Enhancing learning, research, and patient care by providing knowledge-based resources, innovative support, and outstanding service.
LETTER

From the Chair

I am pleased to present the 2017 edition of the NYU Health Sciences Library annual report. This report focuses on a few key activities among the many areas in which the Library is involved. The Library is more than a place; it is more than digital books and journals; it is a core service that is fundamental to teaching and learning, research, and patient care. I hope you learn something unexpected about the Library from this brief snapshot, and the dedicated faculty and staff who make it possible.

I have the unusual opportunity to present this report to the NYU Langone Health community shortly before my retirement. This occasion lends itself to some reflection, even though I’m not typically one to look back. Nevertheless, reflecting on the 7+ years that I have been Department Chair and Library Director, I am gratified by what we have accomplished. It has been a transformative time in the life of the Library. Part of that is circumstance (e.g., Superstorm Sandy), another is institutional support for an ambitious mission, and a great deal of it is because of teamwork. None of what we have accomplished would have been possible without the hard work of creative people willing to try things; collaborating with each other, and with colleagues across the Medical Center, the University, and the profession. My tenure at NYU Langone Health would have been of little note without the remarkable team and institution that have been there every step of the way.

In these few pages, we present a glimpse of what the faculty and staff of the Library do every day. There is much more to tell and much more to develop and innovate. The future is bright!

Neil Rambo, MLibr

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A Focus on Expanding Professional Boundaries
Celebrating the work of Neil Rambo

The Health Sciences Library has experienced a period of tremendous change and growth since Neil Rambo began serving as Chair and Director. In 2010, Medical Center leadership decided it was time for the Library to forge a new path in serving the institution, and Neil was hired with a mandate to guide the Library toward innovation and excellence. Neil was well-suited to enact this vision as he has been at the forefront of innovation in academic health sciences libraries throughout his career. A highlight during Neil’s tenure at NYU Langone Health was the response to the devastation caused by Superstorm Sandy and the rebirth of the Library in the aftermath. With the Library’s primary facility and print collection destroyed, Neil led the reimagining of the Library as a fully digital resource and service. He and the Library team were able to capitalize on the outstanding online collection of journals, books, and databases, and the ability to deliver information management services through the network. This was the first instance of an established academic health sciences library fully transitioning from the legacy model of physical space and print collections, to the digital library model common among libraries serving new medical schools.

Another innovation was the development of the highly successful Data Services Team. Neil emphasized the core principle of practical support for researchers based on understanding their challenges and needs. This prompted the team to research and develop new methods to assist researchers in managing their data, and to create a research data management curriculum that is now a required course for the School’s PhD students.

The staff of the NYU Health Sciences Library thank Neil for his leadership and vision over the past seven years, and wish him and his family the best as they start on a new journey!
BY THE NUMBERS

Since 2013, the Library has worked with researchers to increase the number of publications that are in compliance with the federal requirement for open access of grant-funded research. When this initiative started, only 78% of these publications were in compliance. Through the Library’s efforts, 96% of these publications now meet compliance requirements. Learn more at https://hsl.med.nyu.edu.nih-compliance

Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID) provides a persistent digital identifier distinguishing researchers and their work from each other. In 2016, the Library began an email promotional campaign to NYU Langone Faculty encouraging them to both: 1) allow the Library to set up an ORCID account on their behalf, and 2) grant the Library “trusted institution” status, whereby the Library could automatically update and manage their publications. The Library’s efforts have resulted in nearly 50% of faculty establishing ORCID accounts, with nearly all of them allowing the Library to manage their publications. All of this supports NYU Langone Health researchers in accurately receiving credit for the research they conduct and publish. Learn more at https://hsl.med.nyu.edu/orcid
Connecting People with Information

The Library’s Content Management unit works tirelessly to provide seamless access to the electronic journals, e-books, and databases our users need every day. Providing this online access requires a complex series of steps; each team member’s role is highlighted below.

Karen L. Yacobucci (Content Systems Librarian & Marketing Specialist) creates connections between library systems and the Library’s electronic journals, e-books, and databases.

Stephen Maher (Assistant Director, Content Management and Scholarly Communication) negotiates with publishers to improve access to the most relevant and highest quality content in the fields of medicine, healthcare and the basic sciences.

Ada Villacis-Ladino accepts and acts on requests from users to add e-books or electronic journals to the Library’s collection, and ensures publishers are paid for the resources we license.

Faber Castro responds to reports from users of problems with electronic resources, and both ensures users obtain the information they need and the problem gets fixed.

Beverley English-Baptiste improves metadata for e-books and electronic journals, ensuring they are available, and easily found in the Library’s catalog.
NEW MEMBERS

**Timothy Roberts**
Population Health Librarian

Tim holds a Master’s of Library Science degree from the State University of New York-Buffalo and a Master’s of Public Health from the CUNY School of Public Health. As the Population Health Librarian, Tim supports the Department of Population Health by consulting and collaborating on systematic reviews and instructing faculty and staff on how to get the most out of library resources. Tim has been working in medical libraries for almost 25 years, aside from a brief stint in Graduate Medical Education. He is the co-author of many systematic reviews and is active in the Public Health/Health Administration Section of the Medical Library Association. In his spare time Tim enjoys gardening and raising honeybees.

**Dane Giuffre**
Library Assistant

Dane Alexander Giuffre has been working in libraries since 2014 and provides in-person and virtual patron support for the Lapidus Library. Dane believes libraries aren’t just holding grounds for books, but more like sanctuaries for those who love them. More than just a place for books to sit, Dane feels libraries can inspire burgeoning minds, be a place of enjoyment, and support growing and flourishing communities alike. Dane likes to say that “a library isn’t doing its job if it is only filled with people reading.” Dane is also an emerging poet and actor, pursuing the arts as thoroughly and quickly as it seems to run from those who fall in love with it (as he has).

**Ida Klimov**
Library Assistant

Ida Klimov graduated from the Latvian State University in Riga, Latvia in 1975 with a Master’s Degree in Library Sciences and Bibliography. She has been a librarian for over 40 years, 25 of which have been serving the Lutheran Medical Center community, now known as NYU Langone Health - Brooklyn. Ida has a variety of responsibilities at the Library, but when she’s not helping patrons she enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her grandchildren.

**Irina Meyman**
Branch Manager

Irina Meyman has an MLS from St. John's University, a B.Ed. Degree, and a 2 year Nursing School Certificate. Irina has an impressive background in Health Sciences Librarianship, having worked as a Director for many institutions, such as the Victory Memorial Hospital, Pacific College of Oriental Medicine, and the Swedish Institute College of Health Sciences. Irina is a member of the Medical Library Association and a distinguished member of AHIP. Irina has worked in the field of Health Sciences Librarianship since 1990, and also loves art, opera, ballet, architecture, and travel.

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