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HSHSL is Again Named a Regional Medical Library! Thirty-Five Years Plus!

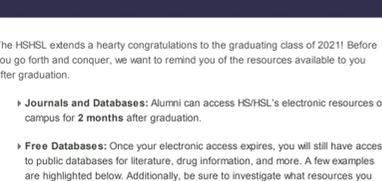
It is my great pleasure and pride to announce that the HSHSL will continue as a Regional Medical Library from 2021-2026 in the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NLM). Additionally, we will headquarter the Network Web Services Office (NWSO) for the NLM, serving all seven of the NNLM regions. This cooperative agreement is overseen by the National Library of Medicine at NIH and will be worth almost \$10M over the five years. The NNLM mission is to improve health by providing access to biomedical and health information, through awards and training, to everyone from researchers and public health workers to members of the public. Members include not only libraries and information professionals but also public health departments and community groups with interests in health and health care.



M.J. Tooley, executive director

For over 35 years, the HSHSL had served as the regional headquarters for the Southeastern Atlantic Region of the NNLM, encompassing ten states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and DC. This year, the NNLM realigned the regions putting the HSHSL into competition with two other excellent institutions. The HSHSL team really rose to the challenge and wrote outstanding proposals. Our new region includes old friends from DC, Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware are now within Region 1, our new designation. We look forward to working with these new friends and building an inclusive and effective region over the next five years. This award is a testimony not only to the excellence of the proposals but also to the creativity and hard work of the proposal team, the support of UMB's leadership, and the quality of UMB itself.

HSHSL Summer Hours

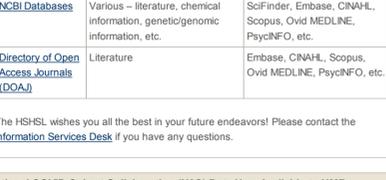


The Library building's hours for the summer semester are Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Reference Help and Chat are available Monday – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

You can reach out to us at hshsl@umaryland.edu.

Advice for New Grads



The HSHSL extends a hearty congratulations to the graduating class of 2021! Before you go forth and conquer, we want to remind you of the resources available to you after graduation.

- ▶ **Journals and Databases:** Alumni can access HSHSL's electronic resources off campus for 2 months after graduation.
- ▶ **Free Databases:** Once your electronic access expires, you will still have access to public databases for literature, drug information, and more. A few examples are highlighted below. Additionally, be sure to investigate what resources you have through your new workplace and any professional organizations of which you are a member.

Freely Available Databases	Type of Information	Can Be Used in Place of
PubMed	Literature	Embase, CINAHL, Scopus, Ovid MEDLINE, PsycINFO, etc.
Google Scholar	Literature	Embase, CINAHL, Scopus, Ovid MEDLINE, PsycINFO, etc.
NLM Drug Information Portal	Drug Information	Micromedex, Lexicomp, Natural Medicines
MedlinePlus	Patient-Friendly Health Information	Micromedex, Lexicomp, UpToDate, Natural Medicines
ECRI Guidelines Trust	Clinical Practice Guidelines	UpToDate
TRIP Database	Literature	Embase, CINAHL, Ovid MEDLINE
NCBI Databases	Various – literature, chemical information, genetic/genomic information, etc.	SciFinder, Embase, CINAHL, Scopus, Ovid MEDLINE, PsycINFO, etc.
Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)	Literature	Embase, CINAHL, Scopus, Ovid MEDLINE, PsycINFO, etc.

The HSHSL wishes you all the best in your future endeavors! Please contact the [Information Services Desk](#) if you have any questions.

National COVID Cohort Collaborative (N3C) Data Now Available to UMB Researchers



The [Center for Data and Bioinformatics Services \(CDABS\)](#) at the Health Sciences and Human Services Library (HSHSL) recently helped shepherd through a Data Use Agreement between the University of Maryland, Baltimore and the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS), making the [National COVID Cohort Collaborative \(N3C\) Data Enclave](#) available to UMB researchers.

N3C, an innovative and collaborative new analytics platform, contains clinical data from the electronic health records of people who were tested for the novel coronavirus or who had related symptoms. This data resource will help scientists further understand the disease, including potential risk factors, protective factors, and long-term health consequences.

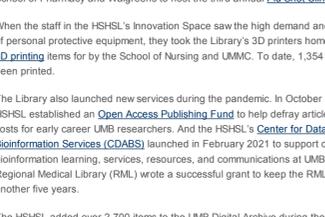
The platform now contains over 5 billion rows of data on more than 4 million patient records, including over 1 million COVID positive patients. N3C data can support a broad range of clinical and translational domains – such as acute kidney injury, diabetes, pregnancy, cancer, immunosuppression, social determinants of health, and many other conditions – to target treatment mechanism, drug discovery, and best care practices for COVID-19.

The N3C Data Enclave was launched on September 2, 2020 by NCATS and the National Center for Data to Health (CD2H), in partnership with experts from Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics (OHDSI), PCORnet, the Accrual to Clinical Trials (ACT) network, and TriNetX.

For more information about gaining access to this valuable new resource, please see the full [CDABS announcement](#).

Questions? Contact: Amy Yarnell, data services librarian and Jean-Paul Courneya, bioinformaticist at data@hshsl.umaryland.edu.

Citizen Science: Gearing Up for Discovery



Explore citizen science through the lens of community and environmental health with a new HSHSL-created edX course, *Citizen Science: Gearing Up for Discovery*. This asynchronous, free course builds skills in non-scientists who may want to implement or participate in a citizen science project. It's uniquely focused on health-related projects in environmental health and public health. [Enroll Now!](#)

Citizen science and community-engaged research has demonstrated that non-scientists contribute in many ways to advancing health and wellness in communities.

Gearing Up is meant for anyone interested in applying a citizen science approach to addressing health issues in communities. The course's 5 modules cover the following topics:

- ▶ Citizen science overview
- ▶ Project planning
- ▶ Collecting data
- ▶ Managing Data
- ▶ Communicating Results

The HSHSL created the course with an award from the Network of the National Library of Medicine/Southeastern Atlantic Region.

A Year of COVID-19 at the HSHSL: Reflections on Working During a Pandemic



On March 16, 2020, the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) moved to mandatory telework in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the time, it was impossible to predict that most of campus would still be working and learning from home over a year later.

When the HSHSL building closed on March 16, 2020, the Library quickly transitioned in-person services to virtual to continue supporting the needs of the campus community. Instruction and reference consultations moved to online platforms and webinars; interlibrary loan found new ways to fill over 28,000 requests for articles and books; and countless book pickups ensured the collections remained accessible. The HSHSL transitioned some long-standing in-person events, such as [Meet the Makers](#), to a virtual format, drawing new audiences from beyond UMB and Baltimore. Instruction sessions and workshops focusing on the pandemic were offered virtually for researchers, health-care providers, and the community. In total, 128 virtual classes were offered, reaching over 3,000 people. We also continued a partnership with the School of Pharmacy and Walgreens to host the third annual [Flu Shot Clinic](#).

When the staff in the HSHSL's Innovation Space saw the high demand and low supply of personal protective equipment, they took the Library's 3D printers home and began [3D printing](#) items for by the School of Nursing and UMMC. To date, 1,354 items have been printed.

The Library also launched new services during the pandemic. In October 2020, the HSHSL established an [Open Access Publishing Fund](#) to help defray article processing costs for early career UMB researchers. And the HSHSL's [Center for Data and Bioinformatics Services \(CDABS\)](#) launched in February 2021 to support data and bioinformatics learning, services, resources, and communications at UMB. The Regional Medical Library (RML) wrote a successful grant to keep the RML at UMB for another five years.

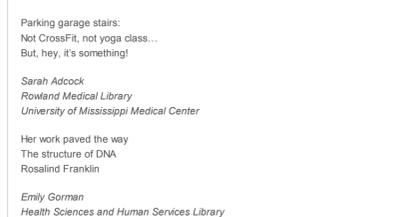
The HSHSL added over 2,700 items to the UMB Digital Archive during the pandemic year, including [UMD Response to Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#), a new collection of more than 370 items – news releases, letters, *Elm* stories, videos, photographs, and more – that will memorialize UMB's response to COVID-19 and tell our collective stories for future researchers and historians. The HSHSL also launched its own campaign, [Unmasking a Pandemic: Stories from UMB during COVID-19 Project](#), to collect personal stories from the campus community.

Throughout the pandemic, the HSHSL has found ways to bring its staff and the campus community together. In May 2020, the Library introduced a [Coloring Book](#) and a collection of virtual [puzzles](#). In June 2020, library staff found ways to give back to their communities by participating in a [virtual hour of service](#). Library staff also competed in UMB's Summer 2020 [Ultimate Mileage Battle](#), taking top prize for the highest daily average steps.

As more people get vaccinated and the end of the pandemic becomes more than a distant possibility, it's important to celebrate the many victories in a time of enormous uncertainty. The HSHSL is no exception. As a Library, we have come together virtually and in socially distant ways to continue providing top-notch services to the UMB campus. While the Library building has been open in a limited capacity since September 14, 2020, we look forward to the day when we can open our doors fully to the campus and host large in-person events, exhibits, and celebrations once again.

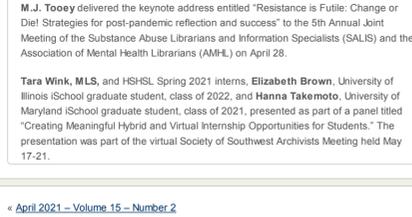
To see more of the accomplishments of the HSHSL during the pandemic, check out our website, [HSHSL By the Numbers During COVID-19](#).

Miranda Young is EVS Employee of the Month



Miranda Young of Custodial Services was recognized as the Environmental Services (EVS) Employee of the Month for April 2021. A valued member of the EVS Team, Miranda works primarily on the first floor of the Health Sciences and Human Services Library (HSHSL). Staff at the HSHSL said, "Since Day One, we have admired her commitment to the HSHSL and to keeping the first floor looking absolutely beautiful. Our on-site staff — and students — appreciate the results of her hard work every day. COVID-19 has certainly raised the standard for cleaning and disinfecting, and Miranda takes these duties seriously. She does outstanding work and is a joy to be around!" The HSHSL recognizes Miranda's dedication and positive personality and thanks her for her service and friendship.

Responding to the COVID-19 Infodemic Recap



In April 2021, the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) held a free virtual symposium focused on addressing the [COVID-19 Infodemic](#) in our communities. Through paper sessions, panels, and a networking space, attendees had an opportunity to address misinformation and mistrust, raise awareness about efforts to combat the pandemic, and come away with strategies and programs that can be used to engage with communities.

Over two days, the NNLM symposium hosted 1,062 participants, including students, health care providers, librarians, public health professionals, community-based organization staff, educators, researchers, and journalists. If you are interested in viewing the Keynote and Panel Presentations – featuring Dr. Vin Gupta, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, Gregg Orson, The National Council of Asian Pacific Americans, Jess Kolis, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Dr. Chris Pernel, University Hospital – recordings are available on the [NNLM YouTube channel](#)!

A Virtual Party in the Archives

First Friday events are popular across the country; they provide opportunities for small businesses to open their doors to the community in a relaxed manner. Traditionally, archives have only been open for serious researchers and scholars. More recently, however, repositories have investigated new ways to bring in different users and make the collections relevant to all audiences. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is leading one of these new endeavors virtually with first Friday #ArchivesHashtagParty on Social Media. In August 2017, NARA hosted the inaugural party with the theme #ArchivesSquadGoals. Although NARA initially envisioned a six-month campaign, the parties quickly grew in popularity and remain a monthly fixture today with over one thousand participants.

In February 2021, after reading a New York Times [article](#) about the parties, the Historical Collections department of the HSHSL joined in the #ArchivesHashtagParty fun. Our first submission highlighted [Esther E. McCready](#), SON Class of 1953 and first African American woman graduate, as part of the theme #ArchivesBlackEducation. The March theme, #ArchivesYouAreHere, was a challenge for the Historical Collections. Since there are few maps in our collections, we got creative and shared [William Couper's 1737 Anatomy Atlas](#), claiming it was a map for health professionals.

In April, the HSHSL partnered with the [SON Living History Museum](#) for #ArchivesTipoftheHat to highlight the [WWI overseas cap](#) that Lola Marshall, SON Class of 1939, wore at the 42nd General Hospital, which was staffed by members of University of Maryland.

#ArchivesBugs follows to bring out the creepy crawlies with our #ArchivesBugs. Promote the HSHSL's social media channels to see our #ArchivesHashtagParty entries. To learn more about the program and see a list of participating institutions, check out NARA's [website](#).

NNLM SEA Hosts the Healthy Haiku Contest

In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) Southeastern/Atlantic Region (SEA) hosted a Healthy Haiku contest throughout the month of April. This fun, creative activity challenged participants to compose health-related haikus to share on [NNLM SEA social media](#).

Poems submitted throughout the month covered a wide variety of health topics, including vaccinations, health literacy, exercise, public health, working from home, healthy eating, and the joy of pets.

Check out a few of the great haikus below, including some familiar names from the HSHSL!

Parking garage stairs:
Not CrossFit, not yoga class...
But, hey, it's something!

Sarah Adcock
Rowland Medical Library
University of Mississippi Medical Center

Her work paved the way
The structure of DNA
Rosalind Franklin

Emily Gorman
Health Sciences and Human Services Library
University of Maryland, Baltimore

To make us happy,
I take my dog for a walk.
After that – we nap.

Alexa Mayo
Health Sciences and Human Services Library
University of Maryland, Baltimore

Stay hydrated daily
Enjoying four to six cups
Of clear, clean water

University of Tennessee Health Science Center Library

Staff News

M.J. Tooley, MLS, AHIP, FMLA, was recently named to three-year appointment to the Medical Library Association's Vision 2048 Task Force.

Presentations:

M.J. Tooley delivered the keynote address entitled "Resistance is Futile: Change or Die! Strategies for post-pandemic reflection and success" to the 5th Annual Joint Meeting of the Substance Abuse Librarians and Information Specialists (SALIS) and the Association of Mental Health Librarians (AMHL) on April 28.

Tara Wink, MLS, and HSHSL Spring 2022 interns, **Elizabeth Brown**, University of Maryland, graduate student, class of 2022, and **Hanna Takemoto**, University of Maryland (School) graduate student, class of 2021, presented as part of a panel titled "Creating Meaningful Hybrid and Virtual Internship Opportunities for Students." The presentation was part of the virtual Society of Southwest Archivists Meeting held May 17-21.

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