Levy Library Undergoes Physical Transformation

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During 2017-2018, the Levy Library has gone through some fundamental facility–related changes that not only transformed the space but also aligned with our modern approach to collection development and accessibility to resources. Academic libraries have seen a remarkable transition from print to electronic materials over the past 20 years. With the advent of electronic journals and e-books that can be accessed anytime and anywhere, both academic libraries and publishers have steadily moved towards the digital realm.

As the flagship library for the Icahn School of Medicine, Levy Library now hosts over 68,000 e-journals and over 75,000 e-books, as well as 180 databases. With the print collection reduced in size, it was time to re-think the space and our collection!

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After an extensive cleanup of old books, we were ready to purchase new editions of our print collection and create a Special Topics collection that covers essential topics in science, medicine, culture, and society. The final stage in our transformation included a removal of existing shelves. The results were stunning! The windows around the main floor of the library are now unblocked, allowing more natural light to encompass the study spaces, and patrons are treated to stunning views of Central Park and the city from every corner. Additional tables with electrical outlets were also placed throughout the space to provide charging stations for our patrons.

2018 by the Numbers

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Introducing Special Topics Print Collection

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Any person working, studying or training in a medical profession, understands that medicine is much more than one’s physical well-being. Patients come from diverse cultures, life experiences, beliefs and other related life choices. As a clinician, one must possess skills and knowledge that go beyond medicine itself. These include, sensitivity to unconscious bias, leadership, communications and more. In order to provide our patrons with resources to support these types of learning, the Levy Library has embarked on new collection of print books named Special Topics.

The Special Topics collection includes books on a wide variety of social and personal issues such as LGBTQ+ Health, Race and Bias in Medicine and Society, and even Graphic Medicine; a variety of illustrated comics that highlight various aspects of medical education.

In addition, the Library also includes books featuring physicians’ personal accounts of their experiences.

The Special Topics collection can be found at the front of the Library and all the books are available for borrowing. Visit libguides.mssm.edu/specialtopics to learn more.

PlumX Implementation at Mount Sinai

Chelsea Gizzi, Library Assistant

PlumX is a research evaluation platform that tracks traditional metrics including citations and h-index, but also captures altmetrics such as social media mentions, likes, and shares. PlumX automatically captures this information typically from a Scopus ID as new articles and artifacts are published. As of February 2019, the PlumX team has collaborated with the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in an effort to create profiles for the entire Postdoctoral community. The next initiative was school-wide implementation. Faculty members can now link their PlumX profiles to their faculty profiles by adding a widget to their faculty page.

If you would like to register for a PlumX profile, or to learn more about how PlumX can help you showcase your own research, visit libguides.mssm.edu/plum or contact plum@mssm.edu.
Mount Sinai Health System Libraries Welcomes Two New Team Members:

Luke Clinton
Library Operations Coordinator

Luke Clinton joined the Mount Sinai Health Systems Libraries team in November 2018 as the Library Operations Coordinator, where he manages the day-to-day operations of the hospital libraries at Mount Sinai West and Mount Sinai St. Luke’s.

Chelsea Rein
Librarian, Phillips School of Nursing

Chelsea Rein joined the Mount Sinai Philips School of Nursing in January 2019 as the Reference and Instruction Librarian where she provides consultations, instruction services, and reference services to nursing students and faculty.

Did You Know?
In 2018, Levy Library had over 394,000 visitors!

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