

**In Memorial**  
**Judith Ann Caruthers**  
**1943-2001**

Judith Caruthers, former Director of Libraries at LSU Health Sciences Center, died June 27th after fighting a long and courageous battle with cancer. Her career at LSU spanned more than 20 years. She began her Medical Center career in 1971 as a Library Associate. She earned her Masters in Library Science at LSU in Baton Rouge and then worked as a reference librarian, interlibrary loan librarian, and head of reference. She left to pursue doctoral studies at the University of Wisconsin in Madison returning to New Orleans in 1986 as Director of Libraries where she remained until illness forced her to retire in September 1997. She became a tenured Associate Professor in 1990.

She served as a consultant in the establishment of the Southeastern and Southwestern Area Health Education Centers and was a visiting professor at the LSU School of Library and Information Science in Baton Rouge. She was a member of the Medical Library Association, the Association of Health Information Professionals at the Distinguished Member level, the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association, and the Health Sciences Library Association of Louisiana.

The Library made many strides under Judith's directorship; it moved into the world of automation by bringing up, with the Shreveport Library, the online catalog in NOTIS and MEDLINE online. The move from the old library at 1542 Tulane Avenue to the Isché Library occurred in May 1989. Probably her greatest contribution to librarianship was as a teacher. She influenced many young library school students to become medical librarians, and many of them have said she changed their lives; they all remember her with great affection.

Her interests were vast. She played the flute with the LSU Medical Center Band in the 1970's, and she was instrumental in saving an Enrique Alferez frieze when renovations occurred at the Medical School. Mayor Marc Morial honored Judith for her contribution in saving the frieze by declaring November 8, 1996 as Judith Caruthers Day. She lived in the French Quarter for 30 years; she purchased a home there and was in the process of renovating it when she became ill. She loved living in New Orleans and the French Quarter, but Alabama was always home and Auburn was her university. She was buried on July 14th in Hugley, Alabama alongside her parents.

Farewell friend and colleague, rest in peace.

Contributions to the Judith Caruthers History of Medicine Fund may be sent to the LSU Health Sciences Center Library, 433 Bolivar Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.

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## Take note! Ovid Database changes are in effect

Effective July 2, 2001, the LSUHSC Library in New Orleans has changed the selection of databases searchable through the Ovid search system. As a result, some databases that were formerly available through Ovid are now available only through other search systems or websites.

The following databases continue to be available through Ovid:

- **MEDLINE**, 1966 to present
- **CINAHL**, 1982 to present
- **Core Biomedical Collection**, 1993 to present
- **BioethicsLine**, 1973 to 2000 only.

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**ERIC**, **PsycINFO**, **CancerLit**, and **HealthSTAR** are no longer available through Ovid, but may be accessed using the methods outlined below:

**ERIC - 1966 to present** will be available:

- Through the Silver Platter **WebSPIRS** *link removed* search system and
- Through **Cambridge Scientific Abstracts** *link removed*.

**PsycINFO - 1987 to present** will be available:

- Through Silver Platter **WebSPIRS** *link removed*.

To access these search systems, go to the Library's **homepage** *link removed* and click on the Search Systems link.

**CancerLit** is now available for free as a database offered directly from the National Cancer Institute's website.

- Access by going to the Library's **homepage** *link removed* and clicking on the Databases or Search Systems link, or
- By going directly to the NCI **website** *link removed*.

**HealthSTAR** will cease in its current form altogether. Journal articles that were previously indexed in HealthSTAR will now be incorporated into PubMed. Monographic materials that were previously indexed in HealthSTAR will be available from the National Library of Medicine's catalog, LOCATORplus.

- Users can access **PubMed** *link removed* two different ways:
  - 1) by going to the Library's **homepage** *link removed* and clicking on Search Systems, then clicking on NLM Databases in the left-hand frame, then clicking on PubMed in the right-hand frame, or
  - 2) by going directly to the PubMed website at **http://pubmed.gov/** *link removed*.
- Users can access **LOCATORplus** *link removed* by clicking the link at the bottom right-hand corner of the Library **homepage** *link removed*, or by going directly to LOCATORplus website at **http://locatorplus.gov/** *link removed*.

\*Additionally, **BioethicsLine** has ceased in its current form, and its future is uncertain at this time. For recent materials that would have been indexed in BioethicsLine, please contact a Reference Librarian.

As always, contact the Library's **Reference** *link removed* Department at 568-6102 or 568-8339, or the **Dental** *link removed* Library at 619-8507 to answer questions or address concerns.

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## The Cochrane Library

The **Cochrane Library (CL)** consists of a collection of unbiased electronic databases of reliable evidence about the effects of health care. The LSUHSC Library is pleased to offer this new full-text resource to its users. The **CL** is the product of the Cochrane Collaboration, an international not-for-profit organization, whose aim is to make up-to-date, accurate information about the effects of healthcare readily available worldwide. The Collaboration was formally launched in Oxford, England, in October 1993, and has expanded to centers in 15 countries (3 in the United States), with 50 topic-based review groups and over 6000 contributing members. The Cochrane Collaboration was named after Archie Cochrane, a British epidemiologist, who championed the importance of systematic, up-to-date reviews of all relevant randomized controlled trials of health care.

The Cochrane Library includes:

- **The Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews** - The core of The Cochrane Library - It contains 1,081 full-text records reviewing the effects of healthcare and is based on the best available information from worldwide sources about healthcare interventions. The reviews explore the evidence for and against the effectiveness and appropriateness of treatments, medications, surgery, education, etc., in specific circumstances. Also included are 866 protocols of reviews in preparation.
- **Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effectiveness** - Critical assessments and structured abstracts of good systematic reviews published elsewhere.
- **The Cochrane Controlled Trials Register** - Bibliographic information on controlled trials.
- Other sources of information including the **Cochrane Database of Methodology Reviews**, **The Cochrane Methodology Register**, and other resources.

### Using the Cochrane Library

The Cochrane Library is accessed from the Library's homepage, and is available to patrons within the LSUHSC domain in the New Orleans area. **Press enter to begin; no userid and password are necessary.**

*Note:* Cochrane Reviews are indexed in MEDLINE and in the Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL). To obtain the full-text of the cited review, a user must then do a search of the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews.

The Library's Fall Newsletter will contain a search tips article on the Cochrane Library. For further information and assistance, please contact the Library's **Reference ~~link removed~~** Department at 568-6102 or 568-8339, or the **Dental ~~link removed~~** Library at 619-8507.

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## Access to Electronic Materials from the LSUHSC Library

The Library provides electronic access to many of its materials. Every item that is available electronically has an **Innopac** *link removed* catalog record. Just look up the title and Voilà! the item record will appear. If electronic access is available, a hot link (or links) is present to re-direct to the information you seek. The library also provides a webpage with a hot-linked list of all titles with electronic access, **journals** *link removed* and **books** *link removed* are listed separately. Unfortunately, the Library does not have electronic access to all the materials that we receive in print form.

Access methods vary from title to title. Some titles have only table of contents available, some have both table of contents and abstracts. Some have full-text going back several years, some have only the last two years. Access is provided through a variety of publishers, databases, and aggregators. This variety accounts for the differences in appearance, coverage, and restrictions.

There are three main paths to access: IP address, password and unrestricted. "IP address access" means that the user must be located within a specific domain (i.e. LSUHSC.EDU) to be acknowledged. If you try to gain access from a non-registered IP address, you will not get full privileges. If the title or database has "password access," you must provide a userid and password to gain access. Sometimes this is your Windows NT password, sometimes you must contact a library staff member and they will gain access for you. "Unrestricted access" is available to everyone with Internet access from everywhere in the world. There are very few items available this way; mostly these are government publications.

The electronic access frontier is a volatile one. This volatility is due to access, coverage, appearance, and restriction changes. The Library is working diligently to provide the best possible access for its patrons.

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**Kathryn E. Kerdolff**  
**National Award Winner**

Kathryn E. Kerdolff, Reference Librarian at the Isché Library, is the 2001 recipient of the **ISI/Frank Bradway Rogers Information Advancement Award** *link removed*. This award is given by the Medical Library Association, which honors "individual achievements of high order in specific areas of librarianship." The Rogers Award recognizes "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 contribution for which Kathy has been honored is the creation of two web-searchable bibliographic databases. The *Louisiana Morbidity Report Database* and its expansion, the *State Morbidity Database* *link removed* which offer access to current primary data essential to public health and other healthcare professionals. The *State Morbidity Database* includes the morbidity publications from all other states. Because the data contained in these publications is not indexed by any major commercial service (like MEDLINE), the information contained within is not generally accessible. By creating and indexing this database, Kathy has provided a gateway to an often-neglected subset of material.

Her previous honors include the 2000 Medical Library Association Medical Informatics Section Career Development Grant. Kathy's membership was recently renewed by the Academy of Health Information Professionals at the Distinguished level, their highest honor.

Kathy joined the Library staff in 1990. At the time she was a recent Masters in Library and Information Science graduate from LSU-Baton Rouge. This was not her first connection with the then LSUMC Library; Kathy had completed a student internship with former director Judith Caruthers the previous year.

In her career before becoming a librarian, Kathy was a field geologist, working for various oil companies in New Orleans and for the U.S. Geological Survey. She holds undergraduate degrees in both Geology and Education from the University of Kansas.

Kathy is married to Mark Hanan, a geologist with Minerals Management Service. Her daughter, Cassie, is a recent Dominican High School graduate with a track scholarship to Mississippi State University. Her son, Dale, will be a freshman at Jesuit High School. She is originally from Kansas City, but asserts, "Her children are natives."

The Library is proud of Kathy and her accomplishments. We are honored to work with her.

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## Announcements

### MDConsult Changes Design

As of July 1, MDConsult *link removed* has changed its appearance, including "a new organization of features, new search design, and a clean, new look." The content has not changed, but the site now features a Folder Tab design. Some features have changed names (*What's Inside* becomes *What's New* and the *Personal Folder* becomes *My Profile*). If you need any assistance with MDConsult, please contact the Reference *link removed* Staff.

### New Resource Guides

Three new Resources Guides *link removed* have been created by Library staff to assist our users in finding basic information on common topics.

- Biographical Data on Physicians *link removed*  
locate biographical information about living and dead physicians
- History of Surgery *link removed*  
locate information about the history of surgery and/or biographical data on surgeons
- Résumés *link removed*  
locate materials that will assist in the creation or revision of a résumé or curriculum vitae (CV)

## Ovid Hints: Search Fields




The Search Fields icon from Ovid's Main Search Page allows users to view a list of all the indexed fields available in a database; after clicking the button, the following options are supplied:

- search any field(s) directly or browse the index in order to select from an alphabetical list of entries found in the field(s)
- search from the Main Search Page Command Line

For direct searching, just click the *Search Fields* button to search for a word or phrase contained within one or more fields. Ovid presents a Search Fields/Indexes Page allowing users to select the appropriate checkboxes next to the desired field(s). At the top of the page, enter a word or phrase in the search command box and then click the Perform Search button to search directly, or click the Display Index(es) button to choose one or more variations of the word or phrase from the Index Display.

When searching from Ovid's *Main Search Page Command Line*, users must use the two-letter field labels shown in parentheses after each field name in the Search Fields/Indexes Page. For instance, if users search for the phrase "fuzzy logic" in the title and abstract, enter on the *Command Line* the desired phrase followed by a period character, the field abbreviations separated by commas, and close with another period. Then click the Perform Search button.

Phrase: "fuzzy logic" in the title field (ti) or abstract field (ab)  
**fuzzy logic.ti,ab.**

To learn more about a particular field in the list, users may click the *information icon*  at the right of the field name. LSUHSC users should note that the fields available for their desired word or phrase (query) would differ from database to database.

For additional information on how to improve database searches using the Search Fields command or any other Ovid's search commands, consult Ovid's Help screens, or contact the Library Reference *link removed* Department to schedule a class at the Isché Library (504) 568-6102 or at the Dental *link removed* Library (504) 619-8507.

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## **Highlighted Websites: At the Movies**

With all the stresses each of us has in our lives, the activities we choose for stress relief become that much more enjoyed and appreciated. Few activities are so deeply rooted in our society as going to the movies. The great thing about movies is that no matter who you are or where your tastes lie, there is a movie or movie genre that is sure to please: blockbuster action, spaghetti western, laugh-out-loud comedy, edge-of-your-seat-horror, or some combination of these. Aside from the show itself is the experience: the hot buttered popcorn at reasonable prices, packs of teenagers, or courteous and quiet folks sitting right behind you. It's all part of what makes the movie a group experience even though each individual comes away with something different. So the next time you step up to the ticket window and ask, "Two for 'Fireworm Creatures From Planet Applecore Alpha'", maybe you'll appreciate being more aware of the cast, making, and gossip behind the movie. Here are a few sites to help answer your all important movie-goer questions. Don't forget to turn off those pagers and cell phones while you read through them.

### **The Internet Movie Database (IMDb):**

[www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com) *link removed*

Roger Ebert calls the IMDb the "Best Movie Site on the Web," and anyone who has spent any time using it knows he is right. This huge site has it all -- feature articles, a huge and super-searchable database, statistics, trivia, trailers, reviews (by critics and moviegoers alike), soundtrack information, complete cast and crew lists, and so much more -- pretty much anything movie-related a person could want. The amount of information it provides may be intimidating at first, but it is actually very well-laid-out and user-friendly; if needed, however, a user can complete IMDb University and learn how to navigate the site. A truly wonderful reference tool -- its searchability makes it even handier than any equivalent ready-reference print source.

### **Moviefone Online:**

[www.moviefone.com](http://www.moviefone.com) *link removed*

An online version of the phone service of the same name, this site seeks to provide moviegoers with "a complete, free directory of movies, showtimes, theater locations, the ability to purchase tickets in advance, as well as original content" such as movie reviews. A user can plug in his city or ZIP code to find out what nearby theater is showing which movies, or he can search by showing time, star name, or other criteria. Site would be especially helpful to newcomers to an area, as it also links to maps from Mapquest.com. Though the site says it enables users in many cities to purchase tickets online, in a search of New Orleans-area theaters, none of the listed theaters offered that service online.

### **Critics.com:**

[www.critics.com](http://www.critics.com) *link removed*

Great resource for at-a-glance film reviews, the site uses a "star rating" to indicate which films critics are recommending. The reviews of major and minor reviewers alike are compiled by site editors and assigned a star rating, then the median rating for the movie is determined; this star rating is listed along with the film's synopsis and other information. The editors also assign the movie a "thumbs-up" or "thumbs-down" rating based on the star rating they compiled. Movie reviews are available all over the Web, but this site is unique because it considers the opinions of many critics but is still very easy to interpret at a glance. Maneuverability could be improved; the only way to return to the home page is by clicking the browser's "back" button.

### **ACNielsen EDI Box Office News:**

[www.entdata.com/bonews/bonewsframes.html](http://www.entdata.com/bonews/bonewsframes.html) *link removed*

This informative and easy-to-read site focuses on Box Office returns in the U.S. and Canadian domestic market. The charts and graphics are colorful and easy-to-read, and they cover such statistics as the box office results for the top 10 weekend movies, the "box-office barometer," and regional increases and decreases in box office returns. A great source for getting the broad picture of the movie market in North America. Very easy to read and navigate.

**ForeignFilms.com - The Foreign Film Database:**

[www.foreignfilms.com](http://www.foreignfilms.com) *link removed*

More of an "online community of foreign film buffs" than an authoritative database on foreign film, this website gives fan reviews of foreign films, as well as biographical information on directors, stars, and other film personalities. While most of the information contained in this database can also be found in the IMDb, this site does sometimes have longer reviews, and since it focuses on foreign films, there are fewer false returns than one would encounter with IMDb (which covers so many more titles).

**Upcomingmovies.com:**

[www.upcomingmovies.com](http://www.upcomingmovies.com) *link removed*

This site's best feature is its searchability: one can search for a not-yet-released film by date, title, director, writer, actor, studio, or genre. The site editor gives a large amount of information about each movie (especially considering that the movies involved are sometimes only in conceptual stages!) gleaned from reading industry and popular movie magazines or by following leads submitted to him by visitors to his site. Rumored information is sometimes given as well, but is marked as such.

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## Staff News

**Pauline O. Fulda**, Associate Director, was awarded a William D. Postell, Sr. Professional Development Award from the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association (SCC/MLA).

**Patrick J. Garon** joined the Library Staff in June as an Evening Circulation Associate at the John P. Isché Library (Resource Center). He is a recent graduate of Boston College.

**Valerie Herndandez** joined the Library Staff in July as a Dental Circulation Associate. She is a Louisiana native returning from Kentucky. She has experience in both academic and public libraries in Shreveport.

**Kathryn E. Kerdolff**, Reference Librarian at the Isché Library, presented an electronic poster, "An Odyssey through Gray Literature Access by the Establishment of a Web Searchable State Morbidity Database" at the Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association in Orlando, Florida in May. She has been renewed as a member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals at the Distinguished level, their highest honor. She was also the recipient of the ISI/Frank Bradway Rogers Information Advancement Award ([See related story](#)).

**Jennifer K. Lloyd**, Circulation & Interlibrary Loan Manager/Web Coordinator for the John P. Isché Library, was awarded a William D. Postell, Sr. Professional Development Award from the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association (SCC/MLA).

**Gene Meneray**, Evening Circulation Associate at the Isché Library, resigned in February for a position with the Arts Council of New Orleans.

**Vern Parker**, Circulation Associate at the Dental Library, retired at the end of April. His university service included time at UNO and SUNO, as well as LSUHSC. His good spirits and sense of fun will be missed by all.

**Wilba Swearingen**, Director of Libraries, has been renewed as a member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals at the Distinguished level, their highest honor.

**Amy Woodruff** joined the Library Staff in April as a Day Circulation Associate at the Isché Library. She is a McNeese University graduate who directs a theater company, Theatre Louisiane *link removed*, in her spare time.

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## Publishing Information

LSUHSC Library-New Orleans' *Library Bulletin* is published three times per year, corresponding to the university's three semesters.

All current LSUHSC faculty, staff, and students should receive an automatic announcement about the availability of a new issue. If you are not receiving these announcements, or if you are not a current member of the LSUHSC community and would like to receive these announcements, please contact Jennifer Lloyd at [jlloyd@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:jlloyd@lsuhsc.edu) *link removed*.

Archived copies of the newsletter may be found via the LSUHSC Library's homepage at <http://www.lsuhs.edu/no/library/> *link removed*.

Additionally, the LSUHSC Dental Library publishes its own newsletter, the *Library Explorer*. Copies are archived via the LSUHSC Dental Library homepage *link removed* under *Library Explorer*.

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