Health Sciences Library

Strategic Focus

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY

"Academic medical centers create knowledge and innovation, and the HSL is a great partner for faculty, students and staff. The library provides research instruction on literature searches and compliance with federal publishing and reporting requirements. The library also provides services such as poster printing and high quality medical illustration and figures. The HSL is an immensely valuable resource."

Ginny L. Bumgardner, MD, PhD, FACS
Associate Dean for Physician
  Scientist Education & Training
Professor of Surgery,
Ohio State College of Medicine

Health Sciences Library goals are vital to the future success of the medical center and the health sciences at The Ohio State University.

The Ohio State University Health Sciences Library (HSL) serves the faculty, staff and students of the health sciences colleges, research institutes and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center via its vast collections, inviting spaces and the expertise of its librarians and technical staff.

Our creative and experienced faculty and staff offer services such as specialized research and reference consultations, training and instruction sessions, medical illustration and graphic design, and historical and consumer health information resources and outreach programs. The HSL provides advanced technology services through the EdTech Incubator (ETI), a collaborative innovation hub focused on providing cutting-edge technology equipment, software and related training programs.

The HSL is an essential partner for accelerating research productivity, improving access to quality clinical decision-making resources, fostering collaborations and elevating the educational experience.

Teaching and Learning

The Health Sciences Library will leverage the specialized expertise of our faculty and professional staff, accessible high-quality information resources, inviting spaces and innovative technologies to meet the changing needs of a diverse and expanding academic health sciences community.

For teaching and learning services, we will:

- Enhance the working knowledge base and skill set of frontline staff members to meet evolving needs of our current and future health sciences learners

- Engage in initiatives focused on advancing interprofessional practice and education

- Launch and expand the services of the EdTech Incubator, an innovation hub for accelerating advanced technologies in health sciences education and research

- Assess and expand strategies for engaging with diverse learners and infusing diversity and inclusion into educational programs and services

- Evaluate accessibility of library resources integrated in the electronic medical record and explore the impact of these resources on clinical decision making

"The HSL is an essential component to students and faculty in the College of Nursing. Through the library, students have access to e-textbooks and faculty benefit from online journal access and librarian instruction. Our program is more robust because of the HSL's services."

Carolynn T. Jones, DNP, MSPH, RN, CRN-BC, FAAN
Professor of Clinical Nursing, Ohio State College of
 Nursing

> "The HSL has been an essential strategic partner in building a robust database system for faculty to gather vital trainee outcomes and generate pre-formatted reports for NIH T32 training grants. Our team has greatly benefited from the HSL's expertise in data governance."
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> **Jeffrey Parvin, MD, PhD**
> **Michael Freitas, PhD**
> Co-directors, Ohio State
>   Biomedical Sciences
>   graduate program

Research and Innovation

The Health Sciences Library, through interdisciplinary collaboration within a culture that values innovation and creativity, will lead efforts to support excellence in practice, research services, data collection and dissemination, and will serve as an advanced education technology partner to the health sciences colleges.

For research services, we will:

- Enhance research services by prioritizing the research librarian hire, supporting junior faculty who are growing their research skills, and providing research-related instruction

- Strive to create partnerships with other university units to meet health sciences research data management and sharing needs

- Leverage targeted marketing efforts to enhance the visibility, reach and impact of Medical Visuals services

- Engage in the exploration of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning systems and the potential for using AI to augment library services and spaces

- Build on previous successes to grow a workplace culture of innovation that will lead to new or improved services

Outreach and Engagement

The Health Sciences Library will be recognized in the internal campus and external communities as a known and trusted source for health information, knowledge and resources to enhance patient care and learner proficiencies. The library will leverage diversity, legacy and the strength of our health sciences foundation to create inclusive programs, outreach and services for the benefit of our communities.

For outreach and engagement programs, we will:

- Increase central Ohio community engagement through the Library for Health Information

- Grow external partnerships and explore funding opportunities to increase outreach programming and services

- Develop and refine strategies and processes to promote diversity, equity and inclusion principles across all library service areas

- Increase engagement and awareness of library programs, services, spaces and resources through continued targeted marketing and communications efforts

- Establish inclusive, digitized and accessible special collections

"Medical Visuals designed jungle-themed playground wind screens for the Nisonger Center childcare program. Our kids now say they would like to go out to the "jungle" instead of the playground. This screen has made such a great impact on their growing minds and creative expression!"

Karel Smith
Administrator,
Ohio State Nisonger Center

> "As a medical student, I love the Health Sciences Library because it helps me feel grounded and at home in a space central to all my campus experiences, giving me a home base where I'm comfortable studying while surrounded by community."

Carson Rogge
Class of 2025,
Ohio State College of
 Medicine

Resource Stewardship

The Health Sciences Library will become a leading model among peers, showcasing effective utilization of spaces, recruiting and retaining leading talent, and seeking out philanthropic investment to advance programs and customer service.
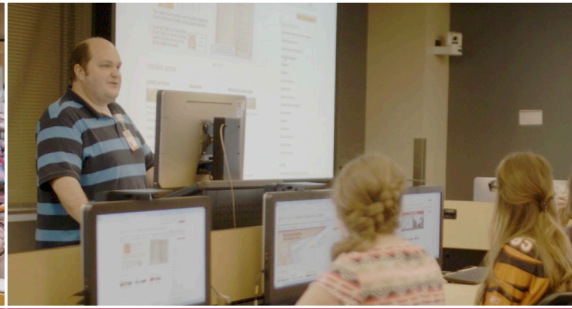
For resource stewardship programs, we will:

- Assess existing collections, address evolving collection space needs, and explore new models for current collection acquisition and discovery

- Provide a flexible, safe and innovative learning and collaboration environment that encourages engagement

- Align all library positions to meet current strategic goals and objectives

- Pursue areas of opportunity for philanthropic investments, alternative sources of revenue and partnerships to advance collections and services

"Technology has impacted education in remarkable ways. The library, through interdisciplinary collaborations such as the EdTech Incubator, facilitates discovery of technologies to enhance the learner experience."

Devarshi Ardeshna
Internal Medicine PGY-3, The
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