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Memo

To: ECU / Laupus Library users
From: Laupus Library – User Services
CC:
Date: May 19, 2009
Re: Interlibrary Loan & Document Delivery

Laupus Library is a resource library in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) and participates in their interlibrary lending network which links biomedical libraries throughout the United States for the purpose of sharing needed resources. The NN/LM charges service fees for borrowed items and photocopied documents to help cover the cost of labor to prepare and deliver of these items to the borrowing library.

With the implementation and growth of ECU's Virtual Library of electronic resources, we have been able to fill many more of our user's needs from our own resources. For the declining number of user requests that required we borrow from other libraries, we decided to underwrite these costs and not pass these fees on to the borrower. These fees are paid electronically through an NN/LM account we fund annually.

Due to the current budget situation, our funds deposited with NN/LM have been almost depleted for FY 09 and we will not be able to add money to this account until after July 1 at the earliest. As a result, Laupus Library will be limited in its ability to provide free interlibrary borrowing and document delivery services until the new fiscal year (July 1, 2009) at the earliest.

As a result, there is a chance we may not be able to fill all your requests for books or journal articles. We will make every effort to provide you with the highest level of service and you will be promptly notified if your request cannot be filled due to cost. If you have questions, or if you need to request items for a medical emergency situation, please call our office at 252-744-1444, or 888-820-0522.

Thank you for your patience as we work through these difficult budget times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Russell'.

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