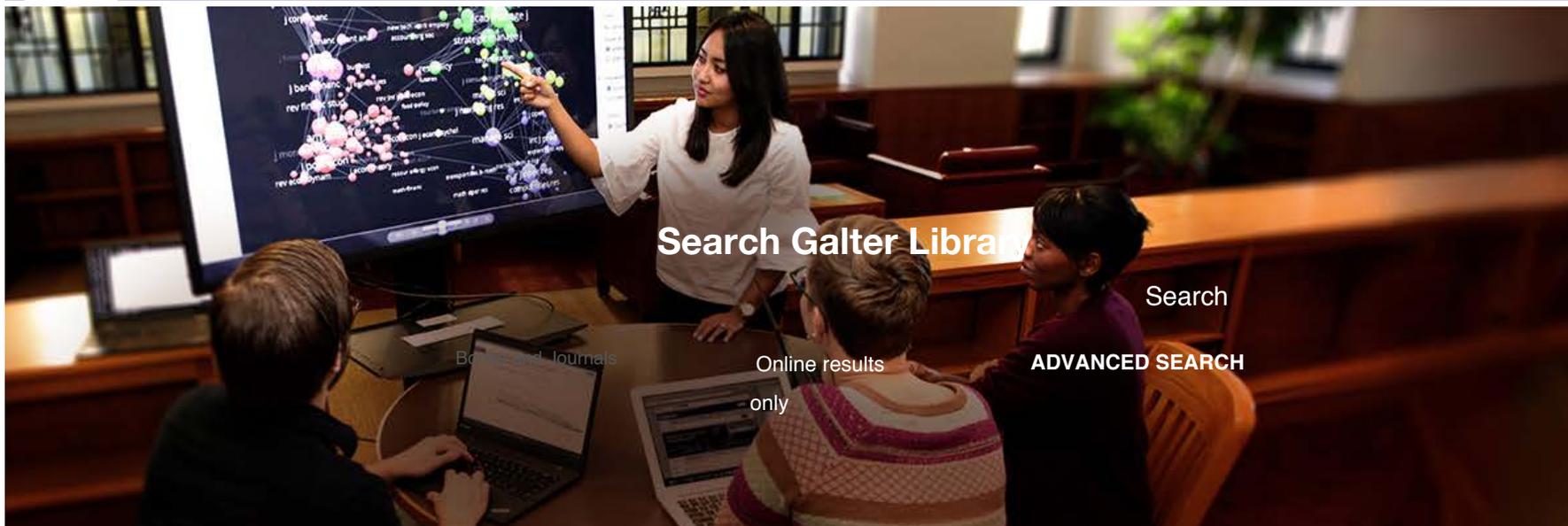
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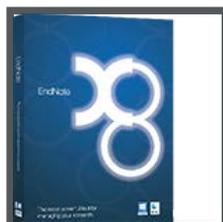
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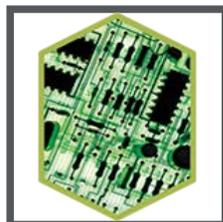
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Greek Medicine

"I Swear by Apollo Physician...": Greek Medicine from the Gods to Galen

Dioscorides: Early Pharmacology

Dioscorides of Anazarbus was a Greek physician born in southeast Asia Minor in the Roman Empire in the first few decades C.E. During his lifetime, Dioscorides traveled extensively seeking medicinal substances from all over the Roman and Greek world. He benefited greatly from the ease of travel across wide stretches of territory under the control of the Roman Empire at the height of its growth.



Between about 50-70 C.E., he wrote his fundamental work, *Peri ulhV iatrikhV*, known in Latin as *De materia medica*. This five book study focused upon "the preparation, properties, and testing of drugs" and became the most central pharmacological work in Europe and the Middle East for the next sixteen centuries.

As was the case with many Greek medical texts, *De materia medica* was treated as dogma for many years. By the mid-16th century, however, his message that investigation and experimentation were crucial to pharmacology began to emerge and modern research into medicines began.

Dioscorides. *Περι υλης ιατρικης* (*Codex Vindobonensis* - Med Gr. 1, ca. 1400, facsimile, Graz: Akademische Druck - u. Verlagstalt, 1965-1970)

This early 15th-century manuscript of Dioscorides has Arabic glosses beside the plant.



Dioscorides. *Περι υλης ιατρικης*. (Venice: Aldus Manutius, Romanus, July 1499).

This first Greek edition of Dioscorides was printed by Aldus Manutius, as was the case for so many Greek authors.



Dioscorides. *Acerca de la materia medicinal, y de los venenos mortiferos*. (Salamanca: Mathias Gast., 1566).

This Spanish edition of Dioscorides is one of the many illustrated editions which came out in the 16th century. Dioscorides included animal products in his medicines along with plants and minerals.



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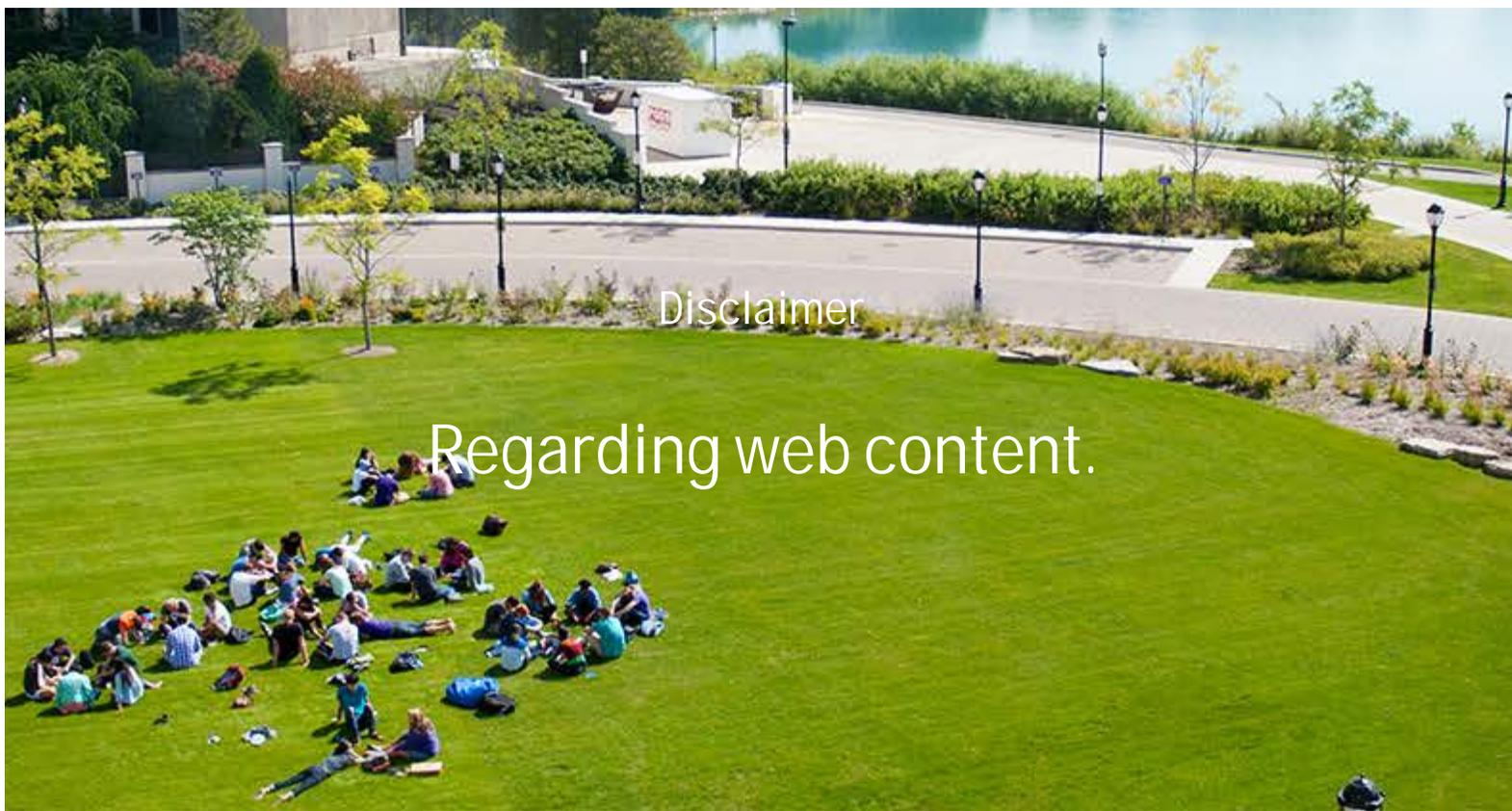
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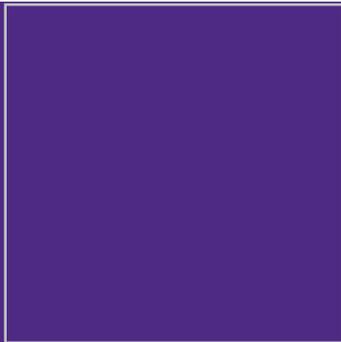
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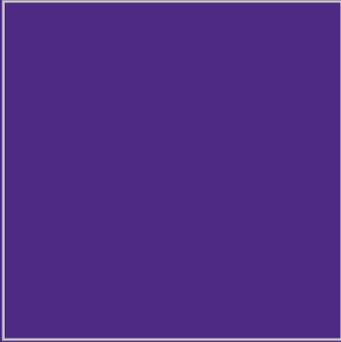
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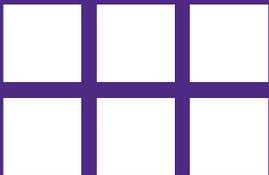
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