



# TTUHSC Library Connection

## Director's Corner

### Texas Library Coalition for United Action – February 2021

The HSC libraries participate in a coalition of over forty Texas libraries, of which TTUHSC is a member. I serve on both the Steering Committee and the Negotiating Committee for the [Texas Library Coalition for United Action](#). A major goal for the Texas Coalition is to reduce spending for Elsevier journals, but as important as this is, it isn't the Coalition's only goal. We also want to enhance copyright ownership of content by campus authors, broaden access to research, and make improvements for libraries in the stewardship of our content. We will not accept a contract that doesn't represent progress toward these goals.

Our license for Elsevier's Science Direct ended in December 2020. However, the coalition continues to negotiate, and while we are doing so Elsevier has agreed to maintain access through February for all institutions whose contracts have ended, about half

of the membership. There is a growing sense of urgency to reach agreement on a final contract. I am not certain if Elsevier or the Coalition will agree to another access extension, but if not, we are prepared. If we lost access to Elsevier content, it would only be for this one product. HSC team members will be able to order anything through [interlibrary loan](#) and receive it, usually within 24 hours. ILLs are free. We have also created a website of [open access resources](#) which is a significant amount of freely available content. (Check out the [LibKey Nomad Extension](#)). In addition, we have the strong support of those coalition members whose access to the Elsevier journals will continue through 2021.

Your support is vital and very much appreciated. I continue to welcome your feedback. ●

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## TTUHSC Tech Talk: New Mobile Apps Platform

The library has debuted a new mobile apps platform in which individual tools may be accessed. This set-up replaces the old TTU Mobile App launchpad and allows users to access select databases and mobile web applications. Users have long benefited from using on-demand library resources, many of which serve as point-of-care reference tools for clinical management. The new integrated platform allows users to

more easily access resources such as ClinicalKey, Dynamed, Micromedex, and Sanford Guide Collection. Mobile Apps access can be found on the library's homepage in the section "Mobile Apps & Resources" beneath the Resources tab. It can also be accessed on the LibGuide page entitled [TTUHSC Mobile Apps](#). The linked guide provides a list of the most popular tools available along with

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**The TTUHSC Campus  
Library Hours:**

Opened at fifty-percent  
capacity

Mon.-Th.: 7:30 AM to 9:00 PM

Fri.: 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM

For weather closures or  
delays, see STAT!Alert.

This newsletter is accessible to visually-impaired patrons. Adobe Acrobat Pro's read aloud function is recommended, however other screen reading devices and applications can also be used.

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instructions for how to set up each item. All faculty, staff, and students can install one or multiple apps using their eRaider credentials. It is recommended pay special attention to the installation

instructions for each app as not all resources are the same. Questions, comments, or feedback about the mobile apps guide are welcome. Please contact

the library staff using the homepage widget: [Chat Live](#).

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## Library Resources News

**JAMA Evidence** is an evidence-based medicine database, created by the Journal of American Medical Association, which provides peer-reviewed information for medical professionals. It recommends medical decisions consistent to the medical professional (and its patients) values.

Some features found exclusively on JAMA Evidence includes the following:

- Full text to e-books such as User Guides to the Medical Literature and The Rational Clinical Examination
- Education guideline slideshows to enhance classroom and conference talks
- Free access to reference articles from JAMA publications

- Exclusive content including updates to RCE articles and podcasts

This database is available on the A-Z Database Index, which is located on the [library homepage](#).

**RefWorks** is a citation management bibliographic tool that allows users to organize citations in individualized created folders, and assists in organizing bibliographic citations in a variety of format styles. There are over 500 styles, including favorites such as APA, AMA, etc. The resource is available to students, faculty, and even alumni of TTUHSC. This is a web-based tool that requires a user to create a unique user name and pass code to view their loaded citations.

After creating an account, the user is able to upload bibliographic citations

from articles retrieved from medical databases such as PubMed, Embase, and other medical databases which are subscribed to by the library. It even has a drag and drop feature, whereby you can drag PDFs onto its screen and they will be added to your bibliography.

To access this resource, and to learn how to use Refworks, please go to the [Citations Tools](#) page in the Bibliographic section of the library's LibGuide page.

If you would like assistance with either product please contact us at the "[Chat Live](#)" widget or "[Request Zoom session](#)" with a librarian of your choice, also in a widget on the upper right corner of the library LibGuides page.

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## Outreach Committee News

The Library Outreach Committee's current charge is to assess the need by non-TTUHSC community organizations or groups for medical and consumer health information and to offer information services and instruction as needed. The committee will establish the library's priorities and procedures for community outreach activities. Funded library outreach projects have included activities that

promote health information literacy. The library Outreach Committee seeks opportunities to collaborate with faculty, students, or organizations that serve community partners near Lubbock, Amarillo, or Odessa. If your community partners need reliable sources of health information in order to "obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions,"<sup>1</sup>

we'd like to hear from you. You can begin the conversation by contacting the committee chair.

1. Institute of Medicine 2004. Health Literacy: A Prescription to End Confusion. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.

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## Docline® Anniversary

Docline® recently celebrated its 35th anniversary. The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) created Docline® to support resource sharing among all types of biomedical libraries,

including the National Library of Medicine. TTUHSC interlibrary loan staff in Lubbock, Amarillo, and Odessa use Docline® to borrow journal articles that are not available from the TTUHSC

In FY 2019-2020, TTUHSC library users received over seven hundred articles by means of Docline®.

The ability to request an article with the designation Urgent Patient Care

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is an important and unique feature for Docline® users. Lending libraries must act upon Urgent Patient Care requests immediately, often within an hour of receipt. This type of request is intended to assist clinicians by supplying information for making patient care decisions, so it takes priority over routine interlibrary loan requests.

(These requests have a \$10 charge; Routine requests are FREE).

To request articles, use the Interlibrary Loan request form found at the [Library's Agreement Form page](#).

*Participation in Docline® is one of the outreach services that the TTUHSC library, a member library of the [NNLM](#)*

[South Central Region](#), provides to health care providers at our institution.

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## Amarillo News

The Harrington Library of the Health Sciences in Amarillo added some essential software to the computers in three of our first floor study rooms.

We have added webcams and Zoom in order to offer students a private place where they can chat via video for interviews, classes, or collaborating with colleagues. We have also added

IBM SPSS Statistics to the study room computers.

SPSS is a software package used for complex statistical data analysis.

The three study rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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## Lockers and Study Rooms in the Preston Smith Library

Lockers are now available on the second floor of the Preston Smith Library in Lubbock for patrons who want to store

personal belongings securely in the library. Lockers can be checked out for one day and are available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Locks can be borrowed from the circulation desk and only locks issued by the Library are permitted.

Contact Lubbock Circulation at 806-743-2200 for more information.

## Need a Quiet Place to Work or Study?

The TTUHSC Libraries are working diligently to keep our patrons safe during the current pandemic. In an effort to provide a safe environment, group study rooms are not available, but individual quiet study areas are.

- To reserve an individual study room in Lubbock, please [link to our online form located here](#).

- All rooms must be reserved at least 30 minutes in advance so that the rooms can be cleaned.

The TTUHSC Libraries in Amarillo, Odessa, and Lubbock are currently open:

- 7:30 am to 9:00 pm Monday - Thursday

- 7:30 am to 5:00 pm Friday
- **CLOSED Saturday and Sunday**

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## Resources and Methods of Knowledge Synthesis – Part II

Established in 1993 in the United Kingdom, the Cochrane Collaboration was named after Archie Cochrane, MD author of the 1971 publication *Effectiveness Efficiency: Random*

*Reflections on Health Services*. In it, he calls for hard evidence on the effectiveness of treatments. Now known as simply Cochrane, it is stated on their [organization website](#) that:

Our mission is to promote evidence-informed health decision-making by producing high-quality, relevant, accessible systematic reviews and other synthesized research evidence.

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Our work is internationally recognized as the benchmark for high-quality information about the effectiveness of health care.

Their first goal is: “To produce high-quality, relevant, up-to-date systematic reviews and other synthesized research evidence to inform health decision making. There are now over 7,500 Cochrane systematic reviews which we publish in the [Cochrane Library](#). We also play a key role in developing new methods in evidence synthesis.” Among the evidence products published by the Cochrane Library are the Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews and the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials.

Cochrane publishes standards handbooks one of which is the [Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions](#) and includes freely downloadable information on planning a review, searching and selecting studies, data collection, risk of bias assessment, statistical analysis, GRADE and interpreting results, as well as more specialised topics including non-randomized studies, adverse effects, complex interventions, equity,

economics, patient-reported outcomes, individual patient data, prospective meta-analysis, and qualitative research.”

The Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Diagnostic Test Accuracy will ultimately include 11 chapters of which the following chapters are complete and freely available for downloading: “contents of a Cochrane protocol for Diagnostic Test Accuracy (Ch. 4), criteria for including studies (Ch. 6), searching for studies (Ch. 7), assessing methodological quality (Ch. 9), analysing and presenting results (Ch. 10) and interpreting results (Ch. 11).” “The [GRADE Handbook](#) describes the process of rating the quality of the best available evidence and developing health care recommendations following the approach proposed by the Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) Working Group. This is the most comprehensive resource on the GRADE approach and deals with both the use of GRADE in systematic reviews and its application in the guideline development process. The latest update of the handbook was in in October 2013.”

Cochrane provides a multitude of learning resources and learning events

on the [Cochrane Interactive Learning website](#). [Conducting an Intervention Review](#) is a module of “over 10 hours of self-directed learning on conducting a complete systematic review process for both new and experienced review authors.”

[Students 4 Best Evidence](#) is a “network for students interested in evidence-based health care.” The website includes information resources on bias, critical thinking, evidence-based practice, statistics, study design and research methods, and systematic reviews as well as “reviews written by students of evidence-based resources; including slideshows, lectures, websites, online courses, and databases.” The Cochrane organization is a highly developed global network of experts that is an internationally recognized resource of quality information. Make [Cochrane.org](#) your go to resource for finding evidence-based healthcare information and learning tools about conducting synthesized research evidence!

All quotes, information about resources, and links were retrieved on 01/19/2021.

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## Odessa News

COVID-19 Public Health Measures at the Odessa Library All of the Odessa's Library's staff have received their first dose of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine – Most will receive their second dose on February 1st. We are masking, social distancing, and washing our hands to prevent the spread of the disease. Come study in the library and mask up with us!

Did you know the Odessa Library offers recycling? Please feel free to bring over your cans and plastic bottles for disposal – We'll take care of the rest!

*Once again, the Odessa Library is allowing its patrons to show us some love in the month of February – Come on by, and fill out a heart to put on the library's front door. •*

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## Weeding Books at the TTUHSC Lubbock Library

Lubbock has been withdrawing, or “weeding,” many books over the last couple of years. One of the questions we are often asked is, “What are you doing with all those books?” We have utilized a variety of methods, including donating, recycling, and garbage disposal. For many of our weeded monographs (non-journal items), we partnered with an organization called Better World Books. TTUHSC Libraries

employees sorted weeded monographs/ books and packed eligible items into boxes on pallets, which were shipped to the Better World Books warehouse.

Better World Books received 39,716 individual books from TTUHSC Lubbock in 1,760 boxes. Of those, 14,021 books were accepted into their resale program supporting Literacy Grants from The Better World Books General

Literacy Partner Fund. 23,637 books were recycled through their recycling program. 2,058 books were donated to the Internet Archive to be digitized. TTUHSC Lubbock is done weeding monographs/books and is now focusing on the journal collection.

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