

Welcome to Thomas Jefferson University

Jefferson prides itself in being one of the nation's best medical and health professions universities. Continuing its tradition of excellence in education, in 1992 Jefferson created Academic Information Services and Research (AISR, pronounced "acer"). AISR consolidated three University service groups--Academic Computing, Medical Media Services, and Scott Memorial Library--into one integrated unit responsible for the management, communication, and preservation of knowledge.

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AISR's goal is to help you manage your information needs. To do so, we monitor different information sources, assess issues and trends in information science, develop tools to organize, store and communicate knowledge, and provide instruction in information literacy.

Our most visible tool is JEFFLINE, the University's academic information website. With so many resources available online, JEFFLINE is like having your own personal library at campus, home or work.



JEFFLINE [<http://jeffline.tju.edu/>] is the University's academic information service on the Internet/World Wide Web, focusing on research, patient care and health care education. It functions as the major source for online academic information at Thomas Jefferson University and is accessed daily by students, faculty and staff at Jefferson.

AISR EDUCATION SERVICES

Dr. Tony Frisby and the instructional design group from the Office of Academic Computing have teamed up with the Education Services librarians. The reorganized department now offers instructional technology support for TJU's campus-based courses, CD-ROM and web-based software production, and development of distance learning format courses. Distance learning allows students to benefit from a Jefferson-designed curriculum and Jefferson faculty without having to come to campus each week.

This fall, Education Services will release five new CD-ROM based programs.

The Patient Encounter: Module II--Infant History and Exam is being produced with Drs. Ruth Gottlieb and Lindsey Lane. *Infant History and Exam* is designed for students beginning their pediatric clerkship and for new residents. It uses digitized video to coach students in the history portion of the encounter, encouraging them to reflect on presentation styles of novice and experienced interviewers. The exam portion of the program includes more video and 3-D animation to demonstrate physical exam techniques.

Four self-study programs are also being published, developed to help Jefferson students with their courses and prepare for the national board examinations. Two of these are Histology programs developed with Dr. Ronald Jensch which allow students to prepare for multiple-choice or uncued format exams. Two similar programs were produced with Dr. Bruce Fenderson for the Pathology course. Faculty interested in incorporating information technology into their courses are encouraged to contact Education Services.

Look inside for more information on some of our services. You can also find more information and details on JEFFLINE!

SCOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The heart of any university is its library--and TJU is no exception. We are very proud that Jefferson's Library is frequently cited as one of the East Coast's best health sciences libraries. The Library's unique collection is much more than just books and journals!

Library Collections

• **Browsing Room Collection**

[*first floor*] One of the Library's busiest areas, the Browsing Room provides popular books and current magazines, a collection of core medical reference texts, and 12 PC's available 24 hours per day.

• **Reserve Materials**

[*second and third floors*] Materials in high demand and/or those needed for class assignments are kept on reserve at either the Circulation Window or the Learning Resources Center. Because of high demand these items circulate for two hours and a charge is assessed for overdue items.

• **Audio Visual Collection**

[*third floor*] Housed in the Learning Resources Center (LRC)--and one of the students' best kept secrets--is the collection of popular music CD's, audio books and video tapes.

• **Learning Resources Center**

[*third floor*] The LRC provides access to a collection of anatomical models, teaching slides and videos, computer-based learning software, and small group media rooms. The LRC staff manages the computer classrooms in both 307 Scott and 311 Jefferson Alumni Hall. Available software includes word processing, spreadsheet, Internet web browsers, email, and course-specific instructional software, some produced at Jefferson and others commercially published.

The LRC also plays a vital role in supporting graduate medical educa-

tion (GME). Services include software programs supporting the residency application and selection processes such as FREIDA, ERAS, and Web ROLIC.

• **Circulating Book Collection**

[*fourth floor*] The main book collection is one of the largest for health science libraries and is accessible 24 hours per day.

• **University Archives and Special Collections**

[*fourth floor*] The University Archives is responsible for acquiring and preserving important TJU records, rare books, photographs, manuscripts and personal papers, memorabilia, and other historical materials. The Special Collections includes approximately 3,700 books recording the history of health sciences; some are quite rare, dating back to the 15th century.

Most of the Archives' photographs have been digitized and are available on JEFFLINE through PHDIL (Philadelphia Historical Database Image Library).



Portrait of Andreas Vesalius (1514-1564) from *De humani corporis fabrica libri septem* (Basel: ex off. Ionnis Oporini, 1543)

From the Special Collections of Scott Memorial Library

JEFFLINE Resources

• **Databases**

At the core of academic library research is the searching of bibliographic databases. Here at Jefferson, the National Library of Medicine's well-known databases--MEDLINE, CANCERLIT, AIDSLINE, and HealthSTAR--are accessible using the web-based OVID interface. Other health sciences databases available via JEFFLINE include Current Contents, ERIC, CINAHL, and SPORTDISCUS.

• **THOMCAT**

Searching the Library collections is easy with THOMCAT, the online catalog system. THOMCAT is easily accessed from the JEFFLINE homepage and uses an intuitive graphic interface.

• **Electronic Journals**

Electronic journals streamline the research process by eliminating the "go to the Library and photocopy" step. Over 60 journals in full-text format now enrich the OVID database suite and are accessible directly, or via links from MEDLINE and CINAHL.

• **JEFFSelects**

Webliographies of high-quality Internet resources on topics of major interest to the Jefferson community are developed and updated by Information Services librarians.

Information Services

Our librarians work with faculty, clinicians, researchers, administrators, and students to help identify and make sense of the enormous quantity of information produced each year.

Participating with University committees and national organizations, the staff ensures that Scott Memorial Library meets both current and future information access needs. Personal assistance is available at the Reference Desk on the 2nd floor.

THE SCOTT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

is a place devoted to study and research in support
of the University's mission.

The Library strives to provide you with:

- A quiet, individual study environment
- Journals and books in a well-preserved condition
- A library environment free from clutter, dirt, food stains and spills, and graffiti
- A secure environment for you and your personal safety
- Civil and courteous treatment by Library staff

We ask that you act in accordance with these goals by:

- Keeping conversations at a whisper so as not to disturb others
- Limiting group study to the third floor LRC audiovisual rooms and the first floor Browsing area only
- Not bringing food and beverages of any kind into the Library
- Displaying University Identification at all times
- Upholding the TJU standards of conduct and professional behavior in the Library

Library Policy as adopted by the Ad Hoc Committee on Library Public Space, May 1999

Library Services and Policies

• **Borrowing Privileges**

With a valid TJU/TJUH ID you may register at the Circulation Window on the second floor to borrow circulating items.

• **Photocopying and Laser Printing**

VendaCards are required for all Library photocopy and laser printing machines. Cards may be purchased at the Circulation Window for \$0.50. Photocopies are \$0.08 (\$0.25 for non-TJU/TJUH users) and laser printed pages are \$0.15 per page.

• **Interlibrary Loan**

Provision of books and journal articles not owned by the Library costs \$5.00 for regular delivery (7-10 days) or \$10.00 for rush requests (48 hours--and only for patient care emergencies.) TJU students are entitled to 10 requests per academic year without charge.

• **JeffDocs**

The Library provides a photocopy service for articles found in our journal collection. For a fee of \$5.00, you may request a document be copied and mailed or held at the circulation window for pick up.

• **Holds & Renewals**

Holds may be placed at the Circulation Window for items currently on loan by another patron. Journals may not be renewed. Books may be renewed up to two times if not on hold for another patron.

• **Overdue Items**

Overdue notices are sent as a courtesy to remind users to return borrowed items. Failure to receive a notice does not exempt the borrower from paying overdue fines. Overdue fines accrue at \$0.25 a day for books, and \$1.00 a day for Reserves, bound journals, LRC items and audio-tapes.

• **Security**

University policy requires all staff and students wear their TJU/TJUH IDs at all times while on University property.

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC COMPUTING & AISR SYSTEMS

The Office of Academic Computing and AISR Systems (OAC) provides database development and computer support services for Scott Memorial Library and the Open Access Computer Labs.

Primary responsibilities of OAC include: operation of the University's academic web sites (i.e., JEFFLINE, Thomcat), desktop support for more than 150 computers in the Library, and database services for both on-campus and distance learning courses.

Administrative and research departments benefit from OAC support for database and web page development.

New Student Email

Academic Computing and the University's Office of Information Technology have responded to student requests for better email services. This summer, a new student email system was unveiled.

The new system includes: faster performance, easier access to attachments, and a significantly larger amount of storage space. Details about the new system are on JEFFLINE and available at all Open Access Computer Labs.

ACADEMIC YEAR

1999-2000

Special holiday hours will be posted

Mon-Thurs	8:00 a.m. - Midnight
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m. - Midnight

*The Library is open to
TJU I.D. holders and affiliates
7 days a week, with 24-hour access to
the first and fourth floors.*

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HOURS**

MEDICAL MEDIA SERVICES

The University's full service media production facility is Medical Media Services (MMS). Organized into four divisions--Graphics & Medical Illustration, Photography, Video Production, and Audiovisual Equipment Services--the goal of MMS is to help improve the quality of education and research at the University by providing a wide range of communication aids for professional presentations and publication purposes.

Often behind the scenes, MMS is responsible for a wide variety of services. For faculty this often takes the form of classroom support resources. These range from the common classroom projector to video-conferencing. MMS can provide satellite downlink

communication for special events in several rooms on campus. MMS also works with the Education Services department to produce digitized rebroadcast of lectures and special events via JEFFLINE.

AISR Connections NOW AVAILABLE ON JEFFLINE!

AISR Connections is produced by Education Services. We welcome your comments by phone (215.503.2830) or by email (EdServices@jeffline.tju.edu)

The text of this issue, with links to additional information and updates, is available online at

<http://jeffline.tju.edu/aisr/connections>

A new announcement service is available to alert you when services appear on JEFFLINE. If you would like to subscribe to this service, please use the "Registration" link on the JEFFLINE homepage.

For researchers, MMS provides presentation and publication support. Working with researchers to produce graphics that communicate new findings, the Graphics and Medical Illustration group uses a variety of photographic and 3-D modeling software. In the past year, MMS purchased two photographic printers, reducing the cost and turn-around time. The new printers add to the existing black and white photography and 35mm slide production facilities.

One of the new printers is very popular with faculty and researchers. This large printer is capable of producing banners and full size posters popular at professional conference presentations.

You can make your own slides and posters, too. For all of its imaging and printing services, MMS accepts client produced content, from sources like PowerPoint™ and a variety of other programs. On JEFFLINE you can learn more about MMS and its services.

What do a train, a lawyer, and Scott Memorial Library have in common?



Samuel Parsons Scott, Esq. (1846-1929) bequeathed the major portion of his estate to Jefferson Medical College "to be used for the foundation and maintenance of a library for the use of the teachers and students." So, Scott Library is named for this benefactor who made his bequest "in grateful acknowledgement of the inestimable service rendered me by one of the Professors of the Institution, in relieving me of hay-fever, thereby prolonging my life in comparative comfort for many years." No one knows which professor helped Mr. Scott, but legend has it they met only once--while traveling by train.



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