



The Virtual Library St. John's Rehab

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Library before the merger with Sunnybrook Hospital

- Was set up like a small office
- No sitting area for users
- No public computers
- Staffed two days/week







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- Limited budget to operate
- Renovation was planned some years ago but was not implemented







2014 - Merger of SJR and Sunnybrook Hospital

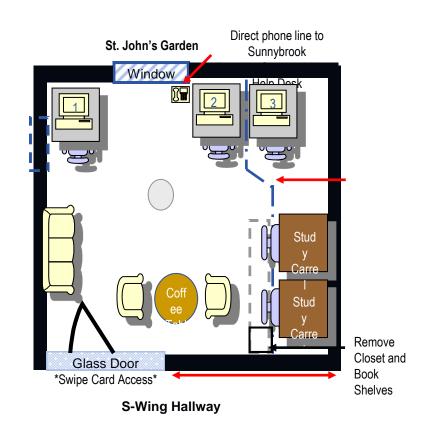
- Access to all SB Library Services and existing print resources provided
- Staffed for several hours two days a week
- To assure the full range of services the decision was made to create a virtual library





Virtual library Project

- Usage data collected
- Project plan and proposal submitted
- Design consultations for the layout with architect, interior designer, and Corporate Planning completed
- Renovation done February to April, 2015







First Virtual Medical Library in Toronto

- Re-opened on Tuesday, April 7, 2015
- Several user sessions/orientations conducted



New VL - a space to meet, read, research and work!

- Welcoming space
- Open week days between 7am and 6pm
- Secured access with Sunnybrook ID badge
- Naturally bright, open concept place
- Comfortable studying and sitting area







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 Computer workstations with access to Library resources and Internet







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 Semi-private study carrels with power-outlets for laptops

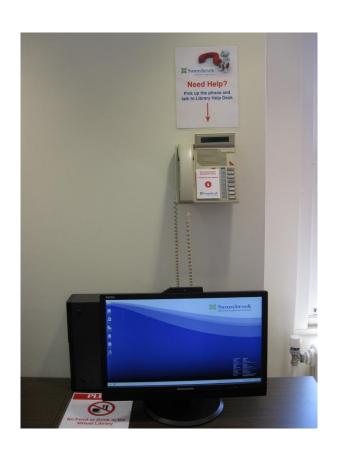






Multiple ways to reach Library Staff for reference help

- Email / online help
- Direct telephone line to main library at Bayview Campus
- Video conferencing available
- In-person meetings as needed







Monitoring of the VL

- Visitor statistics collected
- User survey for further needs assessment
- Plan for further improvements as needed







Questions?

Thank you!

Bibliotherapy-based Programs in Hospital Libraries:

Bibliotherapy for Staff (Rouge Valley Hospital)

Book Break (St. Michael's Hospital & Rouge Valley Hospital)

Presented by:

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Creative (Social, "Affective") Bibliotherapy -

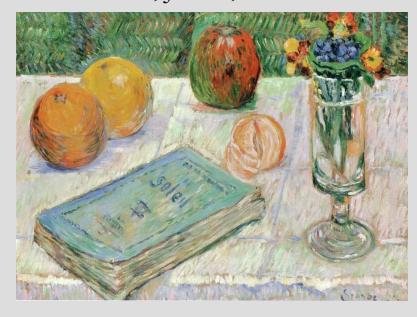
- a reading intervention used by non-medical professionals (librarians, educators, social workers) as a means of
- improving the quality of life of individuals facing various life challenges;
- promoting health and well-being;
- combating social isolation.
- *Creative Bibliotherapy applications vary from one-on-one consultations to shared reading groups in a wide variety of settings.

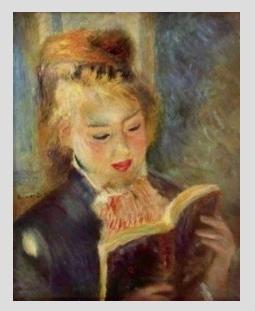
"For the ideal reader, every book reads, to a certain degree, as an autobiography." Alberto Manguel

The readers "find what they need in what they read."

Gold, J. (1990). Read for your life: Literature as a life support system. Markham, ON: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, p. 279.

Can reading make you happier? By Ceridwen Dovey, *The New Yorker*, June 9, 2015





Bibliotherapy Service at RVHS

- Bibliotherapy for Staff an innovative informational and recreational bibliotherapy-based service for the staff of Rouge Valley Health System
- December 2014 present
- Health Sciences Library in partnership with the Occupational Health Department



Program Description

- Monthly compilations of 'therapeutic readings' distributed to staff in print and online formats.
- Include excerpts from literary materials of various genres (both fiction and non-fiction) addressing specific topics to promote a healthy workplace.



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We all have experienced a therapeutic effect of an active interaction with nature during various outdoor varioties—from a quick walk in a park often a basy day at wask to the weakend biking at quardening. With the official start of the summer season this week, this is a good time to contemplate our connection with nature and talk about simple jays that it generately affect to as every season, and especially in the animen time. The benefits of deepening our connection with Nature for our health and well being are believes. Being out in nature helps to regain physical energy and restore enotional balance, transcally wasayb, nature that has always been a natural evolutionates for human beings turned into a therapeutic name, a shelter from the stress of today's life. Current discussions about "nature based elubibilitation" and "horticultural therapy" have been supported by numerous research studies. Beneficial effects of "plant related activities" have been reported for chainst depression, avaiety, accupational stress, channer ain, dementia, and loss and grief. For those who believe in evidence-based medicine, this is a strong regument to start spending more time outdoors and to re-connect with Noture. Once again, we are given a channer to improve our was kifigh balance by engaging anisolves in hising, gardening a "forest bathing" whether olone or with fomily and friends.

Bibliotherapy for Staff: Objectives

- provide an additional venue to address wellness and healthy workplace topics within RVHS;
- promote healthy lifestyle;
- educate staff on new approaches in evidence-based medicine (music therapy, horticultural therapy, positive psychology interventions, etc.);
- expand opportunities for collaborative projects and partnerships for the library;
- increase visibility of the library within the organization

Topics Addressed

Holiday stress

Healthy living

Positive thinking

Resilience

Music therapy

Garden therapy

Work-Life balance

Power of Gratitude

Materials used: fiction & non-fiction

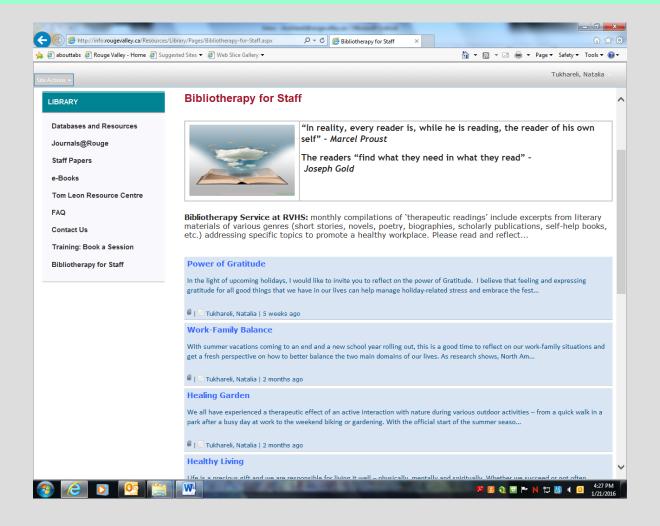
Excerpts from:

- Short stories
- ❖ Novels
- Poetry
- Psychology and philosophy manuscripts
- * Biographies, autobiographies, memoirs
- Journal and magazine articles
- Self-help books and websites
- Research studies in health sciences, humanities and social sciences

Bibliotherapy for Staff: Delivery

- e-Echo an electronic newsletter at RVHS
- E-mail blasts to specific clinical groups and management
- Web page on the Library Intranet
- Displays with print copies in the Library and the Occupational Health Department
- Print copies added to library training packages

Library Web Page



Evaluation & Further Developments

Evaluation in progress...

- an internal survey to hospital employees
- ☐ semi-formal interviews with random staff members

Further Developments:

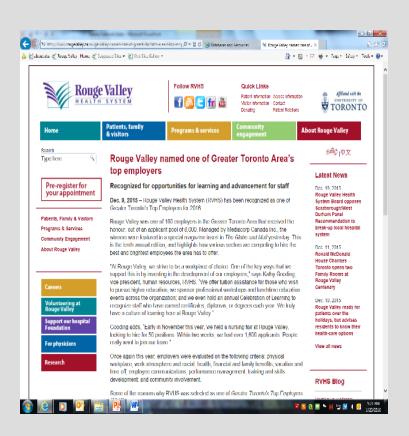
- Lunch & Learn sessions for the staff of RVHS based on the compilation on Positive Thinking
- ➤ Possibility of expanding the service into group workshops with clinicians (to address compassion fatigue, stress, and other topics)

Bibliotherapy service recognition at RVHS

Rouge Valley named one of the Greater Toronto Area's Top Employers for 2016



Ribliotherapy Service recognized as one of the contributing factors



Some of the reasons why RVHS was selected as one of *Greater Toronto's Top Employers* (2016):

- Tuition assistance for employees that includes subsidies for courses taken and for professional accreditation;
- Workplace wellness initiatives that include implementing the National Standard for Psychological Health and Safety Management Systemframework, providing a healthy workplace series of seminars and supports, as well as offering bibliotherapy (a systematic use of reading materials to help people cope with mental, physical, emotional, developmental or social problems) and exercise and fitness opportunities and discounts;
- Maternity and parental leave top-up payments, with up to 93 per cent of salary for up to 35 weeks with an option to extend their leave into an unpaid leave of absence;
- Retirement planning workshops and phased-in work options to help employees save and prepare for the future.

Book Break at St. Michael Hospital

A bibliotherapy-based shared reading program for the clients of the STAR (Supporting Transitions for Homeless People at St. Michael's Hospital) Learning Centre

Presented by the Health Sciences Library and the Patient and Family Education Program of St. Michael's Hospital, with collaboration with the Health Sciences Library of Rouge Valley Health System.

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Manager, Health Information and Knowledge Mobilization Li Ka Shing International Healthcare Education Centre in the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute

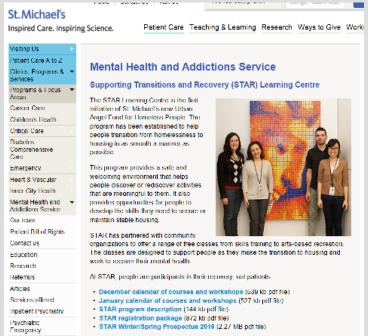
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Book Break: Program Description

- **Participants**: adults of different age and gender groups
- Delivery: 8 weekly sessions in October-December 2015 (a 2-hour session with a 15-min break)
- Session Structure: read-aloud activities followed by a guided group discussion
- Evaluation: course evaluation forms provided by the STAR Learning Centre



Topics Addressed

- Living through difficult times. Resilience.
- Loneliness and Isolation
- Power of Forgiveness. Compassion.
- * Responsibility. Bringing meaning into your life.
- Positive attitude. Power of Gratitude.
- Unconditional love. Giving.



Meaning in Bibliotherapy

BOOK



READER

FACILITATOR

GROUP

Benefits of Creative Bibliotherapy

- ✓ Flexibility (various client groups, settings, reading materials)
- ✓ Accessibility (attracts people with low literacy)
- ✓ Contributes to mental health and chronic disease management
- ✓ Helps build a sense of community among people with similar problems
- ✓ Effective tool of health promotion and education

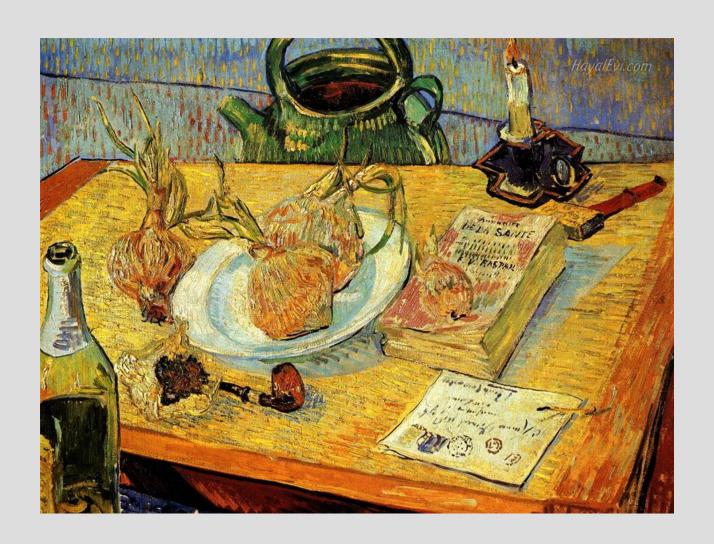


Creative Bibliotherapy & Traditional Support Groups

A support group - a group that "contains individuals with similar problems, who meet on a regular basis to share problems and get support from each other" (Alcoholics Anonymous, cancer groups, bereavement groups, etc.)

*A shared reading bibliotherapy group can be viewed as a specific type of a support group that involves a systematic use of books (in a variety of fictional and non-fictional genres) and a guided discussion around books to assist individuals in dealing with "life problems."

Sandy Iverson's comments and observations



Thank you!

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^{*} Images of book-cut sculptures courtesy of Su Blackwell

Draft Decision Tree for Acquisition and Renewals of Print and Electronic Resources

Mary McDiarmid, MISt

Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences Library

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Thursday January 28, 2016

Health Libraries Lightning Rounds

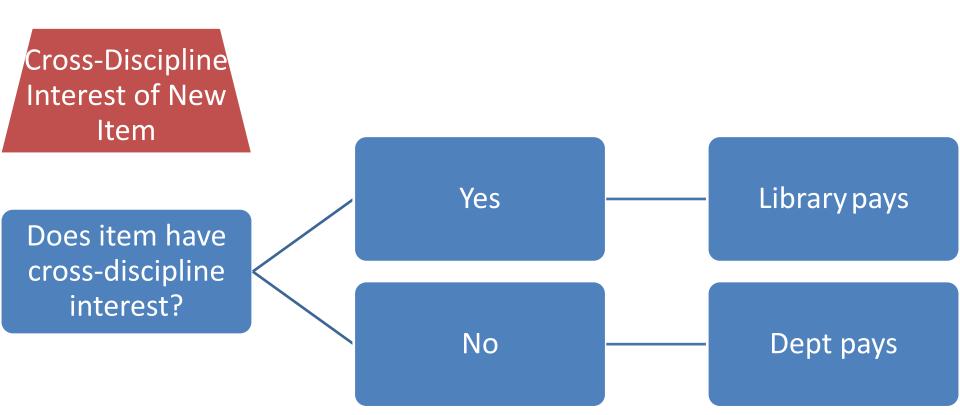


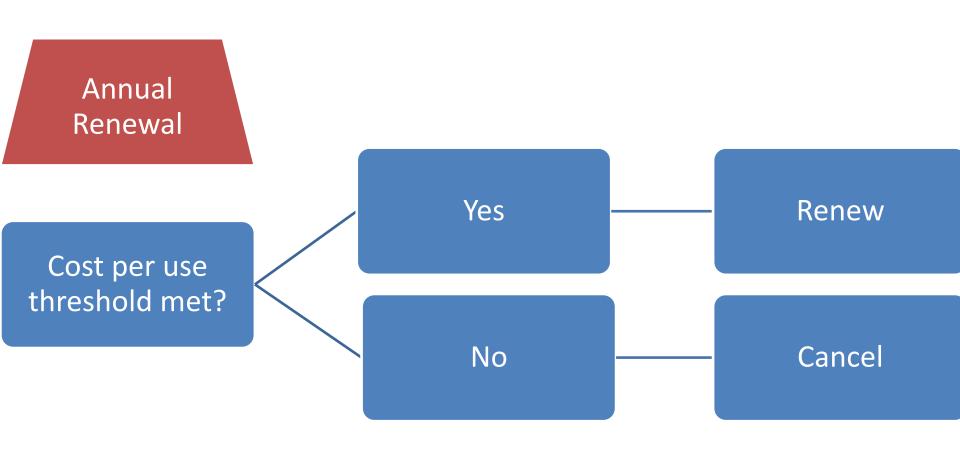
Location of New Requested Item

Does the dept want to keep item in own work area?

Yes Dept pays

No Library pays





Cost Per Use Thresholds: retail value of library resources if purchased externally.

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| Databases | \$35 | Number of searches performed |
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Using humour and creativity in library marketing

Sandy Iverson, Manager Health Information & Knowledge Mobilization St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto





St. Michael's Hospital

- Inner city hospital
- 5000 + staff
- Trauma & critical care
- Inner city health
- Research







Why use humour?

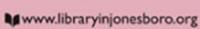
- Establishes rapport
- Triggers memorability

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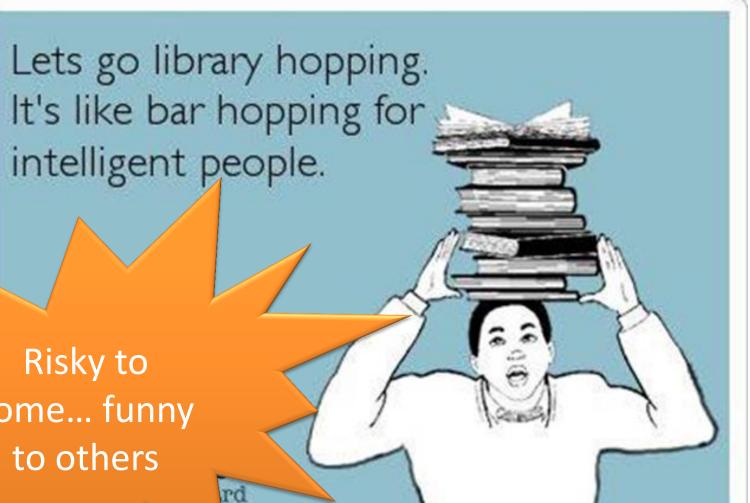
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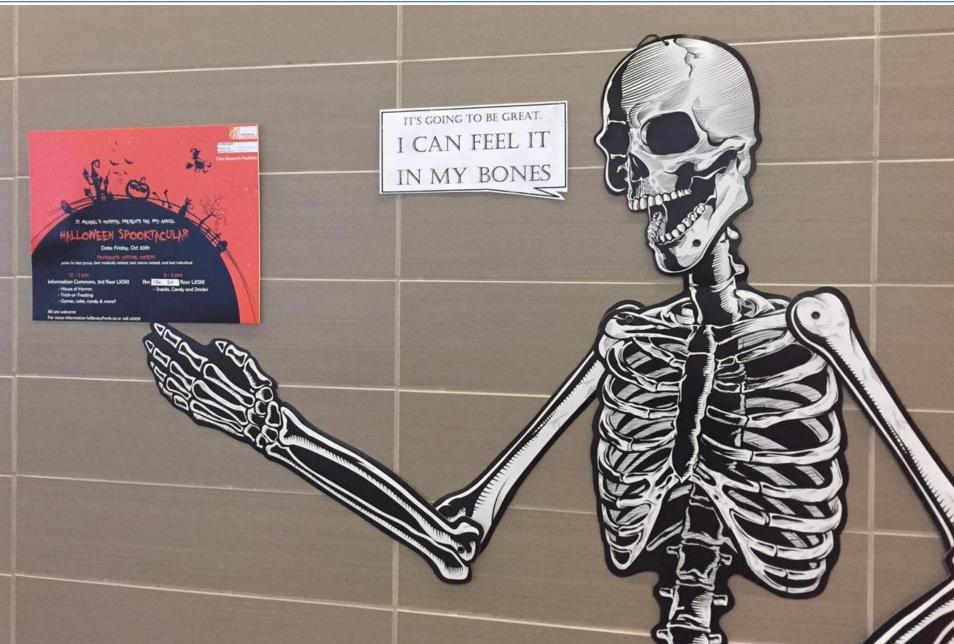




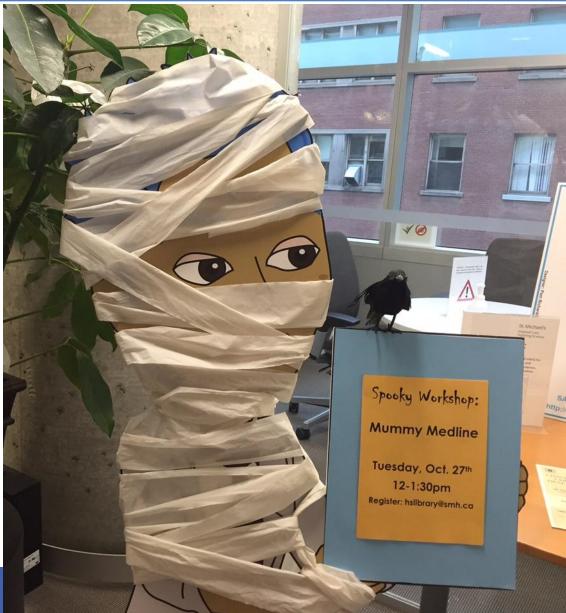












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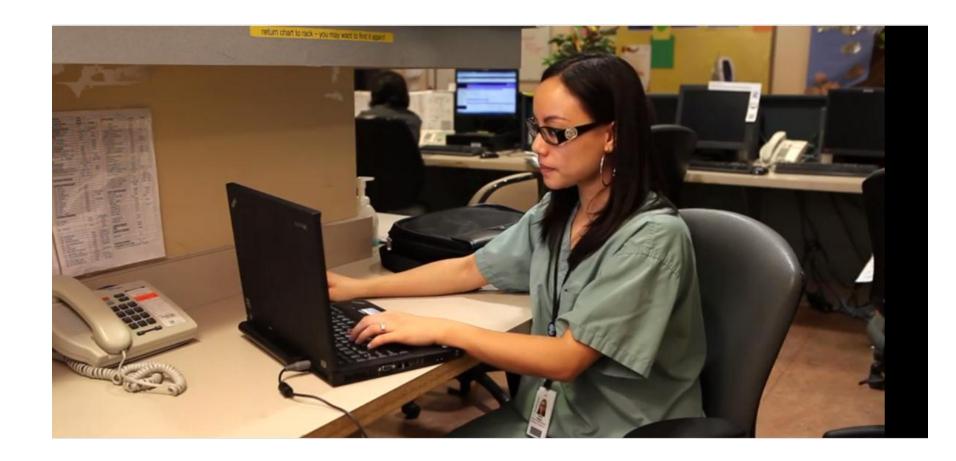




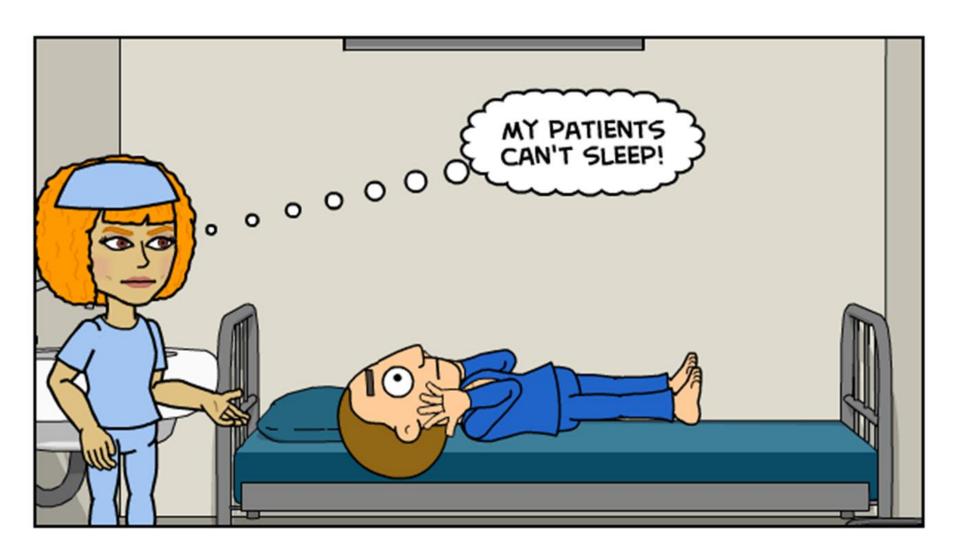






























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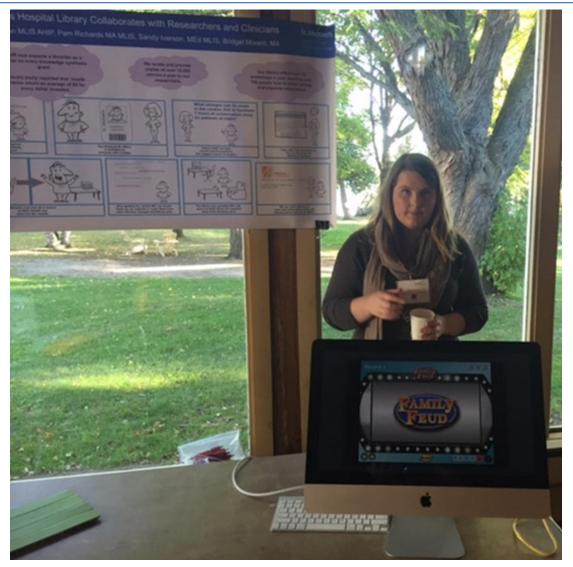
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St. Michael's Neuroscience

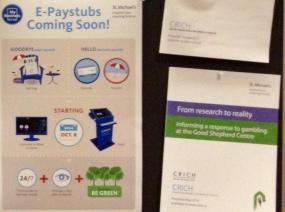
Research Rounds

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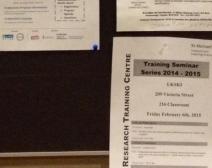


Building on evidence

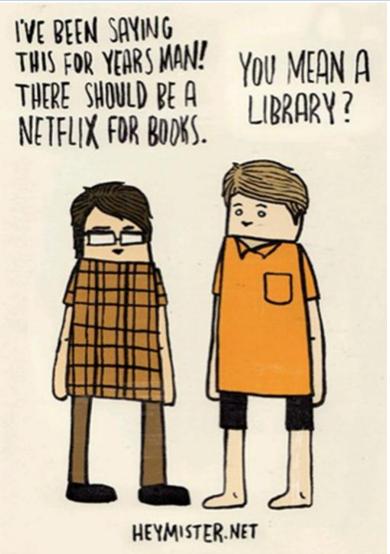












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