Welcome back to the Library of the Health Sciences in Fall Semester 2010! Did you devote your summertime to writing or research; study, curriculum development, or clinical practice; or other activities nearly as enjoyable and rewarding as these are? Whatever your focus, I hope that you accomplished what you wanted to do, and now are back in the flow of the academic year.

I am pleased to share the second issue of E-ppendix with you, as I hope that you found the first issue to be helpful, informative, and also interesting.

With the intent of providing news, tips, and ideas for discovering health care knowledge and scholarly evidence, please take a look at the searching tips and tricks column, cool tools, and just-in-time help in our classes and webinars on specific databases. Further, the Refworks 2.0 info may be just what you need to efficiently manage the resources you have gathered.

The Library of the Health Sciences is exploring new ground, figuratively through an investigation of the impact of monthly health observances and creation of an online Evidence Based Medicine CE course based on our long-standing 3-day, on-site course. More literally, we are offering new services in a newly constructed Crawford Library of the Health Sciences at the UIC Health Sciences campus in Rockford. We are working with new staff, including interns from the UIC College Prep high school, a health sciences focused, collaborative initiative between the University and the Noble Charter Schools. Speaking of collaboration, the Library of the Health Sciences and Rush University Library are jointly offering practica and internships for students enrolled in master’s degree programs in library and information sciences.

Finally, we are gaining momentum in making improvements to LHS in Chicago by virtue of the UIC student library and information technology assessment. From smart group work rooms to circulating laptops, from new furniture to additional databases acquired in 2008 and 2009, we are moving quickly toward building a new classroom, and even a complete renovation of an entire floor of our four story building.

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