LIBRARY STAFF:

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LIBRARY HOURS & LOCATION:

Open: Monday thru Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Closed: Weekends & Holidays

Location: LC2 Trailer (West campus)

ELIGIBILITY:

All VA staff, patients and affiliates of the UCSF-Fresno Medical Education Program are eligible for full use of the Library's services and materials. Other community health care professionals or students may use the Library on an in house basis.

SERVICES:

Interlibrary Loan: The Library will obtain copies of materials it does not own by borrowing the material from other libraries. To request an interlibrary loan, present the staff with a complete bibliographic citation of the material you desire. It takes two days to two weeks to obtain material through this process. Emergency requests can be made.

Photocopy Service: A photocopy machine is available, free of charge, to make copies of library materials. VA staff has priority at the copy machine over the nonaffiliated general public.

Circulation: Over 20,000 full text books and over 7,000 full text journals are available online from staff desktops and also remotely when individuals signup for access from home. Staff members may check out items from the limited print book collection and audiovisuals for 2 weeks. These may be renewed once. Reference books do not circulate.

COMPUTER SERVICES:

Use of the Computer Lab: The Computer Lab can be reserved for meetings that require computer access. There are 12 computers available. All the computers are on the VA network and are available only to VA employees when there are no meetings. Reservations for the Lab are made through the Conference Rooms link on the facility SharePoint page.

Database Searching: All users may access VALNET (VA Library Network) resources provided to all VA Libraries. The VALNET link is on the Medical Library SharePoint page. These resources include numerous medical databases with fulltext retrieval. The databases can be accessed remote once the staff member registers with the Medical Library. The Librarian is available to perform searches for VA or UCSF affiliated users, Individualized and group training can be requested.

THE COLLECTION:

Reference Collection: Includes printed dictionaries, directories, and clinical texts that are consulted frequently that it is necessary to restrict their use to the Library.

Books: Now that the collection is a virtual one (VALNET link on Medical Library SharePoint page) the limited printed books are arranged on the shelf according to the National Library of Medicine classification system.

Journals: Found through the VALNET link on the Medical Library SharePoint page. The limited paper copies of journals are shelved alphabetically by title.

Audiovisual Programs are shelved immediately following the book collection. Formats include VHS and audiocassettes. Viewing equipment is available in the library.
Patient Health Education Materials are also available online in the library and also in printed book, pamphlet, and audiovisual formats.

Miscellaneous: There is a separate and extensive collection of books and audiovisuals on management and career development.

LIBRARY ORIENTATION AND INSTRUCTION:

Tours of the library and instruction on the use of computer databases and other library resources are available on an individual or group basis.

For more information about the library’s services or its collection, contact a member of the library staff.

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