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Message from the Librarian
Every fall the library typically welcomes new faces with orientations, projects and document requests during non-Covid years. But Covid has not stopped any of us, as services and operations continue to be robust, both remotely and in-person. And what does all this entail? What are health sciences librarians focused on throughout the whole year? A recent issue of the Journal of the Medical Library Association featured a paper that analyzed the Association’s conference abstracts and identified a variety of touch points that we delve into, “what we talk about is what we do”. (Myers B. What we talk about when we talk about medical librarianship: an analysis of Medical Library Association annual meeting abstracts, 2001-2019. J Med Libr Assoc. 2020;108(3):364-377) ultimately to support the work of our clinicians and researchers that benefits patient care. There are dominant topics that emerged, reflecting the scope of what’s happening in our libraries as described in almost six thousand presentations since 2001. Conference papers have explored a multitude of topics that are important to the Baystate Health Sciences Library and Knowledge Services too, with top subject areas including: Community outreach; Academic instruction; Patient education; Library services & operations; Research support; Electronic resources; Literature searching; Evidence-based practice; Technical systems, and much more. Similarly, whether safely social distancing or virtually, our engagement with you, our Baystate colleagues, is our number one priority.

Ellen Brassil, MLIS, MAT AHIP

October is National Medical Librarian Month
October is National Medical Librarians Month, a TIME to both celebrate and raise awareness of the important role of the health information professional. Indeed, medical librarians are an integral part of the healthcare team, and research demonstrates that librarian-led information services and resources improve clinical decision making and patient-care outcomes. Librarians also have a direct impact on the quality of research conducted, by helping users stay current about advances in their specialty areas. Librarians teach students and healthcare providers how to find and evaluate information.

Covid Resources for Consumer – Fighting misinformation and identifying trustworthy sources
Given the amount of misinformation online, it can be an extra challenge for more vulnerable populations who often struggle to find meaningful health information. Consumers should be cautious when using commercial.com websites, and be careful when sites have broken links, spelling errors or lack contact information. Instead, look for trusted sources based in facts and research.

The Baystate Library & Knowledge Services has curated a Consumer Health subject guide on COVID-19 and can recommend many other resources to fill any information gaps for accurate COVID-19 information. This subject guide can help non-health professionals answer basic, critical questions about how to stay safe and well.
Recent additions to our catalog

Davis's drug guide for nurses. Seventeenth edition. 2021
Vallerand, April Hazard, QV 735 D261 2021

How to be an antiracist. 2019
Kendi, Ibram X., E 184 A1 K335h 2019

Integrating health humanities, social science, and clinical care: a guide to self-discovery, compassion, and well-being. 2019
Williams, Anna-leila, W 61 W721i 2019

Just medicine: a cure for racial... Paperback edition, with a new preface. 2018
Matthew, Dayna Bowen, W 76 M784j 2018

The new Jim Crow: mass incarceration in the age of colorblindness. Tenth anniversary edition. 2020
Alexander, Michelle, HV 9950 A437 2020

Smith & Tanagho's general urology. Nineteenth edition. 2020
McAninch, Jack W., WJ 140 S662 2020

White fragility: why it's so hard for White people to talk about racism. 2018
DiAngelo, Robin J., HT 1521 D486 2018

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Anti-racism Resources

In the wake of violence against Black Americans and the national movement for us to examine, reflect, and learn how we can work together to combat racial injustice and inequity, the Library has put together an Anti-Racism Resources guide that includes books, articles, podcasts, syllabi and more. This guide is by no means exhaustive; to recommend additional resources, please contact library@baystatehealth.org

How you can contribute: The Library hopes to expand this collection over time and invites you to make a donation towards the purchase of one or more books on our wish list or to suggest a similar title. Donations made specifically as a tribute in memory or in honor of an event or person may be formally recognized by the placement of an attractive bookplate anonymously or as requested by the donor. For information contact the library at 794-1866 or library@bhs.org

Newest Addition to the Library Archives

Dr. Keroack recently donated to the Library’s growing collection of historic and archival material a greatly cherished family treasure of historic significance. The graceful cape pictured to the right in fact belonged to his mother, Mary Phaneuf Keroack, who was in the Springfield Hospital Training School for Nurses between 1944 and 1945 as part of the government’s Nurse Cadet program – so prominent during the years of World War II. The program put high school grads through accelerated nursing training so that they could take the place of more experienced nurses who were desperately needed for the war effort. Mary excelled and went on to be a Nursing Arts Instructor for many years and later married and raised a family.

The Library is honored to include this generous donation with our archives as yet another reminder of not only Baystate’s rich history and tradition of service to both our community and the larger society, but the nursing profession’s long track record of dedication and sacrifice especially during times of crisis and need. Thank you Dr. Keroack!