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The mission of McGoogan Health Sciences Library is to support the academic, research, and patient care programs of The University of Nebraska Medical Center by: providing timely access to high quality collections of print and electronic materials; developing applications of information technology; promoting the development of information management skills which support lifelong learning; and promoting networking and the integration of information.

The McGoogan Health Sciences Library, as one of the nation's major health science libraries, serves the information needs of the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) students, faculty, and staff, as well as licensed Nebraska health professionals and residents of the state. The library supports the academic, research, and patient care outcomes of UNMC. The library occupies 57,820 square feet of space, the library houses approximately over 190,000 print volumes, 366 study seats, 16 group study rooms, two computer labs, an eLearning Development Laboratory, and 27 public workstations. The Library has 15 library faculty and 16 library staff.

The McGoogan Health Sciences Library website (<http://www.unmc.edu/library>) serves as the gateway to the electronic information resources. With the proliferation of online resources available, the Library has acquired and made available online journals, books, bibliographic and other databases through the library website and many resources may be accessed using mobile devices (<http://unmc.libguides.com/mobile/>). Resources once only accessible in the library are now available from any location with Internet access. The Library has over 27,000 online journal titles and access to over 12,800 full text online books which supplement the print collection of over 80,000 bound volumes. The Library website also promotes selected full text resources, such as AccessMedicine and UptoDate. There is also an extensive collection of multimedia and anatomical models available for use.

The Special Collections Department of the McGoogan Health Sciences Library is Nebraska's repository for medical related archival materials, artifacts, and rare books; as well as collecting information and archival materials on the history of medicine and the other health professions in Nebraska, and the history of the UNMC campus community. The library's rare book collections include medical and general science volumes dating to the 1490s. The History of Medicine area includes other important books and journals in this area of study. The Nebraska Collection includes books and journals specifically related to the history of medicine in the state. The Archives include papers, manuscripts, and photographs; as well as artifacts and ephemera.

<http://www.unmc.edu/library/collections/special-collections/index.html>

The McGoogan Health Sciences Library is a Resource Library with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) MidContinental Region (MCR), a program coordinated by the National Library of Medicine (NLM). One faculty member is affiliated with the NN/LM MCR and

serves as the Education Project Coordinator for the six-state area and as the Nebraska Coordinator for promotion of NLM health resources across the state.

Librarians are available to assist with the use of the library and its collections including assistance developing search strategies for the online databases; completing online searches; authorship level of participation in preparation of systematic reviews on request; retrieving factual information and verifying citations; and storing online references using bibliographic management software. In addition, the Library offers one-on-one or group instruction in locating and managing information. Requests for these services may be submitted in person, by telephone, emailed, or sent via text or chat. In addition, the library offers consumer health information services to Nebraska residents as well as patients and their families of The Nebraska Medical Center.

The Library faculty provides focused training and support to assist public health students and faculty with access to vital health information resources and their appropriate use. The public health Library Liaison, assisted by other Reference librarians, conducts extensive literature searches for public health faculty and students as they conduct scholarly research and publication. The library provides bibliographic instruction and library orientation sessions within the curricula at public health program faculty request. To develop and encourage life-long health information searching and management skills, the library offers customized sessions to small groups of students and faculty, as well as customized in-person or online one-on-one consultations