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# Health Sciences Information Service

## Alaska's Medical Library



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### Focus on HSIS: a new home & a new direction!

Twenty-six years after relocating from ANMC to UAA, HSIS is on the move again -- this time into the brand new Consortium Library addition. Our 2nd floor space overlooks Providence Alaska Medical Center and has a curving rock wall and a view out into the majestic 3-storey Great Room. The gray rock wall surrounds a spiral staircase housing the "farthest north Foucault pendulum in the world." It is truly magnificent!



HSIS moved the office on Friday, August 22nd, to minimize the disruption of our service to you. However we do anticipate a short delay in the restoration of our ability to send scanned articles. At the present time our fax (907) 786-1608 is working as well as all the other HSIS phone numbers.



#### Our staff

HSIS has a unique and colorful culture, thanks largely to our fun-loving and creative manager, Kathy. At her royal command, the HSIS Christmas tree is decorated for each new festival during

the year, and our petting zoo grows ever more exotic. But Kathy is also on a constant and serious quest for new ideas to bring our clients more quality resources and services more cost effectively, so watch this space!

**From left:** Olga, Sally, Carol, Keema, Kathy, Jim.

#### Our changing role

Our HSIS mandate has not changed -- just how we fulfill it. We still do literature searches but many of our clients now have free access to medical resources such as *PubMed*, *Databases for Alaskans* and *STAT!Ref*. So today we focus on article delivery, training, marketing, and seeking grants to ensure that Alaska healthcare providers have the resources, knowledge and search skills to find the best information for patient care. Recently we visited communities across Alaska providing training for public health nurses in State bioterrorism resources, Web search strategies, using full text article databases and medical reference books accessible from their desktops. Wherever possible we met with medical staff and employees in hospitals and other clinics sharing information resources acquired just for Alaskans.

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