Welcome to the Library of the Health Sciences!

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The beginning of Fall Semester is a special time, a time when your study and scholarship, no matter if you pursued it diligently all summer long, is new, fresh, and full of possibilities. I invite you to take advantage of all the benefits and opportunities that being open to new knowledge, new resources, and new abilities will confer in the year ahead.

The Library of the Health Sciences has the expertise, resources, and tools to help you evaluate the evidence for clinical decisions and patient safety, manage your bibliographies for completeness and accuracy, and actively work together in groups to complete case assignments. Among the newest features are:

- Professional librarian assistance on-site in Chicago in Dentistry and Medicine, with plans underway for other colleges
- Newly extended hours on Saturdays and Sundays in Chicago
- New electronic classrooms in Peoria
- New, large study rooms on the Lower Level in Chicago that provide the perfect setting for group study and collaborative projects
- Up-to-date furniture in all of the Library of the Health Sciences facilities in Chicago, Peoria, Rockford, and Urbana
- Access to hundreds of electronic books from major health sciences publishers
- Access to a wide range of other electronic information resources
- Major renovation plans in Chicago and Urbana

Invest a little time in becoming familiar with the Library of the Health Sciences, both our virtual presence via the Web and our physical presence in our facilities in Chicago, Peoria, Rockford, and Urbana. The time you devote now to learning about who the librarians and staff are, their areas of expertise, the information resources that are accessible for your use, the tools that the Library offers to focus your searches, and the facilities that we continue to enhance, will save you time when you need it during the
semester and improve the results that you get. We want you to be a savvy Library “insider” and get the greatest value for the time that you invest in study, research, and clinical practice at UIC.

Good luck in the months ahead!

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