

Becker Medical Library

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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

A Catalyst for Learning and Discovery

Securing the Future with a Strong Collection

Reducing the Burden on Researchers

Introducing Researchers to Informatics: Building an Informatics On-ramp

Bringing Better Evidence to Clinical Decision Making

Imparting Skills for Lifelong Learning

Teaching the Importance of Clear and Understandable Messages

Fast Facts

- Accessible 24 x 7 by card swipe access
- Staffed every day by information services staff
- 40 total library staff in 6 divisions
- \$7.5 million total annual budget
- \$4.4 million collection budget
- 10,713 electronic journals
- 75,669 electronic books
- 17,373 rare book volumes
- Most used e-journal: Nature (156,424)
- Most used e-book: Johns Hopkins ABX Guide (8883)
- Total e-journal uses in FY20: 3,452,008 (~9,457/day)
- Total e-book uses in FY20: 202,598 (~555/day)

Core Services

- Collection – journals, books, databases
- Systematic reviews
 - 91 completed in FY20
 - 27 published with librarian co-author recognition
- Author services
 - NIH Public Access Policy compliance
 - Impact assessment
 - Publishing assistance – open access, journal selection, copyright
- Data science services
 - Computing 101, R, Python, MATLAB, and REDCap training
 - Site licensed software – GraphPad Prism, IPA, Lasergene, Partek Genomics, Partek Flow, PyMOL, SnapGene, Spotfire
 - Data management and sharing in collaboration with Olin Library, WUIT, and I²

Core Services

- Archives and rare books
 - Archives of School of Medicine, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis Children's Hospital
 - Over 100 oral histories from faculty, staff, and alumni
 - 9 distinct rare book collections
 - Digital Commons@Becker hosts selected WUSM publications
 - Activities and outreach
 - Social media – Instagram, Tumblr, Twitter
 - First Fridays @ Becker
 - Historia Medica lectures
 - Glaser Gallery Exhibits
 - Digital Exhibits
 - WashU Libraries Book Club
 - Annual Display of Rare Anatomical Texts
 - Archives and Rare Books Newsletter

New or Notable

- Becker Library now part of Office of Health Information and Data Science
- Research Profiles at Washington University
 - <https://profiles.wustl.edu/>
- Common online catalog with University Libraries
 - <https://catalog.wustl.edu/search~S3/>
- COVID-19 Resources
 - <https://becker.wustl.edu/covid-19/>
- Becker Library Blog and Newsletter
 - <https://becker.wustl.edu/news/>
 - <https://becker.wustl.edu/newsletter/>

Additional Resources & Services

- Digital Commons @ Becker
 - 356,005 downloads in FY2020
 - Most used collection – WU Open Access Publications (225,581)
- Subject guides (aka Becker Guides)
 - Top 3 guides of FY2020 focused on supporting authors:
 - Selecting a Journal for Publication (32,729)
 - Tools for Authors (23,680)
 - NIH Biosketch (23,360)
- Feuernstein Health and Wellness Information Center
- Health and science communication
- Clinical librarian rounding
- Teaching literature searching and evidence-based medicine skills

Collaborations

- #SciComm Seminars
 - Institute of Clinical and Translational Science
- Open October
 - University Libraries
 - Institute for Informatics
- Love Data Week
 - University Libraries
 - Institute for Informatics
 - WU IT
- Historia Medica
 - Medical Humanities
 - Center for History of Medicine

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