Becker Medical Library

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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