ABOUT US

Located in the Hammer Building lobby, the Augustus C. Long Health Sciences Library (HSL) provides resources, programs, classes, and services to help users engage with information in meaningful ways. HSL offers a variety of physical study spaces and materials along with an extensive virtual collection. Materials not in the HSL collection can be requested through interlibrary loans (ILL) or Borrow Direct, a system that allows users to request circulating materials from partner libraries such as Harvard, Princeton, and more. Expert assistance is available via email or by appointment.

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Interlibrary Loan - hsl_ill@cumc.columbia.edu
Archives and Special Collections - 212-305-7931 | hslarchives@columbia.edu
Students, faculty, and staff may access library information and resources. Begin at the library’s website (library.cumc.columbia.edu). The links there will give you the full-text of online articles or books from both on and off campus. Frequently used resources include:

- PubMed, AccessMedicine, ClinicalKey
- Read by QxMD, Dynamed Plus, Isabel Health
- Databases
- the library online catalogue
- HSL Staff
- CLIO
- CLIO assistance for finding information
- Borrow Direct
- print books
- Inter Library Loan
- print books, article/chapter scans
- ...more
- Tools
The following programs are offered annually. The HSL also offers a variety of educational workshops and seminars that may be found on our website.

The Write Stuff: Write Start

Fall Semester
a program that leads students to the “write” resources for proper planning, searching the literature, writing a research question and IRB protocol, and crafting a literature review

TWS: Write Now

Spring Semester
a program that guides students to the finish line of their thesis, capstone or dissertation by focusing on writing, editing, crafting, presenting and publishing
Information Highway

Fall Semester

a week-long online game that prepares first-year students for summer research and practicums.

Nibble on Knowledge

Spring Semester
curated events that encourage patrons to “nibble” on knowledge (and food!) while engaging in a dynamic discussion with guest speakers and the community

More at HSL...*in collaboration with the Center for Student Wellness

- pet therapy
- meditation
- finals de-stress
We provide expert assistance in:

**Learning Opportunities**
- topic design
- research
- question
- refinement

**Consulting Offerings**
- literature search
- strategies
- data use
- research impact
- discovery
- research tools
- journal selection
- unique solutions

**Education + Curriculum Services**
- capacity building
- information skills + training
- course plans

**We provide expert assistance in:**
- discovery strategies
- information use
- capacity building
ARCHIVES + SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

HSL’s Archives & Special Collections collects, preserves, organizes, and makes available rare and unique materials documenting the history of the health sciences in general and particularly at the Columbia University Irving Medical Center.

Holdings include books, journals, manuscripts, prints, photographs, sound recordings, moving images, and artifacts which, due to their historical value, rarity or fragility must be kept separate from the library’s general circulating collection. Material dates from the 15th to the 21st century.

The Archives & Special Collections department holds nearly 4,000 cubic feet of archival material, including the records of Columbia’s four health science schools, as well as a 27,000 volume rare book library on the history of the health sciences. It holds the library’s serials printed before 1876 and books printed through 1922.
The Knowledge Center

PC + Mac

team work space

drink w/ lid ok!

no food

quiet zone

24 Hour Study Space

PC + Mac

team work space

social zone

food + drink ok!

silent zone

rear
LL1  restrooms

Archives + Special Collections
- no food or drink
- appointment recommended

Library Reading Room
- food + drink ok!
- silent zone

Group Study Rooms
- reservation recommended
- team work space
- food + drink ok!
- social zone

Study Carrels
- food + drink ok!
- silent zone