



New Roles for Librarians as Editorial Consultants

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Roles for Societies, Institutions, Presses, and Libraries

The State We're In

What do Thomas L. Friedman and E.O. Wilson
have to do with libraries?



NIH Library Writing Center

4 Aspects

- A virtual writing center
 - *accessible to NIH staff & the public*
- A physical writing center
 - *for NIH staff*
- An editing service
 - *for NIH staff*
- A writing training program
 - *for NIH staff*



Virtual Writing Center

- 24-hour access
- Links to resources
- E-mail link to request Editing Service
- FAQs

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Writing Center

Access writing resources online when you are ready to write. The NIH Library Writing Center website can help you:

- Find answers to your vexing grammar and punctuation questions
- Review examples of abstracts, journal articles, posters, protocols, and resumes
- Learn writing tips and techniques,
- Identify a journal's impact factor,
- Organize and format your citations,
- Request personal assistance with the writing process. (This service is available for NIH staff only. **Please wait to send your document until instructed.**)

Retreat to a quiet place to write in the NIH Library Writing Center, located on the lower level of the Library, in Building 10. Borrow a laptop, settle into a study carrel, look up a writing reference online or from one of the books on the shelves, and print your draft manuscript during Library **open hours**.

NIH badge holders are eligible to receive personal assistance when preparing documents such as a manuscript, a protocol, a case study, or a slide show by requesting an appointment. A librarian on the Writing Center Team can suggest resources and provide **editing service** to help you get your draft ready for peer-review. **Editorial service turn-around time is negotiated with the editor; delivery times vary based on the complexity of the manuscript.**

Bibliographic Management Tools

Benefit from time-saving features available in bibliographic management tools such as *EndNote*, *EndNote Web*, and *Reference Manager*.

Quick Links

- Bioinformatics
- Going Green
- Online Books
- Online Catalog
- Online Databases
- Online Journals
- Order a Document
- PubMed @ NIH
- Remote Access

Research Tools

Announcements **FSS**

- ▶ Launch of Beta Search Engine: First Step
- ▶ PubMed @ NIH: Fully Loaded
- ▶ NIH Library on Twitter
- ▶ NIH Library Classes: October - December 2010

[View All Announcements](#)

Upcoming Training Classes

- ▶ PubMed: Understanding the Basics
Nov 16
- ▶ EndNote X3: Managing Your Search Results
Nov 16
- ▶ Discover Scopus and Web of Science: Complementary Giants
Nov 18

[Request a Tutorial](#)



<http://nihlibrary.nih.gov/ResearchTools/Pages/WritingCenter.aspx>

Physical Space—Lower Level

A Quiet Space to Write

- 3 Study carrels
- 1 Laptop chair
- 4 Laptops available
- 1 Printer
- Reference books (80+)



KEYWORDS



writing

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KEYWORDS (1-50 of 265)

Most relevant titles entries 1-72

1 Research writing in dentistry

Von Fraunhofer, J. A. (Joseph Anthony)

Ames, Iowa : Wiley-Blackwell, 2010.

Rating:

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| NIH LIB BOOK | RK80 .V66 2010 | AVAILABLE |

**2** Science research writing for non-native speakers of English

Glasman-Deal, Hilary.

London : Imperial College Press ; Hackensack, NJ : Distributed by World Scientific Pub., c2010.

Rating:

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| NIH LIB BOOK | PE1475 .G57 2010 | DUE 09-30-10 |
| NIH LIB Writing Center | PE1475 .G57 2010 | AVAILABLE |

**3** Scientific writing and communication : papers, proposals, and presentations

Hofmann, Angelika H., 1965-

New York : Oxford University Press, 2010.

Rating:

| LOCATION | CALL NO. | STATUS |
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| NIH LIB REFERENCE | Q223 .H63 2010 | LIB USE ONLY |
| NIH LIB Writing Center | Q223 .H63 2010 | LIB USE ONLY |
| NIH LIB BOOK | Q223 .H63 2010 | DUE 09-27-10 |





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grammar

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KEYWORDS (1-9 of 9)

Most relevant titles entries 1-1

1 [Grammar & style at your fingertips](#)

Robbins, Lara M.
New York : Alpha Books, c2007.
Rating:



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| NIH LIB Writing Center | PE1112 .R563 2007 | LIB USE ONLY |



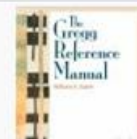
Highly relevant titles entries 2-4

2 [The Gregg reference manual : a manual of style, grammar, usage, and formatting](#)

Sabin, William A.
New York : McGraw-Hill, c2011.
Rating:



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NIH Library Writing Center Library Staff Involvement

- Core group librarian/editors
 - *Take researchers from research concept to publication*
- Specialized informationist/editors
 - *Assigned to specific NIH groups, in-depth manuscript involvement, systematic reviews, co-authoring*
- Reference assistants
 - *Help with reference verification and manuscript submissions to NIH Manuscript Submission System*



Writing Center/Editing Service Notes

- Listened to our customers
- Surveyed our users
- Tested service demand starting in August 2008 as a pilot study with one institute
- Offered all professional staff Scientific Editing training in 2008 and 2009
- 61 requests for Editing Service in 2010 via WC Team email, additional requests directly to editors



NIH Library Writing Center

What Will “the Library” Do for Me?

- Advise, train, & encourage “the writer”
 - *Identify potential journals for submission*
 - *Demonstrate technology that makes writing easier*
 - *Point to helpful resources*
 - *Provide an editor or an NIH editor contact*
- Edit copy at the light & medium levels
 - *Conduct basic spelling/grammar check*
 - *Verify adherence to publication format and style*
 - *Suggest improvements for consistency and clarity*



Who Are We Serving?

- Graduate Students
- MDs
- Post Docs
- Principal Investigators
- Research Fellows
- Social Work Interns
- Staff Scientists
- Visiting Fellows



Who Are We Partnering With?

- Fellows Editorial Board (NCI)
- National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)
- Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE)



What Are the Issues?

- Getting the science to other scientists and to the public
- Journal style adherence
 - *Bibliographic management tools – e.g., EndNote, Reference Manager*
- Grammar and punctuation
 - *American*
 - *British*
- Copyright
- Plagiarism



What Are the Benefits of an Editing Service?

- Saving researchers time and money
 - *The author(s)*
 - *The lab chiefs and deputy directors*
 - *The journal editors/publishers*
- Empowering researchers to become better writers
- Communicating the Library's value
- ROI
 - *Resources*
 - *Staff*



Getting the Word Out/Marketing

- Website News story – 2008, “soft launch”
- Open House – October 2009, “hard launch”
- Added statement and link in e-mail letter to new employees
- Word-of-mouth in institute/committee trainings and presentations



Writing Center/Editing Service Measuring Success

- Writing Center evaluation forms
- Referrals received
- Feedback from customers
- Research/survey instruments
- Number of papers published
- Number of editor acknowledgements

Writing Center Evaluation Form

Thank you for using the NIH Library Writing Center. Please help us to evaluate the experience and services by completing the form and returning it to Library staff. Please note that your responses are anonymous. This evaluation should take only 30 seconds to complete.

Name: _____ Librarian: _____ Date: _____
Your Institute: _____ And Title: _____

| | Excellent | Very Good | Good | Fair | Poor |
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| Librarian's responsiveness to questions | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Clarity of the librarian's suggestions | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Librarian's knowledge of writing/editing | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Quality of resources/handouts | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Level to which writing objectives were met | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Your level of satisfaction with the help provided | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| Timeliness of librarian's response | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Would you recommend this service to others? Yes No Undecided

How did you learn about the Writing Center?
 NIH Library Website NIH Website NIH Intranet
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 Other _____

Comments: _____ Thank you!

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