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Digitization Grant: Yellow Fever Collection

LSUHSC New Orleans Library is the proud recipient of a \$25,000 [Historical Preservation and Digitization Award](#) (*link removed*) from the [National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region](#) (*link removed*), to create a digital version of an historic collection of yellow fever books. The project, Digitization of the Aristides Agramonte Collection on Yellow Fever provides funding to work with a digitization vendor to create digital copies of 149 historical resources. The digital materials will be available free online to the general public (in Spring 2011) via the [LOUISiana Digital Library](#) (*link removed*). The Louisiana Digital Library is a state-wide digital library consortium that provides an online library of digitized materials documenting Louisiana's history and culture.

Dr. [Aristides Agramonte](#) (*link removed*), a native of Cuba, was the first department chair of the Tropical Medicine Department at the newly founded LSU Medical School in 1931. His personal collection of books and journals became the first materials acquired for the new medical school's Library. In fact, the original name of the Library was the Aristides Agramonte Memorial Medical Library. Dr. Agramonte served as the pathologist for the U.S. Army Yellow Fever expedition to Cuba led by Dr. Walter Reed in the early 1900's.

The U.S. Army Yellow Fever expedition to Cuba in 1899 and the ultimate conquering of Yellow Fever marked a turning point in medicine. Throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, New Orleans (and other cities) suffered from horrific epidemics of Yellow Fever. The germ theory of disease had not yet been fully developed and at the time, cannons often boomed through the night to ward off the disease. The Reed team put forth the first scientific theory regarding Yellow Fever (the source being discovered as the mosquito). Researchers who are interested in the history of medicine, the Yellow Fever epidemics, tropical medicine or the developments of the first scientific theory used to trace and find a cure for a communicable disease will find the materials in the collection invaluable for their research.

The Aristides Agramonte Collection on Yellow Fever is significant because it offers a large number of early publications on yellow fever. Publications date back to the 1790s, and discuss the epidemiology and pathology of yellow fever in New York, Philadelphia, Barbados and New Orleans, among other areas. Books are included from authors including Benjamin Rush, Carlos Finlay, the New Orleans Board of Health, and of course Dr. Agramonte himself. The library looks forward

to opening access to this unique collection to a broader audience. You can view other [digital collections](#) *(link removed)* created by the LSUSHC-NO Library, including graduation programs, student newspapers, newspaper clippings and medical art, via the [LOUISiana Digital Library](#) *(link removed)*.

-- [Maureen Knapp](#) *(link removed)*

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[LOUIS](#) (*link removed*), the Louisiana Library Network, is a consortium of 47 academic and special libraries throughout the state. The network was founded in 1992 as a result of the Board of Regents' Task Force on Libraries.¹ Executive Director, Sara Zimmerman, follows in the footsteps of Director Emeritus Ralph Boé. Mr. Boé was the first administrator of LOUIS, and he led the organization for 18 years before retiring on June 30, 2010. Through his leadership and vision LOUIS has undoubtedly become the center of information resources for academics in Louisiana.

Beginning with the automation of four university library catalogs, LOUIS has since automated over 29 libraries across the state. By 1994, the network began contracting with publishers and vendors to provide a diverse array of databases, electronic resources, and full-text books and journals to libraries. According to LOUIS' [2009-2010 Annual Report](#) (*link removed*) the network provided subscriptions to 77 different electronic resource packages with an average of 72,000 electronic journal and book titles.² LOUIS also has added services such as ILLiad Interlibrary Loan, LOUISiana Digital Library among others, while it continues to maintain the central automated system SirsiDynix and the LOUISiana Union Catalog. Member libraries are able to subscribe to a wide range of resources and services at a discounted rate including many resources that could not be afforded without the consortium.

LSU Health Sciences Center Libraries have been a part of the LOUIS Library Network since 1997. LOUIS resources are available from the Library's [web page](#) (*link removed*) and [catalog](#) (*link removed*). Some of our subscriptions include the following:

- ISI Web of Knowledge/Web of Science
 - Science Citation Abstracts
 - Social Science Citation Abstracts
 - Journal Citation Reports
- Annual Reviews Biomedical Suite
- APA PsycARTICLES
- EBSCOhost and EBSCO A-to-Z
 - CINAHL Plus with Full Text
 - Medline
 - Mental Measurements Yearbook
 - Biological Abstracts

PSCYinfo
Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection
SocINDEX with Full Text
AltHealthWatch
Environment Index
Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition
Academic Search Complete
ERIC
Newspaper Source

Until recently, primary funding for LOUIS was provided by the Board of Regents with the remainder supported by member libraries and grant monies. As of July 2010 the Board of Regents cut funding (*link removed*) for LOUIS. The Board has provided the network with enough funds to carry subscriptions through August 2010. Member libraries have rallied to make up as much of the almost 2.7 million dollar deficit as possible, but in the Louisiana's current recession the future of LOUIS is uncertain.

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-- Marlene Bishop (*link removed*) and Hanna Kwasik (*link removed*)

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Digital Collections

LSUHSC Libraries are continually adding to our online [digital collection](#) (*link removed*), available through the [Louisiana Digital Library](#) (*link removed*) sponsored by [LOUIS](#) (*link removed*).

Now you can search through old copies of the student produced newspaper, The [Tiger Rag](#) (*link removed*) and see LSUHSC MDs in their wilder days. Did your grandpa graduate from here? Look up his name in the LSU Medical Center, New Orleans [Graduation Programs](#) (*link removed*). Are you a history buff? Check out the effects World War II had on the city's medical community in our LSUHSC [Newspaper Clippings files](#) (*link removed*). Check out the above collections as well as the LSU School of Dentistry-[Historic Photographs](#) (*link removed*) and the [William Branks Stewart Collection](#) (*link removed*) of medical illustrations from 1933-1950.

The next digital project will be adding recent and "vintage" copies of the LSUHSC New Orleans course catalogs for your viewing pleasure.

-- [Kressy Raasch](#) (*link removed*)

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In Memory of Ann Macomber, 1926 -2010



Ann Hodge Macomber, retired Associate/Acting Director of the LSUHSC Libraries, died at her home on August 1, 2010. A native of Birmingham, AL, Ann graduated from Newcomb College and began her career at LSU in 1949 as a library associate. She received her Master of Library Science degree from Emory University in 1951 and became a reference librarian. After a brief stint at the Emory University School of Medicine, Ann resumed her career at LSUHSC as acquisitions librarian. In addition to her collection development role, Ann also served as the Library's Associate Director from 1976 to 1987 and as Acting Director from June 1985 to July 1986. She retired from service in 1987 and was conferred the distinction of Emeritus Professor of Medical Bibliography.

Ann's extensive knowledge and keen decision making skills were instrumental in the development of the Library's monograph and serial collections. While maintaining a firm commitment to the traditional roles of librarianship, Ann helped guide the Library through much of its early progression into the world of automation. She once said, "It's wonderful to have mechanical devices to transmit information, but in my day chips meant wood, and hardware meant hammers and nails." In her final years with LSU, Ann was a key force in planning the Library's design and relocation to the Resource Center. Much of what the Library is today was founded on the cornerstone laid by Ann Macomber.

Ann's dedication to the library profession is evidenced by her active participation in several associations, including the Academy of Health Information Professionals and the Medical Library Association, Southern Regional Group and South Central Regional Group. Ann served on a number of committees for these associations and, in 1989, was named a fellow of the MLA. Though she highly valued her professional memberships, Ann firmly believed that the key to personal and professional growth was found in the "one-on-one" sharing of ideas between colleagues. She maintained and promoted this philosophy throughout her career.

Ann devoted much of her private life to civic involvement. She served on the board of directors for various organizations and was president of the Poydras Home Auxillary from 1997 through 2000. She also held memberships in the Orleans Club, Phi Mu, Plimsoll Club and the Fine Arts Club. In her spare time, Ann was an avid reader and crossword puzzle enthusiast.

Ann Macomber is survived by her sister, Kate Hodge Lane of Greensboro, NC, two stepchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of family and friends. Her presence will be missed not only by her family, but by those who knew and were inspired by her during her tenure at LSU.

-- JoAnn McKendall (*link removed*)

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The Isché Library has continued its Summer [hours](#) ([link removed](#)) into the Fall. The hours are as follows:

Monday - Thursday	8 am - 10 pm
Friday	8 am - 6 pm
Saturday	9:30 am - 6 pm
Sunday	1:30 - 10 pm

[Julie Schiavo](#) ([link removed](#)), Dental Reference Librarian, is now the Graduate Studies Library Liaison. Contact her for new faculty orientations, customized Library instruction, and Library resource updates.

[PubMed](#) ([link removed](#)) has moved back in time to encompass articles from [1947](#) ([link removed](#)). This brings the number of citations in the database to over 20 million citations produced during 63 years of indexing of the biomedical literature.

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Rebecca Bealer, MLIS, Serials Librarian, attended the Innovative Users Group annual conference in April in Chicago, where she also moderated the Serials Forum.

Marlene Bishop, MLIS, AHIP, Head - Collection Development, organized the first teleconferenced annual meeting of the state medical librarians group (HSLAL). Three locations participated from around the state, New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and Shreveport, with 40 librarians in attendance. She is also the vice president/president-elect for that group.

Carolyn K. Bridgewater, MLIS, MSW, AHIP, Reference Librarian, has received a Professional Development Award from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine to attend the Patients and Populations: Public Health in Medical Education in Cleveland, Ohio in September.

Kathryn E. Kerdolff, MLIS, AHIP, Reference Librarian, presented a poster at the Southern Group on Educational Affairs (SGEA) in Oklahoma City in April entitled, "Reliability and Validity of a Competency Test to Measure Information Retrieval and Evidence Based Practice Skills of Second Year Medical Students;" the poster was coauthored by Molly Knapp (Library), Tong Yang and Richard DiCarlo (both in Medicine). Kathy also presented a poster at the International Association of Medical Science Educators (IAMSE) in New Orleans in July entitled, "2nd Year Medical Students Evidence Based Practice Skills: an Online Competency Assessment;" the poster was coauthored by Molly Knapp (Library), Tong Yang and Richard DiCarlo (both in Medicine).

Molly Knapp, MA, AHIP, Reference Librarian, was awarded a National Library of Medicine/Marine Biology Laboratories Informatics Fellowship in May. She spent a week at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Massachusetts to study current trends in informatics in June. Molly also presented a poster at the Medical Library Association (MLA) meeting in Washington, DC in May entitled, "Snapshot of Digitization in Health Sciences Libraries: a Descriptive Survey." Molly taught approximately 39 librarians statewide at the HSLAL spring meeting; the continuing education course was entitled, "The Fine Art of Connecting Users: Incorporating Virtual Reference Services, RSS & Mobile Devices into Library Reference Services." She, along with Jennifer Lloyd, also published an article in the Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries; the citation is as follows: Knapp, MM; Lloyd, JK. "Mobile

Computing in the Library: 'Droid Does? Developments in the Android Medical App Market." Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries 2010; 7(3):247-53.

Jennifer K. Lloyd, MLIS, AHIP, Information Technology & ILL Librarian and Acting Head-Circulation, coauthored an article with Molly Knapp in the Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries.

S. Claire Mayeux, Isché Circulation Associate, attended the American Library Association Meeting in Washington, DC in June as part of her Project Recovery Scholarship (*link removed*) from the School of Library and Information Science at LSU-BR. She has also been awarded the Library Student Outreach Award from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine/South Central Chapter (NNLM/SCR); this scholarship will allow Claire to attend the annual meeting of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association (SCC/MLA) in Austin in October.

Elizabeth A. Strother, MLS, MBA, AHIP, Head of the Dental Library, presented a poster at the American Education Association conference in Washington, DC in March, entitled, "Incoming Dental Student Expectations of an Electronic Textbook Program."

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