Director’s Message

Of Discussions, Data, and Desks: The Library of the Health Sciences in 2012-2013

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Welcome to campus and to the Library of the Health Sciences! No matter how you contact the librarians and staff – mobile apps, Facebook, telephone, Chat, or an in-person conversation – we are here to help you reach your academic goals. This is true year-round, yet it seems even more important and exciting at the beginning of the academic year.

We have several new services and resources to assist you in your academic work this year:

- After a successful experiment with extended hours during exams in Spring Semester 2012, we will offer continuous hours at the Library of the Health Sciences in Chicago from 11:00 am on Sunday, December 2 through 5:00 pm on Friday, December 14. We supply the coffee! Extended hours are also in place during exams at the Library of the Health Sciences in Peoria, Rockford, and Urbana

- Library faculty and staff create and regularly update nearly 50 research and subject guides to various topics in the health sciences, including the most recent one posted on August 30 on the topic of “Patient Information”

- Register online for one of our workshops on RefWorks, Anatomy Resources, Advanced Searching for Nurses, Health Sciences Resources on Your Mobile Device, or others equally helpful in guiding access to information and knowledge

- Speaking of access, the UIC Research Open Access Article Publishing (ROAAP) Fund was established to support UIC scholars who hope to make their journal articles free to all readers immediately upon publication
with funds to help cover open access or paid access publishing fees, in instances where they are not supported by grant or contract funds for this purpose

- Ongoing improvements in our facilities, with a first floor renovation at the Library of the Health Sciences in Urbana and a first floor renovation in the planning stages for the Library of the Health Sciences in Chicago, along with many smaller scale improvements

- Looking ahead, we will be re-imagining how we work with faculty and departments as your library liaisons in a more individualized and accessible manner in the coming year. We will also be continuing our dialog -- the randomized, IRB-sanctioned, structured part of the interactions we have with library users -- in the months ahead

All of us at the Library of the Health Sciences look forward to meeting you and working with you to advance your learning, teaching, research, publication, service, and outreach to the communities with whom you are engaged.

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