

DENTISTRY LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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The Dentistry Library staff would like to extend a warm welcome to all incoming and returning students, staff and faculty. We wish everyone a successful 2016–2017!

New resources: e-textbooks, e-journals and apps

E-textbooks

You may not have noticed them yet, but over the summer the library purchased many e-textbooks. Wondering if your favourite course textbook is online? We have created a list of [online titles](#), which you can access on the [Dentistry Library](#) homepage under “Course reserves.” Want to find more e-books that cover the subjects you are interested in? You can search our library catalogue or check the [Dentistry eBooks](#) page on our [website](#) under “Starting Points.”

N.B.: *Most e-books only allow a limited number of concurrent users. Please make sure to close the browser once you finish reading the book so that others can access it when you're done.*

E-journals

New subscriptions:

- European Journal of Oral Implantology: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/10487253>
- International Journal of Computerized Dentistry: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/10487291>
- The International Journal of Esthetic Dentistry: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/10487292>

The following are some titles which we now have online access:

- The International Journal of Prosthodontics: <http://go.utlib.ca/cat/10487299>
- Quintessence international: <http://qi.quintessenz.de/>
- General Dentistry: Please ask library staff for online access.

To see a list of dental journals that we presently subscribe to, please visit the [Current dental journals](#) page, which you will find on the [Dentistry Library website](#) under “Starting Points”.

Gentle reminder:

Never pay for books or articles you can't access via UofT! Always check with the library staff, because you can order most items free of charge from other libraries using [Interlibrary Loan \(ILL\) RACER](#).

Apps

[OvidToday Mobile App](#): allows you to access UofT's Ovid journal subscriptions on your iPad. You can download it from [iTunes](#).



New services and policies

- **Phone or laptop chargers**: You can borrow them at the library! Due to popular demand, we have added several mobile device chargers to our collection. Chargers can be signed out with a valid TCard for a 3-hour loan. [Visit our website for more information](#).
- **Study carrels**: Due to renovations on the 4th and 5th floors, the carrels will be limited to dentistry graduate students, in order to provide them with extra quiet space.
- **Space transformation**: Good news! There is more study the space at the Dentistry Library! Our staff have been hard at work this past year rearranging the space for your comfort. Those of you returning from summer break will notice that our library also looks a bit sunnier.



Upcoming Events

- **Science Literacy Week:** September 19–23, 2016. This year we will once again participate in [this national event](#). Our theme is Dental Technology, and a physical book display highlighting new technologies in dentistry is now available in our library. Can't make it in to see the display? No problem! We also have an [online](#) version.
- **Open Access Week:** October 24–30, 2016. The University of Toronto will once again take part in [International Open Access Week](#). Look for emails and posters promoting events on all three campuses.
- **20-minute express sessions:** Look out for an announcement later in the term for 20-minute express sessions at the Dentistry Library. Topics will cover basic and advanced database searching, citation management systems and more. Registration is free.
- **Ontario Dental Association (ODA)'s 150th anniversary:** 2017 will be a special year in the history of Canadian dentistry. It will mark both the 150th anniversary of the ODA and 120th birthday of the Dentistry Library. Stay tuned for digital and physical displays that mark these milestones later in the academic year.

Evaluation of dentistry systematic review search strategies

Last year our librarian Maria was away investigating the quality of **dentistry systematic review (SR) search strategies** using a modified version of the [Canadian Agency of Drugs and Technologies in Health's PRESS tool](#). A good search strategy is important because it helps find all the literature available on a topic, and it ensures replicability when it is time to update the SR. A total of 906 SRs were scored using 18 PRESS criteria for quality. Highlights from the results are:

- Overall, dentistry SR search strategies scored low (M=5.32) out of a mark of 18.
- Having a librarian's input on the search strategy, and the impact factor of the journal were positively correlated with high-quality search strategies. This means that getting help from a librarian improves the quality of the search strategy, as does publishing in a journal with a high impact factor.
- There is room for improvement in how dental researchers build search strategies for SRs. One way to improve this is to include librarians on a SR team to help build a search strategy or conduct a review. In addition, dental journals should consider including search strategy review as part of the editing process before accepting SRs for publication.
- Medical librarians can help by providing more SR search strategy review support to dental researchers.

Staff changes

We would like to thank **Kate Johnson**, Instruction and Liaison Librarian at the Engineering and Computer Science Library (ECSL), UofT, for her contributions to the library while Maria was on research leave (2015–2016). Kate's enthusiasm and willingness to help patrons is inspiring. We wish her all the best and look forward to continuing to work with her at the ECSL.

TALint Internships: **Carolyn Pecoskie** completed her internship in July 2016. Carolyn was hired to work on a special project focusing on data management interviews with dentistry lab managers. Visit TSpace to read [the full report](#) on data management needs at the Faculty of Dentistry. We congratulate Carolyn and wish her all the best in her future adventures as an information specialist. In September 2016, we welcomed **Sabrina Kirby** to her new internship. She will be investigating how the library can provide more tailored and focused support to dentistry faculty throughout the research process: — from idea generation to knowledge dissemination — in order to increase research impact.

We also welcome new and returning student library assistants to our team this fall. We look forward to working with them to provide resources, services and support to our community.

Thank you to our SLAs who have moved on to new roles: Amy, Teodora, Carly and Samantha.

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