The Health Sciences and Human Services Library’s FY22 Annual Report will be my last. After 36 wonderful years, I will be retiring on December 31. The span of my career has seen the most amazing things in the Library, at University of Maryland Baltimore, and in librarianship. Since 1986 libraries have experienced digital transformations, UMB got a new Health Sciences and Human Services Library building, and UMB itself has evolved and experienced metamorphosis, becoming a true community partner, research powerhouse, and an anchor institution in West Baltimore.

However, this isn’t about me. I am delighted to share that Alexa A. Mayo, assistant dean, Research and Information Services, will serve as interim dean as UMB begins a national search for my successor.

As always, I am proud to share the FY22 accomplishments of the gifted and talented team here at the HSHSL. Absolutely nothing – no progress, no innovation, no achievements happen without this team. Enjoy this year’s Annual Report. It has been my honor and privilege to work here.

Support the HSHSL with Your Gift

Every great university requires a great library. For over 200 years the Health Sciences and Human Services Library has provided the knowledge infrastructure for the University of Maryland, Baltimore. The HSHSL is the on-ramp to a world of digital transformation in data, scholarship, research, and care. Basic funding is not enough for a library with aspirations to rise above the ordinary or beyond adequacy.

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MJ Tooey Named Dean of HSHSL

In April 2022, M.J. Tooey was named associate vice provost and dean of the HSHSL, a change in title from associate vice president, Academic Affairs and HSHSL executive director. Dean Tooey joined UMB in 1986 and has shared her expertise on countless library and university projects since then, including serving as the project manager for the new library building that opened in 1998.

While at UMB, Dean Tooey has been involved in leadership training, strategic planning, translational and data science, knowledge management, information technology, Maryland Charities, accreditation teams, scholarly communications, women’s empowerment, and arts and culture initiatives. She is also active in the University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institution’s Council of Library Directors.

Professionally, Dean Tooey served as president of the Medical Library Association (MLA) and is a fellow of the association. She is the recipient of MLA Estelle Brodman Award as Academic Medical Librarian of the Year and was the MLA Janet Doe Lecturer. In 2019 she was the recipient of the Marcia C. Noyes Award, the association’s highest honor. She has also served as the president of the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries. In 2011 she was the recipient of Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Pittsburgh’s former School of Information Sciences.

Strategic Plan

In alignment with UMB’s dynamic and bold strategic plan and values, the HSHSL completed its strategic plan and blueprint for the future during FY22. With input from our community and constituents, and lots of hard, thoughtful work from the HSHSL Strategic Planning Team, the new plan was realized.

View the HSHSL Strategic Plan here or scan this QR code
Open Access

The Open Access Publishing Fund pilot project is designed to improve access to research produced at UMB and to promote publishing by early career researchers. In FY22, the fund granted over $20,000 to 17 UMB researchers. These authors included students, post docs, and assistant professors. The fund reimburses 50% of the cost of article processing charges for open access journals up to a maximum of $3,000 for early-career researchers. The HSHSL has secured funding to continue the pilot into FY23.

Research and Education

The new Research and Education Services (RES) portal was launched to provide a better user experience supporting education, discovery, and care. Services were repackaged and information provided so these groups could learn about how their school’s librarian can collaborate with and support them. From consultations and classes for students to systematic reviews and impact reports for researchers, the new portal supports learning, research, and care.

Data Initiatives

The Center for Data and Bioinformation Services (CDABS) had a busy year, offering workshops on research data management and computing topics, and adopting resources to support research data needs on campus. CDABS also geared up to support researchers affected by the new NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy (NIH DMSP). UMB became an Open Science Framework (OSF) Institution. OSF is one of several resources available to UMB researchers to help them meet compliance under the new NIH DMSP.

Partnering with the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM), CDABS offered two-day Library Carpentry workshops for library and information professionals looking to build their data and software skills.

25 Scholarly contributions, presentations, journal articles, book chapters, and more by library faculty and staff
Community Service

HSHSL’s first annual Book It Forward book drive was a huge success! Thanks to many generous donors across campus and the support of UMB’s Community Engagement Center, the HSHSL’s Book It Forward joint committee collected 1,214 books to help the youth of West Baltimore discover the joys of reading.

A bounty of winter accessories were collected on the HSHSL’s “Warm-up Tree” and given to UMB’s Community Engagement center for distribution.

In October, the HSHSL and the School of Pharmacy hosted their fourth annual flu clinic for the UMB community. Over eight hours, 155 campus members were vaccinated.

Historical Perspectives

Historical Collections added a new collection to the UMB Digital Archive: Historic Class Notes, a collection providing insight into early 19th century medical education. It contains notes from courses with Dr. Nathaniel Potter, Dr. Nathan R. Smith, and Dr. John B. Davidge.

The first HSHSL Calendar, “Bloom”, featured botanicals from Curtis’s Botanical Magazine – part of the School of Pharmacy Historical Collection. Purchase the 2023 HSHSL calendar, “Fatal Beauty.”

Art and Culture

Over 20 works of art, mostly gifted by artists who exhibited in the Frieda O. Weise Gallery, were hung throughout the public spaces of the Library. Tour the HSHSL in-person or view the new artwork video series.

The Frieda O. Weise Gallery hosted four exhibits: Botanical Medicine (September 2021 to October 2021); 1807, An Art and Literary Journal, Issue 3 (November 2021 to January 2022); First Women of the University of Maryland Baltimore (March 2022 to April 2022); and Fatal Beauty: An Exhibit (May 2022 to August 2022).
Providing Information Resources to UMB: By the Numbers

490
Journal Titles Added to Backfiles

4,167
UMB Data Catalog Views

11,297
Articles/Books Delivered Through ILL/DocDel

344,981
UMB Digital Archive Document Downloads

935,174
Articles Downloaded from E-Journals

Regional Medical Library: By the Numbers
The Regional Medical Library (RML) serves as an outreach and education arm of the National Library of Medicine (NLM)

$1,885,658
Received Supporting NLM’s Outreach and Training Efforts

17
Projects Funded Totaling $200,000

32
Training Classes Taught to 2,560 Attendees