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HEALTH INFORMATION LIBRARY: TREASURE FOR THE COMMUNITY

IT ALL STARTED WITH PRESTON MEDICAL LIBRARY.

The year was 1966. There was no Internet. No fax machines. Lyndon B. Johnson led our country, and a postage stamp cost 5 cents. MRI, CT and PET scans did not exist, and antibiotics were in their infancy.



In the midst of this time, forward-thinking people were joining forces to form a new medical library, and in January 1967, they succeeded. Generous donations from Hamilton National Bank and families in the community led to the opening of Howard P. Preston Medical Library at what is now the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine.

This new library provided an on-site resource for UT physicians, researchers and medical students. The facility was unmatched.

Soon, Preston Medical Library and Learning Resource Center became a nationally recognized academic medical library. Today, our professional medical librarians assist healthcare professionals from across the region and nation. Through the Consumer and Patient Health Information Service, librarians also research and provide health information to consumers who request it, free of charge. Our librarians also offer outreach programs to teach public librarians how to access reliable online health information, and they make their resources available to physicians in rural areas, who do not have ready access to a medical library.

Preston Medical Library has been a treasure for our community. It has enhanced the knowledge of physicians, provided easy-to-understand healthcare information for families and patients, enabled more productive discussions between patients and their doctors and supported scholarly research.

So, how can this treasure of our community be improved?

- By adding more resources and reference materials
- By expanding its size to accommodate more patrons
- By updating its technology
- By opening a conference center for collaborative learning
- By moving to a more convenient location
- And by adding the new Health Information Library.

HEALTH INFORMATION LIBRARY

Easy to Find... Easy to Use

Preston Medical Library is growing and changing to meet the needs of our community. Soon, the library will expand to include the UT Graduate School of Medicine Health Information Library. The library will be conveniently located on the main floor of the new Heart Hospital of University of Tennessee Medical Center. The new library will expand the resources and capabilities of Preston Medical Library, and using it while at the medical center will be free of charge for all patrons, including patients and their families, physicians, nurses, resident and fellow physicians, community members and regional health professionals. But even with this elevation of capabilities, it's still just as easy to use. Patrons simply need to walk in, call or e-mail the Health Information Library to be greeted and assisted by experienced medical librarians.

The new Health Information Library will

- Empower patients, their families and community members to be active partners in their medical care through access to reliable and relevant information that's easy to understand
- Facilitate collaborative learning events, including educational sessions for physicians and wellness seminars for community members in a new 100-seat conference center and
- Expand the expertise and experience of Preston Medical Library's professional medical librarians to physicians, residents, fellows, students, community healthcare providers, consumers, other professionals and patients and their families.

They say knowledge is power. If that's true, the new Health Information Library will ensure we are a community of powerful people. With more than four decades of experience from Preston Medical Library, the addition of the Health Information Library will improve medical knowledge and share healthcare information. It will help doctors do their jobs better. It will help us have more control over our healthcare. The Health Information Library will be a gift to the health of our community. A treasure for us all.

A LEGACY OF GIVING: CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Preston Medical Library at the UT Graduate School of Medicine was established from gifts made by forwardthinking people in the community. The act of giving opened the doors, and Preston Medical Library has been giving back since that day.

The UT Graduate School of Medicine has embarked on a capital campaign to expand Preston Medical Library to



include the new Health Information Library. The campaign will enhance and expand the resources and capabilities offered to our community.

Through participation in the capital campaign, you can give time, talent and treasures to a cause you believe is important. You can support an institution that ensures quality healthcare, education and community outreach are always available.

The campaign allows you to contribute to the established legacy of UT...while building your own legacy.

CAMPAIGN GOAL

The capital campaign for the Health Information Library ends in 2014, and the fundraising goal is \$4.1 million. All levels of commitment to the campaign are appreciated. Large gifts prove to have major impact, and small gifts added together will make a difference.

The people at the UT Graduate School of Medicine would be happy to discuss the Health Information Library and how you can be a lasting part of it. For more information about the opportunities you have to support this legacy, please contact the Office of Development at the UT Graduate School of Medicine, 865-305-6611, development@utmck.edu, http://gsm.utmck.edu/legacy.

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