Satisfied with your access to library health sciences resources?

The Rutgers University Libraries’ Health Sciences Task Force is eager to know how the integration of the former-UMDNJ Libraries into Rutgers has affected your access to needed electronic resources and services. Please take a few minutes to participate in a research study on accessing library-based health sciences resources and services so we can better understand and meet your information needs. More on this story:

RU Librarians work to improve research value of Wikipedia

For years librarians and educators were aware that Wikipedia content is not as reliable as scholarly articles and often discouraged students from using and citing it. However, the popularity of Wikipedia does not seem to diminish and continues to grow. This past summer the Rutgers University Libraries participated in the Wikipedian in Residence Program and recruited two Wikipedia editors to work with RU librarians to enrich the reliability of Wikipedia articles and provide local digital content on topics where Rutgers can offer expertise. One of the four target areas for enrichment, cultural competence in healthcare, draws on the expertise of RU Libraries colleagues from the Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences and has broad national applications.

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Myanmar librarians hold study visit at Rutgers

As part of an effort to help rebuild Myanmar’s higher education capacity, by sharing best practices in academic libraries, the Rutgers University Libraries hosted two librarians from Myanmar university libraries for a month long visit in October 2014. The librarians’ visit to the Rutgers University Libraries was part of series of visits by Myanmar librarians in 2014 to well-regarded university libraries, organized and hosted by a consortium that included Arizona State University, Northern Illinois University, the University of Washington in Seattle, and Rutgers. For more on this story:

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With the new enhancements to the RU Libraries’ mobile website, m.libraries.rutgers.edu, faculty members can get a lot of work done ... at home, on the train, standing in line at the theater, at a conference, or wherever they may be. Users can now check the libraries online catalog from their mobile phone, place a hold on a desired publication, and indicate their preferred pick up location. Users can now also access their ‘My Library Account’ to renew checkouts, check the status of their holds, and review information about due dates. These new features join others that were previously available on the mobile website - searching for articles, searching the catalog, searching mobile databases, sending a question to the Ask a Librarian service, checking PC availability, and viewing library hours and directions. We invite faculty members to get familiar with the newly enhanced mobile website.

Information resources to understand the Ebola outbreak

The Ebola Outbreak 2014: Information Resources website, created by the US Department of Health and Human Services, offers information on US and international organizations with expertise on the Ebola outbreak, authoritative social media accounts that share up-to-date reports, multi-language resources, and practical health resources for the public. Of particular interest to health sciences students and faculty, biomedical researchers, and others is the fact that several well known publishers are participating in an emergency activation initiative to make their published content available free of charge to support medical efforts related to the Ebola outbreak. For more on this story: