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Elizabeth Strother Retires

On January 31st Elizabeth "Liz" Strother, one of the mainstays of the LSUHSC-NO Libraries, will retire after 40 years as a librarian.

Liz was born in Detroit MI and received her MLS from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. In 1972, she moved to New Orleans for her first librarian job as the Interlibrary Loan Librarian and a Humanities Reference Department member at UNO. Liz never expected to stay in New Orleans long but soon fell in love with New Orleans and the ability to ride her bike to work, even in the winter. In 1978, she was hired as the second Head Dental Librarian by Library Director John IschÃ© (for whom the main campus library is now named).

Liz has demonstrated a strong commitment to excellence in library service throughout her 34 year career in the Dental Library. She has worked her way up the academic ranks to become the second Full Librarian (the library equivalent of a Full Professor) in the history of the LSUHSC Libraries. Liz has built a reputation at the Dental School as a dedicated educator and tireless worker in the advancement of Dental education. During her tenure, the Library has become a place where students, residents, and faculty are always welcomed and encouraged to ask for assistance. She has guided the library through a myriad of transformations including the arrival of the Internet as a research tool, the digitization of the card catalog, renovations of the library space, and, most recently, the closure of the library for two years after Hurricane Katrina. During the rebuilding of the Dental School following the Hurricane, Liz worked determinedly to provide library service and research assistance to all affiliated with the School. She traveled to the Baton Rouge campus, maintained an office at the temporary campus of the Dental School and provided the students, residents, and faculty both electronic and personal assistance.

As a faculty member, Liz actively participated in the Dental School. In 1988, Liz developed an 11-hour for credit course for all first year dental students. DIMS (Dental Information Management Skills) as it was then known, has evolved with the times to become a 29-hour course, Introduction to Evidence Based Dentistry. She has also participated in numerous committees including Faculty Development, Student Affairs, Admissions, and Curriculum. Liz has published over 30 articles on topics ranging from library services, dental education, and the history of dentistry; she has gained a reputation as an outstanding editor and has participated in some way with the publication of countless other scientific articles. She is currently or has been a member of several professional organizations including the Medical Library Association, the American Dental Education Association, the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association, the Health Sciences Librarians Association of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Library Association. Liz has also presented at numerous conferences and acted as a guest lecturer in countless courses.

Liz is looking forward to new challenges as a retired librarian, including traveling and spending time with her husband, Garland. The LSUHSC-NO Libraries will miss Liz and wish her well in her new life!

-- [Julie Schiavo](#)

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New Search Tool: Doody's Precision Search

Do your eyes glaze over at the thought of using PubMed? Does the idea of exploding your MeSH term make you break out into hives? Have you still not found what you're looking for? It's time to try [Doody's Precision Search](#). It's "MEDLINE®. Made Simple."




"What makes it so simple?" you ask. First, Precision Search only looks at the last 5 years of MEDLINE citations, so current information is guaranteed. Second, the interface is concise and easy to use. Enter your search terms and you're good to go. Third, focusing your search by topic is a breeze with Precision Search's specialties. Don't be frightened. These specialties truly are *special*. Each one was created by an expert Medline searcher (aka an awesome medical librarian). When you add one or more specialties to your search, Precision Search is able to quickly filter out unwanted citations and deliver only articles in the areas you select.



Once you've got some results, you can easily add or change your limits or revise your search. The results are faceted into topics within each specialty, so if you just want to narrow your results even further, you can.



Doody's Precision Search works with our [WebBridge Link Resolver](#) to check article availability right from the citation. Just click on  to see if we have an article online or in print, or to borrow the article via our InterLibrary Loan service, [ILLiad](#).

Citations can be exported to [RefWorks](#) or other citation managers, and you can even share citations on Facebook and Twitter. Creating a free profile is easy, and once you are logged in you have the added options to save citations and searches, and set email alerts.

For assistance with this or any of the Library's resources, please contact a [Reference Librarian](#) at the Isché Library (504) 568-6102 / (504) 568-8339, or at the [Dental Library](#) (504) 941-8158.

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Announcements

The first floor of the Resource Center Building reopened in mid-November for the first time since August 2005. At the moment, access is limited to those with LSUHSC IDs. Visitors will still need to enter the building via the skybridge on the 2nd floor.

In related news, the [Registrar's Office](#) which had been housed in the Isché Library since 2006, moved back to the first floor over Thanksgiving week.

A [form](#) for requesting new books to be purchased (or to be added to course [reserves](#)) by the Libraries is now available online from the [Collection Development](#) office.

The Library Guidelines [brochure](#) has been redesigned and updated. This handout offers a quick overview of library information and services.

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Staff News

Rebecca Bealer, MLIS, Serials Librarian, is 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 travel to the Innovative User's Group meeting in San Francisco in April.

Maureen "Molly" Knapp, MA, AHIP, Reference Librarian, now works at Tulane University's Matas Library of the Health Sciences. Her last day at the Isché Library was December 6, 2012.

Jennifer K. Lloyd, MLIS, AHIP, has renewed her membership of the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) at the Distinguished member level.

Elizabeth A. Strother, MLS, MBA, AHIP, Head of the Dental Library, will retire on January 31st (see related [story](#)).

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