OPEN ACCESS WEEK

… is a global event that provides opportunities for scholars and researchers to learn about, and share their knowledge of open access. Now in its fourth year, it encompasses activities on campuses around the world.
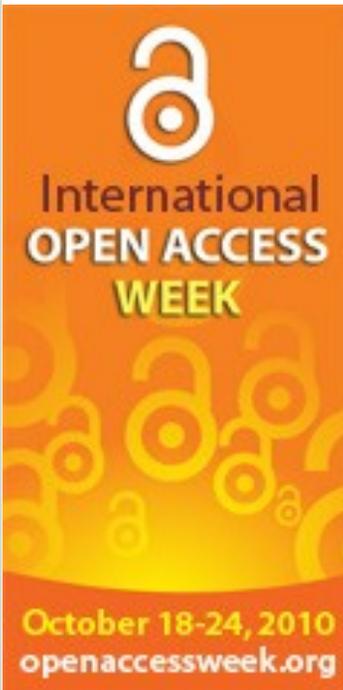
For the occasion, *The Scholarly Communication Program* and *The Center for Digital Research and Scholarship* hosted a series of events: on "Radical Open Access in the Humanities" (Oct. 18) "Bargaining for Better Publication Agreements" (Oct.19,21-22) and "Building Business Models for Open Access Academic Journals" (Oct. 20.) Learn more about open access, managing your copyrights, and the COAP Fund at the Center's Web site: http://tinyurl.com/255y7f2

HSL JOURNAL TITLE CANCELLATIONS

Like all CUMC Central Administrative departments, the Health Sciences Library is faced with budget restrictions for the current fiscal year. As a result, the library conducted a thorough review of its journal subscriptions which resulted in the cancellation of 280 lesser-used journal titles.

Cancellations will go into effect January 2011. Patrons who need articles from these journals may request them through interlibrary loan. Older electronic journal content for the canceled titles will still be available online.

Library staff realize that these cancellations may cause some hardship. We are ready to work with you to try to minimize the effect of these reductions on your fields of study, within our fiscal guidelines. Please feel free to contact us with questions about how this process was carried out.

The Health Sciences Library has compiled a few pages attempting to answer some of the questions that are likely to arise. You may find this information, including a explanation about the criteria for the cancellations at:
http://library.cumc.columbia.edu/journalcancel

MICROMEDEX APP FOR PORTABLE DEVICES

Thomson Reuters Micromedex 2.0 is now available on iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, DROID (Android OS 1.5-2.2), and BlackBerry 3G devices via wireless browser. Full access to the content and usability of the same Micromedex 2.0 application as the desktop version is available for free to subscribers.

If you have Palm or PocketPC, you can still access Micromedex 2.0 through your device by downloading the application. You'll have access to summarized clinical evidence content without an Internet connection and you will still receive updates with each sync.

*mobile*Micromedex includes the following: DRUGDEX, DISEASEDEX Emergency Medicine, DISEASEDEX General Medicine, AltMedDex, DRUG-REAX, IV INDEX, IDENTIDEX, Lab Advisor, POISINDEX, Martindale.

To find more information on *mobile*Micromedex, login to Micromedex through the *Drug Information* link found under *E-resources* on the Health Sciences Library home page at: http://library.cumc.columbia.edu. From Micromedex 1.0 go to the link for Micromedex 2.0 and click on *Mobile.* You will find details on installing the application on your mobile devices.

The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting system is a portal for finding clinically relevant safety information and reporting serious problems with human medical products. The site includes contact information and links to an online voluntary reporting form. Go to:

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

http://www.fda.gov/Safety/MedWatch/default.htm

SECURITY PRACTICES FOR PORTABLE DEVICES

Technology has become much more portable, making physical security measures a huge priority. It is vital to take additional steps to secure data on these devices in case physical security measures fail. Once a device is lost, stolen, or hacked, the data stored on it is at a much larger risk. Laptops, cell phones and PDAs are obvious targets, and so anything that holds data, connects to a network, or to other equipment must be considered and protected appropriately.

Being part of a medical institution places all CUMC students, faculty and staff under legal and ethical obligations that are both important and stringent. Even if you are not yet accessing patient data, practicing proper security policies now will help make any transition into clinical work easier. It also has the added bonus of protecting personal and sensitive information that may be stored on your device.

The US Computer Emergency Readiness Team has posted an excellent article titled Cybersecurity for Electronic Devices at http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/tips/ST05-017.html. Recommended solutions to help fully protect portable devices include:

- Remember physical security
- Keep software up to date
- Use good passwords
- Disable remote connectivity
- Encrypt files

Learn more at the CUMC IT Computer Security pages at http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/security. This includes details for data encryption, secure passwords, updating software and practicing physical security. You can also find information on free and discounted resources for CUMC students, free equipment engraving through Columbia's Department of Public Safety and the NYPD, downloads for PhoneHome security software, recommended encryption programs for use on laptops, USB keys/memory sticks, and more.

ONGOING COMPUTER UPGRADES FOR LABS & CLASSROOMS

While upgrades to Office 2010 and Windows 7 were being completed on computers in the labs and classrooms, we noticed that some of the hardware could use updating as well. Old keyboards are being replaced with new washable ones to help cut back on problems resulting from food and drink spills. We're also installing new mice — however these aren't water-resistant.

Please still do your best to keep messy and spillable items away from all computers. To help keep equipment in good working order for a longer period of time, food and drink are **not** allowed in classrooms that have systems for use at individual seats.

For more general information the on the computer labs and classrooms, including available software, locations, printers and use policies, see:
http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/it/links/computerlabs.html

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Mon. - Thurs. - 8:00 am – 11:00 pm, Fri. - 8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Sat. - 10:00 am – 11:00 pm, Sun. - 12:00 Noon – 11:00 pm

Walk-in Research Help: Mon. - Fri., 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
24 Hour Computer Room - 24 hours/7 days
After Hours Study Room - 24 hours/7 days