



HSHSL ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2024

Dean's Message

It is with great pleasure that I share the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) Health Sciences and Human Services Library (HSLSL) 2024 Annual Report. In light of the fact that this report covers only the first four months (February through June 2024) of my time as the associate vice provost and dean for the HSHSL, I must thank Alexa Mayo, assistant dean for research and information services who served as the interim HSHSL Dean from January 2023 until my start in February 2024 for all the work she did during the interim leadership period. I am also thankful for the team environment here at the HSHSL. The collaboration of library faculty and staff ensure the HSHSL can meet the needs of the diverse UMB communities. This annual report showcases selected achievements of HSHSL employees from the past fiscal year. I am proud to be part of this active team!



Emily Hurst
Associate Vice Provost
Dean, Health Sciences
and Human Services Library

As I continue to learn more about UMB, the HSHSL, Baltimore and Maryland, I am excited to engage with library faculty and staff and library supporters in new ways. I hope to improve library services and accessibility by providing employees with new opportunities for collaboration. For instance, I have already reached out to various groups on campus, specifically the Office of Student Affairs and Student Affairs deans in the schools. We have spoken about how the library can collaborate with Student Affairs to create more programming and student centric opportunities in the library space. I continue to embrace the UMB Core Values and HSHSL Strategic Vision to inform the path forward for the library and the UMB community. I look forward to working with the UMB and Baltimore community more directly as we chart the path for the future.

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Open Access (OA)

Making research available to all

The HSHSL obtained “transformational” funding from UMB to support innovative OA publishing agreements. These “read and publish” agreements allow UMB researchers access to publishers’ subscription content and also provide an opportunity to publish an OA article without paying article processing charges.

Through HSHSL’s Open Access Publishing Fund for Early-Career Researchers, 22 students, post-docs, and junior faculty members, received funding for article processing charges. Since its inception in FY21, the fund has supported over 90 UMB researchers.

During Open Access Week, Oct. 23-29, 2023, the HSHSL hosted a screening of “Paywall: The Business of Scholarship.” Following the documentary, 30 attendees from across UMB engaged in a discussion on the scholarly publishing landscape. The “read and publish” agreement options should provide access to OA publishing for over 200 UMB researchers in the 2025 calendar year.

**Praise for the OA Publishing Fund -
“Thank you to the HSHSL for this wonderful benefit to the schools, me, and the students.”**

- School of Social Work faculty

New Integrated Library System (ILS)

Streamlining access to resources

In May 2024, the HSHSL, along with 17 other University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions library consortium members, transitioned to a new ILS, Alma Primo. The system streamlined searches and resource access within the Library, across the consortium, and online. The campus community can manage loans, requests, and citations through a single interface, OneSearch.

Faculty librarians played key administrative roles in the HSHSL’s migration to the system. Since its launch, they have continued to implement improvements, enhancing the experience for thousands of people who use OneSearch daily.

Research, Education, and Data

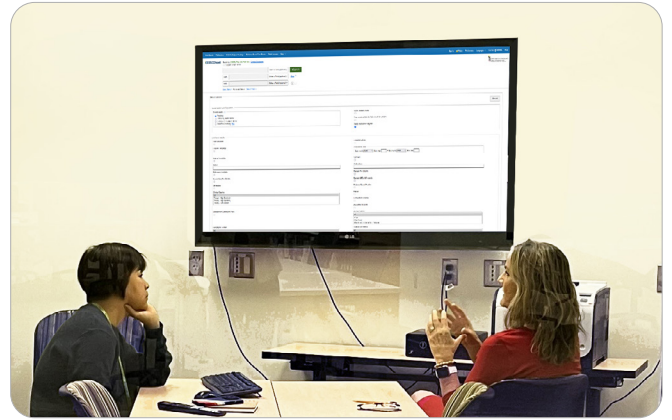
Advancing UMB's educational, research, and clinical missions by creating learning experiences and providing expert research support

Research and Education

In FY24, faculty librarians conducted 105 classes with a total of 2,375 attendees and delivered over 360 individual consultations, equipping current and future health and human services professionals for excellence in obtaining high-quality information for scholarship, clinical decision-making, and patient education.

“My 601 class found your video on structural oppression and the library fascinating. It sparked a lively discussion!”

- School of Social Work student



A faculty librarian and a School of Nursing faculty member meet for a research consultation at the HSHSL.

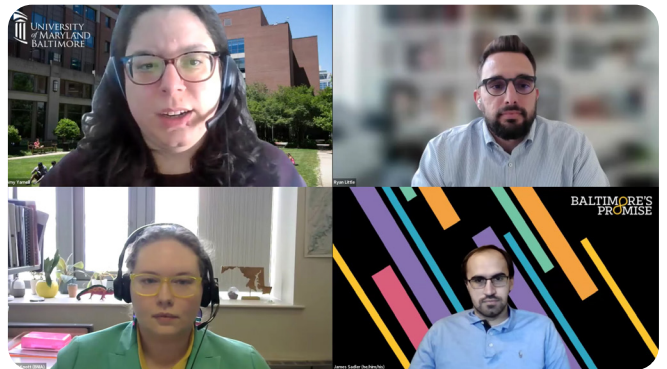
As collaborators on research teams, faculty librarians co-authored 25 published systematic, scoping, and other review papers with UMB faculty and staff. Faculty librarians provided expertise in literature searching and review methods for more than 50 evidence synthesis projects.

Data Initiatives

The HSHSL held its fifth annual Love Data Week celebration with the panel discussion, **“Telling Baltimore Stories Through Data,”** featuring data experts from the Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance, The Baltimore Banner, and Baltimore’s Promise. This panel provided an excellent opportunity to introduce the UMB community to diverse datasets about our city and to strengthen our ties with local organizations.

“The librarian was a fantastic help and an invaluable resource. The excellent introduction and examples of R programming was a much needed boost in confidence.”

- School of Medicine PhD student



A faculty librarian leads a panel discussion featuring data experts from Baltimore.

The HSHSL hosted numerous introductory programming workshops on working with data on the Unix command line and with the R programming language. The data team also supported data management and helped researchers stay compliant with National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other funders’ data management and sharing requirements.

Information Services

Providing services to advance UMB's educational, research, and clinical missions

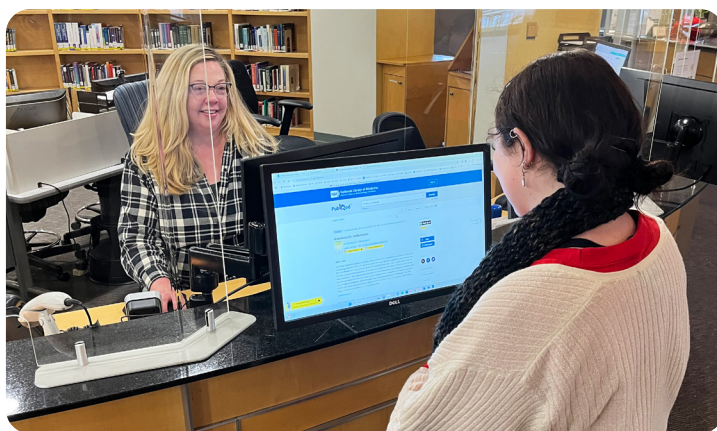
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Research posters printed

A convenient service supporting student and faculty research

“Very responsive, good quality. Great price. Couldn't ask for a better [poster printing] service.”

- School of Medicine faculty member



3,825

Reference questions answered

In-person and online research assistance

96

Hours the HSHSL service desk is staffed per week

Supporting student success

Access to Scholarly Resources

Providing information resources to support education, research, clinical care, and innovation

The HSHSL journal subscriptions allowed UMB faculty, students, and staff to download more than one million articles for research, education, and clinical care. Additionally, 9,772 articles or book chapters, either obtained from other libraries through Interlibrary Loan (ILL) or scanned from the HSHSL print collection, were successfully delivered to the campus community.

Kudos to ILL - “Appreciate the help, and the quick turnaround.”

- School of Medicine faculty member

Through the UMB Digital Archive, the HSHSL collects, preserves, and shares both academic work and historical records of the campus. In FY24, 1,614 new records were added to the repository, including 590 academic posters, 86 dissertations, and 121 Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) projects. The UMB Data Catalog, used for locating datasets created or used by UMB researchers, had 10,157 total views. Both services promote sharing of UMB work.

Historical Perspectives

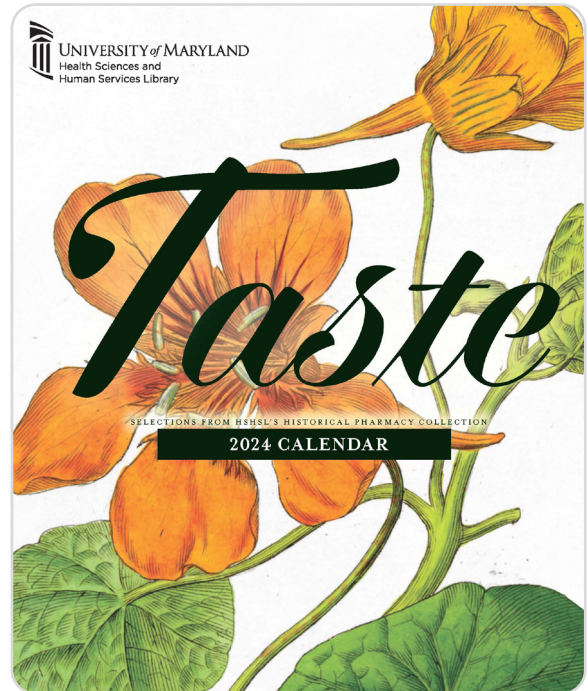
Preserving and showcasing UMB's contributions to the history of health sciences and human services

Historical Collections continued to improve access to its collections by adding over 50 items to the UMB Digital Archive, including S.J. Roberts, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Lecture Note Volume (1908-1912), Baltimore College of Dental Surgery Catalog (1846), and the Centennial March of the School of Pharmacy University of Maryland (1941).

The 2024 HSHSL calendar, "Taste," showcased botanicals, spices and flavors from around the world, highlighting their origins, culinary uses and medicinal properties. The images were drawn from the HSHSL's Historical Collections Pharmacy Collection.

"What a terrific calendar! Thank you, HSHSL, for sharing beautiful images from your historical collection."

- UMB faculty member



HSHSL's 2024 calendar, "Taste."

Community Service

Initiating projects that give back to the community, working with partners to achieve goals

The "Book it Forward" book drive collected 722 children's books, which were donated to the Maryland Book Bank. The effort expanded equitable access to books, helping children thrive. (April 1 - May 31, 2024)

At the sixth annual Vaccination Clinic, held at the HSHSL, 489 vaccines were given in partnership with the School of Pharmacy and Safeway. RSV, shingles, and Tdap vaccines were offered for the first time. (Oct. 10, 2024)

HSHSL's Warm-Up Tree drive, in partnership with UMB's Community Engagement Center, distributed more than 100 winter hats, mittens, and gloves. (Nov. 12 - Dec. 13, 2024)



"Book it Forward", a book drive helping children thrive.

Student Engagement and Study Space

Adding value to the student experience

Student-centered space design and student-focused activities provided through the Library continue to enhance UMB's culture of belonging and inclusivity.

HSHSL-sponsored student breaks provided an opportunity to connect with students and welcome them to the Library. Sept. 2023.



The third floor became a popular study destination with lots of natural light and new furniture. Summer 2024.



“The study pods on the newly renovated third floor are wonderful. I also appreciate that the ports are updated to include USB-C plugs.”
- School of Pharmacy PhD student

81,100
Student entries into HSHSL



HSHSL participated in the Campus Involvement Fair (Fall Fest), showing off all the ways the Library can accelerate student success. Sept. 2023.



Engaging beyond the Library, the HSHSL provided eclipse viewing devices. Apr. 2024.



Improvements on the second floor allowed for increased collaboration. Spring 2024.

Cultural Engagement

Advancing UMB's culture, engagement, and belonging through creative programming

A versatile and inviting space, the Weise Gallery hosts art exhibits throughout the year. The gallery space offers an ideal setting for activities that invite interaction and engagement. Whether it's student events, a vaccine clinic, award ceremonies, receptions, or community-centered events, the Weise Gallery is a place to bring the campus community together.



Felting Arts: Greater Than the Sum of Its Parts

An exhibit showcasing the unpredictable, three-dimensional organic shapes in artist Dahven White's felt artwork. Oct. 2, 2023.

"To Boldly Go" by Dahven White.



Collab Lab Student Exhibit

A collaborative exhibit and silent auction with Mother Mary Lange Catholic School, located in West Baltimore. Feb. 21 - Mar. 22, 2024.



Expanding on Nature: A Collaborative Showing of Baltimore Artists

A group exhibit of four Baltimore-based artists. Apr. 3 - May 24, 2024.

"The Moment Before" by Bridget Cimino.



1807: An Art & Literary Journal, Issue 5

A diverse selection of artworks and the written word from the UMB community, curated by the UMB Council for the Arts & Culture. June 10 - July 28, 2024.



Color Me Happy: Icons of Maryland and Baltimore

An interactive coloring wall encouraging students to color for stress relief. Aug. 21 - Oct. 30, 2024.

Illustrated by Patrick Waugh.

National Library of Medicine Traveling Exhibit



Viewing the exhibit on the dangers of lead.

This Lead is Killing Us: A History of Citizens Fighting Lead Poisoning in Their Communities

June 10 - July 12, 2024

The HSHSL hosted a National Library of Medicine (NLM) traveling banner exhibit which explores citizen action against the dangers of lead. Wrap-around programming included a showing of the documentary film, “Hiding in the Walls,” which explored the fraught history of the government’s use of lead paint in low-income housing. Emily Hurst, HSHSL dean, and Patrick Waugh, library services specialist and HSHSL exhibit coordinator, were **interviewed by NLM** about the importance of the exhibit.



Dean Hurst being interviewed by NLM.

“We’re really excited to have the exhibit currently on display in our library. By bringing it here to campus, we’re allowing people to see artifacts, to actually see historical documents, and even to look at the resources we have available.”

- Emily Hurst
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HSHSL’s display of lead-containing artifacts.

Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM), Region 1

Advancing the progress of medicine and improving public health through community partnerships and collaboration

The HSHSL has \$10.25 million dollars in cooperative agreements with NIH's National Library of Medicine (NLM) to serve a five-year term as the Regional Medical Library (RML) for NNLM, Region 1 as well as the NNLM Web Services Office (NWSO). NWSO hosts and develops the websites and platforms for the national network and the NNLM All of Us Program Center.

The NNLM Region 1 Office supports 1,893 health-focused member organizations across Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Beginning May 2024, Faith Steele, MLS, MIM, AHIP became the interim executive director as Tony Nguyen moved on to other pursuits.



Tony Nguyen
NNLM R1
Executive Director
July 2023 - Apr. 2024

Training and Education

In the past year, faculty librarians delivered 52 training sessions, including the annual symposium which showcased funded projects. This effort reached over 3,300 participants. Topics covered include social and environmental determinants of health, consumer health literacy, violence reduction, and data education.

Harm Reduction in Action: Language as Harm Reduction Webinar

Highlighting language's key role in stigmatization.

"I loved listening to the presenter talk about person-centered language and how language matters. It validated the work I do."

- Webinar participant

Locks at the Library: Increasing Community Access to Safe Storage Webinar

A partnership between Anne Arundel County Public Library and the Anne Arundel Department of Health in violence reduction.

"This was a great example of how collaboration can work to bring an important service to a wide sector of the community."

- Webinar participant

Funded Projects

NNLM Region 1 funded organizations to advance health information outreach, technology improvement, data sciences, and professional development. Selected projects included "Life After Loss: Support, Advocacy, and Health Literacy for Healthy Pregnancy", in which a New Jersey community-based organization, Life After 2 Losses, designed workshops and programs for medically underserved women on birth justice, health equity, and advocacy. In a local project, "The NAME Project," University of Maryland College Park partnered with public libraries to improve access to oral health information.



NNLM Discovery Podcasts

Region 1's innovative work was highlighted in two episodes of the NNLM Discovery Podcast, "**Black Maternal Health Week**" and "**Telehealth Kiosks: A Story from Region 1.**"

◀ Telehealth kiosks provide a private space and a secure internet connection.