



Anyone who knows me, or who has been to my home, knows I have a book fetish. I have picture books, gardening books, self-help books, humorous books and serious books. I have books on being gay, how to tell your parents you're gay, and how to come out. I have books on God, and Buddha, and books on Zen. I have books on HIV, love, family and life. I have books that I bought in high school and books I brought home just last week. It is dangerous for me to walk into a bookstore, or to walk near a bookstore, or to live within 10 miles of a bookstore.

So, you can imagine how excited I am about the Resource Center we have here at the Utah AIDS Foundation. It started with a small collection of books and has grown into a truly global information resource. You can check out a book, do an online search, or ask a question, very much like a library, or a bookstore.

Our Resource Center goal is to provide easy access to the wealth of quality HIV/AIDS information. This project is possible because of an amazing partnership with the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library at the University of Utah Hospital and the National Library of Medicine.

We just received notice about a new grant from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine that will expand access to our Resource Center to multiple locations. This grant, however, will not purchase new materials. That is how you can make a difference. Bring us a book or send a donation. The Resource Center provides a critical service in our community, and you can help.

Please make the most generous gift possible to support programs such as our Resource Center. And, please stop by for a cool UAF library card, or check us out at www.uaflibrary.com

- Stan Penfold, Executive Director

HIV Resources Made Easy

The Resource Center @ Utah AIDS Foundation is the newest affiliate member of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine with access to one of the largest medical databases in the world.

Ask any HIV/AIDS expert and he or she will tell you education is the most effective way to prevent further transmission of the virus. Lack of information about HIV impacts our community, and the issues related to living with HIV are ever changing. Because of this, it can be difficult to keep up with new and updated information. This is just as true for those of us

surrounded by these issues on a daily basis.

Two years ago, we joined forces with the National Library of Medicine (NLM) in an effort to link you with NLM resources, bringing you easier access to HIV/AIDS information. This union has since blossomed into the HIV/AIDS Resource Center at the Utah AIDS Foundation.



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The Resource Center at the Utah AIDS Foundation offers the resources needed to expand awareness about HIV/AIDS. It consists of a physical, on-site library containing literature regarding a multitude of subjects relating to HIV, and a "Cyber Library" where you can easily find and connect to specific web-based information recommended by knowledgeable UAF staff.

The Resource Center has also become a haven for those

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Perspectives

Why is the Resource Center important to you?

"It's greatest value is that it is integrated into UAF's "holistic" approach to providing high quality information to individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.



Joan Gregory
Eccles Health Sciences Library

"I have found so much helpful material in the library. It also allows me to access information in a resourceful and intimate setting."



Larry Mullin
UAF Resource Library Patron

"The resource center helps me to decide how to focus my research. I have received great direction from both books and videos."



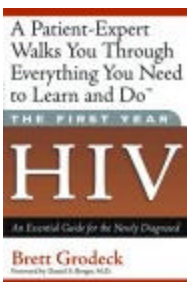
Risa Jaccard
UAF Client Services Intern

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who are newly diagnosed, and anyone living with AIDS, providing information needed to suppress fears about the illness, and to present new avenues of treatment and assistance. It has available information on a great deal of subjects including sexuality, housing, holistic treatment and care, and overall coping methods. This information may give those directly affected by AIDS a more hopeful attitude, and can present them with a positive, healthy and informed outlook on life.

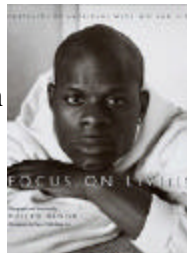
The Utah AIDS Foundation Resource Center and Library have become a common ground for people living with HIV/AIDS as well as others seeking answers to questions about HIV and life. We have created a safe space for learning and a new community resource with open minds and expert advice. The environment of the Resource Center feeds the mind and soothes the heart about HIV, showing that we can all learn about this epidemic, and about one another.

Resource Center Spotlight



The First Year: HIV by Brett Grodeck
The essential guide to those who are newly diagnosed. Helpful step-by-step guide to navigating the HIV universe. "Providing reliable, useful, empathetic, and up-to-date information you need to know when you need to know it."

Focus On Living: Portraits of Americans Living with HIV/AIDS
By Roslyn Banish



Beautifully photographed, combining real, first person accounts, this book documents the social and psychological effects of living with this disease in America. This lets us see HIV with new eyes.

Categories to explore at www.uaflibrary.com

Newly Diagnosed, Living with HIV, Utah Resources, LGBT, HIV 101, For Parents and Educators, Español, HIV Prevention, AIDS Pandemic, Sexually Transmitted Infections, Interactive AIDS Timeline, Hepatitis A,B, & C.....much more!

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If so, you can easily help build our library by ordering a book the next time you visit the web!

Please visit our Resource Library Wish List at
www.amazon.com

Just type "Utah AIDS" in the Wish List Search box.

It's a fun and easy way to donate to the UAF and become a big part of the Resource Library.

What is NLM???

The National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland houses the National Library of Medicine (NLM), which is the world's largest medical library. Established in 1836 as the Library of the Office of the Surgeon General of the Army, the NLM was primarily a resource for the healthcare community. Thanks to its debut on the World Wide Web in 1993, the creation of Medline Plus, its consumer health database, and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM), NLM's 7 million items can now be accessed by health professionals and the general public.

How can YOU access the NLM?

Visit the Utah AIDS Foundation Resource Center website at:
www.uaflibrary.com and follow the link

How can NLM help YOU?

Medline Plus - Consumer health information including drug information, doctor directories, news, and a medical encyclopedia

Clinical Trials - Information about clinical research, trial's purpose, participation requirements, and contact information

"Profiles in Science" - A unique glimpse at distinguished American scientists' laboratory notes, correspondence, and photographs (A great resource for children's research assignments!)



It's how we care.

At the Utah AIDS Foundation we strive to help individuals, families, friends, and communities as they struggle with the complex issues surrounding HIV, because we believe that no one should have to confront this disease alone. We are committed to partnerships that mend health, promote compassion, and extend companionship to everyone who is impacted by HIV.

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