

# Getting Settled @ Your New Library

## Helpful Hints for Your Residency

Graduating from medical school and starting your residency is an exciting time. Whether you are moving to a new institution or are remaining here at The University of Toledo Medical Center, we offer some suggestions for getting settled in to your new library or for getting reacquainted with the Mulford Health Science Library. We surveyed our medical library colleagues about what they would like their new residents to know; here are the highlights.

### ✓ New Resident Orientation

The first days of your residency will probably be orientation, when you'll get more information about the institution than your brain could possibly hold. As part of your orientation, someone may talk about the library (hopefully one of your librarians). Don't feel bad if you can't remember everything that is presented. *If there is one thing to remember, it's this: your librarians are there to help you, so don't hesitate to ask them for help finding information later.*

### ✓ Introductions

We (and our librarian colleagues) appreciate when new residents come to the library to introduce themselves. We don't expect that you'll stop in early in your residency but recommend that you do it within the first six months or so. Your librarians can help get you oriented to the online resources that will help with patient care and research. (Remember, your information needs as a resident will be different than what you needed as a med student. Your librarian can show you the best resources for your needs.)

### ✓ Library Basics

All of the librarians who responded to our request for information mentioned some information that they wanted their residents to know. While all libraries are unique, here are some of the basics:

- That the librarians are there to help with any information needs you have, whether for patient care, research, etc.
- Where the libraries are located (both the main library as well as the libraries in the hospitals through which you rotate)
- How to get help from the library (in-person, phone, email, chat, appointments, training sessions, etc.)
- What online resources are available and how to access them (both on campus and off campus)
- Requesting a literature search (telling the librarian what sorts of articles you need and he/she will do the search for you)
- How to request articles and books (whether from the library or from another library)
- *Take advantage of the help that your librarians offer. Our job is to make sure you have the information that you need to do your job!*