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Dear colleagues,

welcome back to my column! I hope you all enjoyed this summer and had the chance to rest up and recharge for the upcoming fall.

As always, I've selected news and articles on the most discussed trends related to biomedical librarianship. This time, apart from a very interesting initiative by the German National Library of Medicine, I've found a new IFLA document on Artificial Intelligence (speaking of which, have you read the last JEAHIL issue edited by David Ožura on Artificial Intelligence and libraries?) and an interesting debate on predatory journals. For my section "Reading suggestions" I've found two journal issues on ethics and generative AI and a new book on Open Science (open access, of course!). Regarding the upcoming events, I suggest you don't miss the 14th OAI workshop, always full of interesting talks. Enjoy!

JOURNAL ISSUES

Health Information and Libraries Journal contents of September 2025 (42:3)

Editorial

- **Actioning actionable knowledge: what do we mean by knowledge mobilisation?**
Sue Lacey-Bryant

Review

- **Trends in use of the new MeSH term "Overdiagnosis": A bibliometric review.**
Emma Grundtvig Gram, S Barnett Kramer, Karsten Juhl Jørgensen and Steven Woloshin

Original Articles

- **Barriers to health literacy of patients with cardiac implantable electronic devices: A qualitative approach.**
Merve Erunal and Hatice Mer
- **Enhancing health literacy outreach: A key role for medical libraries in achieving Sustainable Development Goal 3.**
Justice Adjei Manu Obeng, Monica Mensah Danquah and Perpetua Sekyiwa Da
- **Role of Pakistani e-Libraries in promoting health awareness for the attainment of Sustainable Development Goal-3.**
Saira Hanif Soroya, Ashraf Sharif and Anthony Faiola
- **Effective use of maternal health information among pregnant women in Tanzania towards achievement of Sustainable Development Goals.**
Jelly Ayungo and Emmanuel F. Elia

PUBLICATIONS AND NEW PRODUCTS

- **Omani citizens relied more on international sources of information to inform themselves during the COVID-19 pandemic.**
Mohammed Al-Suqri
- **Exploring the utility of Preevid, an evidence-based answer service to clinical questions, during the COVID-19 pandemic.**
Concepción Rosa García, Amalia Mas Bleda, Josefa Patricia Moreno Pina, Isabel Pozo Serrano, María del Carmen Sánchez López, Juan Antonio Sánchez Sánchez and Enrique Aguinaga Ontoso
- **Bridging the health information gap among undergraduate university students: The role of academic libraries.**
Diana Atuase, Paulina Kwafoa, Christophe Filson, Gloria Tachie-Donkor and Paul Nunekpeku
- **Health information services of academic medical libraries in China during the pandemic era.**
Yuan Meng SA, Weijing Gong, Rui Guan, and Li Dong
- **Vaccination uptake is influenced by many cues during health information seeking online.**
Mohammed Khojah and Mohammad Sarhan
- **How parents of children with musculoskeletal disorder use short videos for seeking health information and support: A qualitative study.**
Yating Li, Hui Ouyang, Gan Lin, Jinghui Yao and Yun Chen
- **Health consumers' emotional responses toward asthma videos on YouTube are influenced by time since posting, number of tags, subject of content and the emotional tone.**
Yanyan Wang, Jin Zhang, Xiaohan Yan and Benjamin Ombati Omwando

Regular Features

AI and New Technologies

- **Creating a community of practice to improve skills and knowledge and create re-usable resources to deliver Artificial Intelligence training.**
Susan Smith

Learning and Teaching in Action

- **Developing the knowledge and library services researcher: A pilot project.**
Gil Young and Maria J Grant

Practice Based Studies

- **Cultural diversity in health libraries: An International Book Collection Initiative.**
George Jerish Choothamparambil Joseph

FROM THE WEB

- **The German National Library of Medicine announces a PubMed alternative**
The German National Library of Medicine (ZB MED) has recently announced that it will develop an open, reliable, and sustainable alternative to the PubMed database. This alternative database will provide access to the content currently available on PubMed. Regarding the updating of the database with new publications, two options are being explored: replicating the current data model submitted by publishers, including abstracts, or using metadata from CrossRef, which already accounts for about 90% of what currently feeds into PubMed. A key milestone for the sustainable availability of specialized medical information has already been achieved: current PubMed content is already accessible through the LIVIVO search portal. Several Open Access publishers have already expressed their willingness to submit their

metadata to the project, while convincing commercial publishers is expected to be more challenging. The project is called OLSPub — Open Life Science Publication Database.

- **IFLA new document on Artificial Intelligence**

IFLA has published a new resource titled IFLA AI Entry Point for Libraries and AI, designed to help librarians evaluate the ethical implications of using AI. This document offers a set of key considerations and scenarios to guide reflection and dialogue around the potential benefits and risks of implementing AI in library environments. It emphasizes the importance of aligning AI adoption with core library values and ethics, which are crucial to ensuring the responsible use of AI in society. Although presented in written form, the document is intended as a practical tool to encourage critical thinking and collaborative decision-making regarding AI in libraries. It builds on the IFLA Internet Manifesto released in August of the previous year and serves as the first in a series of annexes aimed at supporting the library community on digital and technology-related issues.

- **ICMJE Should Create a Certification System to Identify Predatory Journals**

JAMA has published a letter responding to an editorial authored by a group of editors affiliated with the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE). The editorial discussed potential measures to address the issue of predatory publishing. In their response, the letter's authors argue that instead of allowing journals to self-declare adherence to ICMJE recommendations, the Committee should implement a stringent certification system. Under this system, the official ICMJE label—granted only to journals that meet high editorial standards—would serve as a mark of quality and could be revoked if standards are not maintained. This approach, they suggest, would enhance the credibility of reputable journals and restore the value of the ICMJE-endorsed list, helping researchers distinguish legitimate publications from predatory ones.

READING SUGGESTIONS

- Not an article but two issues: Library Trends has published two issues completely dedicated to Artificial Intelligence and library services, Introduction to Generative AI and Libraries: Applications and Ethics, Part I and II. In these issues, the authors provide a broad look at the way generative AI is affecting the library and information science (LIS) field, raise important questions about the ethical implications of these tools, and suggest how librarians can be leaders in the thoughtful application (or rejection) of generative AI. The issues, open access, can be accessed here: Volume 73, number 3: <https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/54940> number 4: <https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/55500>
- Nicola Cavalli ed. Current Trends in Open Science. Will Open Science change the world? <https://library.open.org/handle/20.500.12657/99339>

SOME FORTHCOMING EVENTS

EOSC Symposium 2025

November 03-05, Brussels, Belgium and online

The EOSC Symposium 2025 will mark the transition of the EOSC Federation into its operational phase. The first wave of registrations, by invitation only, opened early this summer and targeted priority stakeholders. It will be followed in the early autumn by a second wave of registration open to all interested participants. The option to follow the event online will also be available. More info at: <https://eosc.eu/eosc-symposium-2025/>

PUBLICATIONS AND NEW PRODUCTS

14th OAI Workshop

November 10-14, online

Each of the 5 days of the Geneva Workshop on Innovations in Scholarly Communication OAI14 will be devoted to a particular theme: Research Security and Openness, Open infrastructure, Navigating AI in Open Science, Commercialization and Open Science, and Research Integrity. For more info on this free event and registration click here: <https://oai.events/oai14/>

20th Munin Conference on scholarly publishing

18–20 November, Tromsø, Norway and streamed worldwide

The Munin Conference addresses a broad variety of topics in scholarly communication, with a focus on open science. This year's Munin especially encourages submissions on the following topics: Open science in a closing world, Indigenous rights in research, Transparency and replicability in science, Repairing the gaps in research infrastructure, Agency. More info at: <https://site.uit.no/muninconf/>

2025 LIS-Bibliometrics Conference

November 26, Leicester and virtually

The theme for the LIS-Bibliometrics conference 2025 will be Bibliometrics in Action. This is an in-person event but there will still be the option to attend virtually. Registration is free and open to all. More info at: <https://lisbibliometrics.wordpress.com/c-2025-about2025/>

Please feel free to contact me (annarita.barbaro@iss.it) if you have any further suggestion about initiatives or events you would like to promote