A library colleague based at the Cleveland Clinic’s Alumni Library noted in her recent presentation, “Emerging Technologies, & Evolving Library”, how technology is inherently disruptive, but creates new opportunities to transform the way we do things. Some of us recall the early days of obtaining all journal articles by combing the stacks in hopes that the needed bound volumes were there or awaiting print copies in the mail. Consider that today the Health Sciences Library can help you access journal articles via an app added to your smart phone or iPad. The Library will continue to support future changes not for technology’s sake alone, but for a well-informed approach to patient care and clinical decision-making.

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New Rosetta Stone Cloud-based Program

Baystate health professionals can now expand their skills in any of 24 available languages with a new version of Rosetta Stone that can be accessed from anywhere with an internet connection. The program has three components, RS Course, RS Studio and RS World, and uses special features such as intelligent sequencing, actionable feedback, and speech activation using speech recognition technology. Language educational resources are for enrichment and relationship-building purposes, and do not replace the need for trained medical interpreters to support communicating with patients who have limited fluency in English.

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- Want to check out some useful medical apps?
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