Introducing the New Levy Library App

Want to register for that upcoming Endnote class or chat with a librarian to check on the status of a reserve book?

The soon-to-be-released Levy Library app will allow you to do all those things (and more!), quickly and easily on your mobile phone or other smart devices.

Here’s a quick rundown of features:

- Tap and register for upcoming events and classes
- Scroll through the latest library news
- Chat online with a librarian
- Search our most popular resources, including Pubmed, Browzine, and PlumX
- Use the interactive map to connect with libraries at MS Beth Israel, St. Lukes, and MSW
- Connect with Levy Library on social media

The app will be available this spring to the Mount Sinai community for free on both iOS and Android platforms. Find it in the Icahn School of Medicine’s app store in Google Play and the Apple store.

Questions or comments? Email refdesk@mssm.edu

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Get to Know the Phillips School of Nursing

Listed as one of the top 75 private nursing schools in the United States by the Nursing Schools Almanac, The Phillips School of Nursing at Mount Sinai Beth Israel (PSON) was established in 1904 on the Lower East Side. First created under Beth Israel Medical Center, the school is now a member of the Mount Sinai Health System.

PSON currently offers two programs: the Accelerated Bachelors of Science in Nursing (ABSN) and an RN-BSN Program for registered nurses (RNs). The ABSN program is open to individuals who have a bachelor’s degree in another major and want to become nurses. Starting summer 2019, the RN-BSN program will be offered in a new executive style format where students will be able to complete the majority of their courses through an online learning platform and attend class onsite just a few times per semester.

With the recent appointment of a full-time Librarian at the school, the staff of the Levy Library has the ability to liaise directly with the students and faculty to offer them the same quality of reference and instruction services given to the Mount Sinai Hospital and the Icahn School of Medicine. PSON’s interdisciplinary environment with its focus on clinical practice, simulation, and research projects, plus the school’s dedication to diversity and inclusion in patient care, foster an atmosphere of scholarship that will direct the school into a distinguished center for evidence-based practice and nursing research.

From the CIO’s Library

Levy Library recently collaborated with Kumar Chatani, Executive Vice President, Chief Information Officer & Dean of Information Technology to create The CIO’s Library, a digital guide. This guide is intended to showcase a list of books that Dean Chatani has read and that he considers professionally useful and enriching. In total, the CIO’s Library includes over 100 books on leadership, 21st century healthcare, and tools for effective professional communication. Books about the history of the Mount Sinai Health System are also featured.

This exciting project gives the Mount Sinai community the chance to get a glimpse of a day in the life of a health system executive and provides readers at any stage of their careers with a diverse sampling of literature for professional development. From philosophical titles like The Art of War to The Business Writer’s Handbook, we at the library hope you find these books useful! Browse the recommended reading list at: libguides.mssm.edu/CIOlibrary

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PlumX Publication Widget Goes Live

Early this year, the PlumX publication widget went live on faculty webpages. Concluding a 3-year implementation process, the Levy Library and its IT partners have launched this interactive feature to replace the old text-based publication lists on previously faculty web pages. Over the years, Levy Library staff have been creating research profiles for each of the institution's faculty members with the purpose of being able to automatically collect newly published articles and track impact metrics for each publication.

To achieve this, Levy Library chose PlumX, a research tracking platform able to integrate with Scopus and ORCID and collect published works automatically. With its interactive widgets and automated updates, PlumX was able to offer a solution to the challenge of outdated publications lists on our faculty web pages. The system also generates a dashboard for each article, through which these metrics can be viewed alongside comments, mentions and discussions associated with the article.

To learn more about PlumX, visit: libguides.mssm.edu/plum

Lessons in Scientific Publishing: Spring 2019

Another successful offering of the Lessons in Scientific Publishing course, led by members of Levy Library’s Education and Research Services department, concluded in March. The course reached a milestone this year, having now been completed by more than 50 students over the last four years. The course, which covers the essentials of the scientific publishing process, from pre-project preparation to post-publication promotional strategies, has received high marks on course evaluations, consistently achieving scores of “very good” (4/5) or “superior” (5/5) on the Likert scale questions on the evaluation form.

As the landscape changes more rapidly, it is more important than ever that future scientists be knowledgeable about new developments in scholarly publishing, including the emergence of open access (OA) publishing and its implications for their future publishing options. Additionally, students report that the course equips them with tools they can use to demystify the publishing process and promoting their research output in a professional manner.

We invite all graduate students to join us for the next offering of this course in Spring I 2020.

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Therapy Dogs Provide Pawesome Stress Relief

If you wandered down the halls of Levy Library on a Tuesday afternoon, you may have had the opportunity to pet, cuddle, or snuggle with one of Mount Sinai’s pet therapy dogs. For the past 2 years, Levy Library has worked with the dog therapy teams from the Department of Volunteer Services at Mount Sinai to bring to the MSHS community Tail Tuesdays, an ongoing health and wellness event where dog therapy teams visit with students, staff, and faculty inside the library. This event gives members of the community a chance to relax and de-stress. I recently had the opportunity to sit down and talk with Patty Crawford, the owner of one of our favorite pet therapy dogs Chica Chula about her experience here at Mount Sinai.

How did you and Chica Chula become one of the pet therapy teams?
We were interviewed by the Department of Volunteer Services and part of the interview process involved putting us in a waiting room where we had to interact with families of patients. The interviewer watched on how Chica interacted with the families and she did well. After the interview, they said that we would really love to have you [both] work at Mount Sinai.

What do you love most about this type of work?
Working in a hospital environment has its ups and downs and working with patients has its ups and downs as well, so for me I feel really good that I can improve somebody’s day and I think the dog has been a really fun part of it. She helps people communicate to me, which is an interesting thing to think that [Chica] is kind of a tool to help facilitate communication.

What do you think is Chica Chula enjoys her work here at Mount Sinai?
She is very positive force and she’s a loving force and I think she is a really good dog. She has been trained to share herself in this way and I think a lot of other dogs could be given a chance to do this as well; especially dogs that are in shelters...you would be very surprised to see how many dogs would enjoy interacting with people and having a purpose.

You can visit Chica Chula or one of the other therapy dog teams at Levy Library’s Tail Tuesday events. To learn more, check out the library events calendar at libcal.mssm.edu

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