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ANNUAL REPORT

The Harriet F. Ginsburg
Health Sciences Library



OUR RETURN TO THE LIBRARY SPACE



A renewed focus on inclusivity

Following a year of remote work due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the library team returned to welcome the MD Classes of 2024 and 2025 to the library. The return prompted the library to take a fresh look at its stated mission to provide a library space that was both welcoming and inclusive for all College of Medicine students, faculty, staff, and residents. The following measures were implemented to address feedback received through formal library assessments and observations made by the library's public services department:

- ◆ In previous years, the library showed support for the college's LGBTQIA+ community by providing rainbows pins during June, national Pride month. Upon returning to the space, **a permanent Pride Corner was established**. The college's Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion provided pronoun ribbons and stickers, which have been very popular with the medical students.
- ◆ An assessment of the medical students in Fall 2021 revealed dissatisfaction with the temperature in the library space. A work order was placed to address the issue to **make the temperature more comfortable for students and staff** working in the space. Periodic weekly assessments are ongoing to monitor satisfaction with the adjustments that were made.
- ◆ A Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) assessment of the library's website revealed opportunities for the library to make **updates to the library's virtual presence that would enhance inclusivity and accessibility of the information shared there**. Such changes included listing accessibility services, providing details regarding accessible parking and how to enter the medical education building, and noting the locations of gender neutral restrooms.
- ◆ The library's public services department also identified a need to enhance the library's physical entrances to be more accessible to those using wheelchairs or other mobility devices. The library **applied for a \$150,00 grant through President Cartwright's Jump Start Fund to install updated ADA compliant doors in four locations in the health sciences library**. Though the proposal was not funded, the library is still committed to seeking other avenues for funding these upgrades, and has brought the project to the attention of the COM Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Librarian Recognition

Terri Gotschall, our Scholarly Communications Librarian, was honored virtually in October by receiving the Excellence in Medical Librarianship award during the College of Medicine's 2021 MD Program Awards ceremony.

Team Excellence

The library team received the 2021 Team of the Year award in October during the College of Medicine's 2021 MD Program Awards ceremony. The library had been previously honored with a similar award during the 2012 MD Program Awards ceremony.

BY THE NUMBERS

2021 Top 10 Journals

(by number of full-text article requests)

1. NEJM	7,296
2. JAMA	5,128
3. Cell	2,496
4. Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research	2,476
5. Pediatrics	2,435
6. Nature Methods	2,391
7. Journal of Neuroscience	2,324
8. BMJ	1,791
9. Health Affairs*	1,329
10. Annals of Internal Medicine	1,267

2021 Top 10 Online Databases

(by total views)

1. VisualDX	197,285
2. UpToDate	103,215
3. Access Medicine	47,796
4. Ovid Discovery	33,105
5. ClinicalKey	25,603
6. LWW Health Library	25,082
7. PEPID Clinical Rotation Companion	13,275
8. ProQuest E-book Central	11,591
9. Acland's Video Atlas of Human Anatomy	6,094
10. Bates Visual Guide	5,203

*Page Views



7,794 hits to all course-related Library Guides



5 articles, **5** book chapters, and **1** book published



2 awards received



36 committees, juries, and groups served on at the local, state, regional, and national level



4 presentations, CE's, and talks shared at statewide, regional, and national conferences and meetings

Fun Fact: Our article "When One Library Door Closes, Another Virtual One Opens: A Team Response to the Remote Library" has been cited **12 times** since its publication in January 2021.



Scan the QR code to find the article or use the link below.

<https://qrco.de/bd82PM>

THANK YOU

For Your Continued Support

The library's foundation account supports many of the wonderful programs, events, and initiatives the library makes available for our students, faculty, and staff each and every year. Every single gift we received during the 2021 Faculty & Staff Campaign goes towards helping us better serve our College of Medicine community.

