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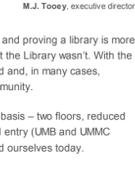
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### From the Executive Director

Almost every article you will have read over the last month will have remarked on the one-year anniversary of the first COVID-19 case or the first COVID-19 death. With 500,000+ deaths across the U.S., who knew March 2020 would be such a pivotal month and the start of a pandemic? On March 13, the HSHSL team closed and locked the library doors, expecting to return in a few short weeks or at the most, months.



M.J. Tooley, executive director

I was, and still am, so proud of the way the HSHSL staff rose to the challenge, pivoting to an almost completely online environment, solving problems, creating solutions, and proving a library is more than the sum of its four walls. The building was closed but the Library wasn't. With the exception of access to physical collections, we reimaged and, in many cases, improved the ways we work with, and within our UMB community.

On September 14, we reopened the building on a limited basis – two floors, reduced hours, skeleton staff, physically distant seating, restricted entry (UMB and UMMC members only), and limited capacity. This is where we find ourselves today.

We have received requests from our user community, the public, and students from other universities to relax our restrictions. Although it warms our hearts to think how highly people regard us, we will be maintaining our building restrictions, in line with UMB policy, for the foreseeable future. The majority of our staff are on mandatory telework, and we are committed to keeping our onsite staff, who are stretched very thin, as safe as possible. We follow UMB guidelines. Monitor what health experts say. Confer with other libraries in the USML, many of which are not open at all. And still provide excellent services and resources virtually. While I know many of you see the HSHSL as a place of solace, study, and scholarship, we need to remain vigilant. It is our hope that we will be together soon.

### Beloved April Library Resource Usage Survey Returns!

#### HSHSL Usage Survey

All the HSHSL we rely on data to help with decision making. Please help us gather data about resource usage by answering these three brief questions that will run during the month of April. After completing the survey your browser will take you to the requested resource.

Thank you very much for your time in giving us this important data!

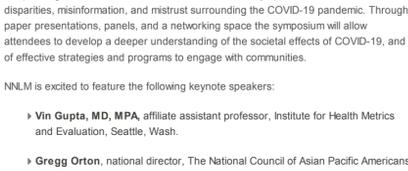
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If you do not wish to answer these 3 questions at this time, please try your resource again in: 6 hours 2 minutes 15 seconds

**Done**

In April, the HSHSL traditionally surveys people who use our digital resources. When you click to access a library resource, a brief survey may appear asking your status, school, and purpose of use. While it is a perennial source of annoyance, this survey provides the HSHSL with valuable information that helps guide us in providing important resources to our user community. For example, did you know School of Medicine faculty use library resources primarily for research purposes? Or that in the School of Nursing, students are the heavy hitters, using resources to complete assignments? This survey is only one of the tools we use to assess resource usage. However, it is an important one. The survey is random, so if you are among those fortunate enough to be spared, we understand the impulse to sigh and mutter a few choice words. But once you've finished, please complete the survey, knowing you are helping the HSHSL.

### Responding to the COVID-19 Infodemic: An NNLM Virtual Symposium



The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the disparities that underserved, minority, and underrepresented communities face in areas such as health information literacy, education, and inclusion in COVID-19 related clinical research.

On April 8-9, 2021, Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) will host **Responding to the COVID-19 Infodemic**, a free virtual symposium to address health disparities, misinformation, and mistrust surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Through paper presentations, panels, and a networking space the symposium will allow attendees to develop a deeper understanding of the societal effects of COVID-19, and of effective strategies and programs to engage with communities.

NNLM is excited to feature the following keynote speakers:

- ▶ **Vin Gupta, MD, MPA**, affiliate assistant professor, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, Seattle, Wash.
- ▶ **Gregg Orton**, national director, The National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA), Washington, DC
- ▶ **Elisabeth Wilhelm**, health communications specialist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Global Immunization Division, Atlanta, Ga.
- ▶ **Chris Parnell, MD, MPH, FACP**, chief strategic integration and health equity officer, University Hospital, New York, N.Y.

Anyone interested in learning more about information-related issues during COVID-19 is welcome to attend. Free registration is now available on the [symposium website](#). Free continuing education credits will be available for attendees from the Medical Library Association and from the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing.

Be sure to check the [website](#) for more information on the agenda, networking sessions, code of conduct, and a general FAQ. For other questions, please [email Tony Nguyen](#).

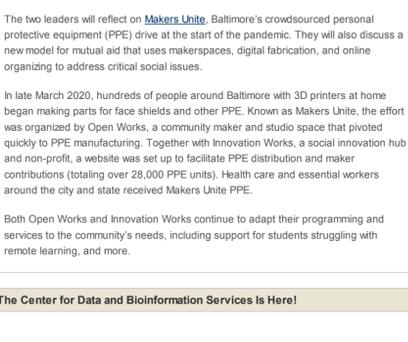
### HSHSL FY20 Annual Report



The HSHSL produced an attractive and engaging Annual Report for the 2020 fiscal year. This unique report was a challenge to create because it covers our accomplishments before and after the COVID-19 pandemic. The earlier part of the year felt so far away! If you are interested, please [take a look](#). We are very pleased with how it turned out.

### Meet the Makers: Baltimore Makers Unite for COVID-19

Tuesday, April 6  
12 p.m. to 1 p.m. EST  
Zoom event, [register here](#)



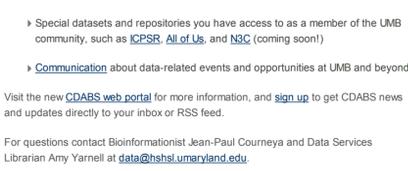
HSHSL and [The Grid](#) are proud to host Will Holman, executive director of [Open Works](#), and Jay Nwachu, president and CEO of [Innovation Works](#), for our next Meet the Makers guest speaker event.

The two leaders will reflect on [Makers Unite](#), Baltimore's crowdsourced personal protective equipment (PPE) drive at the start of the pandemic. They will also discuss a new model for mutual aid that uses makerspaces, digital fabrication, and online organizing to address critical social issues.

In late March 2020, hundreds of people around Baltimore with 3D printers at home began making parts for face shields and other PPE. Known as Makers Unite, the effort was organized by Open Works, a community maker and studio space that pivoted quickly to PPE manufacturing. Together with Innovation Works, a social innovation hub and non-profit, a website was set up to facilitate PPE distribution and maker contributions (totaling over 28,000 PPE units). Health care and essential workers around the city and state received Makers Unite PPE.

Both Open Works and Innovation Works continue to adapt their programming and services to the community's needs, including support for students struggling with remote learning, and more.

### The Center for Data and Bioinformation Services is Here!



On February 8, 2021, the Health Sciences and Human Services Library (HSHSL) officially launched our new [Center for Data and Bioinformation Services](#) (CDABS). This new *virtual* center is the hub for the UMB community to quickly and easily navigate the many data and bioinformation related resources and services we provide at the HSHSL, while also connecting to those elsewhere on campus.

The launch of CDABS coincided with the annual [Love Data Week](#) event. We celebrated with a festive kick-off party and virtual ribbon cutting ceremony over Zoom. This kick-off introduced a week-long workshop series on the topics of research data management, writing data management plans, data wrangling and creating reproducible workflows, and understanding Git-hub. Nearly 200 people participated in these workshops!

CDABS offers:

- ▶ Informative guides to help orient you to key concepts in data management and bioinformation
- ▶ Individualized support on a wide range of issues through [consultations](#)
- ▶ Specialized [services](#) like data submission to genomic repositories and data visualization for grants and publications
- ▶ Helpful in-house [resources](#) like the UMB Data Catalog and the high performance Bioinformatics and Data Science Workstation and connections to university-wide data centers and services
- ▶ [Workshops](#) and [tutorials](#) on useful data tools and practices
- ▶ Special datasets and repositories you have access to as a member of the UMB community, such as [ICPSR](#), [All of Us](#), and [NSC](#) (coming soon!)
- ▶ [Communication](#) about data-related events and opportunities at UMB and beyond

Visit the new [CDABS web portal](#) for more information, and [sign up](#) to get CDABS news and updates directly to your inbox or RSS feed.

For any questions Yarnell at [data@hshsl.umaryland.edu](mailto:data@hshsl.umaryland.edu) and Data Services Librarian Amy Tarnell at [data@hshsl.umaryland.edu](mailto:data@hshsl.umaryland.edu).

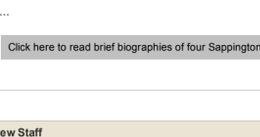
### Stay on Top of HSHSL News

Want the latest news from HSHSL? Join our RSS feed or receive email notifications. You will find stories and updates about our new Center for Data and Bioinformation Services, holiday schedules, historical information on UMB African American student organizations, and much more. Simply click the RSS symbol on the upper right-hand side of our [homepage](#) to start receiving updates.



### HSHSL Opens Doors to COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

In mid-January, the Library opened its doors to work in partnership with the COVID-19 vaccine clinic taking place in the Southern Management Corporation (SMC) Campus Center. Vaccine appointment holders enter through the Library's front doors and undergo intake screening as they proceed down hallway leading to the SMC Campus Center, where they are to receive their first or second vaccine dose. The Library is pleased to provide ongoing support to UMB's COVID-19 Recovery plan.



### HSHSL's Open Access Publishing Fund Pilot for Early-Career Researchers Has Early Success

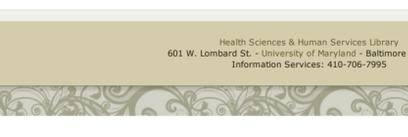
The HSHSL's [Open Access Publishing Fund](#) is designed to improve access to research produced at UMB and to promote publishing by early-career researchers.

So far, the fund has granted awards to nine UMB researchers. They represent all of the schools the HSHSL supports – Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Social Work – and include students, post docs and assistant professors.

The fund will reimburse 50% of the cost of article processing charges for Open Access (OA) journals up to a maximum of \$3,000 for early-career researchers. The budget for this pilot project is limited. Reimbursements will be made on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted. We can only reimburse UMB accounts. Currently we are unable to transfer money to individuals or UMB Foundation accounts.

For details on who is eligible, what publications are covered, and how apply, please visit the HSHSL's [Open Access Publishing Fund page](#).

### The Sappington Family of Liberty Town, MD – New Items in Historical Collections



In February, the Historical Collections Department purchased items from [Alex Cooper Auction House](#) in Towson for our collections. The items were originally owned by members of the Sappington family, an influential Maryland family from Liberty Town in Frederick County. The Sappington Family, beginning with Dr. Greenberry R. Sappington, UMSOM Class of 1843, has a strong connection with the University. The items purchased from the auction house include diplomas, certificates, class notes, and other ephemera.

The Sappington artifacts will be available for use in the Historical Collections Department; unfortunately, the department is closed currently, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. When it reopens, we will provide more information about the collection contents. For now, the Library is thrilled with the addition of these items documenting an influential family of UMSOM graduates.

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[Click here to read brief biographies of four Sappington UMSOM graduates](#)

### New Staff

**Tony Smith** was welcomed into the Resources Division in January. He comes to us from Howard University Founders Library, where he was the Interlibrary Loan and CLS coordinator. Tony is now a member of the HSHSL Resource Sharing team, responsible for interlibrary loan and document delivery services.

**Elizabeth Brown** joined the HSHSL as an intern in our Historical Collections Management Departments. Hana comes to us from the University of Maryland iSchool, where she will graduate in May 2022. Elizabeth is working on transcribing the School of Medicine's 1812-1826 minutes, processing a set of letters from Dr. John Greenwood and his family, and writing a historical blog post for [HSHSL Updates](#).

**Hana Takemoto** is a dual intern in our Historical Collections and Metadata Management Departments. Hana comes to us from the University of Maryland iSchool, where she will graduate in May 2021. Hana is helping to create an inventory of early School of Medicine dissertations and writing a historical blog post for [HSHSL Updates](#). She is also working on the Wikidata UMB Digital Archive Local Authorities project for the Resources Division.

### Staff News

**Emily Gorman, MLIS, AHIP**, was selected as chair-elect of the Library and Information Science Section of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

#### Publications & Presentations:

M.J. Tooley, M.L.S., AHIP, FMLA, and Lauren Wheeler, M.L.S., co-authored a book chapter, "Developing a multi-faceted, intentional approach to library promotion through an Effective Communications Committee: A Case Study," which was published in the book *Planning and Prompting Library Events in Health Sciences Libraries*.

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