Introduction

This guide is intended to help you get started with the WCMC-Q Distributed eLibrary. The eLibrary’s collection and services are distributed over the College network, and are available in offices, seminar rooms, and over 60 iMac workstation pods.

All faculty have been assigned a liaison librarian to support teaching and research. We hope to work closely with you, and encourage you to contact us any time, any place.

Our Services

Clinical Services Liaison

In my role as Clinical Services Liaison librarian one of my main aims is to support your information needs, particularly in the areas of teaching, learning and research. During Semester 1, 2004 I will be focusing on supporting the faculty and students involved in the Medicine Patients and Society 1 course in the first year medical program.

Research and reference requests

Faculty liaison librarians are available to search any information that will support your reference and research needs. You can phone, email or send an iChat message to discuss your information searching needs. For example, you may need an in-depth search on a medical topic, or assistance in finding new and up-to-date resources to support your course needs, or simply to locate the full text of an article or book chapter. The environment at WCMC-Q permits us to offer a level of research assistance that is more in-depth than what is available at most universities. No information request is too trivial, so please do not hesitate to ask.
Current Awareness

The Distributed eLibrary has access to a wide variety of databases and electronic journals covering a multitude of topics. I can assist you in setting up tables-of-contents alerting services and topic searches in your area(s) of interest. Additionally I can also furnish you with alerts on forthcoming conferences, research grants, news and clinical trials.

My eLibrary

Access the My eLibrary section of the eLibrary and log on using your WCMC-Q user name and password. From there, you can select the user group which best describes you and create a bank of easily accessible resources tailored to suit your regular information needs, including ebooks, online journals, databases and web sites.

EndNote Citation Management Software

EndNote is software which is supported by WCMC-Q’s Information Technology Department for managing a personal database of bibliographic references. You can enter references yourself, or import them from an article database like PubMed, from the WCMC-Q’s Distributed eLibrary catalog, or another catalog. Using EndNote, you can create bibliographies for publications such as a journal article, in the required citation style.

Course Support

Two librarians, Karen Joc and Tracy Havlin, will attend the Medicine Patients and Society 1 (MPS1) course within the First Year Medical Program. I will maintain a course support page for MPS1 on the Distributed eLibrary Web and liaise regularly with the facilitators and faculty who are teaching MPS1 for recommendations and ordering of eLibrary resources and to arrange delivery of eLibrary services.

PDA’s

Medical teaching faculty and medical students are issued with Tungsten C Palm Pilots, with a selected suite of software designed to support the medical curriculum, including PubMed On Tap, Harrison’s Manual of Medicine, Stedman’s Medical Dictionary and Cecil Textbook of Medicine. I will help you familiarize yourself with the PDA and selected software, and suggest ways to incorporate its use into the medical syllabus.

Document Delivery

You can request a book, journal article or conference paper which is not available from the WCMC-Q eLibrary. Please email your requests to me klj2002@med.cornell.edu. Copies of papers and articles from Cornell University in Ithaca or New York arrive within 3 working days. Books take about 2 weeks. Requests from outside libraries take longer.

Instructional Workshops

On Sunday afternoons between 2:30 and 3:30pm, the librarians deliver regular drop-in workshops covering different aspects of searching for and finding information. Please check the noticeboards around the college for details. Course-integrated workshops can also be developed upon request.

Ask a Librarian

If I am not available, please use the Ask a Librarian service on the WCMC-Q Distributed eLibrary home page.
Our Resources/Collections

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The WCMC-Q Distributed eLibrary contains over 25 research databases, 2,600 ejournals and 1,000 ebooks, which have been selected to support the teaching, learning and research environment at our college. We are continually building this resource and invite you to contribute suggestions for additional material, or ways in which we can enhance their provision to you.

eBooks

Electronic books are available to you at your fingertips and they are often more up to date than their traditional paper version.

The Distributed eLibrary subscribes to ebooks from suites such as Access Medicine, the Lange Collection, Stat!Ref, MDConsult and Up-to-Date. WCMC-Q catalog records include a live URL for direct online access to all our ebooks.

eJournals

An alphabetical list of ejournal titles is available from the eLibrary web page. Alternatively, use My eLibrary to tailor a selected list of journals that you want to scan on a regular basis. I can help you select titles, recommend new journals, and assist when you may have access difficulties.

Web sites

The librarians recommend web sites for inclusion in the eLibrary according to a code which evaluates the authenticity, currency and relevance of the site to our users. Web search engines are handy for “quick and dirty” searches but for reliable information, check the eLibrary for web sites first.

Article databases

An alphabetical list of journal article databases can be found on the eLibrary’s home page. Many of these databases provide links to the full text of ejournal articles. I can assist with advice on searching techniques for the different databases, and on the Distributed eLibrary web page’s How do I...? section, you will find How do I Search Effectively. Here are links to tutorials for some of the databases that are most important to WCMC-Q faculty.

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