Library survey results

Thanks for everyone who took the time to participate in the library survey. A total of 35 comments was retrieved. The majority of these comments are very positive about the Dentistry Library collections and staff. Based on the results of this survey, here are some of the actions the library is going to take:

- With regard to requesting the library to open earlier, starting from Sept. 2009, the library will open from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm instead of 9:00 am to 9:00 pm for each academic term. The summer hours for the library will remain unchanged that means the library will open at 9:00 am during the summer time.
- About subscribing to more e-journals or purchasing more e-books, we are going to systematically review the Dentistry Library collections and seek the possibilities to order more e-books and e-journals.
- For all the issues related to the layout, decoration or study space of the library, they can be taken into consideration when Faculty of Dentistry moves to a new building in the future.

For any computer related issues raised in this survey, as the Faculty of Dentistry is going to have a network refresh this summer, the faculty will have an overall plan at that time.

New e-journals available

The library has recently subscribed to several e-journals relating to dentistry. All titles are accessible via the library catalogue or through our Current dental journals webpage:

- Journal of Dental Education
  - Electronic Holdings: v.65(i.4) 2001 -
  - Information Provider: Highwire Press American Dental Education Association
- Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry
  - Electronic Holdings: v.1(i.1) 1989 -
  - Information Provider: Wiley Interscience 2009 Complete
- Journal of Prostodontic Research
  - Electronic Holdings: v.53(i.1) 2009 -
  - Information Provider: Elsevier ScienceDirect Complete
- Journal of Public Health Dentistry
  - Electronic Holdings: v.1(i.1) 1941 -
  - Information Provider: Wiley Interscience 2009 Complete

Useful websites suggested by faculty members

Stating from this issue we are going to ask the faculty members to recommend useful websites of their specialties. This time we are very glad to have Dr. Gajanan Kulkarni’s suggestions on Pediatric Dentistry:

- [http://www.appd.org](http://www.appd.org)
  This is site provides policies and guidelines regarding all aspects of pediatric dentistry which are regularly reviewed and updated. Also this site has a photo repository of common pediatric conditions.

  [http://wwwbspd.co.uk/](http://wwwbspd.co.uk/)
  Both of these sites provide a forum for those interested in dentistry for children including guidelines for the dental treatment of children, parent education, meetings and Continuing Education courses.
ticTOC - Journal Tables of Contents services

As researchers, we always want to keep up-to-date with newly published scholarly materials in our research field. New technologies provide many different ways to help us with such needs. One way is using RSS readers (Google Reader or Bloglines) and subscribing to the RSS feeds of the journals of our interest. We usually do it by adding each journal’s feed into RSS reader separately. Now thanks to the University of Liverpool Library (lead), Heriot-Watt University, CrossRef, ProQuest, Emerald, RefWorks etc., there is a free, easy to use tool called ticTOC. This tool will help you find the RSS feeds for all the journals you are interested in all at once and allow you to export any number of TOC RSS feeds to any RSS Reader. If you don’t want to use an RSS reader, you can also save selected journals to MyTOCs so that you can view updated TOCs for these journals later. This database can be searched by title, subject or publisher. In addition, with this tool you can not only view the latest TOC, but also link through to full text articles (where UofT subscriptions, or Open Access, allow). Furthermore, if you happen to find articles you are interested in, you can even export citations directly to RefWorks. There are 64 Dentistry titles in this database.

What’s new on the Dentistry Library website?

* Under HOW TO… “Search various health databases”. These are guides and tutorials for searching several major science databases compiled by Gerstein Science Information Centre: Ovid Medline; PubMed; Scopus; and Web of Science; Google Scholar and Scholar’s Portal.

* Under HOW TO…”Find Grey literature”. This is a starting point in finding grey literature for your topic. It includes databases and more extensive guides on grey literature resources. This is a work in progress, so if you have any suggestions, please email them to us or stop by and let us know.

* Library catalogue links have been updated to the UTL’s new catalogue powered by Endeca. Here is the brief introduction of this new catalogue and some basic search tips.

* Do you need help citing your references or improve your health science writing in general? Our “Writing Links” page has been updated with current UofT resources: http://www.utoronto.ca/dentistry/newsresources/library/WritingLinks.html

Podcasts - Dentistry resources

With iPod and MP3 players’ popularity, most people have the experience of listening or watching podcasts. Did you notice that there are some interesting podcasts about dentistry freely available online?

* American Dental Association Podcast Network
  Each episode looks closely at a specific dental professional topic.

* Global Institute for Dental Education: Experience from the Expert
  Discussion of hot topics and future trends in the field of dentistry.

* DentalCast
  A network of internet radio and video with information about dental technologies and clinical techniques.

* MUSC Dental Podcasts
  About oral health issues, from the Medical University of South Carolina.

* Dental Insider
  Observation and Commentary on the Dental Industry.

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