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Director's Message:

The Health Sciences Library welcomes Information and Knowledge Services Librarian, Bridget Gunn (See announcement below). She joins a staff that is the most vital resource of the Baystate Health Sciences Library which happens to be designated as an official Resource Library within the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM). The NN/LM has been serving the biomedical information needs of the nation for over forty years, established by the Medical Library Assistance Act of 1965. The Network today has matured into a thriving organization consisting of primary access libraries, then, resource libraries, followed by eight regional libraries (RMLs), and the National Library of Medicine at the top. In the end, however, it is the individual, dedicated library staff nationwide that comprise the network, creating and coordinating expert resources and services that improve patient care, education and research.

Ellen Brassil MSLS, MAT, AHIP, Director, Health Sciences Library

Welcome New Library Staff

Bridget Gunn is the new Information & Knowledge Services Librarian at the Health Sciences Library. Bridget comes to Baystate after working for several years as a librarian and library manager at the Hospital of Central Connecticut. She also worked as the Science Information Literacy Coordinator at Springfield College from 2007-2010. Bridget received her Master of Science in Library Science from Simmons College and before that completed a Master of Science in Exercise Science at UMass-Amherst. She received her undergraduate degree from Mount Holyoke College with a Bachelor of Arts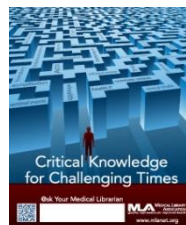 in Biology. Bridget decided to pursue a career in medical librarianship because she loves to track down quality information on just about any topic, but especially in the health sciences. She most enjoys helping people with their research needs, so please feel free to contact Bridget with your clinical, laboratory, administrative or other research-type questions!

Recognition

Margot Malachowski, Community Outreach Librarian, has been recognized by the Academy of Health Information Professionals based on three areas of achievement: academic preparation, professional experience, and professional accomplishments. The Senior Level demonstrates substantial participation in professional activities.

October is National Medical Librarians Month!

We are shouting from the rooftop that the Medical Library Association has designated October National Medical Librarians Month, to recognize and celebrate the importance and the achievements of health sciences information professionals. Medical librarians offer efficient access to quality print and online medical and health-related information within a wide variety of healthcare settings. The Library staff provides up to the minute, customized information to save you time and stay abreast of best practices – and even help save lives. Whether you'd like to ask about current awareness strategies, help with systematic reviews, advanced PubMed searching, citation management tips, consumer health information resources in multiple languages and more - stop by or call today.

Library Advisory Board

"The Library needs you!" Are you opinionated? Do you like to weigh in and make suggestions? The Library is asking for interested Baystate staff to be part of the Health Sciences Library's Advisory Group – with no meeting requirements - but input welcomed! Is there a favorite database to consider? What journal titles could be retired? Do you have ideas for information at the point-of-care? If interested please fill out this form or contact the Library at X 4-1865.