

# TRLN ANNUAL MEETING 2007: DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Duke University Medical Center Library

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## The Most Exciting Things That Your Library Did Last Year

Explored and implemented **social networking technologies** including a library blog, RSS feeds, del.icio.us Web page of health resources, capturing lectures and events on iPods, and a wiki for staff intranet and workflow.

Established **MedSpace** [<http://dspace.mclibrary.duke.edu/>] as a repository for archival, historical, and current records, documents, and images. DUMC Archives used D-Space and Fedora to build the repository and added an image server and software to allow for the manipulation and study of clinical images as well as historical and archival materials.

Strengthened our **evidence-based medicine training program** for the medical students through the introduction of a formal elective course during the third-year and participation in Clinical Core intersessions.

Launched a **major assessment initiative** to determine user needs across the various faculty and student groups in order to align collection policies and library services with those needs. Participated in the 2007 LibQual survey, conducted various focus groups and surveys, and are now looking for other ways to assess specific user needs more clearly.

## The Biggest Challenges Facing Your Library in the Coming Year

Another **decreased budget** for FY08 with fewer funds for books, journals and databases due to decreased research funding, i.e. NIH, and increased compliance costs for research.

**More space for Medical Center Archives.** The Archives staff has developed a very successful and respected program, which means more and more records are being transferred on a regular basis to the current facility. Additional shelving and space are needed to handle the booming Archives business.

The **future of the Library building** is also in flux. The strategic plan for Duke Medicine listed the creation of a learning center as a top priority and the initial recommendation was to integrate the center into the Library space. These plans have been on hold for the past year and in the interim, the Library must continue to make some changes to reflect the evolving needs of faculty, students, residents, and Duke Medicine staff without incurring substantial renovation costs.

## Other Developments

**Restructured reference services**, including moving to an on-call reference service so that reference librarians have time to work on important projects in their offices while still coming to the desk to assist patrons when needed. Also implemented an Instant Messaging reference service.

**Four medical students** are now enrolled in the dual-degree program [<http://www.mclibrary.duke.edu/about/dualdegree>] offered by Duke and UNC SILS. This IMLS funded project supports medical students who want to seek the MSIS or MLS degree in their third

year of medical school. One student has been in the program for the past year and three more enter this fall.

Launched a **new Website** for the History of Medicine program [<http://www.mclibrary.duke.edu/hom>] with extensive expansion of the content and highlighting of exhibits and special events.

Creation of **Web portals** to medical information for global partners, such as Nicaragua and Tanzania. Identifying resources in local languages and resources that focus on health information or issues pertinent those countries.

**Donation** of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (Duke/Durham center) collection to the Library and the implementation of a document delivery service to network members.