Message from Jessica Koos, Interim Head of the Health Sciences Library

Dear Readers-

When I first began my career at a university, I found adjusting to the academic calendar both interesting and challenging. It's hard to get into the rhythm of something that is a year long! This time of year has always been one of my favorites, both professionally and personally.

Seeing our graduates in their caps and gowns across campus always brings a smile to my face, and reminds us why we are all here. We are also getting ready to welcome our new medical residents to campus in July, and we look forward to meeting them during our instruction sessions.

I would also be remiss not to wish everyone a Happy Pride Month! One of my favorite aspects of Stony Brook is the diverse populations we serve and celebrate. We have created a new book display in celebration as described below.

Be sure to keep that work-life balance this summer, and don’t forget to make time to enjoy the beautiful weather.

Sincerely,

Jessica Koos, MLS, MSED, AHIP

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General Updates

Staff Update

Thank you and farewell to Myra Reisman: Over the past two years, Myra, our Visiting Librarian, has offered her expertise on countless consults, online chats, our journal project, and collaborating with our librarian team on a scoping review project. Beyond her professional contributions, Myra’s spirit and warmth of presence have made the Health Sciences Library a more joyful environment. We were incredibly fortunate to have Myra on our team!

New Data Literacies Lead: University Libraries welcomes Dr. Ahmad Pratama, our new Data Literacies Lead! Ahmad brings over 10 years of data analytics experience gained through various roles in academia and the professional sector, working with diverse stakeholders from both private and public entities. His interdisciplinary research is published in top journals like Education and Information Technologies, Digital Library Perspectives, Journal of Child and Family Studies, Applied Computing and Informatics, and PeerJ Computer Science. His office will be located on the West Campus. We are very excited to have Dr. Pratama on our team!

Space Update

The Dental Instruments: Past and Present exhibit was first installed over 10 years ago. It was comprised of items from the Dr. Sherman Mills Collection, the Dr. Baer Collection, and the personal collection of Allan Kucine, DDS, who is a faculty member within the Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine. This exhibit included an interactive display screen with information about the instruments as well as a dental chair. This collection is in the process of being removed from the library in preparation for future exhibitions. To access the online exhibit, please visit this page.
Since August of 2021, Zack Li has been an integral part of the success of the Health Sciences Library. Zack is majoring in Linguistics and TESOL, with aspirations of becoming an ESL Teacher. He is a mentor in the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), assisting new students on campus. Zack also volunteers as a student teaching assistant for local school districts. He is hardworking, dedicated, and passionate, with a reputation for creating a warm and welcoming environment.

Zack has received many awards recognizing his contributions to the Stony Brook University community and received the Star Recognition award from Stony Brook University Libraries in the fall of 2023. Most recently, he has become a recipient of the Dorothy Award for the Spring 2024 semester. The Dorothy Award recognizes students who have exhibited responsible citizenship, determination, scholastic achievement, and diligence toward their studies. All qualities that he embodies. We congratulate Zack on winning the Dorothy Award Spring 2024 and wish him continued success. Congratulations Zack!

Interested in working with us?

Upcoming employment opportunities can be found on Handshake (here).

The Library employs both graduate and undergraduate students for federal work-study and student assistant positions. You can view current openings through Handshake. The Library hires throughout the year on a need basis and keeps submitted applications till an opening becomes available. If no openings are listed on Handshake, you can still submit an application for employment. If you need assistance or have questions regarding library student employment, contact Pamela Di Pasquale.

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Read with Pride

Why is LGBTQ+ Pride Month celebrated in June? Stop by the HSL to learn about the Stonewall Riots and to check out these titles. This occasion showcases LGBTQIA+ literature and history and supports libraries in providing diverse literature despite challenges faced by LGBTQIA+ communities.

Check out this guide if you would like to access our Pride Month Book List.
Publications


Presentations


Upcoming Event

**Health Tech Fair**
Thursday, September 26th
10 AM – 1 PM
Health Sciences Library Entrance

Join us at the Health Tech Fair, hosted at the Health Sciences Library, where representatives will be present to demonstrate their resources and apps. Explore the benefits of UptoDate, VisualDx, Complete Anatomy, Nursing Reference Center Plus, and other exceptional tools.

The event will feature the Clinical Simulation Center, which will provide insights into their services.

We extend a warm invitation to students, faculty, and staff from all Health Sciences Schools, as well as the University Hospital staff—all at no cost to you through Stony Brook Libraries!

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