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Message from the Librarian Welcome Newcomers

The Health Sciences Library extends a warm welcome to all Baystate newcomers arriving this summer and invites anyone to stop by for a quick tour or to call us at 794-1865 to schedule an orientation for individuals or groups wanting to learn more about our services and resources. Have a look at the Health Sciences [Library website](#) to explore our virtual presence and contact us with any questions: library@bhs.org. Finally, we remind persons still in the process of moving on to other institutions to drop off any library items that may have been overlooked or misplaced, no questions asked!

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ChatGPT and Other AI Tools

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a hot topic these days, especially since the launch of the natural language processing tool, [ChatGPT](#), last November. A simple search in PubMed for “ChatGPT” leads to over 700 articles published since its release seven months ago, indicating wide recognition of its potential use in medicine and healthcare. There seem to be endless possibilities for AI to support patient care and research in fields such as [radiology](#), [diagnostics](#), [therapeutics](#), [nursing](#), and [writing](#). But with all the potential benefits come many limitations to consider, namely [ethics](#), [accuracy](#), [currency](#), [biased content](#), and [security/privacy](#).

Despite the booming popularity of AI in both the scholarly and popular media, it seems that only the tip of the iceberg is visible at this point. While the short and long-term implications of this quickly evolving science are debated and studied, check out our [AI libguide](#) for resources and article alerts to help keep you informed!



Scholarly Commons: Baystate's own Medical Institutional Repository

The most recent issue of the [Journal of the Medical Library Association](#) described a new initiative for the health sciences audience called “the Medical Institutional Repositories in Libraries (MIRL) Symposium.” [The report](#) traces the growth of medical institutional repositories (IRs) since their inception over more than 15 years ago and their widespread use by most medical school and other university libraries in the U.S. and abroad. Institutional repositories function as digital archives that typically collect, organize, and showcase scholarly and other institutional output consisting primarily of peer-reviewed publications and projects along with other archives and documents. IRs can offer an alternative to the traditional publishing model and promote open access publishing, enabling researchers to quickly disseminate research results and retain copyright of their work. The Baystate Health Sciences Library's institutional repository, Scholarly Commons, is an online archive of Baystate publication records and other digital content and was one of the first of many hospital IRs engaged in promoting and sharing their research.

IRs not only organize records of scholarly achievement but also document significant events that reflect an institution's identity, mission, and record of service to a larger community. Scholarly Commons gathers a variety of Baystate scholarly output and activity including presentations, citations, and abstracts of publications, along with posters, photographs, newsletters, blogs, and multimedia. Scholarly Commons' “Images Gallery” offers a visual timeline of significant moments in Baystate's history and captures dozens of key events and periods from past to the present, including easily recognizable places and faces over the decades. The Scholarly Commons “Expert Gallery” contains profiles of many Baystate scholars, including nurses and others who may wish to submit comprehensive records of their scholarly activities throughout their careers. Links to professional accomplishments may be embedded in external sources such as resumes and other directories, which in turn may be sources of additional information for Scholarly Commons profiles.

Scholarly Commons even offers a publishing platform and integrates with social media so that readers may follow and share selected authors' work and authors themselves may communicate directly with one another, exchanging similar research interests with colleagues from other institutions. Authors and departments can tap into the larger [Digital Commons network](#) of hundreds of scholarly organizations worldwide. Direct access to an author's work can significantly increase their Internet hits and their scholarly impact. Scholarly Commons integrates with social media and offers monthly usage statistics to effectively track the reach of their work, display the most “popular” papers, and show specific geographic locations worldwide where people are viewing and reading Baystate works. Scholarly Commons can generate reports that include a monthly “activity snapshot,” with a variety of metrics such as citation counts, media mentions and tweets via the Digital Commons dashboard.

All content enjoys a unique link and a stable archival environment which can provide DOIs and Creative Commons licenses. IRs are almost always managed by the institution's library, with the precision that libraries are known for. IRs are a solution to preserving an institution's overall record of accomplishments – also documented through news account, letters, and photographs. Repository settings can offer either global access or limit access to selected content. And finally, an institution's greater Internet presence can greatly enhance the recruiting efforts of departments and programs.

Explore Scholarly Commons on your own or contact the library for a virtual tour!

¹ Fay B, Buda LM, Dellureficio AJ, Hoover S, Kubilius RK, Moore SJ, Palmer LA. The Medical Institutional Repositories in Libraries (MIRL) Symposium: a blueprint designed in response to a community of practice need. *J Med Libr Assoc.* 2023 Jul 10;111(3):710-716. doi: 10.5195/jmla.2023.1503. PMID: 37483366; PMCID: PMC10361555

Monthly Readership Totals:

Last month, **Scholarly Commons @ Baystate Health** had **1616** full-text downloads and **34** new submissions were posted, bringing the total works in the repository to **7463**. **Baystate Health** scholarship was read by **154** institutions across **76** countries.

The most popular papers were:

Optimum Anesthesia Technique For A Patient With Hypertrophic Obstructive Cardiomyopathy (HOCM) and Systolic Anterior Motion Of The Mitral Valve (SAM). (102 downloads)

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Anesthesiology Posters - 2019 (54 downloads)

https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/research_education/2

Baystate Medical Center Nursing Report - 2018 (51 downloads)

https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/bmcnursing_report/1

The most popular publications were:

All Scholarly Works (496 downloads)

https://scholarlycommons.libraryinfo.bhs.org/all_works

Nurse Residency Program: Evidence Based Practice Projects (202 downloads)

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Nursing Newsletters (158 downloads)

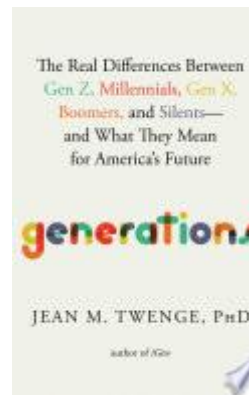
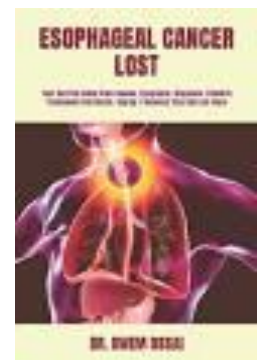
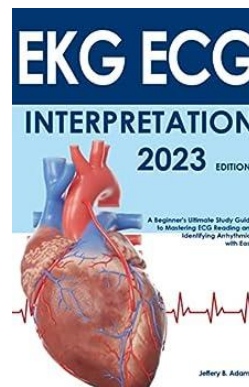
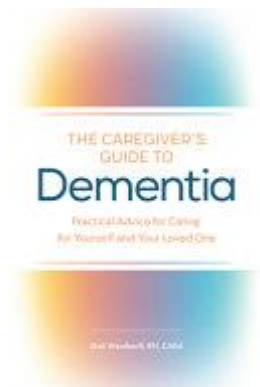
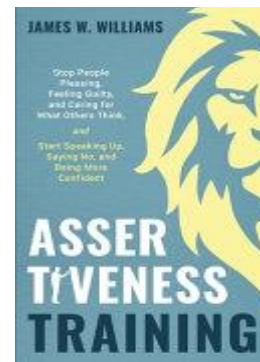
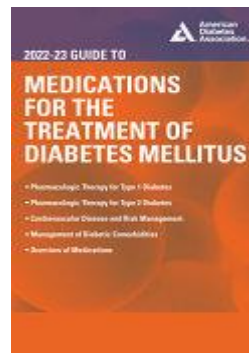
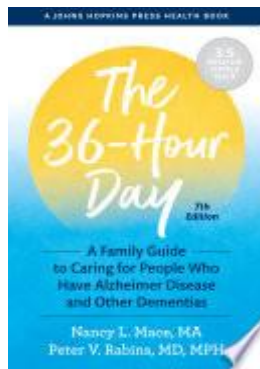
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