

Bernard Becker Medical Library is one of the oldest and most comprehensive medical libraries in the United States, serving as an information and technology services hub for local, regional and national health professionals.

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An array of services,
a world of resources



INFORMATION

The library's new electronic catalog (BeckerSearch) indexes the entire Becker Library collection and provides direct access to online resources including journals, books and audiovisuals, as well as special and historical collections. In addition, Becker remains a major lender to other libraries through its interlibrary loan program and is actively involved in scholarly publishing as a partner with the School of Medicine's Academic Publishing Services group.



EDUCATION

The Library Education Series at Becker offers many courses on microcomputer and network applications, and the Library Instructional Service provides tailored training programs to support the curriculum and promote the use of online resources. The library also has partnered with other education programs at the School of Medicine to create online materials, enhance the use of technology in education, and promote programs to prospective students.



TECHNOLOGY

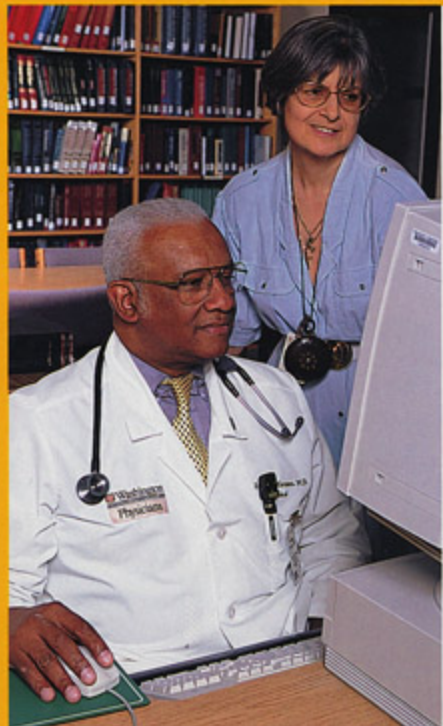
The Medical Library Computing and Networking Services division provides a wide range of technology services to the School of Medicine community, from the basic (electronic mail, desktop support, networking) to the specialized (database and web site development, and the creation of multimedia resources, such as streaming video and audio services). The division also serves as a resource on technology security issues, particularly those related to HIPAA.

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BeckerSearch

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BeckerSearch, a prime example of technologically enhanced efficiency, allows users to search multiple resources simultaneously and link to full-text articles, journals or books, says special projects librarian Cathy Sarli. The new, comprehensive search gateway, which was launched in August 2005, also can be used to build personalized collections of citations, resources and electronic journals. It allows users to set up alerts for specific scheduled queries, save search histories, download citations and send results via e-mail.



Community partners

Becker's Library Liaisons partner with departments, divisions and programs, strengthening the library's connection with faculty and researchers and guiding users to the latest resources and services available to bolster teaching, patient care and research. With newly added support from the library's computing services groups, liaisons also can help patrons find answers to tough technical queries, as well as serious clinical and preclinical questions. Despite increased technology, says Neville Prendergast, associate director of communication and outreach, many people still value the human connection.