INNOPAC Gets a Facelift

On September 12, 2011, after months of work and collaboration between staff from the New Orleans and Shreveport Libraries, the revamped version of the Library's online catalog, INNOPAC, was made publicly available. Sporting a more streamlined look, the new incarnation of the catalog brings added functionality and highlights some new features introduced recently, such as the ability to find materials available for classes using the Course Reserves search.

The search box from the main page allows for Keyword, Title, Journal Title, Author, and Subject searching, but if you'd like to access additional options, the pull-down "(More Searches)" menu is the place to find these alternatives:

When accessing the catalog from on-campus or via Citrix, the search will automatically be limited to items available from the New Orleans Library. However, accessing the catalog off-campus defaults to searching the collections available at both the Shreveport and New Orleans Libraries, indicated by the alternate logo and menus at the top of the page:

Updated video tutorials featuring the revamped catalog are available to assist all patrons with using INNOPAC to find items available in Course Reserves, how to access books and journals from off-campus through the catalog, and also how to create a PIN to use off-campus resources.

If you need assistance with the new version of INNOPAC, or have any questions about any Library services, please contact the Reference librarians at either the Isché Library or the Dental Library.

-- Rebecca Bealer
Dental School Library Reopened Following Construction Work

From Tuesday, August 16 through Friday, December 9, 2011, the LSUHSC School of Dentistry Library was closed while the air conditioning system and lights were replaced. During this time, librarians Julie Schiavo and Liz Strother worked at vacant desks in offices on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building; Zerita Dupre worked at the Isché Library in technical services and at the circulation desk.

Most library services and resources were still available during these four months. The student photocopier, printer, and scanner were relocated to the 5th floor photocopier room. In most instances, Julie and Liz were able to retrieve books and journals for patrons from the closed library. All online services, such as database searches, reference questions, and assistance with electronic journal access, continued as usual.

The construction work proceeded in two parts. Quality Group moved books, furniture and equipment from the west side to the east side of the library. After the half of the library housing journals was completed in six weeks, everything was replaced and moving began on the side of the library with monographs and the circulation desk. Except for a few days during asbestos remediation, the staff members were allowed to enter the library while work was progressing.

Beginning December 1, Dental Library staff members worked to prepare the library for reopening. While Quality Group moved everything back into place, the library staff weeded the collection so that one range of shelving could be removed. This opened up the reading room space and allowed for desks and tables to be arranged in a library commons style.

When the library reopened to patrons, the workroom and study rooms were not completed and at this time, these areas are still not finished and are not usable. The library conference room also was not completed because it is scheduled to be merged into the distance learning classroom. With the reopening of the library, the hours were revised to:

- Sunday, 11:30 am-8 pm
- Monday through Thursday, 8 am-8 pm
- Friday, 8 am-5 pm.

-- Liz Strother
The Star is Born

In 1941, a small newsletter was published by residents of Carville, Louisiana. This newsletter was remarkable because it was the first patient publication of its kind: one that set out to eradicate fears and hearsay about Hansen's disease, more commonly known by its older name, leprosy. Carville, Louisiana was the last treatment center for Hansen's disease in the continental United States. Sometimes called the last "leper colony," Carville is about 85 miles upriver from New Orleans. The first patients were taken to the center by coal barge from New Orleans.

On the publication of that inaugural edition the editor remarked:

"We…some sixteen members of the patient body, have hitched our wagon to THE STAR because we sincerely believe that it will fill an important place in the life of our community. Further, this it will provide an excellent means of occupational therapy…A prominent Public Health Official remarked, "It is unfortunate that the general public is not conversant with the real facts concerning Hanson's Disease." We plan to publish many of these facts and to contradict the mass of misinformation that is constantly published in even the best newspapers and magazines."1

Contradicting the misinformation about leprosy was needed. In the 1890's, residents of New Orleans were terrified to learn that a treatment center for leprosy could be located in their city, so a more isolated location was selected. Even in the isolated setting, the lease of a plantation in Carville was done under the pretense that it was going to be an ostrich farm2.

Although Carville no longer houses patients with Hansen's Disease, (many of them are older and have relocated to a long term care facility in Baton Rouge), the STAR still publishes newsletters twice a year, promoting educated public opinion of Hansen's disease and furnishing vocational rehabilitation for interested patients.3 The Carville colony is now the National Hansen's Disease Museum4, offering exhibits and walking tours as well as various archives.

LSU Health Sciences Center Libraries is proud to collaborate with the Museum and the Louisiana Digital Library to offer a complete full-text run of The Star, 1941-2001. The collection consists of 429 digitized color issues of the newsletter in PDF, as well as two subject indexes to facilitate research. Content is available for free to search and download. Access the collection at http://www.louisianadigitallibrary.org/cdm4/index_p15140coll52.php?CISOROOT=/p15140coll52

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Announcements

Most of the Library handouts were updated with new screenshots to incorporate INNOPAC's new look.

Check out the Library's new 2-Minute Tips. Available from our blog and webpage.
Staff News

Carolyn K. Bridgewater, MLIS, MSW, AHIP, Reference Librarian, secured (along with Debbie Sibley) a Technology Improvement Award for partnering with Ville Ste. Marie (in Old Jefferson) to link seniors to NLM's consumer health information.

Kathryn E. Kerdolff, MLIS, AHIP, Reference Librarian, was the recipient of a Professional Development Award from the South Central Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Her award will fund her attendance at SGEA conference in Lexington, Kentucky in April.

Jennifer K. Lloyd, MLIS, AHIP, Information Technology & ILL Librarian and Acting Head-Circulation, was the recipient of a Professional Development Award from the South Central Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Her award will fund her attendance at the Innovative User's Group Annual Meeting in Chicago in April.

Kandice Osborne, Dental Evening Circulation Associate, joined the Dental Library in December. She is a UNO graduate and most recently worked for the UNO credit union.

Julie Schiavo, MLIS, AHIP, Dental Reference Librarian, has published an article entitled, "Oral Health Literacy in the Dental Office: The Unrecognized Patient Risk Factor" in the fall 2011 issue of Journal of Dental Hygiene.

Debbie Sibley, MEd, MLS, AHIP, Acting Director, secured (along with Carolyn Bridgewater) a Technology Improvement Award for partnering with Ville Ste. Marie (in Old Jefferson) to link seniors to NLM's consumer health information.

Elizabeth A. Strother, MLS, MBA, AHIP, Head of the Dental Library, won the Elizabeth K. Eaton Research Award at South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association annual meeting in October for a poster entitled "Incoming Dental Student Expectations of an Electronic Textbook Program." Her partners were Darlene Brunet, Larry Bates and John Gallo (all of the School of Dentistry).

Liz was also the recipient of a Professional Development Award from the South Central Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Her award funded her visit to the National Museum of Dentistry in Baltimore in October.
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