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October is Medical Librarians Month!

While we at the Medical Library celebrate Medical Librarians every day of the week, October marks the official Medical Library Association's efforts to inform students and faculty everywhere how important finding credible information is and who best can aid them in that search (hint - it's Medical Librarians!).

This year's theme for the month is "Avoid Misinformation! Take the Right Path: Partner with your Medical Librarian." Below are some National statistics provided by the MLA.

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 **AVOID HEALTH MISINFORMATION!**
Take the right path: Partner with your medical librarian

Make Better Decisions With a Medical Librarian

A study of 118 hospitals with more than 16,122 participants found that



Made better informed clinical decisions



Changed advice given to a patient



Changed the choice of drugs



Changed a diagnosis



Marshall JG, Sollenberger J, Easterby-Gannett S, et al. [The value of library and information services in patient care: results of a multisite study](#) (full text). *Journal of the Medical Library Association*101(1):38-46. DOI: [10.3163/1536-5050.1011.007](#)

But what about OUWB's Medical Library? The Library is here for you, and we can show you that by highlighting some of our own statistics regarding reference services provided to OUWB and the University at large. These are statistics gathered from the 2020-2021 Academic Year, and provide a mere glimpse into all the things we strive to provide here at the Medical Library.

Reference Services from the OUWB Medical Library

Academic Year 2020-2021

1482 Requests Received = 1.4 Requests Per Hour!

141,450 Resources Downloaded = Over 5000 downloads per resource!

720 Hours Given = The hours in an entire calendar month!

Upcoming Library Hours

Library Building Hours Over Thanksgiving Holiday

Kresge Library, including all Medical Library spaces, will have the following hours over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend:

- **Wednesday, November 24:** closes at 8:00pm
- **Thursday, November 25:** CLOSED
- **Friday, November 26:** CLOSED
- **Saturday, November 27:** reopens at 10am and normal hours resume

As a reminder, masks are still mandatory within library spaces, regardless of vaccination status, though medical students are once again allowed to gather in medical library spaces as long as they follow library guidelines.

Current Library Hours:

- **Monday - Friday:** 7:30 - 11:00pm
- **Saturday - Sunday:** 10:00am - 6:00pm

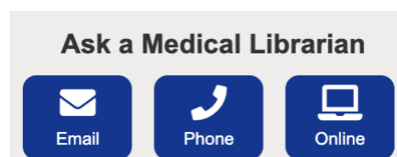
Library Corner

Library Suggestion eBox

The Medical Library has implemented a virtual [suggestion box](#) that can be accessed on our website. While we have virtual reference services available, and we are available in office or over the phone, we wanted to provide a way for students, faculty, and staff to offer suggestions on how we can improve services and programming across the board. Suggestions can be as brief as "we could use more markers in the study rooms" to ideas on what programs, resources, or services would be offered to contribute to the OUWB's learning environment.

Virtual Reference Sessions

We want to remind students and faculty that we are available for virtual reference sessions via Zoom, and we have recently integrated the application into our virtual calendar for ease of use. Simply click under the Ask a Medical Librarian option where it says "[Online](#)," as seen to the right.



From there you can choose a date and time to meet with the Medical Librarian, either in person, or the with default option, Zoom.

Tip of the Month

The Medical Library, in an effort to promote some services that might not be well known, would like to introduce a tip of the month feature in our newsletter. For October, we have chosen to highlight some resource management applications that might save some time and effort when dealing with the many citations that must be collected and catalogued.

[RefWorks](#) allows you to create a personal list of references and to format your bibliography in any citation style. [RefWorks](#) is provided by the Kresge Library for the entire university. For help using [RefWorks](#), please see this [video from Dr. Misa Mi](#) about how to use RefWorks.

Another useful tool for citation management is Mendeley, a piece of free software available to anyone as long as they create an account with Mendeley. One feature that Mendeley offers that is not available elsewhere is an export option that allows users to pull citations from a webpage into their citation management library. Please watch this [short video on Mendeley's Export feature](#), and feel free to [email](#) us with any questions you have about the product!

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