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Introduction

In January 2008, the School of Dentistry and the University Library announced that the Dentistry Library would be closed and its collections consolidated with those of the Taubman Medical Library (TML). Taubman would now serve the School of Dentistry (SOD), as well as Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy.

The move of the physical collection was a significant undertaking, but so too was the 'move' to a virtual site. We made a special effort to make people feel comfortable with the change, and to remind them that the print collection was still available, as was staff to assist with reference and instruction.

Preliminary Efforts

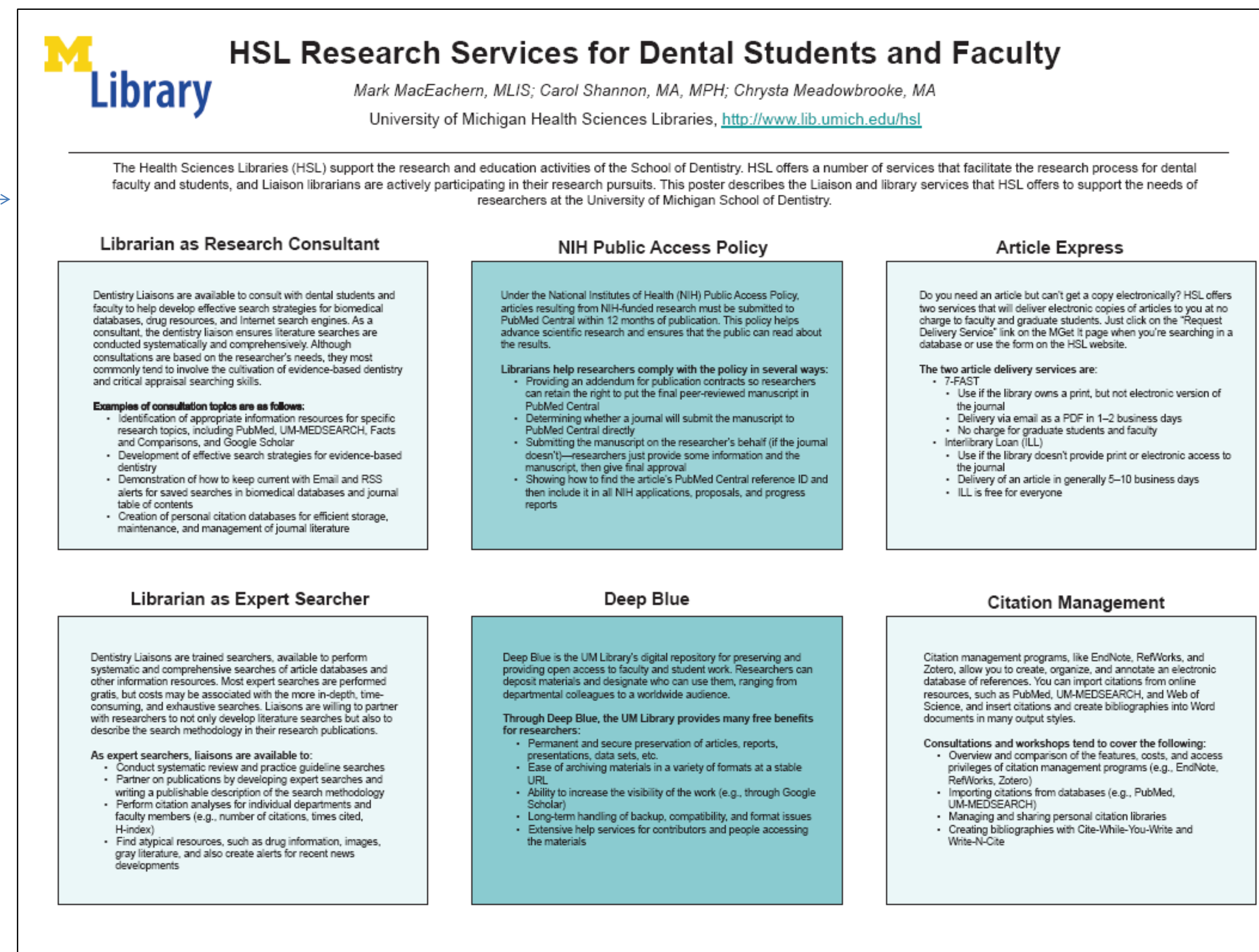
Communication: The existing Dentistry Library blog and the LCD monitor system within the Dental Building were used to communicate with faculty, staff, and students.

Survey: The HSL conducted a SurveyMonkey survey of dentistry library patrons to learn what services and resources they wanted during the transition and afterwards. Many of the questions were open-ended, and participants were encouraged to state their concerns and questions.

Social Event: Faculty and staff were invited to a reception at the TML for light refreshments and informal tours of the library.

Poster: To continue to promote HSL involvement with Dentistry patrons, the liaisons presented for the first time a poster at the SOD's Research Day.

7-FAST: This free service provides patrons with a PDF of articles available only in print in the UM libraries, via email. This service helps alleviate travel inconvenience associated with the more distant library.



HSL Research Services for Dental Students and Faculty
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The Health Sciences Libraries (HSL) support the research and education activities of the School of Dentistry. HSL offers a number of services that facilitate the research process for dental faculty and students, and Liaison Librarians are actively participating in their research pursuits. This poster describes the Liaison and library services that HSL offers to support the needs of researchers at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

<p>Librarian as Research Consultant</p> <p>Dentistry Liaisons are available to consult with dental students and faculty to help develop effective search strategies for biomedical databases, drug resources, and internet search engines. As a consultant, the librarian assesses the researcher's needs, provides a coordinated systematic and comprehensive search, and provides a critical appraisal of the search results. Although consultations are based on the researcher's needs, they most commonly seek to resolve the confusion of evidence-based dentistry and critical appraisal searching skills.</p> <p>Examples of consultation topics are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of appropriate information resources for specific research topics, including PubMed, UMI/MEDSEARCH, Facts and Comparisons, and Google Scholar • Development of effective search strategies for evidence-based dentistry • Demonstration of how to keep current with Email and RSS alerts for latest searches in biomedical databases and journal table of contents • Creation of personal citation databases for efficient storage, maintenance, and management of journal literature 	<p>NIH Public Access Policy</p> <p>Under the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Public Access Policy, articles resulting from NIH-funded research must be submitted to PubMed Central within 12 months of publication. This policy helps advance scientific research and ensures that the public can read about the results.</p> <p>Librarians help researchers comply with the policy in several ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing an addendum for publication contracts so researchers can retain the right to find their peer-reviewed manuscript in PubMed Central • Determining whether a journal will submit the manuscript to PubMed Central directly • Submitting the manuscript on the researcher's behalf if the journal does not (researchers just provide some information and the manuscript; then give final approval) • Showing how to find the article's PubMed Central reference ID and then include it in all NIH applications, proposals, and progress reports 	<p>Article Express</p> <p>Do you need an article but can't get a copy electronically? HSL offers two services that will deliver electronic copies of articles to you at no charge to faculty and graduate students. Just click on the "Request Delivery Service" link on the Home Page when you're searching in a database or use the form on the HSL website.</p> <p>The free article delivery services are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7-FAST • Use if the library owns a print, but not electronic version of the journal • Delivery via email as a PDF in 1-2 business days • No charge for graduate students and faculty • Secondary user (LL) • Use if the library doesn't provide print or electronic access to the journal • Delivery of an article in generally 5-10 business days • LL is free for everyone
<p>Librarian as Expert Searcher</p> <p>Dentistry Liaisons are trained searchers, available to perform systematic and comprehensive searches of article databases and other information resources. Most expert searches are performed gratis, but costs may be associated with the more in-depth, time-consuming, and exclusive searches. Liaisons are willing to partner with researchers to help develop literature searches but also to describe the search methodology in their research publications.</p> <p>As expert searchers, liaisons are available to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct systematic review and practice guideline searches • Partner on publications by developing expert searches and writing a publishable description of the search methodology • Perform citation analyses for individual departments and faculty members (e.g., number of citations, times cited, h-index) • Find digital resources, such as drug information, images, gray literature, and also create alerts for recent news developments 	<p>Deep Blue</p> <p>Deep Blue is the UM Library's digital repository for preserving and providing open access to faculty and student work. Researchers can deposit materials and designate who can use them, ranging from departmental colleagues to a worldwide audience.</p> <p>Through Deep Blue, the UM Library provides many free benefits for researchers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent and secure preservation of articles, reports, presentations, data sets, etc. • Ease of archiving materials in a variety of formats at a stable URL • Ability to increase the visibility of the work (e.g., through Google Scholar) • Long-term handling of backup, compatibility, and format issues • Extensive help services for contributors and people accessing the materials 	<p>Citation Management</p> <p>Citation management programs, like EndNote, RefWorks, and Zotero, allow you to create, organize, and access an electronic database of references. You can import citations from online resources, such as PubMed, UMI/MEDSEARCH, and Web of Science, and insert citations and create bibliographies into Word documents in many useful styles.</p> <p>Consultations and workshops tend to cover the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and comparison of the features, costs, and access privileges of citation management programs (e.g., EndNote, RefWorks, Zotero) • Importing citations from databases (e.g., PubMed, UMI/MEDSEARCH) • Managing and sharing personal citation libraries • Creating bibliographies with One-Click-Write and Write-Click

Online Activities

LibGuides: Liaisons used the subject guide platform, LibGuides, to create a dentistry-specific space on the HSL website. The guide includes links to the most commonly used Dental resources. Students are introduced to the guide during instruction sessions and orientations.

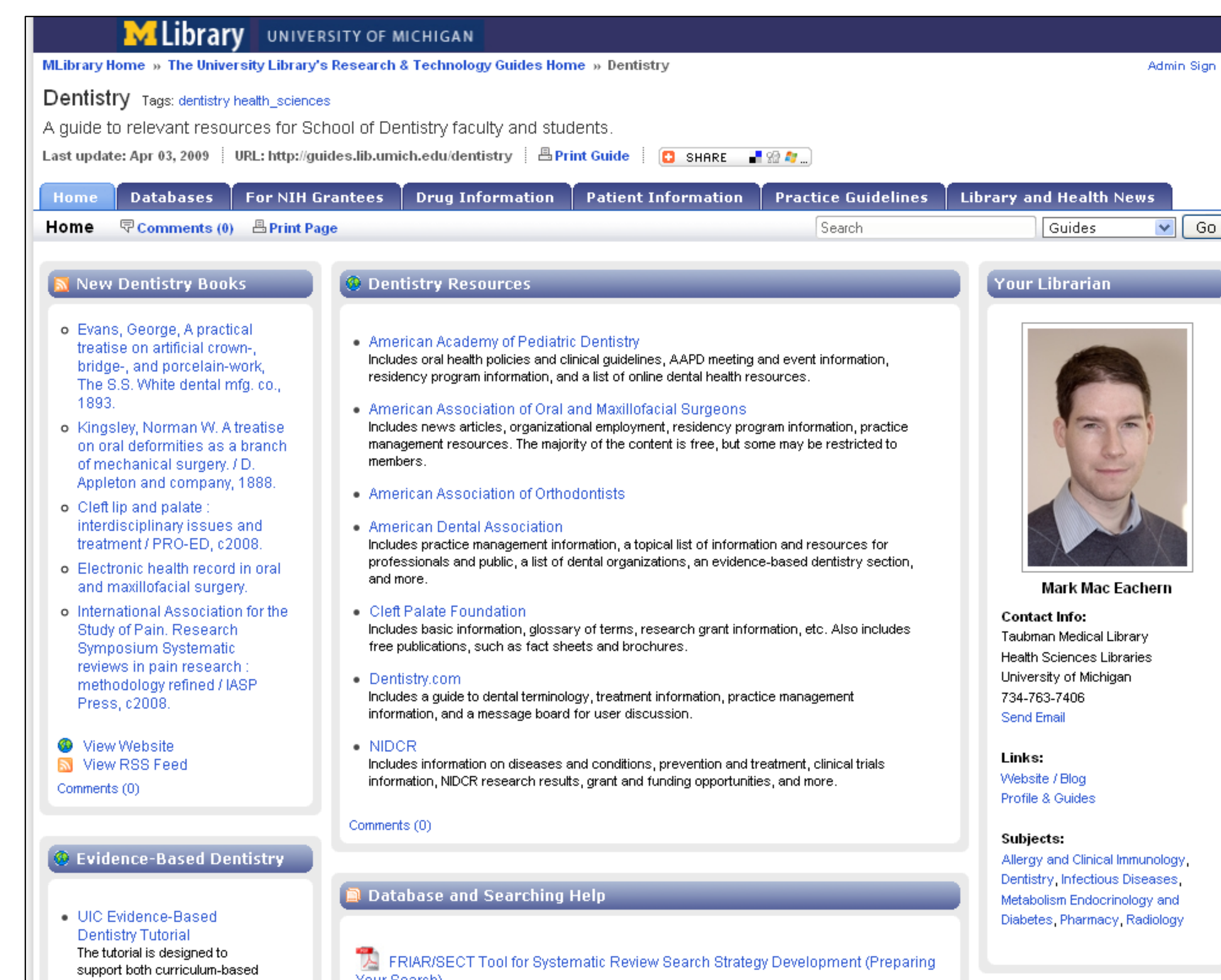
CTools: To enhance the library's support of the Dental Hygiene (DH) distance program, liaisons were incorporated into the course site for Dental Hygiene courses with research requirements via a Meebo widget and a Librarian-related discussion forum.

Dentistry Website: In December 2008, the HSL was invited to create a section of the new Drupal-based dentistry website. The section includes the two Dentistry liaisons images and contact information, as well as general library resources and services of interest to the Dental community.

Future Activities

The removal of the physical dental collection from the dental building created an increased need for liaison integration. To create new opportunities, the liaisons will:

- Continue to serve on the SOD Curriculum Committee and attend faculty meetings
- Develop an increased and more systematic presence in the D1-D4 and Dental Hygiene curricula, emphasizing evidence-based dentistry and the necessary identification, searching, and critical appraisal skills.
- Use the eight-module Information Skills Curriculum document that the liaisons developed to serve as a foundation for information-skills instruction in the curriculum. The document describes the educational interventions the liaisons offer.
- Provide office hours in the Dental Building for research consultations, meetings, and to create networking opportunities.



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- Kingsley, Norman W. A treatise on oral deformities as a branch of mechanical surgery. / D. Appleton and company, 1898.
- Cleft lip and palate: interdisciplinary issues and treatment / PRO-ED, c2008.
- Electronic health record in oral and maxillofacial surgery.
- International Association for the Study of Pain. Research Symposium Systematic reviews in pain research: methodology refined / IASP Press, c2008.


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Includes news articles, organizational employment, residency program information, practice management resources. The majority of the content is free, but some may be restricted to members.
- American Association of Orthodontists
- American Dental Association
Includes practice management information, a topical list of information and resources for professionals and public, a list of dental organizations, an evidence-based dentistry section, and more.
- Cleft Palate Foundation
Includes basic information, glossary of terms, research grant information, etc. Also includes free publications, such as fact sheets and brochures.
- Dentistry.com
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