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## Mary L. Marix Wins Pfizer Award!

Mary L. Marix, a Reference Librarian at the Isché Library, was selected as a 2001 recipient of the LSUHSC Pfizer Award for Excellence in Education, Research, and Patient Care. The award is given to outstanding employees of the Health Sciences Center.

Mary has a long history in medical librarianship, beginning with earning a Masters in Library Science from Rutgers University in 1978. She was inducted into Beta Phi Mu, the Library and Information Science Honor Society in 1978. She worked at the libraries at Touro Infirmary, New Orleans General Hospital and St. Jude Medical Center before coming to the LSUHSC Library in 1982. She has been a Reference Librarian throughout her time here and served as the Head of Public Services from 1983 to 1989.

Mary is also active in many professional organizations. She belongs to the American Library Association, the Louisiana Library Association, the Medical Library Association, the South Central Chapter/Medical Library Association, and the Health Science Library Association of Louisiana, just to name a few.

Mary coordinates and teaches many Library systems classes for both the faculty and the staff. She works with the rest of the Reference staff in order to provide classes tailored to the specific needs of each group. She is dedicated to providing up to date information about the changing Library Systems. She also plans and presents orientations and presentations for graduate students and residents. Mary has given seminars and presentations to different library associations. She also represents the Library on several University and Association committees; among these is the National Network of Libraries of Medicine where she serves as the Outreach Coordinator for our Library. She is currently serving on the Local Arrangements Committee of SCC/MLA preparing for the Triple Chapter Meeting to take place in New Orleans in October.

Mary is a Louisiana native and is very interested in Louisiana history. She is a licensed New Orleans tour guide. She enjoys reading mysteries and loves cats.

-- Jennifer Kelly Hill  
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## Library Subscribes to ScienceDirect Full-Text Service

In its continuing efforts to provide Library users with full-text access to journal articles, the Library recently subscribed to the electronic resource service **ScienceDirect**~~link removed~~. This online service, which is accessible from any computer in the LSUHSC campus domain, gives users access to full-text of approximately 150 journals published by Elsevier to which the Library subscribes. Additionally, users can also view the tables of contents and abstracts of over 1,200 Elsevier titles. A class on how to use ScienceDirect will be offered later this Fall.

Some of the features users will find in using the ScienceDirect service:

- ☒ Full-text articles in HTML and PDF formats
- ☒ Ability to search full-text of articles available in HTML
- ☒ Ability to search across ScienceDirect's entire abstract database
- ☒ Browsing of Tables of Contents and Abstracts for over 1,200 Elsevier titles
- ☒ Ability to save and re-execute searches
- ☒ Alert service notifying users when new articles matching search criteria are added to the database
- ☒ Links from Reference lists in articles to the full-text of cited articles
- ☒ SummaryPlus feature offers timesaving article outlines including an abstract, hyperlinks to references, and thumbnail images and tables

To access ScienceDirect, go directly to [www.sciencedirect.com](http://www.sciencedirect.com), or follow the links from the Library's homepage (click on Additional Search Systems link, then find ScienceDirect in left-hand frame). Once at the ScienceDirect site, click the green "group-wide login" button ( **group-wide login ▶** ), at the next screen click on Browse ( **Browse** ) and then use the pull-down menus to sort by Title and by Subscribed Journals. This allows access to the list of titles for which the Library has full-text coverage; the subscription includes a rolling four years plus the current year. The full database of abstracts may be searched at any time.

In addition to ScienceDirect, the Library also subscribes to other full-text services such as the **IDEAL Library**~~link removed~~, which provides full-text for Academic Press, Mosby, Saunders, and other publishers; and **Synergy**~~link removed~~, which provides full-text of Blackwell Science & Munksgaard journal titles. Numerous other individual publisher websites also provide online full-text. To see a full list of print and electronic titles available through the Library, check the Library's catalog, **Innopa**~~link removed~~. To see a list of only those titles that are available electronically, check the **Electronic Access to Journals**~~link removed~~ page.

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## Need Info on Measurement Instruments?

Two more databases, HaPI and Mental Measurements Yearbook, are now available to the LSUHSC community for referencing a variety of standardized testing instruments:

**HaPI (Health and Psychosocial Instruments)** is available through [Ovid](#)[link removed](#). It contains 95,000 records of behavioral measurements and instruments, including references to many studies that describe the uses of these instruments. A rich source of measurement information, HaPI can refer you to standardized questionnaires, coding schemes, rating scales, checklists, tests and other means of evaluation.

**Mental Measurements Yearbook** is accessible through the Library's [home page](#)[link removed](#).

*For On-Campus Access:*

Just click on Additional Search Systems, then WebSPIRS/Silver Platter.

*For Off-Campus Access (An LSUHSC barcode is necessary for access.):*

Click on Additional Search Systems, then Remote/Academic.

MMY contains information about, and reviews of English-language standardized tests. The tests involve educational skills, personality, vocational aptitude, psychology and related areas as included in the printed Mental Measurements Yearbooks. For each test, the database provides the edition number(or numbers) of the Mental Measurements Yearbook in which the test was originally described.

While both of these additions are intended to be "user friendly," our Reference Librarians can help patrons seeking assistance. For further information or assistance, please contact the Library's Reference Department at 568-6102 or 568-8339, or the Dental Library at 619-8507.


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## The Cochrane Library Search Tips

The Summer issue of the *Library Bulletin*~~link removed~~ contained an article about a new full-text resource, the *Cochrane Library*~~link removed~~. The core of the Cochrane Library is the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. The following are search tips which users may find helpful in using this new resource.

- Users can access the database from the Library's *homepage*~~link removed~~ or by accessing the page directly (<http://www.cochranelibrary.com/enter/>~~link removed~~). The database is available only to patrons on the LSUHSC domain in the New Orleans area. At the introductory screen, press ENTER to begin; no User Name or Password is necessary.
- To search the Cochrane Library, simply enter a term in the Search window that appears near the top of each screen and click on the button labeled Search. All databases in the library are searched, and the results are shown in the Database Table. All text is searched in the default setting (titles, abstracts, authors' names, citations, keywords.)
- Multiple terms may be entered in the search box to find documents more specific to your requirements. The search will retrieve documents containing all the words entered, which is equivalent to using Boolean **AND**.  
*Example: Heart bypass will retrieve records which contain both heart and bypass.*  
Note that the order of the words is irrelevant and the Cochrane Library will match words in documents wherever they occur. It does not match the exact phrase.
- Phrases - For a more specific search, a phrase combining two or more words can be placed inside double quotes in the search box.  
*Search: "ambulatory blood pressure"*  
This search is interpreted as "AMBULATORY next to BLOOD next to PRESSURE" and will retrieve documents, which contain that phrase.
- The following are ignored in searches in the Cochrane Library database:  
upper and lower case, stopwords, numbers, and punctuation at the beginning and the end of words.
- Asterisks (\*) are Wildcards. Matches are made with all words that begin with the string of characters before the asterisk.  
*Example: Diabet\* will retrieve diabetes, diabetic, diabetics, etc.*
- Many, but not all, entries in the Cochrane Library are indexed using Medical Subject Heading (MeSH) terms. Consequently, searches using the MeSH thesaurus will never be 100% accurate. To search a MeSH term:
  - a. Open the MeSH search screen by clicking on the "MeSH" link in blue to the right of the search box.
  - b. Enter one word and click on Thesaurus. All MeSH headings containing the word will be displayed under the bold entry for that word.
  - c. Locate and click on the specific MeSH term in which you are interested.
  - d. Search the database using the MeSH term selected by clicking "Single term" for the exact term, or "Exploded term" for the term and all narrower terms (if applicable) in the MeSH.
  - e. The search system returns to the opening screen and displays the hits found for the MeSH search. MeSH searching is useful but should be combined with a free-text search to carry out a more

comprehensive query of the Cochrane Library.

- Author search - An author's name may be searched most efficiently by using the Options search screen.
  - a. Open the Options search screen by clicking on the "Options" link in blue to the right of the search box.
  - b. Select the "Restrict search to author only" option and click "OK."
  - c. Enter author's name in Search box and click on "Search."
  - d. The search system returns to the opening screen and displays the hits found for the author's name.
- The Cochrane Library is indexed in MEDLINE and CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature). MEDLINE is searchable through the **Ovidlink removed**, **MDConsultlink removed**, and **PubMedlink removed** systems, while CINAHL is available through **Ovidlink removed** and **WebSPIRS/Silver Platterlink removed**.
- Citing the Cochrane Library is simple the databases have set forms of citation. For each review, users are given the correct format.
- Use the "Exit" icon  at the top of the screen to log-off in order to leave The Cochrane Library. If not, the system will keep a user logged on for 15 minutes which may prevent others from accessing the database.

For additional information and assistance, consult The Cochrane Library's Help screens or contact the Library's Reference Department at 568-6102 or 568-8339, or the Dental Library at 619-8507 to answer questions or address concerns.

-- Pauline Fulda**link removed** &  
Carolyn K. Bridgewater**link removed**

## The Hazards of Post-it Notes

3M Post-it Notes and other self-sticking note tabs have been extensively discussed over the past several years among librarians, archivists, and collectors, concerning their effect on paper and photographic materials. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is at the forefront of this discussion, and has conducted laboratory research to determine possible effects. The NARA lab conducted tests on both the popular 3M Post-its and the AMB brand Attention Note Pads. The two major concerns addressed were: 1) the residues of the adhesives used on the backs of the notes, and 2) the dyes used in the notes and their effects on printed matter.

The testing concluded that "adhesive remained on sheets to which the notes were adhered after aging two weeks at 80 degrees Celsius, 65 percent relative humidity. Evidence of adhesive was found even when the notes were applied to sheets and removed immediately." Additionally, while immediate removal did not have any effect on printed electrostatic images, each brand of notes did remove the images after aging two weeks under the same conditions, thereby damaging the documents. The NARA chemists also discovered that the colored dyes of the notes run after contact with liquids. This has the potential to cause damage to documents as well. It was clearly concluded that *"on the basis of these findings, the National Archives recommends that no removable self-stick notes be used on any paper records that have permanent value."*

The University of California at San Diego Library's Preservation Department has an online announcement describing in some detail the repercussions of self-sticking note use on library materials. According to their descriptions, adhesives left behind after these notes are unaffixed "hardens and leaves a film that becomes acidic. This results in eventual discoloration and brittleness of the paper. (The notes) were designed for short-term application to expendable documents and have no place being used on permanent records and books." The UCSD Library also discouraged the use self-sticking notes on "brittle, fragile paper where removal may result in tearing the page."

Another online resource that addresses this topic is the website of the Preservation and Care of Philatelic Materials Committee of the American Philatelic Society. The Committee, deeply concerned with the conservation of postage stamp collections, tells us that "analysis shows that the adhesive used on Post-it Notes is an acrylate polymer. Adhesive left behind will result in pages sticking together. Dirt will accumulate on the sticky surface, necessitating conservation treatment in order to remove it.

"A (Post-it Notes) competitor's product uses a polybutylene base adhesive. These adhesives discolor and lose adhesion over time. The adhesive on self-stick notes will also lift some typewriter and electrostatic printing inks and text when placed over a printed area, particularly over a prolonged period."

The Committee also focused attention on the paper that the self-sticking notes themselves were made of. According to their information, most of these papers "have an acceptable pH level of 5.0 to 8.3. However, these papers contain lignin, indicating a low quality wood pulp and/or alumrosin sizing. Both components contribute to instability and deterioration of paper."

Self-sticking note tabs have proven highly useful for students and research professionals. Their convenience in organizing information and personal notation can save time, and make project data more accessible. However, using them on items that should be retained for long-term use, such as bound materials, is discouraged by conservation professionals. Librarians ask that borrowers refrain from using them on books or journals to preserve these materials for future use. Old-fashioned bookmarks work just as well and do not damage materials.

Links to the data provided:

- Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists*link removed*:  
<http://www.lib.utah.edu/cima/>
- UCSD Library's Preservation Department's Data*link removed*:  
<http://orpheus-1.ucsd.edu/preservation/postits.html>
- PCPM Committee of the American Philatelic Society's Data *link removed*:  
<http://www.stamps.org/care/subp15.htm>
- 3M's Website for Post-it Brand Notes *link removed*:  
<http://www.mmm.com/Post-it/>

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## Announcements

### **Library Display Featuring:**

Joy Osofsky, PhD and the latest edition of the *Handbook of Infant Mental Health*, a 4-volume set which Dr. Osofsky co-edits for the World Association for Infant Mental Health. Also included is information on her work on the effects of family violence and the Violence Intervention Program (VIP) for Children and Families. The display cases surround the Library stairwell.



## Ovid Hints: Combining Search Topics

The **Combine** function uses "Boolean" set theory (**AND**) or (**OR**) to merge search topics. By using Combine, the searcher is able to join at least two topics and eliminate duplicates from the retrieved citations.

Combining search topics can only be performed after two or more searches have been completed. There must be at least two search sets in the search history.



Click on **Combine** to combine search topics.

#	Search History	Results	Display
1	exp Diabetes mellitus/	144136	<a href="#">Display</a>
2	exp Delivery of health care/	313976	<a href="#">Display</a>

Using **AND**:

Both topics are required in the retrieved citations.

Topics are usually not synonymous.

Select topic 1 (*Diabetes mellitus*) by clicking in the box to the left of the topic.

**AND** select topic 2 (*Delivery of health care*) by clicking in the box to the left of the topic.

Select	#	Search History	Results
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	exp Diabetes mellitus/	144136
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	exp Delivery of health care/	313976

Click on **Combine Searches**

Retrieval from combining search statements using **AND**.



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 Delete All Searches

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### Retrieval from combining search statements using **OR**.

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**Medline**  
 1966 to July 2001

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#	Search History	Results	Display
1	Aspirin/	22867	<a href="#">Display</a>
2	Ibuprofen/	3375	<a href="#">Display</a>
3	Acetaminophen/	7329	<a href="#">Display</a>
4	1 or 2 or 3	32065	<a href="#">Display</a>

Run Saved Search
 Save Search History
 Delete All Searches

Enter **Keyword** or phrase:

☒ Map Term to Subject Heading

**Remember:** Using **AND** retrieves citations that must have both topics. By combining using **AND**, the number of citations retrieved will be some number less than or equal to the topic with the least number of citations.

Using **OR** retrieves citations that must have either, but may have both terms. By combining using **OR**, the number of citations retrieved will be some number greater than or equal to the topic with the largest number of citations.

The Combine feature helps create a new search set that represents the intersection (**AND**) or union (**OR**) of two or more previously created sets.

-- Kathryn E. Kerdolff  
 kkerdo@lsuhsc.edu *link removed*

## Highlighted Websites: Theater

One of the most personal forms of entertainment is a live play. From the tangible connection between the cast and audience to the dreaded possibility of someone forgetting his lines or missing his mark, the experience is uniquely different from just another night at the movies. The true artistic nature of a live play lies in the fact that it is fluid. Each performance is different from the one before and the one after. For some, this fact is the reason the play is appealing. The actors have only one chance to get it right or get it wrong. So the next time you're in the mood for some "real" excitement, why not enjoy a local theater production? Here are a few websites to help you find the action, and don't worry, "break a leg" just means good luck.

### **Le Chat Noir**

[www.cabaretlechatnoir.com](http://www.cabaretlechatnoir.com) *link removed*

This upscale theater provides a very comfortable experience for enjoying productions. Candle-lit tables, cocktail servers, and a modern stage all contribute to your ability to concentrate on the play. Even parking is free. A calendar of events lists upcoming shows.

### **Docsnews.com-The Magazine**

[www.docsnews.com/nolatheatres.html](http://www.docsnews.com/nolatheatres.html) *link removed*

Aside from describing the historic Le Petit Theatre du Vieux Carre, located in the French Quarter, this website mentions many of the other venues in the city for enjoying live theater.

### **The Gambit**

Theater Listings: [http://www.bestofneworleans.com/dispatch/current/thea\\_art\\_bks-lists.html](http://www.bestofneworleans.com/dispatch/current/thea_art_bks-lists.html) *link removed*

Theater Reviews: [http://www.bestofneworleans.com/dispatch/current/thea\\_review.html](http://www.bestofneworleans.com/dispatch/current/thea_review.html) *link removed*

Theater productions are regularly listed in the Gambit for your convenience. There are also reviews to help in your decision-making process. Just remember that theater critics are about as accurate as movie critics are, sometimes even less so since each theater performance is slightly different from the one before, so keep an open mind.

### **NOLA.com with the Times Picayune**

<http://www.nola.com/events/> *link removed*

This comprehensive site gives the times, locations, and brief descriptions of plays in the local area. As if that isn't enough, it also provides a map and the prices of the tickets. A great first stop to see what fits your tastes and your budget.

### **Southern Rep**

<http://www.southernrep.com/index.html> *link removed*

This professional theater company is committed to making theater accessible to young people through education. Upcoming events are also listed on the site as well as a request form so you can be added to their mailing list for your theater-going convenience.

### **Theatre Louisiane**

[www.theatrelouisiane.com](http://www.theatrelouisiane.com) *link removed*

This enthusiastic company makes up for its small budget productions with fine acting and an imaginative use of the available resources. For a glimpse of what live theater is all about catch one of their upcoming performances listed in the website.



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## Staff News

**Bruce Abbott, MLS**, Assistant Director for Library Systems & Electronic Resources, has been appointed to the National Network of Libraries of Medicine South Central Region (NN/LM SCR) Technology Advisory Committee.

**Marlene Bishop, MLIS**, Acquisitions/Collection Development Librarian, has been appointed to the Bylaws Committee for the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association (SCC/MLA).

**Carolyn K. Bridgewater, MLS, MSW**, Reference Librarian at the John P. Isché Library (Resource Center), has been appointed to the NN/LM SCR Consumer Health Advisory Committee.

**Hanna Kwasik, MLIS**, Serials Librarian, presented a poster, "Hiring Odyssey - Qualifications for a Serials Librarian in an Electronic Age" at the North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) in San Antonio, Texas, in May.

**Jennifer K. Lloyd, MLIS**, Circulation & InterLibrary Loan Manager / Web Coordinator for the Library, has been named co-chair of the Access Services Special Interest Group (SIG) for the Public Services Section of MLA. She has also been appointed to the Fundraising Committee for SCC/MLA.

**Mary L. Marix, MLS, AHIP**, Reference Librarian, has been awarded one of the 2001 Pfizer Excellence Awards ([See related story](#)).

**Wilba Swearingen, MA, MLS, AHIP**, Library Director, has been appointed to the AMIGOS 2002 Conference Advisory Committee, as well as the Local Arrangements Committee for the 2002 American Library Association Mid-Winter Meeting and the Anthony H. Benoit Mid-Career Award Committee for the Louisiana Library Association.

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All current LSUHSC faculty, staff, and students should receive an automatic announcement about the availability of a new issue. If you are not receiving these announcements, or if you are not a current member of the LSUHSC community and would like to receive these announcements, please contact Jennifer Lloyd at [jlloyd@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:jlloyd@lsuhsc.edu)[link removed](#).

Archived copies of the newsletter may be found via the LSUHSC Library's homepage at <http://www.lsuhs.edu/no/library/>[link removed](#).

Additionally, the LSUHSC Dental Library publishes its own newsletter, the *Library Explorer*. Copies are archived via the [LSUHSC Dental Library homepage](#)[link removed](#) under *Library Explorer*.

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