Mixing up an Allied Heath Liaison Program: Ingredients for a Successful Allied Health Collection Appetizer

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Librarian deployed for initial 3-4 month special assignment

- To conduct an environmental scan
- To explore the library support needs of the Department of Allied Health Sciences
- To train as a liaison
Project Background

- School of Medicine: 27 departments served by 1 liaison

- Other liaisons assisted in AHS, upon request, to teach classes and provide consultations

- Not much known about status of department or of collection
  - Small amount of end-of-year funding available for collection needs
  - Specific materials had to be identified quickly in order to use available funds
Welcome

Welcome to the Department of Allied Health Sciences at UNC – Chapel Hill!

Welcome to the UNC Department of Allied Health Sciences, a nationally recognized leader in allied health education, research and clinical practice. Established in 1970 with a handful of faculty and a total of 105 students, the department is now home to 18 accredited degree and certificate programs in 7 different professional disciplines, with a current enrollment of nearly 400 students. Follow the links on this page to learn more about our educational programs, our distance education opportunities, our centers, our clinical services, and much more.

When you click on a link below, your browser will open another window to that division's web site. Thank you

DIVISIONS
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Clinical Laboratory Science

Cytotechnology

Occupational Science

Physical Therapy

Radiologic Science

Rehabilitation Counseling and Psychology

Speech and Hearing Sciences

CENTERS

Center for Literacy and Disability Studies

Distance Education Information Center

Center for Human Movement Science
Objective:

To initiate a collection development effort

for an underserved unit of the School of Medicine

-- the Department of Allied Health Sciences –

prior to formal launch of a liaison program
Collection Development
Project Methods

- Sent emails to Chair/Associate Dean & 7 Division Heads seeking recommendations for:
  - Key materials for purchase
  - Key web sites
  - Top 5 journals
  - Online book collections or titles

- Follow-up emails sent to 3 non-respondents @ 4 weeks
Key Materials Recommended by Department

- 19 books
- 9 DVD’s
- 1 VHS video
- 6 CD’s
- 5 specialized software items
  - Boardmaker and SALT for Speech and Hearing Sciences—under discussion
  - Anatomy software, web sites, or tutorials with radiographs and case correlations
Public Health Practice

This resource collection was developed by the Health Sciences Library for North Carolina public health providers and administrators.

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  - Adding electronically, if available, print if not

- **We had in print** (but not electronically)
  - Adding electronically, if available, print if not
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- Main campus Library (not HSL) had in print that we could not add electronically
  - Policy generally precludes duplication
  - Exploring options

- We had “incidentally” electronically
  - Upgraded to stable electronic subscription
Non-Collection Development Outcomes

Upon announcing the liaison program (June):

- Liaison given immediate access to Chair and Admins
- Chair expanded June Advisory Meeting to \( \frac{1}{2} \) day retreat
  - Hosted in the library
  - Introduction of and presentation by liaison
  - Tour of facilities; focus on technology enhanced spaces
Following June Chair’s retreat:

- Increased AHS use of facilities and services
- Requests & invitations by division heads
- New requests for HSL course involvement
- Collaboration on HSL Exhibit

50th Anniversary of PT Program
Collection development undertaken *prior to* launching a liaison program can be an effective way to:

- build the collection
- learn about unique needs
- allow liaison to build a positive partnership with key faculty and administrators
- collect information to assist in decision-making
- launch a new liaison program on a positive note