

Bernard Becker Medical Library

Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2025 Supplement and Appendices

About

Washington University School of Medicine and its teaching hospitals make up a complex organization on the vanguard of biomedical research, patient care, public health and educating the next generation of professionals. Becker Library provides resources and services to help faculty, staff and students accomplish their respective goals. We seek opportunities to assist people by giving them the tools, information, training, and connections to enable, improve and accelerate their work.

Mission

Becker Medical Library's mission is to provide a haven for study and scholarly reflection along with the resources, information, and expertise to deliver innovative support for advancing discovery, lifelong learning and improving human health.

Vision

In the pursuit of its mission, Becker Library:

- Commits to personal, timely and professional service.
- Fosters a culture that embraces the principles of diversity and inclusion.
- Ensures that it maintains a world-class collection of information resources, accessible anytime and anywhere.
- Engages faculty, students and staff to ensure that library resources and services keep up with their changing needs.
- Aligns the library's strategic initiatives in support of school priorities.
- Adopts technology solutions to extend access to and maximize the impact of library resources and services.
- Strives to demonstrate the value of medical libraries and define their future role within academic health sciences centers.

Becker Library fulfills its mission in many ways. It provides access to a truly world-class collection of scholarly journals, special collections, databases and clinical information resources. It also provides space and services to enrich the learning, research and patient care activities of the school. Becker Library strives to respect all dimensions of human differences and foster a diverse environment that is inclusive of all persons, regardless of racial or ethnic background, nationality, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, veteran status, religious beliefs, ability, age or socioeconomic status. We are committed to exposing and dismantling institutional racism and unearned privilege, particularly where we have influence in our workplace, in our professions, and in our university.

Divisions of the Library

Archives, Rare Books, and the Center for the History of Medicine

The archives and rare books sections serve as the historical repositories for Washington University School of Medicine, its affiliated hospitals at the medical center, and significant works in the history of medicine. The archival collections document the history of the School of Medicine including its faculty and students, as well as the institutional histories of Barnes-Jewish Hospital and St. Louis Children's Hospital. The rare books collections comprise rare medical texts devoted to scholarship and teaching featuring books and journals illuminating the history of medicine, with particular collection strengths in ophthalmology, neurology, anatomy, otolaryngology, dentistry, and obstetrics. In addition to serving students, scholars, and researchers through its special collections, Becker Library hosts a variety of outreach events throughout the year to foster interest in the history of medicine including regular exhibitions and lectures.

Significant Activities in Special Collections during Fiscal Year 2025

Changing Landscapes symposium

The Becker Library organized a half-day interdisciplinary seminar on October 31, 2024, on the topic of reproductive health. Five WashU faculty members with backgrounds in law, social work, and medicine participated in a panel discussion on the current status of reproductive health and rights. The keynote address was given by Dineo Khabele, Chair of WashU's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Mitchell & Elaine Yanow Professor. The 89th Historia Medica Lecture was given by Judith A. Houck, Professor of Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Wisconsin, who provided historical context to the history of reproductive health in the U.S. A highlight of the symposium was the presentation of the library's archival collections documenting the history of reproductive health and the fight for reproductive rights at WashU Medicine. A selection of items from the Becker Archives that were displayed at the symposium are featured in this blog post: <https://becker.wustl.edu/news/reproductive-rights>

Oral Histories

More than 200 audio recordings and interview transcripts from the library's oral history collections are now accessible to researchers through Digital Commons@Becker. Dating back to 1959, they capture and preserve first person accounts and reflections on the history of the medical school and medical practice in St. Louis. New oral histories are captured each year from WashU Medicine faculty, staff and alumni, serving as an informational treasure trove and valuable supplements to the institutional records and historical resources held at the Becker Archives. <https://digitalcommons.wustl.edu/oralhistories/>

Historia Medica Lecture and Glaser Gallery Exhibit Reception

Becker Library hosted a special event on March 18, 2025, highlighting the origins of WashU's leadership and worldwide influence in the use of computers in medical research. A lecture by Laura Weis, PhD, described how WashU faculty members had an international influence on the growing field of biomedical computing in the 1960s and 1970s. The accompanying Glaser Gallery exhibit drew extensively from the library's archival collections to highlight the important work of WashU's famed computer laboratories.

Digitization Highlights

In February 2025 a major project to digitize the contents of 252 boxes the digitization of the contents of all 252 boxes of the Becker Archives ready reference collection known as “the vertical file” was completed. Already the most frequently accessed collection at Becker Archives, the digitized version will soon offer researchers a way to more easily search and browse the 4,838 folders of newspaper clippings, flyers, brochures, programs, newsletters, and announcements, all of which have been thoroughly curated and indexed by archives staff for decades.

All 528 issues of the hospital newsletter BJC Today were digitized in FY2025. This information-packed resource covering Washington University’s major affiliated hospitals (Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Christian Hospital, and others within BJC Medical Group) was published from 1994 to 2020.

Additionally, several newsletters published by St. Louis Children’s Hospital were digitized in FY2025, including 73 issues of the Children’s Hospital Bulletin (1960-1970), 48 issues of Our Small World (1971-1984), and 41 issues of the Children’s Hospital Magazine (1986-2002)

Notable FY2025 archival accessions

The Becker Archives acquired the Hilton I. Price Collection of Historical Postcards and Ephemera in May 2025. This one-of-a-kind collection includes over 3,500 historical postcards featuring current and former hospitals in the St. Louis area.
<https://becker.wustl.edu/news/postcards-now-available-becker-archives/>

A LINC computer, which had been on display at the medical school’s East Imaging Building for over a decade, was formally transferred to the Becker Archives in January 2025. The LINC was one of the first computers to be used for medical research in the 1960s at Washington University School of Medicine. The Becker Archives holds the papers of the inventor of the LINC computer (Wesley Clark), making this an extraordinary addition to our history of medical computing collections at the library.

Becker Library acquired the Philip Needleman Papers in August 2024. Dr. Needleman was a professor emeritus of clinical pediatrics and former head of the department of pharmacology at Washington University School of Medicine, where he spent 25 years. After he left the university in 1989, Needleman became the senior vice president of Monsanto, president of Searle Research and Development in 1993, and senior executive vice president and chief scientist of Pharmacia from 2000 to 2003. This large collection includes Needleman’s research notebooks, collected papers, and scientific reprints that highlight his impactful academic and private sector career.

Online Exhibitions

A new digital resource for online exhibitions curated by Becker Library’s archivists and rare book librarians was launched in January 2025. A mix of 18 brand new and refreshed exhibitions are now accessible online, where researchers can learn more about the library’s amazing collection of rare books, artifacts, photographs, manuscripts, and more.
<https://beckerexhibits.wustl.edu/s/archives-and-rare-books/page/exhibits>

Practicum student

The Becker Archives hosted Rebecca Boester, a library and information science graduate

student attending the University of Missouri, for a semester-long practicum in Spring 2025. Rebecca provided research and curation assistance for Nurses are Patient People, an exhibition featuring the 110-year history of nursing education at the WashU Medical Center which ran from June to August 2025 in the library's Glaser Gallery.

Travel scholar

The Becker Archives hosted travel scholar Yichen Zhao, a PhD Candidate from Peking University and visiting history of medicine student at Johns Hopkins, for two weeks in January 2025. Yichen's research focused primarily on the E. V. Cowdry Papers and Paul H. Stevenson Papers. Cowdry and Stevenson were WashU medical school faculty members who both served as visiting professors and consultants to the medical department at Peking University in the 1920s.

Archives conference tour

The Becker Archives hosted 46 attendees of the Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious (ACWR) conference in September 2024. The archives staff provided a tour of our facility and spoke about our collections with attendees during their 2-hour visit with us.

Rare Book Acquisitions

The rare books division follows a three-pronged acquisition strategy. First of all, it seeks to acquire works that support areas of existing strength, namely ophthalmology, neurology, obstetrics and gynecology, and psychiatry. Second, it acquires works that fall broadly under the field of "popular medicine," meaning works in the vernacular that reflect contemporary approaches toward sickness and disease. Finally, it actively seeks to develop its holdings in non-Western medical history. These areas of acquisition were chosen based on the makeup of the collections, our highly international community, and the areas of medical history that faculty and students have expressed interest in. The division is grateful to the Bernard Becker family and the Philip Seib family, whose donations provide the funds needed to grow our collections.

Several significant works were added to Becker Library's rare book collections over the past year. These all adhere to our current acquisition goals, which include strengthening our holdings in Asian medicine and everyday household remedies.

Adam Bruxius. *Ars memoriae, et oblivionis*. 1610.

This text deals with mnemonic devices and how to forget. It is a natural fit in with the Tyler collection, which includes several other works that demonstrate early understanding of brain function.

Albrecht Ernst Friedrich Barcon von Crailsheim. *Die zehenmal hundert und eine Kunst, oder vermischte Sammlung*. 1766.

This German collection of miscellaneous recipes that range from magic spells to simple remedies illustrates how medicine fit into the daily lives of people living in the early modern period, an area that we have focused on expanding our holdings in over the last several years.

Aspicius. *De opsoniis et condimentis*. 1542.

This Renaissance edition of the most significant culinary work written in the Roman era sheds light on the connections between medicine and food.

Kanagaki. *Ansei korori ryukoki*. 1858.

Expanding our East Asian holdings continues to be one of our collecting priorities. This Japanese text on a 19th century cholera outbreak fits in with that directive and is also valuable for its focus on a topic relevant to public health.

Liang Zhai. Manuscript entitled « *Dou ke hui bian.*” 1807.

This work on smallpox is our first acquisition of a medical text printed in Korea. Its focus on smallpox also makes it a strong complement to our holdings in infectious disease.

Rare Books Glaser Gallery Exhibits

The rare books division put on two exhibits during the 2025 fiscal year.

- “The Novel Nineteenth Century”
This exhibit opened in fiscal year 2024 and highlighted 19th century medical movements such as homeopathy and electrotherapy. The accompanying digital exhibit can be found at: <https://beckerexhibits.wustl.edu/s/novel-nineteenth-century/>
- “Adapting Knowledge: How Medicine Evolved Through Global Exchange”
This exhibit featured selections from Becker’s rare books collections to illustrate how medical ideas travel and adapt, and to show how cross-cultural dialogue spurs innovation.

Center for the History of Medicine

The Center for the History of Medicine in conjunction with the rare books division organized and hosted several events throughout the year, continuing its ongoing mission of promoting the history of medicine among the Washington University community and the public. These events included:

- **Annual Display of Rare Anatomical Texts.** The rare book division’s annual display of rare anatomical texts which gives people the opportunity to see, up close, the seminal works of anatomy from the 16th to 20th centuries. This annual display is open to the public and regularly sees more than 100 visitors. January 10, 2025.
- **East Asian Medicine Week.** A speaker series focusing on medical history in East Asia (specifically China, Japan, and Korea), hosted by Becker Medical Library at the School of Medicine and the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures on the Danforth campus.
 - “Blindness in Early Modern Japan: How, Why, and Perspectives for the History of Medicine”, Wayne Tan, PhD, Associate Professor of History, Hope College. October 8, 2024.
 - “‘Oriental Eye’: Anthropology, Ophthalmology, and Cosmetic Surgery”, Susan Brownell, PhD, Professor of Anthropology, University of Missouri-St. Louis. October 8, 2024.
 - “Radiotherapies for Women in Korea, 1930s-1970s”, Soyoung Suh, PhD, Associate Professor of History, Dartmouth College. October 10, 2024.
 - Contextualizing Dr. Suh’s talk with a follow-up presentation on modern day radiation therapies for cancer and their development. Imran Zoberi, MD, Professor of Radiation Oncology, Washington University in St. Louis. October 10, 2024.
- **Capturing Nature, Exhibit and Panel Discussion.** A collaboration of the Center for the History of Medicine, Olin Library, and the Missouri Botanical Gardens. The human

relationship with plants is ancient and profound. Plants are so ubiquitous in our lives that many of us may not notice them anymore, but it is time to see them again, both for our own well-being and that of the earth. All are welcome to join us for a panel discussion that will highlight three aspects of the plant-human association—art, medicine, and science.

Panelists:

- Jody Williams, botanical artist and Director of the American Society of Botanical Artists
- Elizabeth Brander, Head of Rare Books, Becker Medical Library, WashU
- Dr. Jordan Teisher, Herbarium Director, Missouri Botanical Gardens

The *Capturing Nature* exhibit (August 9 – December 15, 2024. Olin Library, Thomas Gallery) showed a broad range of materials created over the centuries to examine how humans have attempted to capture, study, depict, and use plants. It was curated in collaboration with the Bernard Becker Medical Library, Missouri Botanical Garden's Peter Raven Library, and Olin Library's Julian Edison Department of Special Collections.

- **“Printers’ Marks in the Glaser Gallery”, A Digital Exhibit.** A digital exhibit exploring the history of the printers’ marks on the Glaser Gallery shades. The marks are all taken from the medical library’s collections. As is typical of Renaissance printers’ marks, they incorporate biblical and classical imagery. Some are famous in the history of print, and some were used by printers who were more obscure, but all reflect the beauty of their tradition. The digital exhibit can be found here: <https://beckerexhibits.wustl.edu/s/glaser-gallery-printers-marks>
- **History in the Field: Medical Elective Goes to Scotland.** In April 2025 the Center for the History of Medicine offered a Phase III Elective that gave 4 medical students the opportunity to explore the rich medical legacy of Scotland. Led by center director, Elisabeth Brander, and assistant professor of anatomy, Kari Allen, PhD, the group explored Scottish medical heritage by perusing the collections of museums and libraries and visiting key historical sites in Edinburgh and Inverness. The week abroad serves as a complement for sessions spent in Becker Library’s Special Collections reading room looking at primary sources related to the themes of the trip. Read more here: <https://becker.wustl.edu/news/history-field-medical-elective-scotland/>

Health Information Services and Collection Management

The Health Information Services (HIS) and Collection Management (CM) division offers a broad range of biomedical resources along with instructional and consulting services to faculty teaching the next generation of health care leaders, students learning evidence-based practice skills and healthcare providers at the bedside providing quality patient care. The division works closely with the school’s educational programs in support of their curricula and the affiliated teaching hospitals to support evidence-based practice.

The Collection Management team secures, manages and provides access to electronic and printed resources, proactively and in response to the evolving needs of faculty and students. The Inter-Library Loan service provides an article delivery service that supplements Becker’s resources by obtaining items from libraries at other academic institutions.

The Information Services Desk (ISD) staff work on the frontline of Becker Library and are

dedicated to ensuring seamless access for all patrons. They handle essential services like answering inquiries, managing item location and checkout, providing instruction on using computers and printers, and answering questions about remote access. ISD staff showcased their creativity by assembling eye-catching, themed book displays. These displays highlight the valuable resources in the Feuerstein Health and Wellness collection. In FY25, themes included important observances like Juneteenth, Pride, Women's History Month, Black History Month, and Physical Therapy Month, as well as local efforts like Recovery and Relief after the May tornadoes.

Collection Management

During fiscal year 2025 the division enabled access to research by:

Expanding support for open access publishing by WashU authors.

- Negotiated a transformative agreement with Bentham Science, bringing the total to 18 such agreements, covering 3,100 journals.
- Coordinated trials of tools to help authors find library-negotiated open access waivers and discounts, deploying the "WashU APC Waiver Finder" in June 2025.

Developing and enhancing access to a diverse collection.

- Acquired and cataloged more than 200 print books as well as numerous eBooks in fields such as Asian Medicine/Health, disaster medicine, and emergency medicine, along with updating foundational texts.
- Processed more than 5,000 interlibrary loan requests for materials dating from 1883 to 2025.

Collaborating institution-wide to support the evolving needs of WashU Medicine faculty, students, and staff.

- Engaged with teams across WUSM, including Physical Therapy and the Genetic Counseling Graduate Program, to reflect changes to required books and updated Subject Guides.
- Participated in the Integrated Library Management Platforms Advisory Committee with other WashU Libraries to ensure exceptional customer service across shared platforms.

Revitalizing the Feuerstein Health & Wellness Information Center

- Eliminated the wellness activity grants to trainees were not being utilized as originally envisioned and not serving a broad enough population.
- Developed a marketing strategy to more effectively promote the center and its resources.
- Made significant improvements to the physical space of the center, including column wraps to draw attention to the collection and its new location.
- Created an oversight committee for the center, chaired by a library staff member who is passionate about the center's mission.

Health Information Services

Involvement in the Medical School Curriculum

Health Information Services librarians provided an evidence-based medicine (EBM) session to Phase 1 students. Staying at the forefront of technology, they integrated new content on Artificial Intelligence (AI) into the curriculum. They taught students to use new AI tools responsibly and effectively when seeking evidence to answer clinical questions.

HIS librarians welcomed incoming medical students during the Faces of WUSM orientation, introducing them to study spaces and services within Becker library.

A HIS librarian was invited to join a school of medicine AI interest group. This group discusses incorporating AI into the school curriculum, and how the library can provide support.

Throughout Phase One of the curriculum, librarians provided feedback for several self-directed learning (SDL) assignments co-scored with faculty. SDL assignments assess each student's ability to identify a knowledge-gap, ask an answerable question, judge the credibility of the resources and answers obtained, and then explain how the answers obtained applied to their patient-centered scenario.

Evidence Synthesis Services: Systematic & Scoping Reviews

The HIS Team completed 143 evidence synthesis reviews (systematic reviews, scoping reviews, and rapid reviews), directly accelerating major research projects for faculty and students. Librarians co-authored 43 published evidence synthesis reviews. Departments with the highest level of requests included occupational therapy, general surgery, orthopedic surgery, and psychiatry.

An institutional account for Covidence screening software is available for school of medicine patrons utilizing the systematic review/scoping review service. In FY25, 109 projects were opened in Covidence. HIS librarians provided 26 consultations about using the software.

HIS librarians participated in the Master of Population Health Sciences Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis in Public Health and Clinical Medicine course. They provided a lecture about how systematic review literature searches are created. Librarians assisted students by creating pilot systematic review searches and providing a citation library they used for the rest of the course.

Presentations and Lectures

HIS staff provided 33 presentations, workshops, and lectures in FY25. Some of the session topics included:

- Audiology Program Capstone: Searching Databases
- EXPLORE Immersion: Getting Organized with EndNote
- Library Support for Publishing and Literature Searching: Postdoctoral program of Public Health Sciences
- Neuroprep Communication and Professional Skills Workshop: Searching the Literature & Managing your Research Workflow
- Pediatric Residents Review of Medical Library Resources
- Searching the literature & Managing your Research/Workflow: MTPCI/MSCI Research Seminar
- Summer Program for Pediatrics and Research Careers (SPPARC)
- Systematic Review Searches for WashU Hospitalists

- Visiting Orthopedic Scholars: Library and Systematic Review Overviews

Over 100 EndNote trainings and trouble-shooting support sessions were also provided in FY25.

Informatics, Data Science and Biostatistics educational support

The Clinical Informatics Fellowship program is required for board certification in clinical health informatics. Several library staff provide instruction and reading assignments covering resource licensing, the history of informatics and libraries, types of evidence synthesis reviews, mobile medical apps, EndNote training, research computing and data management tools.

Outreach Activities

A HIS librarian participated in the Saturday Scholars Program, where she taught over 150 local high school students how to conduct research, helping to cultivate the next generation of researchers in the St. Louis community.

HIS librarians actively engaged with the medical campus community by providing Information Tables at events throughout the year. These included the Take Care Fair, Health Professions Fair, New Student Orientation for DBBS, and New Faculty Orientation. New in FY25, staff from the Information Services Desk brought a curated, mini collection of books from the Feuerstein Health and Wellness collection to select events, allowing attendees to conveniently check out materials on the spot.

Research Services

The Research Services division of Becker Library provides a broad range of educational programs and services in support of the research activities of the School of Medicine's faculty, staff, and students. Specifically, the division provides introductory training in biomedical research computing and supports awareness, access, and training on a variety of software tools for biomedical data analysis and visualization. Education and assistance are also offered in the areas of data management and sharing plans, recommended data management practices, and identification and use of repositories appropriate for data sharing. The team also manages and curates a generalist, institutional data repository for the School of Medicine. In addition, the division provides a host of customized programs, services and expertise to assist faculty, investigators and students in navigating complex and ever-changing research publishing and funding landscapes. Assistance to authors and researchers is available on a wide range of issues including traditional and open access publishing options, public access mandates, copyright, author rights, grant application tools, ORCID, assessment of research impact, and the dissemination of research findings.

Research Analytics and Impact Evaluation

Author analytics and evaluation support is a service area that continued to increase in scope and depth in FY25 as researchers increasingly need to demonstrate the impact of their work. Guidance and reports were provided to numerous individuals, groups, divisions and departments, centers and institutes, and school leaders, demonstrating the critical role for these support services across the School of Medicine. Becker Library staff provided guidance on how to demonstrate expertise using publication data, journal impact factor scores, benchmarking metrics, institution and author name variations, and more. Becker Library staff also assisted investigators with strategies to establish their online profiles,

guidance on completing tenure packets, and recommendations for enhancing the impact of their research efforts. Becker Library's subject guide Quantifying the Impact of My Publications with curated information and guidance on these topics had more than 6,500 views over the course of FY25.

A number of evaluation reports were also completed during FY25. Reports, graphs, and tables were generated for individuals, groups, divisions and administrators on campus. Visual networks, graphs, co-author networks and choropleth geographic maps were also provided. Uses for these reports included grant applications and renewals, progress reports, departmental reports, information for departmental websites, recruiting, and promotion and tenure. Other examples included:

- Departmental productivity and performance reports
- H index reports for departments
- Benchmarking against individuals, groups, departments or institutions
- Narratives for promotion and tenure
- Applications, reporting and renewals for grant funding
- University performance for ranking purposes
- Identification of top authors in a field for recruiting and grant collaboration
- Global collaboration patterns
- Longitudinal tracking of trainees for grant reporting
- Demonstrating collaborative efforts for a grant proposal or renewal

Supporting Authors and Grant Compliance

NIH Public Access Policy

Becker Library and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research continued to work together in FY25 to promote compliance with the current NIH Public Access Policy (NIH PAP), as the need for support in this area continues to be very high. During FY25, Becker Library staff contacted publishers and the NIH Manuscript Submission (NIHMS) system on behalf of NIH-funded authors, ran publication reports to determine the compliance status for applicable publications and to spot-check publications that may have omitted acknowledgement of a grant award, submitted manuscripts to NIHMS, provided guidance on proactive compliance, confirmed copyright agreements and more. To date, Becker Library has submitted more than 550 articles to NIHMS on behalf of NIH-funded authors, and Washington University in St. Louis has a 95% compliance rate with the NIH PAP to date (more than 40,000 articles).

The updated 2024 NIH PAP, implementing a zero-embargo period, was released in December 2024 with a planned effective date of December 31, 2025. In April 2025, the effective date for the updated NIH PAP was accelerated to July 1, 2025. The revision of the effective date accelerated the need to communicate with WashU authors and administrators about the updated policy requirements. Becker Library worked with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research to clarify and communicate the details of the updated policy and especially the role of the Government Use License as to author compliance steps with publishers unhappy with the removal of the 12-month embargo period. Webpages with guidance were drafted and a new library guide focused on the updated NIH PAP were created. Extensive support will continue going forward given this significant change in compliance requirements.

NIH Biosketch and NCBI Tools

Becker Library staff also provided support for the NIH Biosketch and NCBI tools My

Bibliography and SciENCv during FY25. Becker Library's NIH Biosketch subject guide with curated information and guidance had more than 30,000 views during the fiscal year. In addition, Becker Library staff provided individual consultations and presented several educational sessions on the NIH Biosketch, My Bibliography and SciENCv for divisions, centers, educational programs, and broad audiences of researchers and research administrators during FY25.

Support needs in these areas continue to grow as funding agency requirements expand. NSF implemented a requirement for the use of SciENCv for NSF biosketches during FY24, and NIH requirements for the use of SciENCv for generating the NIH Biographical Sketch and the Current and Pending (Other) Support forms will likely go into effect in FY26. Support and training in these areas will continue to be a focus in FY26 to support researchers and administrators with these new requirements.

ORCID

Outreach related to ORCID also continued in FY25 with Becker Library staff providing individualized consultations and informational presentations to broad audiences on campus. Becker Library staff also continued to curate the ORCID subject guide with important information and guidance around funder ORCID requirements, benefits of using ORCID and more, and the guide had close to 500 views throughout the year. As funder requirements around ORCID usage continue to grow, Becker Library staff continue to focus on tracking adoption and educating the School of Medicine community around these new requirements as well as best practices for ORCID usage.

Publishing, Open Access and Copyright

Authors continued to look to Becker Library for guidance on selecting a journal for publication in FY25, and guidance for identifying credible conferences was provided as well. Becker Library's Selecting a Journal for Publication subject guide continued to be a valued resource, with more than 40,000 views during FY25. Guidance was also requested to identify a journal covered under one of our collection agreements allowing for an article processing charge waiver or discount for authors wanting to publish open access. In addition, Becker Library's Preprints subject guide with curated information and guidance on publishing preprints had more than 4,000 views during FY25.

Becker Library provided support for the Office of the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel during FY25 by drafting reports and guidance on various issues such as use of material for online teaching purposes, copyright, and other issues. Support for WUSM authors related to copyright and other publication issues also continued. Becker Library provided guidance on a variety of topics ranging from publication copyright transfer agreements; selecting an appropriate license for publication; DOIs; copyright; authorship roles; correction of names in databases and publications; publishing options; use of images; how to protect content from being re-used without permission; Fair Use; how to obtain permission; use of materials created under work-for-hire; how to handle course materials with identifiable patient information; to name a few. Information and guidance on these topics are also available on a Tools for Authors subject guide which had more than 12,000 views during FY25.

Research Profiles at Washington University School of Medicine

With ongoing funding from the Office of the Dean, ICTS and School of Medicine Departments, Becker Library continued to lead further development, adoption and support of Research Profiles at WashU Medicine in FY25.

Research Profiles had more than 700,000 unique visitors during FY25, with users coming from locations all over the world. During those visits, users viewed more than 1.5 million pages, up from 1.1 million pages viewed in FY24. In addition, users performed close to 25,000 searches within the platform.

The Research Profiles support team at Becker Library created more than 325 new faculty profiles during FY25 to reflect new faculty hires at the School of Medicine. They also handled close to 200 requests for profile updates and changes, questions about profile publication information, requests to create an organizational profile for a center, general questions about the platform, and more.

Departments, divisions and other groups on campus continued to leverage Research Profiles more extensively in FY25 for their website faculty profile information as well as for adding feeds of research outputs, or publications, to their websites to more fully showcase their unit's scholarly output. In addition, publication reports were also generated from Research Profiles by the Becker Library team in response to requests from a variety of leaders, departments and other units on campus interested in the scholarly output of their group over a certain period.

Due to the success of Research Profiles at WashU Medicine, leaders on the Danforth Campus approved the expansion of Research Profiles to all WashU schools as part of the Here and Next strategic plan. The expansion project kicked off in the second half of FY25 with the end of the 2026-27 academic year as the target date for completion. Becker Library is leading this expansion work in collaboration with University Libraries with strategic guidance from the Digital Intelligence & Innovation Accelerator.

Open October

In collaboration with University Libraries and with sponsorship from the Digital Intelligence & Innovation Accelerator, Becker Library hosted a month-long series of presentations in October 2024 highlighting trends in open science, open data and open access. This programming was loosely tied to International Open Access Week which occurs in October each year. One highlight of Open October 2024 was a lively panel presentation featuring faculty at WashU Medicine on the complicated landscape of scientific publishing and openness. Another highlight of the programming was a presentation by Bonnielin K. Swenor, PhD, MPH, the Endowed Professor of Disability Health and Justice and Director of the Disability Health Research Center at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Swenor's engaging talk focused on the role of open science in advancing equity for people with disabilities. Other highlights rounding out Open October 2024 included sessions on open educational resources and public scholarship.

Digital Commons@Becker

The digital repository for WashU Medicine scholarly output, Digital Commons@Becker, continues to feature a wide variety of content and media types from across the campus. During FY25, 1,400 new items were added to Digital Commons@Becker across all collections, bringing the total number of scholarly works in the repository to more than 23,000.

The repository continued to receive visitors from all over the world in FY25, highlighting the broad geographic dissemination of School of Medicine scholarly outputs shared via Digital Commons@Becker. In total, there were more than 550,000 items downloaded from the repository in FY25, bringing the total number of downloads close to 4 million since the launch of Digital Commons@Becker in 2010. The most utilized collection within the

repository during the past fiscal year was the School of Medicine Open Access Publications collection, with more than 400,000 downloads.

Providing Education and Support in Data Management and Sharing

Becker Library continued to provide training and services in data management and sharing during FY25, with support and education around the NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy being the focus.

Many educational sessions on a variety of topics related to data management and sharing were presented to individual labs and research groups, departments, educational programs, and general audiences across campus with more than 450 individuals in attendance across more than 10 sessions.

Individual and group consultations were also in high demand in FY25, with Becker Library staff providing individualized support to more than 100 researchers and research teams writing data management and sharing plans, searching for domain-specific data repositories appropriate for sharing data, curating data to be shared in Becker Library's generalist, institutional data repository, Digital Commons Data@Becker, implementing effective data management practices and more.

Becker Library staff also continued to share a variety of news, guidance, resources and tips through blog posts and data management and sharing newsletters in an effort to keep the School of Medicine research community up to date on data management and sharing policy developments, related resources and guidance, and good data management and sharing practices.

Providing Education and Support in Research Computing and Software

Becker Library continued to organize and teach hands-on workshops covering a variety of research computing topics in FY25. Workshops on R, Python, and MATLAB continued to be very popular. In addition, Becker Library continued teaching a series of introductory computing basics workshops to reduce the barriers around use of campus high performance computing resources. Workshop attendees included faculty, staff, and trainees from across campus, with more than 800 in attendance across the 20 workshops offered during the fiscal year.

Research computing consultation services were also provided to support needs in this area. There were close to 100 consultations conducted during FY25 covering a variety of research computing topics.

In addition to providing research computing training, Becker Library continued to support researchers in FY25 by organizing customized training workshops on a commonly used software tool for genomic data analysis. Consultation services were also offered to help researchers find specific software resources, navigate the access process, and identify training materials. There were more than 100 software consultations conducted during the fiscal year in these areas.

Love Data Week

In partnership with University Libraries, the Institute for Informatics, Data Science and Biostatistics, the Office of the Provost, and the Digital Intelligence & Innovation Accelerator, Becker Library organized a series of events on topics related to data management and sharing in celebration of Love Data Week 2025 (February 10-14, 2025). The week included presentations on data visualization, data documentation, 3D data, and data sharing, as well

as a data visualization competition and a scientific symposium focused on informatics, data science and biostatistics. The week was a success with many faculty, staff and trainees in attendance across all of the Love Data Week events.

Collaboration with the Institute for Clinical and Translational Sciences

Becker Library staff continued to provide ongoing support for the ICTS Tracking and Evaluation Team, including participating on the Translational Science Benefits Model (TSBM) project team during FY25. Becker Library staff also continued to identify, develop and review TSBM case studies throughout the fiscal year.

Becker Library staff also continued to generate annual publication reports and citation analyses on ICTS members (roughly 3,700) in FY25 and continued to monitor compliance for ICTS-cited publications in accordance with the NIH Public Access Policy. Reports on publications and preprints related to COVID-19 authored by Washington University authors were also generated on a quarterly basis during FY25.

Becker Library staff also participated in the ICTS Precision Health collaboration in FY25 to synergize efforts across campus related to support of data management and sharing and genomic data analysis. These efforts also led to more awareness and connection between the bioinformatics offerings available through ICTS and the research computing support and education available through Becker Library. Another benefit of these efforts in FY25 was the continued development of a collection of example data management and sharing plans in the ICTS grants library. These example plans were authored by WashU Medicine investigators and reviewed by Becker Library staff prior to grant submission. The number of example plans available in this grants library continued to grow in FY25 extending the benefits of this valuable resource for WashU researchers.

Health & Science Communication

The Center for Health and Science Communication at Becker Library ensures that medical school faculty, staff, and students have the tools, education opportunities, and resources to communicate their work effectively and engagingly.

The center meets its mission by amplifying the impact of communication experts at the school of medicine, fostering collaborative networks, and delivering programs and services aligned with areas of interest and need. In FY25, the center addressed gaps identified in the FY24 needs assessment survey by developing new education opportunities, launching science communication consultation services, and hosting events to foster health and science communication collaborations across campus.

Science Communication

#SciComm Seminars

In FY25 – the seventh year that Becker Library has hosted #SciComm Seminars – the Center for Health & Science Communication hosted two speakers, drawing a combined attendance of 155. As part of Open October 2024, in collaboration with WashU Libraries and the Digital Intelligence & Innovation (DI2) Accelerator, Bonnielin Swenor, Director of the Johns Hopkins Disability Health Research Center, shared how open science practices can improve access to research for people with disabilities. Her talk highlighted the importance of inclusive policies and provided practical steps to advance inclusion in science. Ross Brownson, Steven H. and Susan U. Lipstein Distinguished Professor at the WashU School of Public Health, presented the basic principles of effective communication with

policymakers, including strategies for bridging political divides and key elements of an effective policy brief. Recordings of these talks are available through Becker Library's Digital Commons.

How Open Science Can Advance Equity for People with Disabilities

Bonnielin Swenor, PhD

October 23, 2024

Attendance: 55

Digital Commons Downloads: 74

Communicating Effectively with Policymakers

Ross C. Brownson

April 17, 2025

Attendance: 100

SciComm Journal Club

The SciComm Journal Club brings together members of WashU Medicine from different fields and career stages to explore advances in science communication research, emerging trends in scientific output, and the challenges of disseminating research. The club held three sessions in FY25, two of them in collaboration with the Division of Biology & Biomedical Sciences' Science Communication Credential program, and attracted a total of 39 participants. Sessions included:

[Assessing the Outputs, Outcomes, and Impacts of Science Communication: A Quantitative Content Analysis of 128 Science Communication Projects](#)

September 12, 2024

Facilitated by Jamie Moffa

Attendance: 16

[Reorienting Science Communication Towards Communities](#)

November 13, 2024

Facilitated by Hannah Pletcher

Attendance: 13

[Reimagining Publics and \(non\) Participation: Exploring Exclusion from Science Communication through the Experiences of Low-income, Minority Ethnic Groups](#)

February 19, 2025

Facilitated by Leslie Sutton

Attendance: 10

Workshops and Classes

In response to gaps identified in the FY24 needs assessment survey, the center developed customized science communication training opportunities focused on designing engaging presentations, navigating presentation Q&A sessions, and distilling complex ideas into clear, impactful messages for diverse audiences. Two unique presentations, “Less is More: Crafting & Delivering Compelling Messages” and “Clear & Effective Scientific and Scholarly Presentations: Tips and Resources,” were delivered to groups across WashU Medicine – including the Clinical Research Training Center, the Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center, Siteman Cancer Center, and the Department of Neurology. The center also presented a guest lecture for faculty at the Goldfarb School of Nursing. More than 250 students, staff, faculty, and trainees participated in these learning opportunities.

In FY25, the center participated in the Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences (DBBS) Immersion Program for incoming PhD students. As part of the program's Scientific Communication Week, the science communication specialist delivered "Graphical Abstracts: A Primer" to approximately 100 participants.

Data Visualization Consultation Services

In FY25, the center began offering scientific figure consultation services for presentations, grant proposals, and peer-reviewed manuscripts. The science communication specialist completed projects for WashU Medicine groups in Neurology, Occupational Therapy, and Psychiatry. The latter collaboration resulted in two publications: Pre- and Postoperative Prescription of Opioids and Benzodiazepines in the US (DOI: 10.1097/XCS.0000000000001627) and Mental Health Care for Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants in the United States, which is in the final stages of review at Psychiatric Services.

Health Communication

Workshops and Classes

In FY25, the center offered customized health communication training for students, staff, faculty, and trainees from Public Health Sciences, the Program in Physical Therapy, the Department of Pediatrics, and the Harvey A. Friedman Center for Aging. More than 130 people participated in the center's health communication trainings in FY25.

For the ninth consecutive year, center staff presented a two-part lecture on Health & Media Literacy for the Physical Therapy's Health, Fitness, and Prevention course. Students were given an overview of health literacy, media literacy, and their impact on patients and research participants. Following the lecture, students reviewed health websites for patient accessibility and practiced editing physical therapy-related documents for plain language principles. This year's session also included an opportunity for students to assess AI health summaries provided by popular search engines.

In FY25, the center launched a new initiative with Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center to offer quarterly plain language workshops to Siteman Investment Program Research Development Awards (SIP RDA) and American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grant (ACS IRG) Pilot Awardees. These workshops provided an opportunity to practice plain language skills that can be integrated into their work with patients, potential donors, and other stakeholders. Six awardees participated in the first cohort of the program.

Plain Language Review Services

As part of the library's plain language review service, the health communication specialist reviewed more than 34 pages of print materials, including survey instruments, study recruitment and results materials, and patient education handouts. The specialist also reviewed five PowerPoint presentations as part of a project for the Program for the Elimination of Cancer Disparities (PECaD) to train lay leaders as community cancer-prevention educators.

Other Communication Education Opportunities

Storytelling for Scientists

In September 2024, the center offered a two-hour interactive workshop designed to strengthen communication skills through storytelling and building effective narratives for academic researchers. The session was facilitated by Andrea Krussel, Director of Education and Workforce Development for the Office for Health Information and Data Science, and 58

members of the WashU Medicine community participated in the workshop.

CommConnect

In January 2025, the center hosted the first invitation-only CommConnect Social, as part of its mission to serve as a networking hub for health and science communication on campus. The event brought together nine participants from varied communication disciplines, including representatives from the Office of Public Scholarship, WashU Medicine Marketing and Communications, and the Office for Health Information & Data Science.

All Libraries Symposium

In June 2025, the center delivered “Development of the Center for Health and Science Communication at Becker Library” for the All Libraries Symposium. The session highlighted the center’s mission, vision, and key milestones. Fifteen library staff members attended.

Library Technology Services

Library Technology Services (LTS) provides overall coordination and support for information technology systems, as well as coordinating with Washington University’s central Information Technology unit (WUIT) on issues related to Becker Library. Systems and services supported by LTS include Becker Library’s web site, library business process applications (License Manager), library service platforms (Aeon, ILLIAD, Research Profiles, Atom, EZProxy), and public devices (Windows, MacOS, printers, copiers).

LTS team members demonstrated growth in both their technical and soft skills. Below are some of the notable projects from FY25. A theme to observe is that each of these involve strong working relationships across departments.

Digital Exhibits

In collaboration with our Archives and Rare Books colleagues, our new exhibits platform was deployed at the beginning of the calendar year. Several custom exhibit themes were developed, and new exhibits built, all while preserving our legacy exhibits.

Research Profiles

The library has built a strong cross-disciplinary team to support Research Profiles, and FY2025 saw us begin our efforts to expand the platform to the entire university. Though these efforts are not publicly visible, much work has been done to update data pipelines, harvest supplemental data from university websites, and assess scholarly output coverage.

Software Licensing

A close partnership with our Finance Office continues and Becker Library’s Software Licensing Program workflows experienced further improvements. Patron inquiries and license renewal communications have been streamlined using Emma and shared mailboxes. And of note are the audits we can perform on the database with internally developed SQL reports. This work revealed a critical billing discrepancy that was not apparent via License Manager or Workday.

Updates and Upgrades

Updates and upgrades are not exactly unusual, but there were a few that stand out in FY2025:

- Server Upgrade: Two of our critical private cloud servers needed to be migrated to RedHat Enterprise Linux 9. With this upgrade, the vendor dropped support for Docker, a

technology we have used since 2017 to deploy our applications, in favor of their own containerization platform, Podman. To remain under WashU IT's support umbrella, the OS upgrade also meant rebuilding several critical deployments in Podman. Additionally, this work allowed us to consolidate these two servers into one, resulting in cost savings.

- **New Branding:** We have had productive meetings with our marketing colleagues, both within the library and WashU Medicine, and have made updates to our most prominent sites to align with the new brand. We have also partnered with our University Libraries colleagues on updates to shared systems.

Windows 11: In anticipation of WashU IT's rollout of Windows 11, several incompatible machines were replaced. Testing and coordination of the rollout with WashU IT began in FY2025 with the actual rollout presently underway.

Appendix A – Library Statistics

FY25 Collection Statistics

Electronic Journal Titles (current subscriptions)	7,274
Purchased Electronic Book Titles	156,113
Print Book Titles	79,712
Purchased databases	23
Streaming videos subscriptions	35,813
Rare Books & Journals	26,587
Archival Material (cubic feet)	3,334

Health Information Services

Systematic & Scoping Reviews completed	143
Co-authorships on published reviews	43
Database searches completed	117
Information Services Desk inquiries	1,621
Librarian consults	163
One-on-one training sessions	114
Presentations/Workshops/Outreach sessions	33

Online Guides (Becker Guides)

Becker librarians create and maintain a variety of guides and resources to assist users in multiple subject areas. During fiscal year 2025, the total number of page views across all Becker Guides was 177,186. The following table lists the top 20 guides based on total views.

Guide Name	Views
Selecting a Journal for Publication	39,334
NIH Biosketch	30,425
Systematic Review Guide	25,847
Tools for Authors	11,712
Scoping Review Guide	9,454
Mobile Medical Apps	6,516
Quantifying the Impact of My Publications	6,339
Community-Engaged Research	4,433
Preprints	4,007
Open Access	3,602
Anesthesiology Resources	3,164
NIH Public Access Policy	2,850
Biostatistics Guide	2,425
Resources for Medical Students	2,312
Research Impact	2,066

EndNote	1,988
Emergency Medicine	1,484
E-Journals Tips and Hints	1,415
Author Rights and Copyright	1,185
Genetic Counseling Graduate Program - Compilation of Resources	1,149

Collection Use

	FY 24		FY 25		Percent Change	
	Unique items	Uses	Unique items	Uses	Items	Use
E-Journals	4,060	2,311,613	7,275 ¹	2,543,859	79.2%	10.0%
E-Books	116,501	114,558	156,113 ²	95,320	34.0%	-16.8%
Print books	1,028	1,451	963	1,205	-6.3%	-17.0%

Borrowers

	Check-outs Fiscal Year 2024	Check-outs Fiscal Year 2025
Students	892	927
Faculty/Staff	748	769
Residents/Fellows	262	240

Top Print Books Used in FY25 – No longer tracked.

Top 20 e-Books Used in FY25

Title	Uses
Johns Hopkins ABX Guide	2,550
Robbins & Kumar Basic Pathology. (Eleventh Edition)	1,971
Harrison's Principles of Internal Medicine 21e	1,878
Cummings Otolaryngology (Seventh Edition)	1,694
Red Book: 2021-2024 Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases	1,602
Robbins & Cotran Pathologic Basis of Disease (Tenth Edition)	1,557
Anesthesiologist's Manual of Surgical Procedures 6e	1,379
Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders	1,079
Netter Atlas of Human Anatomy: Classic Regional Approach (Eighth Edition)	983
Pathophysiology of Heart Disease: An Introduction to Cardiovascular Medicine 7e	838
Rehabilitation of the Hand and Upper Extremity, 2-Volume Set (Seventh Edition)	687
Hinman's Atlas of Urologic Surgery Revised Reprint	661

¹ The significant increase from FY24 is due to Read and Publish agreements and EBSCO journals in databases.

² The increase is due to eBook packages added by Olin Library on the Danforth Campus

Miller's Basics of Anesthesia	624
Dermatology (Fifth Edition)	542
Thompson & Thompson Genetics and Genomics in Medicine Ninth Edition	486
Principles of Neural Science 6e	437
Morgan & Mikhail's Clinical Anesthesiology 7e	365
Washington Manual of Medical Therapeutics	283
Goldfrank's Toxicologic Emergencies 11e	274
Zollinger's Atlas of Surgical Operations 11e	250

Top 20 e-Journals Used in FY25

Title	Publisher	Uses
Nature	Nature Publishing Group	155,631
Science	American Association for the Advancement of Science	66,755
NEJM	New England Journal of Medicine	64,776
Cell	Elsevier	43,785
PNAS	National Academy of Sciences	43,005
Nature Neuroscience	Nature Publishing Group	25,223
Neuron	Elsevier	25,154
JAMA	American Medical Association	23,231
Journal of Visual Experiments	JOVE	20,111
Nature Immunology	Nature Publishing Group	19,998
Nature Methods	Nature Publishing Group	19,823
Nature Genetics	Nature Publishing Group	19,242
Journal of the American Chemical Society	American Chemical Society	19,012
Nature Medicine	Nature Publishing Group	18,624
Immunity	Elsevier	16,581
The Lancet	Elsevier	15,618
Journal of Clinical Oncology (stats from both platforms)		14,883
Nature Biotechnology	Nature Publishing Group	14,734
Science Translational Medicine	American Association for the Advancement of Science	13,983
Nature Protocols	Nature Publishing Group	13,123

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Services

Becker Library provides an article delivery service that allows School of Medicine faculty and staff to request articles copied and delivered for a small fee as well as interlibrary loan service for obtaining books and articles not owned by Becker. This service is free for students.

	FY25	FY24	FY23	FY22	FY21
Total ILL requests	3,616	5,026	5,410	5,621	6,580
ILL requests from other libraries	2,051				
Article requests for WashU patrons	482				
Becker requests from other libraries	1,083				

Journal Titles Most Requested from other Libraries

Journal Name	Number of requests
Journal of Obstetric, Gynecologic, and Neonatal Nursing: JOGNN	7
American Industrial Hygiene Association Journal	7
European Journal of Ophthalmology	7
European Journal of Contraception & Reproductive Healthcare	6
Spine Deformity	5
Journal of Advanced Nursing	5
Journal of Clinical Nursing	5
Ophthalmology. Glaucoma	5
Graefe's archive for clinical and experimental ophthalmology	5

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Jian, Xing and **Yaeger, Lauren**, "Resources and Tools to Combat Fake Science in the Age of Artificial Intelligence". Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA. May 2025.

Kim, Seonyoung, "A Generalist Institutional Data Repository Offering Both Open and Restricted Access to Support NIH Data Sharing Compliance". Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA. May 2025.

Carson, Matthew, Curtin, Lisa, Doran, Aaron, Go, Pearl, Gonzales, Sara, Gorham, Ben, Guerreiro, Maria, Iakovakis, Clarke, Mariner, Matthew, Holmes, Kristi, **Vana, Marcy**, and Wood, Julie, "The Expanding and Overlapping Roles of Institutional and Generalist Repositories: Building and Interoperable Data Repository Ecosystem Together". The 20th International Conference on Open Repositories, Chicago, IL. June 2025.

Invited Presentations

Ndukum, Maze, "Specialized Bioinformatics and Data Management Services in Medical Libraries". Network of the National Library of Medicine Educational Series. October 2024.

Sandler, Brittney, "Sharing Data & NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy: Why we chose Digital Commons Data for our data repository platform". Digital Commons International Conference, Berkeley, CA. October 2024

Kim, Seonyoung, "Curation Workflow in an Institutional Data Repository Offering Open and Controlled Access: Digital Commons Data@Becker". Research Data Alliance 24th Plenary Meeting (Virtual). April 2025.

Professional Service

Human Cell – Peer Reviewer – **Xing Jian**

Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association Open – Peer Reviewer – **Marcy Vana**

Biochemical Genetics – Editorial Board Member – **Xing Jian**

Research Data Alliance – Artificial Intelligence Data Visitation Working Group Member –
Seonyoung Kim

High Performance Computing Carpentry – Community Project Member – **Maze Ndukum**

Saint Louis Medical Librarians – President – **Amy Suiter**

Saint Louis Medical Librarians – President Elect – **Cathy Sarli**

Saint Louis Medical Librarians – Secretary – **Laura Simon**

Saint Louis Medical Librarians – Award & Recognition Committee – **Maze Ndukum**

Awards

Research Data Access and Preservation Summit Scholarship – **Xing Jian**

Appendix C – Departmental Staff Listing

Library Director

Paul Schoening *Associate Dean and Director*

Library Administration

Isabelle Smith *Manager, Financial Operations*
Cherrelle Brooks *Accountant II*
Katherine Cadigan *Financial Analyst II*

Archives and Rare Books

Elisabeth Brander *Head, Rare Books; Director of the Center for the
History of Medicine*
Angela He *Rare Books Librarian*
Stephen Logsdon *Head, Archives*
Sarah Bush *Processing Archivist*
Bree Jennrich *Digital Records Archivist*
Philip Skroska *Visual and Graphic Archivist*
Laura Weis *Project Archivist (contracted)*

Circulation

Angie Rosengarten *Information Desk Supervisor*
Adam Pesek *Library Assistant*
Nathaniel Potts *Library Assistant*
Connor Quigley *Library Assistant*
Mateus Vieira *Library Assistant*
Solaris Williford *Library Assistant*

Research Services

Marcy Vana *Associate Director, Research Services*
Xing Jian *Senior Support Scientist*
Seonyoung Kim *Senior Support Scientist*
Maze Ndikum *Senior Support Scientist*
Cathy Sarli *Senior Librarian*
Brittney Sandler *Research Support Librarian*
Laura Simon *Research Support Librarian*
Amy Suiter *Research Support Librarian*
Elizabeth Schwartz *Faculty Profiles Support Manager (Olin Library)*

Health Information Services & Collection Management

Deborah Thomas	<i>Associate Director, Health Information and Collection Management Services</i>
Michelle Doering	<i>Clinical Librarian</i>
Emily Gallaher	<i>Clinical Librarian</i>
Anise Gilliam	<i>Serials Assistant</i>
Denise Hannibal	<i>Acquisitions Librarian</i>
Angela Hardi	<i>Clinical Librarian</i>
Kim Lipsey	<i>Clinical Librarian</i>
Barb Mathieu	<i>Library Associate</i>
Anna Vani	<i>Catalog Librarian</i>
Lauren Yaeger	<i>Clinical Librarian</i>

Health and Science Communication

Mychal Voorhees	<i>Senior Health Communication Specialist</i>
Monica Sala-Rabanal	<i>Communication Specialist II</i>

Library Technology Services

Robert Altman	<i>Head, Library Technology Services</i>
Debbie Cribbs	<i>Web Developer</i>
Lucas Steinbeck	<i>Technology Support Analyst II</i>

Appendix D – Lectures and Events Sponsored and Co-Sponsored by Becker Library

Open October

Scientific Publishing and Openness: Perspectives from Insiders

- Janine Bijsterbosch, PhD
Assistant Professor of Radiology
Handling Editor, Imaging Neuroscience
- Carey-Ann Burnham, PhD
Professor of Pathology and Immunology
Founding Editor in Chief, ASM Case Reports
- Jay Piccirillo, MD
Professor of Otolaryngology
Editor in Chief, JAMA Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery

October 1, 2024. Connor Auditorium, Farrell Learning and Teaching Center

Being Open about OER: Perceptions, Use, and Impact

- Dorris Scott, PhD
Academic Director of Data Studies
School of Continuing and Professional Studies

October 14, 2024. Virtual

How Open Science Can Advance Equity for People with Disabilities

- Bonnielin K. Swenor, PhD, MPH
Endowed Professor of Disability Health and Justice
Director, Johns Hopkins Disability Health Research Center
Johns Hopkins University

October 23, 2024. Virtual

Framing Public and Open-Access Scholarship for Professional Advancement

- Christopher Schaberg, PhD
Director of Public Scholarship
- Elizabeth Schwartz
Digital Publishing Manager
Washington University Libraries

October 30, 2024. Eads Hall, Room 217

Love Data Week (February 10-14, 2025)

FAIR or FOUL? Introduction to Good Data Documentation

- Rhiannon Iha
Chemistry Subject Librarian
WashU Libraries

February 10, 2025. Olin Library (Danforth Campus) and Virtual

The 3D Data Ecosystem: Creation, Ownership, and Impact

- Zachary O'Connor
3D Technical Specialist
WashU IT Tech Den
- Harper Tooch
3D Visualization Specialist
Data Services, WashU Libraries

February 10, 2025. Olin Library (Danforth Campus) and Virtual

Advancing a Modernized Biomedical Data Ecosystem

This session was originally scheduled for Love Data Week 2025 but was cancelled due to policy changes affecting NIH staff participation in events. The webinar was rescheduled and successfully held on June 5, 2025.

- Ishwar Chandramouliswaran
Lead Program Director
NIH Office of Data Science Strategy

February 13, 2025. Virtual

How Data Viz Can Save the World

- Stephanie Evergreen, PhD
CEO
Evergreen Data

February 13, 2025. Knight Hall (Danforth Campus) and Virtual

Seeing Data Clearly: Visualization Literacy in a Data-Driven World

- Alvitta Ottley, PhD
Associate Professor
Computer Science & Engineering

February 14, 2025. Virtual

In Our Words: Finding Meaning

More than 120 members of the WashU community convened in the Clark-Fox Forum at Hillman Hall on the Danforth Campus on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, for a distinctive event centered on community and identity. Attendees heard stories and viewed art from their peers, showcasing personal identities shaped by growth, insight, wisdom, and vulnerability through experiences as healthcare researchers, caregivers, and students.

The nineteen selected presenters who shared their stories and visual artwork based around the theme, “**Identity**” are: **Nimansha Jain, Sajal Tiwary, Naazia Azhar, Shourik Dutta, Danielle Serota, Esther Ochoa, Lilly Gonzalez, Joanne Wang, Rebecca Hulett, Anne Chen, Susrutha Puthanmadhom Narayanan, Brianna Grant, Anne Grabow, Lisa Gong, Aye Thant, Jayme Oberman, Somi Mathews, Joshua Nordman, and Thomas Mahan.**

This annual event is co-sponsored by the Office of Medical Education and Becker Library.

Stories and artwork can be found on Becker Library’s Digital Commons:

https://digitalcommons.wustl.edu/iow_event/. Information about the event can be found at: <https://InOurWords.wustl.edu/>.

#SciComm Seminars

How Open Science Can Advance Equity for People with Disabilities

Bonnielin Swenor, PhD. Johns Hopkins University
October 23, 2024

Communicating Effectively with Policymakers

Ross C. Brownson, PhD. Steven H. and Susan U. Lipstein Distinguished Professor at Washington University
April 17, 2025

SciComm Journal Club

[Assessing the Outputs, Outcomes, and Impacts of Science Communication: A Quantitative Content Analysis of 128 Science Communication Projects](#)

September 12, 2024

Facilitated by Jamie Moffa

[Reorienting Science Communication Towards Communities](#)

November 13, 2024

Facilitated by Hannah Pletcher

[Reimagining Publics and \(non\) Participation: Exploring Exclusion from Science Communication through the Experiences of Low-income, Minority Ethnic Groups](#)

February 19, 2025

Facilitated by Leslie Sutton

Historia Medica Lectures

Presented in partnership with the Center for the History of Medicine

89th Historia Medica Lecture

Feminist Self-Help: Three Practices that Shaped a Movement

Judith A. Houck, PhD

October 31, 2024

90th Historia Medica Lecture

Comrades in Science?: International Exchanges During the Cold War

Laura Weis, PhD

March 18, 2025

Other Events

Blindness in Early Modern Japan: How, Why, and Perspectives for the History of Medicine

Wayne Tan, PhD, Associate Professor of History, Hope College.

October 8, 2024

'Oriental Eye': Anthropology, Ophthalmology, and Cosmetic Surgery

Susan Brownell, PhD, Professor of Anthropology, University of Missouri-St. Louis.

October 8, 2024

Radiotherapies for Women in Korea, 1930s-1970s

Soyoung Suh, PhD, Associate Professor of History, Dartmouth College.

October 10, 2024

Contextualizing Dr. Suh's talk with a follow-up presentation on modern day radiation therapies for cancer and their development

Imran Zoberi, MD, Professor of Radiation Oncology, Washington University in St. Louis.

October 10, 2024

Capturing Nature

Panelists: Jody Williams, botanical artist and Director of the American Society of Botanical Artists; Elizabeth Brander, Head of Rare Books, Becker Medical Library, WashU; Dr. Jordan Teisher, Herbarium Director, Missouri Botanical Gardens.

November 14, 2024. Olin Library

Annual Display of Rare Anatomical Texts

January 10, 2025

Glaser Gallery and Other Exhibits

The Novel Nineteenth Century: Trends, Treatments, and Technologies in Nineteenth Century American Medicine

Becker Library, Glaser Gallery

March 2024 – August 2024

Adapting Knowledge: How Medicine Evolved Through Global Exchange

Becker Library, Glaser Gallery

September 2024 – January 2025

Revolutions in Biomedical Computing: The Washington University Computer Laboratories

Becker Library, Glaser Gallery

February 2025 – May 2025

Capturing Nature

Olin Library, Thomas Gallery

Selected items from Becker Library rare books collections

August 2024 – December 2024