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Book Citations In PubMed

The latest NLM Bulletin from the National Library of Medicine has announced the recent addition of book citations to PubMed. PubMed will soon be enhanced to begin including citations for a subset of books available on the NCBI Bookshelf. The first books to be added are, GeneReviews and Essentials of Glycobiology. A citation will be included for both the book and each chapter or section of the book.

In order to accommodate the book and book chapter citations, the PubMed Summary display will also be modified to read “Books & Documents.”

Records for books and book chapters are not included in MEDLINE and will not have MeSH® vocabulary terms, although some records may have terms in the Other Terms field. Searches that limit with MeSH terms, e.g., Humans, Review, and Child, will not retrieve book records. Records for Bookshelf items will have the status tag [PubMed]. Learn more at: http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/ma10/ma10_pm_books.html

HSL Items in Internet Archives

The first hundred documents from the Health Sciences Archives and Special Collections digitized through the Medical Heritage Library Project are now part of the Internet Archive.

Go to: http://www.archive.org/details/ColumbiaUniversityLibraries and click on the link all items (most recently added first).

The Internet Archive, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is building a digital library of Internet sites and other cultural artifacts in digital form. Like a paper library, it provides free access to researchers, historians, scholars, and the general public. Learn more: http://www.archive.org/

Three Cups of Tea & Stones into Schools

By Greg Mortenson

“To build schools Greg Mortenson has traveled through the most remote areas of Pakistan’s northern frontier and the remote, war torn, earthquake stricken, land mine infested tribal lands of north eastern Afghanistan.

These books are accounts of his incredible journeys. They are highly inspirational as they champion the human spirit and thirst for literacy and ring in the truth that an individual CAN make a difference.”

New York Hospital
Recent rulings by a federal appeals court have brought the topic of net neutrality into the headlines. The ruling stated that the Federal Communications Committee does not have full authority over broadband service providers who may want to restrict some types of traffic on their networks. The FCC in general has favored the unrestricted flow of all kinds of traffic across these privately owned networks, a concept that has come to be called net neutrality.

Supporters of net neutrality consider the ruling to be a big blow, with concerns that broadband providers will slow down or block access to certain network based protocols, web sites and other internet services that they see as a threat to their business. They believe that this could drastically change current conditions where any web site or service can be accessed at the same speed over the network regardless of its content or purpose. An additional point of their argument is that the limited number of broadband providers in any given area across the country would mean that some sites and services could become essentially inaccessible.

Those against net neutrality believe that it is not the government’s job to regulate broadband networks; that it could discourage innovations in network flexibility and security, and that it would lead to greater costs for everyone in the long run.

Whatever the position, it is apparent that net neutrality and the decisions being made now to further or restrict it will have wide reaching affects on the flow of information. It is important to take some time to follow the subject, understand it and support your position. Learn more about FCC’s broadband action plan: http://www.broadband.gov/plan/broadband-action-agenda.html

Renovations in the CUMC IT Service Desk area on the 2nd floor of the Hammer building have been completed. This includes more public computers that have been set up in new study carrels located between the Service Desk itself and the Photocopy Center.

We’ve added:

- 20 Dell Windows XP computers
- 6 iMac OS X computers

As with all of the other public computers, they are connected to the CUMC high speed network and nearby Pharos laser jet printers. Complete information about all of the public computer labs including installed software can be found at: http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/it/links/computerlabs.html

Kiosk computers are also in the process of being upgraded or installed at more locations on campus.

New workstations on the 2nd floor of Hammer