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Library Commons Opens

After fourteen months of construction, the Library Commons officially opened on July 15th. The space is adjacent to the Isché Library. This beautifully designed area is accessible twenty-four hours a day (via LSUHSC ID access) and offers a functional and hospitable environment to all LSUHSC students, staff, and faculty.

The Library Commons offers a coffee and snack bar that serves Starbucks coffee products in addition to a variety of pastries, sandwiches and salads. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7am- 3pm; food service is supplied by [Auxiliary Enterprises](#) (*link removed*).

Numerous sitting areas provide ideal spots for individual studying, but group areas are offered as well. An audio-visual area is available to all students, faculty, and staff for use with personal laptops. This is a perfect place to share notes or practice for an upcoming presentation. The cables necessary to use the flat screens with laptops are available for checkout at the Isché Circulation Desk all [hours](#) (*link removed*) that the Library is open.

A growing collection of medical instruments and books dating back to the early 1900's occupy our numerous display cases. These artifacts add an historical aspect to a completely modern space and denote just how much the Science of Medicine has advanced over the past century.

-- [S. Claire Mayeux](#) (*link removed*)

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Alferez Frieze Returns Home

One of the highlights of the new [Library Commons](#) is the Enrique Alferez frieze featured in the Cafe area. It is entitled the "Conquest of Yellow Fever" and was completed in 1931. It originally hung in the original Medical School building at 1542 Tulane Avenue. The frieze has lived through several travails during its 78 years:

- Sometime in the 1950s it was accidentally painted green when the walls were painted.
- In 1987 it was removed from the wall in the Medical School building; the ceiling was to be lowered and the frieze would have been hidden from sight.
- Because the Library's former director, Judith Caruthers was instrumental in saving the frieze in 1987, it was moved to the new Resource Center building in 1989.
- The city of New Orleans named November 8, 1996 Judith Caruthers Day in honor of her efforts to save the frieze.
- The frieze was crated and carried down the fire stairs and sent to a conservator for restoration in March of 1999. It was estimated that it weighed about 600 pounds at that time.
- In December 2008, the frieze was mounted to the specially prepared wall of the Library Commons cafe area, restored to its former beauty.



The center of the frieze depicts the four scientists who conquered yellow fever, Walter Reed, Aristides Agramonte, Jesse Lazear, and James Carroll all members of the US Army Yellow Fever Commission in Cuba who confirmed that Yellow Fever was transmitted by mosquitos and not by direct human contact, opening the door for a cure.

-- [Jennifer Lloyd](#) (*link removed*)

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EMBASE.com When PubMed is not enough

[EMBASE.com](#) (*link removed*) is:

- A database of citations and abstracts of peer reviewed biomedical journal articles.
- Licensed by the LSUHSC-New Orleans library.
- Especially strong in its coverage of drug and pharmacology literature.
- Linked to full text when the *e-journals are licensed by LSUHSC-NO Libraries*.
- User friendly.
- A great compliment to [PubMed](#) (*link removed*) and includes [MEDLINE](#) (*link removed*) citations.

Searching [EMBASE.com](#) (*link removed*) is:

- Intuitive and uses recognizable terms.
- Has automatic suggested term selection in Quick Search.
- Shows search history on the same page as the retrieved citations.
- Has direct export to [Ref!Works](#) (*link removed*) .
- Has checkbox combining (Boolean) on retrieval page.

To be thorough, be sure to run your literature search using EMBASE.com as well as PubMed. For assistance with any of the Libraries' resources, please contact a [Reference](#) (*link removed*) Librarian at the Isché Library (504) 568-6102 / (504) 568-8339, or at the [Dental Library](#) (*link removed*) (504) 941-8158.

-- [Kathy Kerdolff](#) (*link removed*)

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Library Transformations Across the Floors

Sometimes predictions can be eerily accurate. In the [Summer 1999 edition](#) of the Library Bulletin, former staff member Tom Finicle described the shifting project the staff tackled that year. In the article, he said the moves made then would provide the collection with enough space to last through 2009. Fast forward a decade and this statement holds true, as the Isché Library staff is once again embarking on a major shifting project of the fifth floor journal stacks.

Whereas this project would have been needed years ago if we still received the numbers of titles in print as we did in 1999, it is now necessary because of the continued transformations to the third floor of the Library. To help in the creation of a new seating area, the indexes and abstracts currently shelved there will be moved to the fifth floor with the journals. As a result, we have to create a space for these volumes to go on the existing shelving, making the moving of all volumes of journals on the fifth floor necessary. However, aside from helping to open up an area of the third floor, this move also gives us the opportunity to adjust the spacing for some cramped areas of the collection as well as to allocate enough room for those titles we still receive in print by allowing for ten to fifteen years' worth of growth.

If you've recently made it up to the fifth floor where the journal collection is housed, you've no doubt noticed the signs, migrating rows of empty shelves, and various members of the Isché Library staff busily moving carts full of what seems to be an unending supply of volumes. The increased noise and bustle are necessary inconveniences of this project, but since starting in the middle of June, it is moving along at a rapid pace. We also know that at times journals are somewhat difficult to find depending upon where the project has reached. Hopefully any difficulties in finding a title are short-lived for as we complete shifting sections of the stacks, new signs are placed at the ends of the rows reflecting the titles now shelved on those aisles. The Library staff appreciates our patrons' understanding that this time of chaos and minor nuisances is temporary and will result in an improvement for the Library.

-- [Rebecca Bealer](#) (*link removed*)

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Announcements

The LSUHSC Libraries recently purchased a subscription to Springer Protocols (*link removed*). This database of "reproducible laboratory results" includes:

- Methods in Molecular Biology,
- Methods in Molecular Medicine,
- Methods in Biotechnology,
- Methods in Pharmacology and Toxicology, and
- Neuromethods,

as well as from a vast number of Laboratory Handbooks, such as The Biomethods Handbook, The Proteomics Handbook, and the Springer Laboratory Manuals. It is available on & off campus (*link removed*).

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Staff News

Kathryn E. Kerdolff, MLIS, AHIP, Reference Librarian, has been named Chair of the History Committee of the South Central Chapter (SCC) of the Medical Library Association (MLA) for 2009-2010. She will also complete her term on the Executive Board of the Chapter at the October Annual Meeting in Tulsa.

Hanna Kwasik, MLIS, AHIP, Head Cataloger, has been named Chair of the Section/Special Interest Group Review Committee of the MLA Section Council for 2009-2010.

Elizabeth A. Strother, MLS, MBA, AHIP, Head of the Dental Library, has coauthored an article with members of the Dental Faculty; the citation is as follows: Hubar JS, Pelon W, Strother EA, Sicard FS. Reducing Staphylococcus Aureus bacterial counts in a dental clinic using an Ionic Breeze™ air purifier: a preliminary study. General Dentistry 2009 May/June; 57(3):226-9. 1 of 1

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