

American Library Association Annual Meeting, June 2023
National Library of Medicine (NLM) Combined Update
CORE Technical Services Directors of Large Research Libraries
CORE Chief Collection Development Officers of Large Research Libraries

Open Science

NLM continues to support implementation of several NIH policy efforts related to open science including the [NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy](#) which went into effect on January 25, 2023. The broad intent of the policy is to build a culture of data sharing and reuse in the biomedical research community. The policy requires NIH funded researchers to develop explicit data management plans and methods for sharing their scientific data. In addition, the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) National Center for Data Services (NCDS) has been offering [training opportunities and resources](#) to the library community with the aim of supporting researchers in developing data management and sharing plans, consistent with NIH expectations.

Preprints

NLM extended the [NIH Preprint Pilot](#) in a second phase that launched in early 2023, encompassing all preprints reporting on NIH-funded research. For preprints that are authored by NIH-funded researchers and voluntarily posted to eligible preprint servers on or after January 1, 2023, NLM automatically includes the full text of the preprint (as license terms allow) and associated citation information available in PubMed Central (PMC) and PubMed, respectively. To learn more, see [NIH Preprint Pilot Accelerates and Expands Discovery of Research Results](#).

Cataloging and Metadata Management

The 2023 Winter Edition of the NLM Classification was issued and the [scope of the revision is available](#). The 2023 Summer Edition will be published at the end of August 2023. It will encompass the systematic review of the WR Dermatology and WW Ophthalmology schedules and other miscellaneous updates.

NLM continued to work with the Galter Health Sciences Library, Northwestern University, to assist with updating and maintaining a set of shared MeSH-LCSH mapping files on GitHub.

Tina Shrader was appointed to serve on the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) Standing Committee on Standards Pilot Group on CONSER Policies.

Barbara Bushman was appointed to the PCC Task Group on BIBFRAME-to-MARC Conversion.

Collections, Collection Development, and Acquisitions

NLM has expanded the eligibility requirements for [PubMed Central \(PMC\)](#), NLM's full-text digital archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature, to consider applications from non-MEDLINE journals published primarily in Spanish. Prior to this update, PMC's [Language Guidelines](#) required that the full-text content of a non-MEDLINE journal be published largely in English to be eligible to apply to the archive. This policy update will broaden the PMC eligibility requirements to be more inclusive of non-English-language journals and increase the global representation in NLM's literature databases. For more information, see the article, [NLM Broadens PubMed Central Eligibility Requirements to Accept Applications from Spanish-Language Journals](#).

The Web Collecting and Archiving Working Group (WG) concluded its major project to document COVID-19 and Monkeypox as health events following the end of the COVID-19 National Emergency (April 10), U.S. Public Health Emergency (May 11), and the WHO Global Health Emergencies for COVID (May 5) and Monkeypox (May 11). These collections are part of the [Global Health Events web archive](#). The WG also released the [NIH All of Us Research Program web archive](#) for public view, with an accompanying blog post in [Circulating Now](#).

Staff from the Technical Services Division, Kristina Womack and Esther Lee, coordinated and moderated events of the [Twenty-Fourth International Conference on Grey Literature](#), held December 5 and 6, 2022. The conference was originally scheduled to be held at NLM but was held virtually and featured presentations from other NLM staff in addition to a welcome from Dr. Patricia Brennan, NLM Director.

Traveling Exhibitions

The NLM Traveling Exhibitions program was relaunched following the pause during the pandemic. Following four calls for host venues, NLM has made, during the period January 2023 to May 2025, 439 bookings at 256 institutions located across 47 states and in Canada, including recently:

- The Morgan Library at Colorado State University hosted [For All the People: A Century of Citizen Action in Health Care Reform](#) through May 15, 2023.
- The Lamar Soutter Library at University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School concluded its hosting of [Outside/Inside: Immigration, Migration and Health Care in the United States](#) on April 21. As part of displaying six-banner NLM traveling exhibition, the library hosted a discussion on maternal health equity and a graphic novel book club among several other events that focused on the health impact of immigration and migration.

Other Programs, Initiatives, and Partnerships

NLM Library Operations (LO) is engaged in long range planning to create a modernized organizational structure, unify and transform NLM collections, support and promote health data standards and terminologies, provide customer design experience support, and know and equitably engage our users. All five LO divisions are participating, including the Bibliographic Services Division, History of Medicine Division, Office of Engagement and Training, Public Services Division, and Technical Services Division. For more information on this effort see [NLM's Library Operations is Reimagining to Better Serve You](#).

The NLM Reading Room opened by appointment on October 3, 2022. Due to renovations taking place in the NLM building, as well as ongoing COVID-19 considerations, NLM Reading Room services made several changes from the services provided prior to the pandemic. Find more information on [Reading Room services and hours](#).

NLM welcomes applications to its [Michael E. DeBakey Fellowship in the History of Medicine for 2024](#). The Fellowship provides individual awards of up to \$10,000 to support research in the historical collections of the NLM. Applications are due September 29, 2023.

Tune in for the remainder of the [2023 NLM History Talks](#) which promote awareness and use of NLM and related historical collections for research, education, and public service in biomedicine, the social sciences, and the humanities.

NLM Budget

NLM received its FY 2023 appropriation of \$497.5 million, which represents an increase of \$18.1 million over FY 2022. The NLM [FY 2024 Congressional Budget Justification](#) is now available.

Staff Transitions

In the Technical Services Division:

- Gordana Ruth, Head of Unit 2, Cataloging and Metadata Management Section, retired December 31, 2022.

Elsewhere in the Library:

- Amanda J. Wilson was appointed Deputy Associate Director for Library Operations on July 31, 2022. Ms. Wilson had held the position of Acting Deputy Associate Director since June 2021. Prior to that, she was Chief, Office of Engagement and Training, where she led the delivery of programs that facilitate access to and dissemination of NLM's health information resources.
- Stephen Sherry, PhD, was appointed Director, National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) and NLM Associate Director for Scientific Data Resources, effective September 26, 2022. In this role, Dr. Sherry oversees the research, development, and deployment of advanced computational solutions aimed to meet life science information needs and facilitate open science and scholarship. Dr. Sherry formerly served as Acting Director, NCBI.
- Michael Huerta, PhD, was named Acting Deputy Director for Operations and Innovation on October 19, 2022. In this new role, Dr. Huerta is responsible for developing frameworks and models for innovation and new growth opportunities, providing administrative oversight for the overall NLM research portfolio, serving as NLM's Chief Diversity Officer, and providing senior executive support to NLM's Division and Office Directors. As Dr. Huerta assumes this new role, Lisa Federer, PhD, serves as Acting Director of Office of Strategic Initiatives.
- Dennis Benson, PhD, Deputy Director of NCBI, retired December 31, 2022.
- Wei Ma began serving as Acting Director, Office of Computer and Communication Systems (OCCS) in January 2023. Wei Ma has been serving as the Chief, Application Branch, OCCS, since 2003. This leadership change has taken place as NLM's Chief Information Officer and Director of OCCS, Ivor D'Souza, has been selected to serve as the Acting Director of the NIH Center for Information Technology while a nationwide search is conducted.
- Rebecca Warlow, Head, Images and Archives Section, History of Medicine Division, departed NLM for a new position at NARA on February 24, 2023.
- Lisa Lang, Assistant Director for Health Services Research Information and Head of the National Information Center on Health Services Research and Health Care Technology, retired February 28, 2023.
- David Gillikin, Chief, Bibliographic Services Division, retired March 31, 2023.
- Jerry Sheehan, Deputy Director of Policy and External Affairs, recently departed NLM to join the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) as the new Director of Science, Technology and Innovation. During his tenure at NLM, Mr. Sheehan oversaw NLM's policy team and initiatives, fostered the work of a [Blue Ribbon Panel](#) that helped reshape NLM's Intramural Research Program and shepherded NLM's involvement in major NIH initiatives including the [NIH Public Access Policy](#), the [Genomic Data Sharing Policy](#), and the [Data Management and Sharing Policy](#).
- NLM selected four fellows to join its [2023-2024 class of Associate Fellows](#). Starting July, Fellows will begin a robust educational and leadership program offering a variety of activities including formal lectures, presentations, projects in operations, research and development, policy, and data analysis. Selected fellows are Alex Henigman, Aariah Long, Kristi Torp, and Julie Volpenhein.

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