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Access UCHC Electronic Resources from Off-Campus Using the Proxy Server

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1. What is a Proxy Account?

A proxy account allows you to access the Library's Electronic Resources normally restricted by UCHC IP (e.g., UCHC Electronic Journals, Electronic Textbooks, and Databases) from off-campus.

2. Obtaining a Proxy account

Faculty, staff, and students at the University of Connecticut Health Center who have current Library barcodes can obtain accounts on the proxy server. The proxy server Username and Password will both be your 14-digit barcode number.

To obtain or renew a barcode, come to the Library's Circulation Desk with your valid UCHC ID card. Please allow at least three days for your account to become active.

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Visit the Library Online
<http://library.uchc.edu>

PATRON emPOWERment

By Jacqueline Lewis, MLS

Head, Collection Access

Did you know you could RENEW a book or place a HOLD on a book from your desk? It's as easy as:

1. Accessing the Library homepage at: <http://library.uchc.edu>. Click on **UCHC Library Catalog**.
2. Click on **Patron Info**. "Login" with your Library barcode and last name.
3. RENEW your books from this screen or to place a HOLD:

Search for a book. From the book record click **Request**. Click **OK** to place your hold. For more detailed instructions on renewing Library materials, please see the article, "You May Renew Those Library Books..." on page 5.

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3. Configuring Your Browser to Use Proxy Automatically

Although you are welcome to use Internet Explorer (IE) 4 or higher instead of Netscape, experience from other institutions has revealed a number of serious problems and bugs in IE's handling of the certificates necessary for proxy server use.

Please follow the instructions online at: <http://library.uchc.edu/proxy.html> to configure your web browser to access the proxy server. The following web browsers can be used:

- Netscape 4.x
- Netscape 3.x
- Internet Explorer 5.x
- Internet Explorer 4.x

4. Accessing Electronic Resources Restricted by UCHC IP

When you click on a link to access a resource restricted by UCHC IP, a Username/Password box will come up. If you are already in the IP restricted page, reload the page so that you can get the Username/Password box. Enter your 14-digit barcode number for Username and Password.

5. Undoing the Configuration while not using the Electronic Resources restricted by UCHC IP

Although it is not necessary to take off the proxy services, we do suggest that you undo the configuration when you are not using the Electronic Resources restricted by UCHC IP.

Please follow the instructions online at: <http://library.uchc.edu/proxy.html> to undo your web browser.

If you have questions about using the proxy server, please call Sheryl Bai, Network Systems Librarian at 679-8371 or e-mail: Bai@nso.uchc.edu.

New Information Desk Hours

By Hongjie Wang, MLS, MA
Head, Information Services

Information Desk hours at the Lyman Maynard Stowe Library are from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. Information Services staff can be contacted in person or by phone at 679-2942.

Additionally, there are two ways to submit questions to information services staff electronically. One way is to send your questions via e-mail to: Library@nso.uchc.edu. The second way is to use the E-Reference Service accessible via the Library's web page at: <http://library.uchc.edu>.

Those who visit the Library before or after Information Desk hours have the option of leaving a message with Library Circulation staff. The Information Services staff will call you back as soon as the desk reopens.

Compact Storage

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In order to better utilize space in the Library, more compact storage has been added to the lower floor stack area. Given the trend toward electronic resources, this addition should add 10 years growth space to the print journal collection. The staff is now in the process of shifting journals into the new space. At present the lower floor compact storage stacks contain journals from 1969-1991 (pre-1969 journals will remain in the older compact storage stacks). In the future, journals from 1992-1995 will be moved from the main floor to the lower floor. Please ask for assistance if you experience any problems locating a journal.

Database News: *Changes & Cancellations*

By Hongjie Wang, MLS, MA -- Head, Information Services

Many electronic resources are very expensive and the cost for most rises continuously. Because database prices are escalating more rapidly than the Library's budget, we have made the following changes with regard to database subscriptions:

1. The Library has cancelled subscriptions to PsycInfo (psychology), CINAHL (nursing) and Current Contents (Clinical Medicine and Life Sciences). We are able to access these databases and other databases with comparable information from the Babbidge Library at UConn Storrs. A link to the UConn Storrs Library databases is provided on our homepage: <http://library.uchc.edu>. Click on Databases and then UConn Storrs Databases.

2. OVID ONLINE, a web-based gateway to a variety of databases [MEDLINE, Evidence-Based Medicine, Full-text Journals and HAPI (Health and Psychological Instruments)], will replace the text version of OVID databases. Please use the web version of MEDLINE at OVID ONLINE or via PubMed. Both are available from the Library's homepage under "Databases".

3. MDConsult will soon be accessible via IP validation. Thus, users will be able to access this database without using passwords. To access MDConsult from an off-campus site, a Proxy account will be required. For information about proxy accounts, please read the cover article in this issue, "Using the Proxy Server". A new enhancement has been added to MDConsult recently. Within the journal searches, you may now retrieve abstracts from the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews. You can even narrow your searches to Cochrane abstracts only or to all relevant review articles with search limiters.

The decision to make these changes was based primarily on content, cost, and convenience. Within the current budgetary constraints due to the price increases of Library resources, the changes were necessary. In most cases, you will continue to have access to the same databases, but they will have a different search engine or client, and will therefore look different. The Library homepage menu will continue to seamlessly guide you to the databases you need.

Below is the list of database changes and cancellations and the means for alternate access. The savings from these changes and cancellations will benefit the budgets used for purchasing other databases that Library users need. It will also help us to fund electronic databases that the Babbidge Library does not provide.

OVID DATABASES CANCELLED and REPLACED WITH NEW ACCESS

EBM Reviews - Best Evidence . . .	new OVID ONLINE access (available 10/1/2000)
EBM Reviews - Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews . . .	new OVID ONLINE access (available 10/1/2000)
EBM Reviews - Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effectiveness . . .	new OVID ONLINE access (available 10/1/2000)
Health and Psychosocial Instruments	new OVID ONLINE access (available 10/1/2000)
MEDLINE	new OVID ONLINE access (available 10/1/2000)
CINAHL	new SilverPlatter access (available 10/1/2000)
PsycInfo	new SilverPlatter access (available 10/1/2000)
Current Contents	search PubMed, PreMedline, Web of Science, and UConn Storrs databases for similar services

**For help or consultation, please call the Library Information Desk at 679-2942
or e-mail: Library@nso.uchc.edu. Thank you.**

Are You a Scientific Journal Editor?

By Marion Holena Levine, MLS, MA
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Scientific journals have become commercial commodities much to the disservice of both scientists and the library community. The UCHC Library is faced each year with escalating journal subscription prices which make it impossible to add new journal titles to our collection without discontinuing current titles. In the past few years, current subscription prices have escalated 10-11% each year while our budget has not grown at that same level. Scientific journals usually have two U.S. subscription rates, one for individuals, one for libraries. Some examples of this are JAMA, \$20 to AMA members, \$145 to individual non-AMA-members, and \$325 to libraries - a 55% difference; Cell, \$115 to individuals and \$755 to institutions with an additional 10% for electronic full-text access - an 86% difference; and Nature, \$159 to individuals and \$595 to institutions - a 73% difference for just the print copy; when electronic access becomes available it will be even more costly.

Michael Rosenzweig, Editor-in-Chief, *Evolutionary Ecology Research*, and Professor, Dept. of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, University of Arizona, wrote "In 1986, I started a journal in the field of evolutionary ecology. The initial subscription price was \$35 per year for individuals, \$100 for libraries. Within a twelve-year period, during which the journal changed ownership twice, the price for libraries had grown to nearly \$800 per year, an average annual increase of 19%. I did the math. I estimated that my publisher pocketed profit of between \$170,000 and \$220,000 annually, a mark-up of about 275% and a profit margin of nearly 75%." His article continues on the SPARC (Scholarly Publishing & Academic Resources Coalition) website detailing the fact that "purely commercial interests have gained sway over too many of the journals that [scientists] depend on for research information.

Maximizing profits has become the controlling goal. A system that should serve us is at the mercy of corporate acquisitions and profit-oriented planners. Disseminating scholarly research seems to be an afterthought."

SPARC and the Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN) have published **DECLARING INDEPENDENCE: A GUIDE TO CREATING COMMUNITY-CONTROLLED SCIENCE JOURNALS**, a how-to handbook and web site that guides editors and editorial board members of scientific journals toward responsible journal publishing. To see the site or download a PDF version of the handbook, please go to: <http://www.arl.org/sparc/DI>.

DECLARING INDEPENDENCE is divided into three sections: the first helps researchers determine whether or not their journal serves its community; the second presents alternative publishing options; the third guides researchers through an evaluation process of these alternative options. There are also extensive web resources and journal pricing charts included in the appendices, along with a bibliography.

Please check out the SPARC website to see if you can make a contribution towards getting journal subscription prices back in line with real costs versus corporate profits.

Journal Instructions for Authors in the Health Sciences: *Get Them Online*

The Raymon H. Mulford Library at the Medical College of Ohio has created a web site that provides instructions to authors for over 3,000 journals in the health and life sciences. For each journal, a link is provided directly to either the publisher or organization with editorial responsibility.

The URL for the "Instructions to Authors in the Health Sciences" website is:

<http://www.mco.edu/lib/instr/libinsta.html>

Bookmark it or add it to your favorites today!

Inexpensive Sources of CME: Journal-Based and Library Classes

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Continuing Medical Education (CME) is important to many physicians for licensing and professional development. However, barriers like cost, availability, and travel distance can pose serious challenges to obtaining CME credits for busy practitioners. Although more and more CME courses are being offered online to overcome the hurdle of inconvenience, they regularly require CME fees.

Two inexpensive sources of CME credits available at the UCHC Library can help those who want to obtain CME credits at their own pace and at no cost. The following is a partial list of journals that carry CME tests which would provide the credits needed. Another alternative to get the credits would be taking those Library classes that carry 1.5 credit hours in Category 1 of the AMA's Physicians' Recognition Award for Continuing Medical Education.

Library Classes

The Information Services Department of the Library currently offers the following classes:

NAVIGATING NETSCAPE
ADVANCED INTERNET
INTRODUCTION TO MEDLINE
PUBMED
ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOKS AND JOURNALS
UCONN-STORRS DATABASES
ENDNOTE
CINAHL-PSYCINFO
WEB OF SCIENCE
EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINE

For a monthly schedule of class times, please consult our homepage at: <http://library.uchc.edu>. Click on Classes and User Guides

List of Journals with CME Credits

1. Alternative Medicine Alert
2. American Family Physician
3. Archives of Dermatology
4. Archives of Family Medicine
5. Archives of Internal Medicine
6. Archives of Neurology
7. Archives of Ophthalmology
8. Cleveland Clinic Journal of Medicine
9. Comprehensive Therapy
10. Contemporary OB/GYN
11. Contemporary Pediatrics
12. Ear, Nose and Throat Journal
13. JAMA
14. Journal of Clinical Pharmacy and Therapeutics
15. Journal of Clinical Psychiatry
16. Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology
17. Journal of the American Osteopathic Association
18. Journal of the Osteopathic Medical
19. Legal Medicine
20. Nursing
21. Obstetrical & Gynecological Survey
22. Pediatric Annals
23. Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal (not every issue)
24. Pediatric Notes (Tufts University)
25. Pediatrics in Review
26. Physician and Sports Medicine
27. Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
28. Postgraduate Medicine
29. Psychiatric Annals
30. Psychiatry
31. RN
32. Scientific American Medicine
33. Southern Medical Journal
34. Stroke-Heart Disease in Women
35. Texas Medicine (one theme issue per year)

**Questions? Call the
Library's Reference Desk
at 679-2942**

OVID Online: Access to Full Text and Tables of Content

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Did you know that...

- from the OVID Online *MEDLINE* database and the *Journals@Ovid Full Text* database you can retrieve full-text articles from selected journals
- from the OVID Online database *Journals@Ovid Full Text* you can browse the tables of content of the journals

OVID Online is a web-based gateway that has replaced the text and web versions of OVID to which the UCHC Library previously subscribed. The databases now available via OVID Online are *MEDLINE*, *PREMEDLINE*, *Journals@Ovid Full Text*, *EBM Reviews*, and *HAPI (Health and Psychosocial Instruments)*.

The *Journals@Ovid Full Text* database actually includes 399 full-text journals; however, the UCHC Library subscription to this database includes access to only 84 of those full-text journals, 14 from 1993 to the present, the remaining 70 from 1995 to the present. Links from retrieved citations to these 84 full-text journals are available when you search *Journals@Ovid Full Text* or the relevant time segments of *MEDLINE*. To browse the tables of content of all 399 full-text journals go into the *Journals@Ovid Full Text* database and from the *Main Search Page* click on the *Browse Journals* icon.



Browse Journals by Name takes you to the list of journals. You can click on *Issue List* to see the available issues of a journal, then *Table of Contents* of a specific issue. From the table of contents there is a link to the complete reference for all articles, but a full-text link for only those journals to which we subscribe to.

Browse Journals by Subject takes you to a list of subject categories. Click on *Journal List* to see the journals in a subject category, then click on *Issue List* to see the available issues of a journal, then *Table of Contents* of a specific issue. From the table of contents there is a link to the complete reference for all articles, but a full-text link for only those journals to which we subscribe to.

The Database link on the UCHC Library's homepage will take you to a link to OVID Online and a link to the list of the 84 full-text electronic journals.

You May Renew Those Library Books from Your Desktop

By Lorna Wright, MLS
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Go to the Library's homepage:
<http://library.uchc.edu> and click on the UCHC Library Catalog link.

Click on the Patron Info button on the toolbar at the top of the screen. The Login screen displays. Enter your patron barcode and last name in the appropriate fields and then click the Login button. A list of books checked out to your card will appear on the screen.

At the far left you will see a column with Renew? at the top. Place a check mark in front of the titles eligible to be renewed.

Scroll down below the title list and click on Renew Items.

The screen will refresh and will show you the new due date in a new column on the right.

Be sure to look for the new date. If the system thinks you've broken a rule, it won't renew your materials!

You may not renew:

- audiovisuals and other non print materials
- journals which may only be checked out for three days
- if another library user is waiting for the book
- if you owe fines for lost books
- if the book is overdue
- if your library barcode has expired

The good news is you may renew a book twice.

To print this page, you must work around the security feature. Just hitting the browser print button will not work. Go to the bottom of the page and click on Patron Info --this puts the

screen into cache. Now your browser print button can print the page for you.

From the Patron Info screen, you may also look at a list of holds you have requested. You can check whether materials are available for you before you receive the printed notice in the mail. You can even CANCEL holds from this screen.

**If you have any questions, please
call the Circulation staff at
679-2839 for assistance.**

New Carrels and Seating

Visitors to the Library seeking a comfortable spot to conduct research and study will be pleased with the latest Library improvements--new study carrels and comfortable seating.

Eighty-four new study carrels have arrived; each carrel has a power strip and a data connection outlet. The carrels now will be connected to electrical outlets and wired for Internet/intranet connectivity.

Once these tasks are completed, Library patrons will be able to use the carrels to plug in their laptop computers and connect to the Internet. Additionally, each carrel comes equipped with an individual lighting unit and storage shelf.

Adding the icing on the cake, new comfortably upholstered chairs have been supplied for the carrels.

We are excited about these new improvements and hope you will enjoy them.



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Becoming a Friend of the Lyman Maynard Stowe Library

Membership in the Friends organization helps to:

- maintain quality Library resources for use by the UCHC community and citizens of Connecticut
- maintain quality services for providing information quickly and conveniently
- sponsor an annual reception and lecture

For information about becoming a Friend, please contact Dr. Ralph Arcari, Director of the Lyman Maynard Stowe Library, at (860)679-2840 or e-mail: arcari@nso.uchc.edu

Making a Gift to the Library

Gifts can be made to the Library to honor special friends, colleagues, memorable persons or occasions. For each donation, a book plate will be inscribed with the name of the person(s) or occasion being honored. For more information about making a gift to the Library, please contact Lorna Wright, Head of Technical Services, at (860)679-4058 or e-mail: wright@nso.uchc.edu